

STATE SUNSHINE LAWS

**U.S. and European Animal Research
Regulations: Impact on Neuroscience Research**

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WHAT ARE STATE SUNSHINE LAWS?



HOW ARE THESE LAWS BEING USED BY THE ANIMAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT?



**“We are watching
you and we know
about your wife.”**

“We have been following you for the past six months all over campus to your car your visits to [a local grocery store] to movies and to social gatherings.”

There is a “causal nexis between (UCLA’s) disclosure of animal research records and subsequent attacks on the researchers identified in such records after they are disseminated to the public.”

The Honorable John A. Kronstadt, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge

Releasing some of the documents sought by animal rights activists “would result in significant and specific risk of unlawful intimidation and physical harm to researchers and to their families.”

Judge Kronstadt

**ARE THERE LIMITATIONS TO THE
TYPE OF INFORMATION THAT CAN
BE OBTAINED?**



National Association of Biomedical Research Best Practices Guidelines:

www.nabr.org/responding_to_foia_requests.aspx

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CAN GREATER TRANSPERENCY REDUCE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION?

