



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – Request Not Within Council’s Jurisdiction to Adjudicate (Request Made to Judiciary)

GRC Complaint No.: 2010-55

Complainant: Damon O. Hart

Custodian: Essex County Superior Court – Ms. Sonyanoyes

Date of Request: November 30, 2009

Date of Complaint: March 22, 2010¹

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on November 30, 2009. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records request made of the Superior Court - Essex Vicinage, as it falls under the Judicial Branch of government.

Applicable OPRA Provision: OPRA states that:

“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: April 8, 2010

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¹ The GRC received the Denial of Access Complaint on said date.