

Before the Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions

Per Curiam Rule 12 Decision

APPEAL NO.: 26-022

RESPONDENT: 233rd District Court, Tarrant County

DATE: October 2, 2026

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: Judge Missy Medary, Chair; Judge Ray Wheless; Judge Dib Waldrip; Judge Ben Woodward; Judge Susan Brown

Petitioner requested from Respondent nine categories of records related to a certain website incident ticket concerning local family court rules. In response to the request, Respondent released the responsive records it had and otherwise informed Petitioner that there were no other records responsive to the request. Petitioner timely filed a petition for review, challenging Respondent's response on the grounds that not all records were produced. Respondent did not file a reply to the petition.

If a requested record does not exist, a respondent's inability to produce a requested record is not a denial of access to judicial records under Rule 12. *See* Rule 12 Dec. Nos. 17-015, 23-003, 23-006, 23-010, 25-007. Moreover, when judicial records responsive to a Rule 12 request are provided to a requestor, Rule 12 is considered satisfied. *See* Rule 12 Dec. Nos. 18-004, 23-004, 23-006, 24-003. Respondent produced without exemption the responsive records it had in its custody and informed Petitioner that it otherwise lacked records responsive to the remaining request items. For the request items where Respondent has disclosed responsive records, then, Rule 12 is considered satisfied and the petition as to those records is denied. And for those request items where there are no responsive records, the appeal is dismissed.