

Denis Rancourt [REDACTED]

letter to Alain Roussy, Allan Rock, and Diane Davidson, attached

Denis Rancourt [REDACTED]

Mon, Oct 17, 2011 at 12:39 PM

To: alain.roussy@uottawa.ca, allan.rock@uottawa.ca, diane.davidson@uottawa.ca, president@uottawa.ca, vr.gouvernance@uottawa.ca

Cc: kathryn.prudhomme@uottawa.ca


The attached letter was hand delivered by me today at 10:30 am.

Present to receive the letter at Legal Counsel offices were Legal Counsels Alain Roussy and Kathryn Prudhomme.

At this meeting Mr. Alain Roussy confirmed that he had received my earlier email to you of September 15, 2011 (in attachment). When asked why he did not reply to the September 15, 2011, email Mr. Roussy informed me that he had been instructed to not reply: "Vous ne parlez qu'a un simple avocat alors c'est la raison pour laquelle je n'ai pas repondu."

Please note the needed response date of October 24, 2011, for the attached letter.

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BY HAND

(and copies sent by email)

October 17, 2011

Alain Roussy, Legal Counsel
Allan Rock, President
Diane Davidson, VP-Governance

University of Ottawa
Legal Services, Room C302
Tabaret Hall
550 Cumberland
Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5

Dear Alain Roussy, Allan Rock, and Diane Davidson,

Re: Your continued refusals to answer about University funding of the Joanne St. Lewis v. Denis Rancourt defamation lawsuit

1. You are refusing to even acknowledge my email communications of September 15, 2011, September 11, 2011, September 2, 2011, and August 28, 2011, (see attached) about the University's involvement in the on-going Joanne St. Lewis v. Denis Rancourt defamation litigation.
2. Your silence in this matter is itself of concern in terms of your public and professional responsibilities.
3. Please answer my questions (attached communication of August 28, 2011) by 4:00 pm on Monday October 24, 2011.
4. If you do not answer my questions about funding the lawsuit by 4:00 pm on Monday October 24, 2011, I will conclude that the University of Ottawa is directly funding the lawsuit and paying all the Gowlings law firm invoices.
5. If you do not answer my question about personal information by 4:00 pm on Monday October 24, 2011, I will conclude that the University of Ottawa has directly or indirectly provided my personal information to Gowlings.

6. If you do not answer my questions by 4:00 pm on Monday October 24, 2011, I will also conclude – regarding my recent access to information (FIPPA) request in the instant matter of funding the lawsuit – that your offices instructed the University Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator Ms. Tracy Murray to conclude in her decision letter of October 12, 2011 (and September 16, 2011, both attached), that my request is “frivolous and vexatious” and to opine that my request “was made for a purpose other than to obtain access and that it was made in bad faith.”
7. Immediately following your answers (or lack of response) by October 24, 2011, I expect to act accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis Rancourt". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Denis Rancourt

Three lines of contact information are completely redacted with thick black bars. The first line is the shortest, the second is medium length, and the third is the longest.



Denis Rancourt [REDACTED]

University's involvement in Professor Joanne St. Lewis' defamation lawsuit against Denis Rancourt

Denis Rancourt [REDACTED]

Thu, Sep 15, 2011 at 9:22 PM

To: alain.roussy@uottawa.ca

Cc: diane.davidson@uottawa.ca, allan.rock@uottawa.ca, vr.gouvernance@uottawa.ca, president@uottawa.ca

Dear Alain Roussy,

As Legal Counsel for the University, please acknowledge the instant communications (below) and please answer my questions (1) to (6) in the matter.

In your acknowledgment, please indicate when you will be able to answer the questions.

The President and his office have refused to even acknowledge the communication.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Denis Rancourt

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From: Denis Rancourt [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, Sep 11, 2011 at 8:07 PM

Subject: Re: University's involvement in Professor Joanne St. Lewis' defamation lawsuit against Denis Rancourt

To: allan.rock@uottawa.ca, president@uottawa.ca

Cc: Stephane Emard-Chabot <Stephane.Emard-Chabot@uottawa.ca>

Dear Mr. Rock,

How can I obtain an acknowledgment that you have received my important email of August 28th (below)?

Would it be convenient for you if we met in person to have an exchange of information about this matter?

I suggest a quick first contact before the start of the Senate meeting of tomorrow Monday 12th.

Is there a more convenient time?

Your answers in this litigation are required.

