



Jill Patten <jpatten@geneseoschools.org>

---

## Hope Institute litigation

4 messages

Beth Haupt <bhaupt@bhslaw.com>

Wed, Jan 30, 2019 at 9:43 AM

To: "abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org" <abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org>, "jpatten@geneseoschools.org" <jpatten@geneseoschools.org>

Dr. Brumbaugh and Ms. Patten,

We have been advised of a lawsuit involving the Geneseo School District and ISBE filed by Hope Institute. I'm trying to locate where the litigation was filed so that I can obtain copies of the pleadings. Any information you can give me would be appreciated - what county this was filed in and the case number, etc.

Thank you for your assistance.

Beth E. Haupt

Paralegal

**Brown Hay & Stephens, LLP**

205 S. Fifth Street, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705

217.544.8491 (o) | 217.544.9609 (f)

[Firm Website](#) |



***CELEBRATING 190 years in the practice of law***

***1828-2018***

Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP is an Illinois registered limited liability partnership that has elected to be governed by the Revised Uniform Partnership Act (2001). Member, Meritas Law Firms Worldwide. Visit Meritas at [www.meritas.org](http://www.meritas.org)

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE - This entire e-mail may contain confidential information belonging to the sender which is protected by the attorney-client and/or work product privilege. The information is intended only for the use of the individual(s) or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this information is strictly prohibited. If you have received this e-mail in error, DO NOT READ IT, then reply to the sender that you have received the e-mail in error, THEN DELETE IT. Thank you.



# GENESE O

COMMUNITY UNIT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #228

Where the *future* grows.

February 1, 2019

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Ms. Beth E. Haupt  
Brown Hay & Stephens LLP  
205 S. Fifth Street  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Email: [bhaupt@bhslaw.com](mailto:bhaupt@bhslaw.com)

Dear Ms. Haupt:

On January 30, 2019, you made a request for certain information contained in the District's records. The District is treating this request as a request for information under the Illinois *Freedom of Information Act* ("FOIA"). This letter responds to your January 30, 2019 FOIA request for the following records:

*We have been advised of a lawsuit involving the Geneseo School District and ISBE filed by Hope Institute. I'm trying to locate where the litigation was filed so that I can obtain copies of the pleadings. Any information you can give me would be appreciated - what county this was filed in and the case number, etc.*

Please be advised that the lawsuit you referenced was filed in the Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois. The case title is The Hope School v. Smith et al., and the case number is 2017-L-000274.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Adam Brumbaugh, Superintendent  
Geneseo CUSD #228  
AB/jmp

---

**TEACH-LEARN-CARE**

648 N. Chicago Street, Geneseo, Illinois 61254  
(309) 945-0450 • [www.geneseoschools.org](http://www.geneseoschools.org)

To: Jeremy Duffy <jduffy@robbins-schwartz.com<mailto:jduffy@robbins-schwartz.com>>; Todd Hayden <thayden@robbins-schwartz.com<mailto:thayden@robbins-schwartz.com>>  
Cc: Jill Patten <jpatten@geneseoschools.org<mailto:jpatten@geneseoschools.org>>  
Subject: Fwd: Hope Institute litigation

Gentlemen, will you please address this request on behalf of the District. I don't want to give out any information that would potentially harm the existing case. Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Beth Haupt <bhaupt@bhslaw.com<mailto:bhaupt@bhslaw.com>>

Date: Wed, Jan 30, 2019 at 9:43 AM

Subject: Hope Institute litigation

To: [abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org](mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org) <mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org> <[abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org](mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org)>  
<<mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org>>>, [jpatten@geneseoschools.org](mailto:jpatten@geneseoschools.org) <mailto:jpatten@geneseoschools.org>  
<[jpatten@geneseoschools.org](mailto:jpatten@geneseoschools.org)> <<mailto:jpatten@geneseoschools.org>>>

Dr. Brumbaugh and Ms. Patten,

We have been advised of a lawsuit involving the Geneseo School District and ISBE filed by Hope Institute. I'm trying to locate where the litigation was filed so that I can obtain copies of the pleadings. Any information you can give me would be appreciated - what county this was filed in and the case number, etc.

Thank you for your assistance.

Beth E. Haupt  
Paralegal  
Brown Hay & Stephens, LLP  
205 S. Fifth Street, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705  
217.544.8491 (o) | 217.544.9609 (f)  
Firm Website<<http://www.bhslaw.com/>> |  
<image004.jpg>  
Celebrating 190 years in the practice of law  
1828-2018


Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP is an Illinois registered limited liability partnership that has elected to be governed by the Revised Uniform Partnership Act (2001). Member, Meritas Law Firms Worldwide. Visit Meritas at [www.meritas.org](http://www.meritas.org)<<http://www.meritas.org/>>

[Quoted text hidden]

---

**3 attachments**

 **image003.jpg**  
2K

 **image004.jpg**  
4K

 **image005.jpg**  
2K

---

Jill Patten <jpatten@geneseoschools.org>

Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 10:45 AM

To: Beth Haupt <bhaupt@bhslaw.com>, Adam Brumbaugh <abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org>, Jeremy Duffy <jduffy@robbins-schwartz.com>

Ms. Haupt,

Attached you will find the information per your FOIA request regarding Hope Institute Litigation

Please confirm by email this information satisfies your request.

