

## LLRX.com - Hodes, Scott A.

[Scott A. Hodes](#) is a sole practitioner in Washington, D.C., practicing Information and Privacy Law. Mr. Hodes assists clients in gaining access to government records under the FOIA, Privacy Act and other federal agency access provisions. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Hodes was an attorney at the Department of Justice for over a decade. He served in the FBI's Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Section from 1998 until 2002 as the Acting Chief of that Section's Litigation Unit. Mr. Hodes served at the Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy from 1991 until 1998. His website is [InfoPrivacyLaw.com](#), and he is a member of the DC and Maryland bars. See also Mr. Hodes' blog, [The FOIA blog - Everything FOIA \(and government disclosure\)](#).

<http://www.llrx.com/taxonomy/term/165/0>

---

### FOIA Facts: The Impact of the OPEN Government Act of 2007

Now that Congress has passed and the President has signed the FOIA Amendments known as the OPEN Government Act of 2007, many wonder what the new law does and doesn't do for FOIA requesters. **Scott A. Hodes** reviews the major provisions of the new law and how it will or won't affect FOIA requesters.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia47.htm>

---

### FOIA Facts: Expanding the FOIA

**Scott A. Hodes** highlights the recent introduction of legislation that would eliminate the FOIA shield for the Smithsonian Institute, and the continued lack of transparency when dealing with other federal agencies.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia51.htm>

---

### FOIA Facts: Rapid Response Team for FOIA

**Scott A. Hodes** recommends that federal government FOIA offices implement a rapid response team to deal with FOIA requests that are likely to lead to litigation in the short run.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia38.htm>

---

### FOIA Facts: Elections and the FOIA

**Scott A. Hodes** contends that the upcoming Congressional term will likely result in FOIA amendments, a goal which stalled in the 109th Congress.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia37.htm>

---

### FOIA Facts: FOIA Legislation Update

**Scott A. Hodes** updates the status of the Open Government Act of 2005, offering a glimmer of hope that FOIA amendments may pass this year.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia36.htm>

---

### **FOIA Facts: The Slow Road: FOIA Litigation**

Scott A. Hodes is a sole practitioner in Washington, D.C., practicing Information and Privacy Law. Mr. Hodes assists clients in gaining access to government records under the FOIA, Privacy Act and other federal agency access provisions. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Hodes was an attorney at the Department of Justice for over a decade. He served in the FBI's Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Section from 1998 until 2002 as the Acting Chief of that Section's Litigation Unit. Mr. Hodes served at the Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy from 1991 until 1998. His website is [InfoPrivacyLaw.com](http://InfoPrivacyLaw.com), and he is a member of the DC and Maryland bars.

[Previous FOIA Facts columns](#)

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia35.htm>

---

### **FOIA Facts: Who or What Constitutes Media under the FOIA?**

[**Editor's note:** please see the related article in this issue, [Statement of Meredith Fuchs, General Counsel, The National Security Archive Before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Hearing on the Media's Role and Responsibilities in Leaks of Classified Information.](#)]

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia33.htm>

---

### **FOIA Facts: The Return of the Backlog**

Scott A. Hodes is a sole practitioner in Washington, D.C., practicing Information and Privacy Law. Mr. Hodes assists clients in gaining access to government records under the FOIA, Privacy Act and other federal agency access provisions. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Hodes was an attorney at the Department of Justice for over a decade. He served in the FBI's Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Section from 1998 until 2002 as the Acting Chief of that Section's Litigation Unit. Mr. Hodes served at the Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy from 1991 until 1998. His website is [InfoPrivacyLaw.com](http://InfoPrivacyLaw.com), and he is a member of the DC and Maryland bars.

**FOIA Facts**

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia32.htm>

---

### **FOIA Facts: Department of Justice Issues Guidance for FOIA Executive Order**

**Scott A. Hodes's** commentary addresses the recent Executive Order requiring that each federal agency improve its FOIA performance.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia31.htm>

---

## FOIA Facts: Sunshine Week and Other Things

**Scott A. Hodes** reminds us why the goal of Sunshine Week, which is to elevate the public's awareness on the importance of governmental disclosure laws, is one that has become increasingly important to pursue every week, year round.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia30.htm>

---

## FOIA Facts: Chief FOIA Officers Named

**Scott A. Hodes** comments on the role of Chief FOIA Officers, a position recently mandated for all agencies by Executive Order 13392.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia29.htm>

---

## FOIA Facts: The Importance of FOIA, Part 2

[Scott A. Hodes](#) is a sole practitioner in Washington, D.C., practicing Information and Privacy Law. Mr. Hodes assists clients in gaining access to government records under the FOIA, Privacy Act and other federal agency access provisions. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Hodes was an attorney at the Department of Justice for over a decade. He served in the FBI's Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Section from 1998 until 2002 as the Acting Chief of that Section's Litigation Unit. Mr. Hodes served at the Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy from 1991 until 1998. His website is [InfoPrivacyLaw.com](http://InfoPrivacyLaw.com), and he is a member of the DC and Maryland bars.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia24.htm>

---

## FOIA Facts: Bush Orders FOIA Executive Officers

Scott A. Hodes is a sole practitioner in Washington, D.C., practicing Information and Privacy Law. Mr. Hodes assists clients in gaining access to government records under the FOIA, Privacy Act and other federal agency access provisions. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Hodes was an attorney at the Department of Justice for over a decade. He served in the FBI's Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Section from 1998 until 2002 as the Acting Chief of that Section's Litigation Unit. Mr. Hodes served at the Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy from 1991 until 1998. His website is [InfoPrivacyLaw.com](http://InfoPrivacyLaw.com), and he is a member of the DC and Maryland bars.

### FOIA Facts

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia28.htm>

---

## FOIA Facts: Recent FOIA Items in the News

Scott A. Hodes is a sole practitioner in Washington, D.C., practicing Information and Privacy Law. Mr. Hodes assists clients in gaining access to government records under the FOIA, Privacy Act and other federal agency access provisions. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Hodes was an attorney at the Department of Justice for over a decade. He served in the FBI's Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Section from 1998 until 2002 as the Acting Chief of that Section's Litigation Unit. Mr. Hodes served at the Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy from 1991 until 1998. His website is [InfoPrivacyLaw.com](http://InfoPrivacyLaw.com), and he is a member of the DC and Maryland bars.

## **FOIA Facts**

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia27.htm>

---

## **FOIA Facts: Four Really Bad Habits**

[Scott A. Hodes](#) is a sole practitioner in Washington, D.C., practicing Information and Privacy Law. Mr. Hodes assists clients in gaining access to government records under the FOIA, Privacy Act and other federal agency access provisions. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Hodes was an attorney at the Department of Justice for over a decade. He served in the FBI's Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Section from 1998 until 2002 as the Acting Chief of that Section's Litigation Unit. Mr. Hodes served at the Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy from 1991 until 1998. His website is [InfoPrivacyLaw.com](http://InfoPrivacyLaw.com), and he is a member of the DC and Maryland bars.

[Previous FOIA Facts columns](#)

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/foia26.htm>

---