



13 February 2006

Laurence Sombke
Records Access Officer
New York State Department of State
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Albany, NY 12231-0001
Via Facsimile (518) 474-4765 and US Mail

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request - URGENT

Dear Mr. Sombke:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Over the course of the past years, several of our FOIA requests have been denied as being overly broad or that the specific repository in which files are located could not be found. In an effort to expedite the fulfillment of this FOIA Request, we believe that some of these cases were handled by Scott Nejame and Whitney Clark.

We request that a copy of any documents from, by, received by or between the New York Department of State officials and **Apartments Illustrated** d/b/a **rent-direct.com** from 2003 through 2006. These cases would include but are not limited to complaints regarding violations concerning the Apartment Information Vendor law and or failure to file a d/b/a certificate.

At the very least, please provide the following information for:

1. A case which involved several consumer complaints and was settled in 2004.
2. A case which was settled in 2005.

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, please be advised that I am affiliated with a private corporation and am seeking information for use in the company's business. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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