

## NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

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

GRC Complaint No.: 2007-232

Complainant: Barry Robinson

**Custodian:** US Social Security Administration **Date of Request:** Variously over the past 18 months

**Date of Complaint:** September 13, 2007

**Complaint Disposition:** The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested "variously over the past 18 months." However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over requests to this agency because the US Social Security Administration is not a public agency of the State pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

## **Applicable OPRA Provision:**

"Government record" or "record" means any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business by any officer, commission, agency or authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate boards thereof, or that has been received in the course of his or its official business by any such officer, commission, agency, or authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate boards thereof." (Emphasis added.) N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

"Public agency" or "agency" means any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department..." (Emphasis added.) N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

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:** October 31, 2007

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