

## GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

### Administrative Complaint Disposition – Request not within the Council’s Jurisdiction to Adjudicate

**GRC Complaint No: 2007-173**

**Complainant:** Barbara Sachau

**Custodian:** Kathy Leonard, Morris County Superior Court, Family Division

**Date of Request:** July 12, 2007

**Date of Complaint:** July 17, 2007

**Complaint Disposition:** The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested under OPRA. The GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the Morris County Superior Court, Family Division because they fall under the Judicial Branch of Government.

**Type of Administrative Disposition:** Request not within the Council’s jurisdiction to adjudicate (request made to the Judiciary).

**Applicable OPRA Provision:** “The council shall not have jurisdiction over the Judicial or Legislative Branches of State Government or any agency, officer, or employee of those branches.” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7.g.

**This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk’s Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.**

**Effective Date of Disposition:** September 26, 2007

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