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Deeson Media, LLC v. City of Tampa

District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District - November 15, 2019 - So.3d - 2019 WL 6041428

Limited liability company (LLC) filed petition for writ of mandamus, seeking public records to verify that city director of finance was a city resident as required by city charter.

The Circuit Court denied petition. LLC appealed.

The District Court of Appeal held that:

- Petition for writ of mandamus was an appropriate vehicle to challenge denial of public records request, and
- Appeal was moot.

Petition for writ of mandamus is an appropriate vehicle to challenge the denial of a public records request, even where an exemption has been asserted.

Limited liability company's (LLC) appeal of circuit court's denial of its petition for writ of mandamus seeking public records to verify that city director of finance was a city resident as required by city charter was moot, where, following dismissal, LLC sought same public records in a separate action for declaratory and injunctive relief, and the circuit court denied relief.