

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – Not Within the Council's Jurisdiction

Jones-Bey Desmond Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2025-340

v.

East Orange Municipal Court (Essex) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Erica Natson **Request Received by Custodian:** N/A

GRC Complaint Received: November 10, 2025

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on October 17, 2025. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made to the East Orange 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 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: December 9, 2025

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Executive Director

Date: December 2, 2025

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