



## **ADVISORY OPINION**

The Freedom of Information Executive Order and the Data Privacy Act should not be simultaneously applied to requests for information. The following methodical classification is suggested in evaluating whether information can be disclosed or not:

### **General Rule:**

Information may be disclosed within the framework of the FOI EO.

### **Exception:**

Personal data should not be included among the information to be disclosed.

### **Exception to the Exception:**

Certain information on government employees may be disclosed.

**General Rule:**

***Information may be disclosed within the framework of the FOI EO***

we should first situate the request within the framework of the FOI EO before data privacy restrictions are applied. Working within the FOI EO,

