

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – Request Not within the Council's Jurisdiction to Adjudicate (Request Made to the Judiciary)

GRC Complaint No.: 2010-331

Complainant: Mark L. Tompkins

Custodian: Essex County Superior Court – Denise Atkins **Date of Request:** September 9, 2010 and November 9, 2010

Date of Complaint: December 29, 2010

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on September 9, 2010 and November 9, 2010. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made of the Superior Court - Essex Vicinage, as it falls under the Judicial Branch of government.

Inquiries concerning Judiciary records may be addressed to:

Administrative Director of the Courts Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex PO Box 037 Trenton, NJ 08625-0037

Applicable OPRA Provision: OPRA provides 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." 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: January 25, 2011

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