



**NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL**  
**Administrative Complaint Disposition – Request Not within Council’s Jurisdiction to**  
**Adjudicate (Request Made to the Judiciary)**

**Mark L. Tompkins**  
**Complainant**

**GRC Complaint No. 2014-432**

**v.**

**City of Newark Municipal Court (Essex)**  
**Custodial Agency**

**Custodian of Record:** Denise Bivins  
**Request Received by Custodian:** November 2, 2014  
**GRC Complaint Received:** December 22, 2014

**Complaint Disposition:** The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on November 2, 2014. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over OPRA 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:

Newark Municipal Court  
31 Green Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

**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:** January 30, 2015

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