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June 22, 2016

Ms. Gillian Slee  
640 William James Hall  
33 Kirkland Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Re: Compiled Information Request for  
all Indiana Counties for the Blight Registry

Dear Ms. Slee

Your request, on behalf of Professor Matthew Desmond, to obtain compiled information of non-confidential court records has been approved by the Division of State Court Administration. Under Indiana Administrative Rule 9(F)(2)(b) approval of a request for compiled information can be summarily granted by the Division of State Court Administration, without execution of a User Agreement, to individuals or entities having a substantial interest or bona fide research activity for journalistic, political, or government research, evaluation or statistical purposes provided the requested data will not be resold or used for commercial purposes and does not contain confidential data, bulk data or financial data.

Professor Desmond is approved to receive compiled information from all courts in the State of Indiana consisting of a one-time extract of eviction cases from the earliest date available through December 31, 2015 including, if available:

- Name and address of defendant or tenant,
- Name and address of plaintiff or landlord,
- Date of judgment,
- Court outcome,
- Money judgment amount, and
- Indication of whether a party had legal representation.

A copy of the approved Summary Request is enclosed.

The Division will provide a report of such records from the Odyssey Case Management System to you, without charge, subject to the condition that the data may not be resold or used for a commercial purpose.

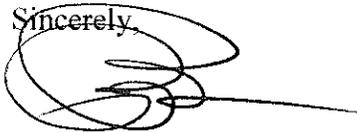
As a part of your request, you have requested data from some Indiana Counties that do not use the statewide case management system. Our office only has access to court records from counties using the statewide case management system (the "Odyssey" system). Since we do not have access to those counties using other case management systems, Administrative Rule 9(F)(2) provides that the Executive Director may forward the request to courts exercising jurisdictions over the records.

We will be forwarding a copy of your approved request to the presiding judge with a copy to the clerk of court notifying them of the Division's approval of your request. The comments to Administrative Rule 9(F)(2) authorizes courts, in their discretion, to provide access to bulk and compiled data; it does not require that such information be made available. Permitting bulk distribution or compiled information should not be authorized if providing the data will interfere with the normal operations of the court. Each court is entitled to determine whether to charge an amount up to the fair market value of the data.

In order to obtain compiled information from the non-Odyssey counties, you will need to contact each court. Please contact Court Technology at 317.234.2720 to proceed with receipt of your data from the Odyssey system. A copy of the Odyssey Data Order Form is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [richard.payne@courts.IN.gov](mailto:richard.payne@courts.IN.gov) or (317) 234-5398.

Sincerely,



Richard T. Payne  
Staff Attorney  
Trial Court Management



## Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration

### NOTIFICATION OF SUMMARY APPROVAL OF DISTRIBUTION OF COMPILED INFORMATION UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 9(F)(2)(b)

TO: Court Technology  
FROM: Richard T. Payne, Staff Attorney, Trial Court Management  
DATE: June 22, 2016

#### Notice of Compiled Information Request Summary Approval

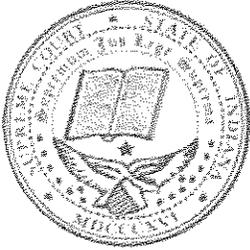
STAD and/or the Indiana Supreme Court has summarily approved a Request for Compiled Information from Professor Matthew Desmond. The requested distribution involves information within the Odyssey Data Repository as well as other case management systems as follows:

A copy of the Request is attached.

Professor Desmond and his assistants have been instructed to contact Court Technology in order to move forward. A copy of the letter granting summary approval is attached.

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REQUEST FOR SUMMARY RELEASE OF  
COMPILED INFORMATION  
(NOT EXCLUDED FROM PUBLIC ACCESS)

To the Executive Director of State Court Administration:

Requestor submits this request under Administrative Rule 9(F)(2)(b) for summary release of bulk data/compiled information not excluded from public access by Administrative Rule 9(G).

