



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

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

James Baxter
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2016-132

v.

Mercer County Courthouse
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Ellen Marie Gumpel (Acting Assistant Supervisor)

Request Received by Custodian: January 19, 2016

GRC Complaint Received: April 25, 2016

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on January 19, 2016. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made to the Mercer County Courthouse, 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: May 24, 2016

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