



**NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL**  
**Administrative Complaint Disposition – Not Within Council’s Jurisdiction**

**Randall & Lynda Burns**  
**Complainant**

**GRC Complaint No. 2018-302**

v.

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

**Custodian of Record:** N/A

**GRC Complaint Received:** November 30, 2018

**Complaint Disposition:** The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on October 24, and November 9, 2018. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the Superior Court – Somerset Vicinage, as it falls under the Judicial Branch of government. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction. Inquiries concerning Judiciary records may be addressed to:

Administrative Director of the Courts  
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex  
PO Box 971  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0037<sup>1</sup>

**Applicable OPRA Provision:** “The [C]ouncil 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:** December 18, 2018

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.njcourts.gov/courts/scco.html>.