



## NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

### Administrative Order – *In Camera* Review

**Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (On Behalf of African American  
Data and Research Institute)**  
Complainant

**GRC Complaint No. 2021-214**

v.

**City of Bayonne (Hudson)**  
Custodial Agency

**Custodian of Record:** Madeline Medina  
**Request Received by Custodian:** August 10, 2021  
**GRC Complaint Received:** August 30, 2021

**Order:** The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of the responsive redacted itemized billing records prepared by the law firm to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that those records were lawfully redacted under the attorney-client privilege exemption. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; see Paff v. N.J. Dep't of Labor, Bd. of Review, 379 N.J. Super. 346, 355 (App. Div. 2005). **Thus, the Custodian shall deliver<sup>1</sup> to the Council in a sealed envelope nine (9) copies of the requested unredacted e-mails, nine (9) copies of the redacted e-mails, a document or redaction index.<sup>2</sup>**

**This is an Administrative Order requiring compliance within ten (10) business days after receipt thereof. The Custodian shall also simultaneously deliver<sup>3</sup> certified confirmation of compliance with this Order, in accordance with N.J. Court Rules, R. 1:4-4,<sup>4</sup> to the Executive Director.**

**Effective Date of Disposition:** April 25, 2023

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Staff Attorney

Date: March 21, 2023<sup>5</sup>  
**Distribution Date: April 27, 2023**

<sup>1</sup> The *in camera* records may be sent overnight mail, regular mail, or be hand-delivered, at the discretion of the Custodian, as long as the GRC physically receives them by the deadline.

<sup>2</sup> The document or redaction index should identify the record and/or each redaction asserted and the lawful basis for the denial.

<sup>3</sup> The certified confirmation of compliance, including supporting documentation, may be sent overnight mail, regular mail, e-mail, facsimile, or be hand-delivered, at the discretion of the Custodian, as long as the GRC physically receives it by the deadline.

<sup>4</sup> "I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment."

<sup>5</sup> This complaint was prepared for adjudication at the Council's March 28, 2023 meeting, but could not be adjudicated due to lack of quorum.