

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – Not Within the Council's Jurisdiction

Tyrell L. Hicks Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2023-47

v.

Somerset County Superior Court Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Jack Failla **Request Received by Custodian:** February 2, 2023 **GRC Complaint Received:** March 2, 2023

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on February 16, 2023. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the Somerset County Superior 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." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: March 28, 2023

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