



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

Alfred Tard-El
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2026-32

v.

NJ Office of Attorney Ethics
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Heather Joy Baker
Request Received by Custodian: Unknown.
GRC Complaint Received: January 22, 2026

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on December 29, 2025. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the NJ Office of Attorney Ethics, as it falls under the Judicial Branch of government.¹ 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

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 24, 2026

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¹ The GRC advised the Complainant of its lack of jurisdiction over the Judiciary in an e-mail dated January 21, 2026.