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N.C. Court of Appeals: Private college police need not adhere to state's open records laws

Nick Ochsner, a TV news reporter in Texas and a 2011 Elon University graduate, filed a lawsuit in 2010 against Elon University and North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper, when Elon's campus police force refused to release the narrative portion of a police incident report. After a Durham County Superior Court judge ruled initially in 2011 that Elon had provided adequate information, Ochsner appealed to the state's Court of Appeals. The three-judge appellate panel unanimously sided with Elon and Cooper. Below is a wrap up of coverage of the continuing legal battle.

Private college police not covered by N.C. open records law (*Student Press Law Center*): <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960718>

Campus cops and public records (*Greensboro News & Record*): <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960717>

Private and public (*Greensboro News & Record*): <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960814>

Private colleges as police states? (*Greensboro News & Record*): <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960815>

Private campus police should be held to state standard on public records (*Burlington Times-News*): <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960787>

Public records debate continues after court rejects lawsuit (*Burlington Times-News*): <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960788>

Public records law should apply evenly (*New Bern Sun Journal*): <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960822>

Former Elon student asks N.C. Supreme Court to open police records at private colleges (*Student Press Law Center*): <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=961079>

New workers' comp law would restrict access to information

Raleigh News & Observer: A last-minute provision to a bill that will punish employers who put workers at risk by not providing required workers' compensation could limit public access to information.

Read more about the workers' comp provision: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960961> AND <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960997>

Local Asheville media sue DA, city over evidence room records

Mountain Xpress: The Mountain Xpress and four other Asheville, N.C., media outlets are suing District Attorney Ron Moore and the city itself to make public the audit of missing items from the Asheville Police Department's evidence room.

Read more about the media-backed lawsuit: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=960968>

State Supreme Court to decide whether to release redistricting research

Public News Service: The N.C. Supreme Court will hear arguments about whether to unseal research two state lawmakers compiled about redistricting in North Carolina.

Read more about the arguments and the suit: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=961078>

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