Thank you in advance.

Jill  
Jill Patten  
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent  
Geneseo CUSD #228



309-945-0404  
fax: 309-945-0445

[Quoted text hidden]

---

 **FOIA-Hope Litigation.pdf**  
654K

---

**Beth Haupt** <bhaupt@bhslaw.com>

Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 10:52 AM

To: Jill Patten <jpatten@geneseoschools.org>, Adam Brumbaugh <abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org>, Jeremy Duffy <jduffy@robbins-schwartz.com>

Jill – Thanks so much for the information. This is what I needed.

Beth E. Haupt

**Brown Hay & Stephens, LLP**

217.544.8491 (o) |



**From:** Jill Patten [mailto:[jpatten@geneseoschools.org](mailto:jpatten@geneseoschools.org)]

**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2019 10:45 AM

**To:** Beth Haupt <[bhaupt@bhslaw.com](mailto:bhaupt@bhslaw.com)>; Adam Brumbaugh <[abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org](mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org)>; Jeremy Duffy <[jduffy@robbins-schwartz.com](mailto:jduffy@robbins-schwartz.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Hope Institute litigation

Ms. Haupt,

[Quoted text hidden]

[Quoted text hidden]



Jill Patten <jpatten@geneseoschools.org>

---

## Fwd: FOIA Records Request - January 15, 2019

5 messages

---

**Adam Brumbaugh** <abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org>  
To: Jill Patten <jpatten@geneseoschools.org>

Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 9:17 AM

FOIA request.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Illinois Retired Teachers Association** <[nmihelich@irtaonline.org](mailto:nmihelich@irtaonline.org)>

Date: Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 8:27 AM

Subject: FOIA Records Request - January 15, 2019

To: <[abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org](mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org)>



Dear District Official / FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Today's date is January 15, 2019

RECORDS REQUESTED: Please provide the name and email address of all teachers or administrators who are retiring in 2019.

Please provide the requested records electronically. Please email to [nmihelich@irtaonline.org](mailto:nmihelich@irtaonline.org)

This is a request by the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, a 501c4 not-for-profit Illinois organization.

Sincerely,

Nathan Mihelich  
Illinois Retired Teachers Association  
[www.irtaonline.org](http://www.irtaonline.org)  
217-523-8488

**PLEASE WATCH:** A special video highlighting a few of the "2018 Excellence in Education Grant Program" Recipients!

Cc: Adam Brumbaugh <[abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org](mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org)>

Here you go...

Jeanne Anderson - [janderson@geneseoschools.org](mailto:janderson@geneseoschools.org)

Sue Berry - [sberry@geneseoschools.org](mailto:sberry@geneseoschools.org)

Cathy Strafford - [cstrafford@geneseoschools.org](mailto:cstrafford@geneseoschools.org)

[Quoted text hidden]

---

**Jill Patten** <[jpatten@geneseoschools.org](mailto:jpatten@geneseoschools.org)>  
To: Tracy Colter <[tcolter@geneseoschools.org](mailto:tcolter@geneseoschools.org)>  
Cc: Adam Brumbaugh <[abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org](mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org)>

Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 1:04 PM

Thank you so much!

*Jill Patten*

*Administrative Assistant to Superintendent*

*Geneseo CUSD #228*

*309-945-0404*

*fax 309-945-0445*

[Quoted text hidden]

---

**Jill Patten** <[jpatten@geneseoschools.org](mailto:jpatten@geneseoschools.org)>  
To: nmihelich@irtaonline.org  
Cc: Adam Brumbaugh <[abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org](mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org)>

Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 1:21 PM

Per your request:  
Geneseo Retirees:

Jeanne Anderson - [janderson@geneseoschools.org](mailto:janderson@geneseoschools.org)

Sue Berry - [sberry@geneseoschools.org](mailto:sberry@geneseoschools.org)

Cathy Strafford - [cstrafford@geneseoschools.org](mailto:cstrafford@geneseoschools.org)

Please confirm that your request has been completed.

Thank you in advance.

Jill

*Jill Patten*

*Administrative Assistant to Superintendent*

*Geneseo CUSD #228*

*309-945-0404*

*fax 309-945-0445*

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Adam Brumbaugh** <[abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org](mailto:abrumbaugh@geneseoschools.org)>

Date: Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 9:17 AM

[Quoted text hidden]

[Quoted text hidden]