



June 19, 2013

Mr. Tom Alciere  
Via email

Re: Re-Posting of Government-Posted, Publicly Available Information about Persons

Dear Mr. Alciere:

In my experience and opinion it is a generally applicable principle of law throughout the USA that information, once made public as in a government publication, record, or posting such as a voters list, is then available for public re-posting and use by others without actionable complaint by those named in or related to those named in the posting or the re-posting.

Thus, prospective lenders can and do communicate with Mortgagees identified in county land records; investment brokers can and do contact relatives of deceased persons as to estate management, voter registration records are provided for genealogy purposes, and the like. Re-posting such government-posted information on a web site, for free or on a paid basis, for perusal by members of the public or by subscribers to a service, is also not objectionable on any known basis. This is so even if the reposting on-line makes access to the names, addresses, ages, etc. of persons widely accessible.

Governments make information available to the public for important policy reasons. It is in the same public interest for such information to be disseminated through available public and private channels. That interest cannot be subordinated to private persons' interests in maintaining a level of privacy beyond that which the government has deemed suitable.

If a person listed has any question about the above statements, they should please contact counsel of their choice. I can only respond on a paid basis, and I cannot help in removing names or information from any web page listings, which must be done in accordance with web page instructions.

Sincerely yours,

s/ John R. Crossan /  
Admitted to practice in Illinois  
and in many Federal courts