

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

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

Mark L. Tomkins Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2014-398

v.

New Jersey Courts Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Carol Welch, Esq.

Request Received by Custodian: August 12, 2014 GRC Complaint Received: November 25, 2014

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant asserts a denial of access to records requested on August 12, 2014. However, the GRC does not have jurisdiction over records requests¹ made to the "New Jersey Courts," 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." 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: December 16, 2014

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¹ The GRC notes that the Complainant's request did not refer to or mention OPRA.