



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.: 2012-71

Complainant: Alfred L. Tard, Jr.
(On behalf of Moorish Science Temple of America 4th & 5th Generation)

Public Agency: Hamilton Township Municipal Court (Mercer)

Custodian of Record: Lynn Hoagland

Date of Request: February 2, 2012

Date of Complaint: March 22, 2012¹

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on February 2, 2012. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests made to the Hamilton Township Municipal 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: 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: May 29, 2012

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Case Manager

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



Approved By: Catherine Starghill, Esq.
Executive Director

Date: May 22, 2012

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