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February 20, 2013

TO: Office of Court Administration
ATT: Shawn Kerby, Assistant Deputy Counsel/Records Access Officer

FROM: Elena Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: Request for records pertaining to the Judiciary's budgets for fiscal years 2013-2014 & 2012-2013 pursuant to F.O.I.L. and §124 of the Chief Administrator's Rules

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Article VI [Freedom of Information Law (F.O.I.L.)] and §124 of the Chief Administrator's Rules, this is to request any and all records reflecting:

(1) the dollar amounts for judicial salaries requested by the Judiciary's budgets for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2012-2013;

(2) the dollar amounts for judicial salary increases requested by the Judiciary's budgets for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2012-2013;

(3) the dollar amounts for "compensation and non-salary benefits for judges and justices of the unified court system" requested by the Judiciary's budgets for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2012-2013;

(4) the dollar amounts for "compensation and non-salary benefits for judges and justices of the unified court system", exclusive of salary, requested by the Judiciary's budgets for fiscal years 2013-2014 & 2012-2013, including as broken down into categories of "pension contribution"; "Social Security"; "Medicare"; "health, dental, vision and life insurance" and other "fringe benefits".

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89.3 and §124.6 of the Chief Administrator's Rules, your response is required "within five business days" of your receipt of this request.¹ As time is of the essence, please respond by e-mail to elena@judgewatch.org.

Thank you.



¹ CJA's letterhead herein reflects our mailing address and telephone number, which changed last year. Please adjust your records accordingly.



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February 20, 2013

Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
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P.O. Box 8101
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

In response to your recent Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request, please be advised that the Judiciary budgets reflecting the information you are seeking are available at the following links:

<http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/financialops/BGT12-13/Final2012-13Budget.pdf>

http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/financialops/BGT12-13/Final-GSC-Budget_2012-13.pdf

<http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/financialops/BGT13-14/Final-13-14Budget.pdf>

<http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/financialops/BGT13-14/Final-13-14Bud-GSC.pdf>

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Kerby".

Shawn Kerby
Assistant Deputy Counsel

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 10:01 AM
To: 'FOIL@courts.state.ny.us'
Subject: Furnishing Responsive Documents -- RE: foil request

Dear Ms. Kerby,

Following up my phone call to you yesterday, advising that the website links you furnished by your February 20, 2013 letter do NOT provide the information sought by CJA's February 20, 2013 FOIL request, kindly respond, as soon as possible, with such responsive documents as exist. To expedite my receipt, kindly use this e-mail: elena@judgewatch.org.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
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From: FOIL@courts.state.ny.us [<mailto:FOIL@courts.state.ny.us>]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 9:46 AM
To: elena@judgewatch.org
Subject: foil request

Dear Ms. Sassower:

Attached please find our response to your recent FOIL request.

Very truly yours,
Shawn Kerby
Assistant Deputy Counsel

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Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

From: FOIL@courts.state.ny.us
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 10:19 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

I am processing your request and will attempt to respond as soon as I receive the information. I have asked for the budget office to provide any responsive existing figures.

Very truly yours,
Shawn Kerby
Assistant Deputy Counsel

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>>> "Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)" <elena@judgewatch.org> 2/22/2013 10:00 AM >>>

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Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 10:59 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
Subject: Furnishing Responsive Documents -- RE: foil request

Dear Ms. Sassower:

The budget office provided the following breakdown of figures that you requested:

fiscal year 2012/13 :

Judicial Base Salaries - \$162,300,000
Judicial Raise - \$27,713,000
Judicial Social Security - \$8,580,000
Judicial Medicare - \$2,755,000

fiscal year 2013/14 :

Judicial Base Salaries - \$190,000,000
Judicial Raise - \$8,235,000
Judicial Social Security - \$8,861,000
Judicial Medicare - \$2,875,000

With regard to your remaining request for further breakdown of pension, insurance, and other fringe benefits, please be advised that the Office of the State Comptroller calculates the amounts in a lump sum without distinctions between judicial and non-judicial personnel. You may wish to contact the Comptroller's Office for information about that agency's breakdown for those categories just for judges.

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