



**NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL**  
**Administrative Complaint Disposition – Not Within GRC Jurisdiction**

**Nathan Sanders**  
**Complainant**

**GRC Complaint No. 2018-137**

v.

**Somerset County Superior Court**  
**Custodial Agency**

**Custodian of Record:** N/A  
**GRC Complaint Received:** July 11, 2018

**Complaint Disposition:** The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on June 11, 2018. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the Somerset County Superior Court,<sup>1</sup> 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 31, 2018

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<sup>1</sup> The GRC notes that the OPRA request was sent to multiple recipients with Somerset County Superior Court taking lead. The request also sought records relating to a particular judge. The Complainant did not identify which of the agencies he was filing the complaint against; however, each was a part of the Judiciary. The only exception was the inclusion of the Attorney General to PO Box 080. There is no indication in the OPRA request that the letter sought executive branch records. Based on the forgoing, the GRC determined that this complaint was primarily filed against the Somerset County Superior Court.