

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.: 2011-301

Complainant: Ruth Thompson McLean **Custodian:** Middlesex County Superior Court

Date of Request: September 16, 2011 **Date of Complaint:** October 11, 2011

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on September 16, 2011. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records request made of the Middlesex County Superior Court, 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: "The council *shall not have jurisdiction over the Judicial* or Legislative Branches of State Government or any agency, officer, or employee of those branches." (Emphasis added.) 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: October 25, 2011

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¹ The GRC received the Denial of Access Complaint on said date.