



## NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

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

**GRC Complaint No.:** 2013-159

**Complainant:** Mark L. Tompkins

**Public Agency:** City of Newark Municipal Court (Essex)

**Custodian of Record:** Honorable Denise Bivins

**Date of Request:** May 3, 2013

**Date of Complaint:** May 30, 2013<sup>1</sup>

**Complaint Disposition:** The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on May 3, 2013. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made to the City of Newark Municipal Court, as it falls under the Judicial Branch of government. Inquiries concerning Judiciary records may be addressed to:

Administrative Director of the Courts  
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex  
PO Box 037  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0037

**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:** July 23, 2013

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<sup>1</sup> The GRC received the Denial of Access Complaint on said date.



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<sup>2</sup> This complaint was prepared for adjudication at the Council's June 25, 2013 meeting, but could not be adjudicated due to lack of quorum.