



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – Not Within the Council’s Jurisdiction

Edward Thomas Clifford, III
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2024-79

v.

Administrative Office of the Courts
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Michelle Smith
Request Received by Custodian: February 13, 2024
GRC Complaint Received: March 28, 2024

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on February 13, 2024. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the Administrative Office of the Courts, 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
PO 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: April 30, 2024

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