



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – Not Within the Council’s Jurisdiction

Mark L. Tompkins
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2023-6

v.

Newark Municipal Court (Essex)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Michelle Taylor
Request Received by Custodian: November 27, 2022
GRC Complaint Received: January 12, 2023

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on November 22, 2022. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the Newark Municipal Court, 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:

Superior Court Clerk’s Office
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
P.O. Box 971
Trenton, NJ 08625-0971

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: February 28, 2023

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