

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Order – In Camera Review

Griselda Muck-Raker Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2022-92

v.

N.J. Department of Banking & Insurance Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Lauren Wiley Request Received by Custodian: March 24, 2022 GRC Complaint Received: April 7, 2022

Order: The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of the seven (7) responsive e-mail chains to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that those records were exempt under the cited exemptions. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-1.1; <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-10. <u>See Paff v. N.J. Dep't of Labor, Bd. of Review</u>, 379 <u>N.J. Super.</u> 346, 355 (App. Div. 2005). Thus, the Custodian shall deliver¹ to the Council in a sealed envelope nine (9) copies of the requested unredacted e-mail chains and a document or redaction index.²

This is an Administrative Order requiring compliance within ten (10) business days after receipt thereof. The Custodian shall also simultaneously deliver³ certified confirmation of compliance with this Order, in accordance with <u>N.J. Court Rules</u>, <u>R.</u> 1:4-4,⁴ to the Executive Director.

Effective Date of Disposition: March 28, 2023

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso Executive Director

Date: March 21, 2023

Distribution Date: March 30, 2023

¹ 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.

 $^{^{2}}$ The document or redaction index should identify the record and/or each redaction asserted and the lawful basis for the denial.

³ 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.

⁴ "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."