

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the Appellate Division

GRC Complaint No.: 2007-247

Complainant: James Nash **Custodian:** NJ Judiciary, Appellate Division – John Chacko

Date of Request: April 1, 2007 **Date of Complaint:** June 22, 2007¹

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on April 1, 2007. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the Appellate Division, as it falls under the Judicial Branch of government.

Applicable OPRA Provision: <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-7.g. states that:

"The council shall not have jurisdiction over the Judicial or Legislative Branches of State Government or any agency, officer, or employee of those branches."

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: October 31, 2007

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¹ The GRC received the Complainant's Denial of Access Complaint on October 16, 2007.