<b>I. Identity of Requestor</b>	Professor Matthew Desmond
<b>Address</b>	Harvard University 640 William James Hall 33 Kirkland Street Cambridge, MA 02138
<b>Contact and Title</b>	Gillian Slee, research assistant
<b>Telephone</b>	949-235-6541
<b>E-Mail</b>	gillianslee@college.harvard.edu

**II. What substantial interest or bona fide research activity does Requestor have for scholarly, journalistic, political, governmental, research, evaluation or statistical purposes with regard to the requested data? (Explain in detail)**  
Although housing costs have soared in recent years, basic policy-relevant questions about eviction remain unanswered. We do not have a national estimate of the prevalence of eviction in America, nor do we know how evictions matter to communities and the influence landlord-tenant laws have on eviction rates. This study is designed to answer those questions, informing law and public policy related to affordable housing and displacement. We are requesting case data from courts in Indiana to include in our novel dataset of evictions nationwide.

**III. List all known business entity names related to Requesting Party that will participate in the use and dissemination of the data provided:**

n/a

**IV. Identification of bulk data/compiled Information sought (specify and describe the records sought and the compiler or location):**

We are requesting the following information: name of defendants/tenants, date (preferably the date of the judgment), address (of the defendants or tenants), court outcome (dismissal, eviction judgment). (continued on attached page 4).

**V. Identify the frequency with which bulk data and compiled information is being requested to be transferred to Requestor by each Court listed in Section III.**

One time distribution of data going as far back as possible and up to December 31, 2015.

**VI. Identification of Court(s) exercising jurisdiction over the records (list the courts):**

Records from all of Indiana's 92 counties and 26 judicial districts.

**VII. Purpose for Request: What is the purpose of the request and how is release of the requested data consistent with the purposes of Administrative Rule 9 (set forth reason)?**

Our request is for the purpose of bona fide research activity for scholarly efforts at Harvard University. The data will be used by Professor Matthew Desmond and his research team for the purpose of investigating the prevalence of eviction in America, the effects of evictions on communities, and the effects of landlord-tenant laws on evictions.

**VIII. Describe the resources available to prepare the information.**

Professor Desmond will be able to pay a fee for the retrieval of these data. He and his research team will analyze the data once retrieved.

**IX. Describe how fulfilling the request is an appropriate use of public resources.**

Fulfilling this request will enable further academic research that will work toward answering policy-relevant questions about eviction. At present, we do not have a national estimate of the prevalence of eviction in America. (continued on page 4).

**X. Attach a copy of each Agreement Requestor has entered into with each County or Court listed in Section III to provide public access services or to obtain bulk distribution of data or compiled information.**

n/a

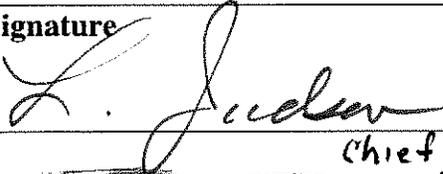
**XI. Attach a sample copy of all Requesting Party's company policies/user agreement provided to the Requesting Party's subscribers, customers, clients, or other party that govern the use of the data.**

n/a

**XII. Requestor is (is not) willing to pay an amount determined to be the fair market value of the information. If not, why?**

**By signing this request, I represent that I am authorized to do so on behalf of Requestor and affirm under the penalties for perjury that the requested data will not be resold or used for commercial purposes.**

<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Printed Name</b>	Gillian Slee
<b>Title</b>	Harvard University research assistant
<b>Date</b>	June 2, 2016

<b>Action by Interim Executive Director of State Court Administration</b>	<b>Application approved</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Signature</b> 	<b>Application denied</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>David R. Remondino</b> <b>Interim Executive Director</b> Chief Adm. officer	<b>Date</b>

**IV Continued:**

We are also interested in any other information attached to eviction cases that might be available, such as the name and address of plaintiffs/landlords; money judgment amounts; and data on whether landlords and tenants were represented by legal counsel. We would like the data going as far back as possible, and up to December 31, 2015. This data will be compiled as part of a nationwide study conducted by Professor Matthew Desmond at Harvard University.

**IX Continued:**

By gathering court data in Indiana and across the country, this study is designed to answer our research questions and inform law and public policy efforts related to affordable housing and displacement.