



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – Request Made to a Non-Public Agency

GRC Complaint No.: 2011-61

Complainant: Brian K. Bragg

Custodian: The Trentonian, Legal Department

Date of Request: February 15, 2011

Date of Complaint: March 7, 2011¹

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant submitted an OPRA request to an agency that is not a public agency as defined in OPRA. The Trentonian, is a daily newspaper circulated throughout the Trenton, New Jersey and lower Bucks County, Pennsylvania areas. The Trentonian is owned by the Journal Register Company in Yardley, Pennsylvania.²

Applicable OPRA Provision: “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; the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency. The terms also mean any political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any independent authority, commission, instrumentality or agency created by a political subdivision or combination of political subdivisions.” 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: March 29, 2011

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Executive Director

Date: March 22, 2011

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

² See http://www.njpa.org/njpa/member_newspapers/daily_newspaper_members.html#The%20Trentonian



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