Sincerely,
Dr. Denis Rancourt
Former professor and alumnus, University of Ottawa

On Fri, Sep 2, 2011 at 6:14 PM, Denis Rancourt [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr. Rock,

Please acknowledge my August 28th email (below).

Please indicate when you will be able to respond to my August 28th email.

Your answers are material to a civil litigation and are required.

Sincerely,
Denis Rancourt

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From: **Denis Rancourt** [REDACTED]
Date: Sun, Aug 28, 2011 at 6:30 PM
Subject: University's involvement in Professor Joanne St. Lewis' defamation lawsuit against Denis Rancourt
To: allan.rock@uottawa.ca, president@uottawa.ca

Allan Rock
President
University of Ottawa

Re: University's involvement in Professor Joanne St. Lewis' defamation lawsuit against Denis Rancourt

Dear Mr. Rock,

As you know, Joanne St. Lewis has undertaken a defamation lawsuit against me.

Links to the public record pleadings and other information are posted to the web here:
<http://rancourt.academicfreedom.ca/background/stlewislawsuit.html>

As you know, if the legal action is successful, the University could receive a donation worth \$125 thousand.

As you know, the defamation allegations are about you, as President, as a central figure.

At this time I respectfully ask that you answer the following questions regarding the University's possible involvement in the action.

- (1) Has the University directly or indirectly paid or guaranteed all or part of Professor St. Lewis' legal expenses (such as representation or court fees, etc.), at any time?
- (2) Has the University directly or indirectly paid a retainer to Professor St. Lewis' counsel(s) or to the counsel(s)'s law firm?
- (3) Has the University provided any of my personal information (e.g., such as my home address or any record or information) to the plaintiff or to her counsels?
- (4) Has the University facilitated the legal action in any way; if so, in what way?
- (5) Did you or any agent of the University play any facilitating role in obtaining representation by Mr. Dearden or other counsel for Professor St. Lewis?
- (6) Have you or the University entered into any agreements or understanding, written or spoken, with Professor St. Lewis or her counsels about the legal action?

Please acknowledge the present email.
Please provide answers by Friday September 2, 2011.

Sincerely,
Denis Rancourt



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September 16, 2011

Dr. Denis Rancourt

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University of Ottawa
Access to Information
and Privacy Office

**Re: Requests for Information under the Ontario *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the 'Act'),
University of Ottawa File A-11-42**

Dear Dr. Rancourt,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information received at the University of Ottawa September 12, 2011 requesting the following:

"By virtue of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act of Ontario, I hereby request the following records.

(1) I request all records about Mr. Richard Dearden, since September 1, 2009.

(2) I request all records about Mr. Dearden's law firm (in which he is a Partner), Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP (Gowlings), since September 1, 2009.

(3) I request all communications and records about law professor Joanne St. Lewis with University legal counsels, with University executives and their offices, and with University deans (Law) and their offices, since January 1, 2008.

(4) I request all records about the Student Appeal Centre (SAC) report released on November 12, 2008, entitled "Student Appeal Centre 2008 Annual Report", since September 1, 2008. I understand the SAC has made a similar earlier request such that this will reduce your search efforts."

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-562-5800 extension 1667 or by email at tracy.murray@uottawa.ca.

Yours truly,

Tracy Murray
Coordinator
Access to Information and Privacy Office

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October 12, 2011

Mr. Denis Rancourt

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**Re: Requests for Information under the Ontario *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the 'Act'),
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Dear Mr. Rancourt,

Further to my letter of September 16, 2011, I have made the following decision with respect to the above mentioned file.

I have concluded that your request is frivolous and vexatious and am of the opinion that your request was made for a purpose other than to obtain access and that it was made in bad faith.

I am responsible for making this decision.

You may ask for a review of this decision within 30 days of receiving this letter by writing to: The Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC)/Ontario, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8, Telephone: (416) 326-3333 or toll-free 1-800-387-0073.

If you decide to request a review of this decision, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following:

- the file number listed at the beginning of this letter;
- a copy of this decision letter; and
- a copy of the original request for information you sent to the University.

In addition, you must send an appeal fee to the Commissioner's office. If your request was for your personal information, the appeal fee is \$10.00. The appeal fee for all other requests for information is \$25.00. Please include the fee with your letter of appeal – appeal fees should be in the form of either a cheque or money order, payable to the Minister of Finance.

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If we do not hear from you within 30 days of this letter's date or if we have not received a Confirmation of Appeal from the IPC, we will close your file.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy Murray".

Tracy Murray
Coordinator
Access to Information and Privacy

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