

From: FOIL <FOIL@nycourts.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 4:27 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

Subject: RE: Governor Hochul's "recommendations" pertaining to the Legislative & Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025

This e-mail responds to your correspondence dated 1/17/24 which pursuant to FOIL, requested:

a copy of Governor Hochul's "recommendations", if any, pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025 and, presumably, furnished to them

The Office of Court Administration has conducted a diligent search of available records and has not located any records responsive to your request.

No records responsive to your request are withheld or redacted pursuant to any provision of FOIL, and your request is now considered closed.

From: FOIL
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:04 PM
To: 'Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)' <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: RE: Governor Hochul's "recommendations" pertaining to the Legislative & Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025

The Office of Court Administration acknowledges receipt of your FOIL request dated 1/17/24, seeking: a copy of Governor Hochul's "recommendations", if any, pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025 and, presumably, furnished to them

We have begun to process your request and we will provide you with a status update on or before February 23, 2024.

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 3:17 PM
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Subject: Governor Hochul's "recommendations" pertaining to the Legislative & Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025

TO: Governor Hochul's FOIL Counsel/Records Access Officer Christopher Ritchey
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Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution empowers the Governor to make “recommendations” to the Legislature pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets.

The website of the Governor’s Division of the Budget, <https://www.budget.ny.gov/>, posts the Governor’s combined [Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.8301/A.8801](#), dated January 16, 2024, that she submitted to the Legislature, but seemingly no “recommendations” by her pertaining thereto.

Consequently, pursuant to FOIL [Public Officers Law Article VI, Senate Rule XIV, Assembly Rule VIII, and Chief Administrator’s Rules Part 124], this is to request a copy of Governor Hochul’s “recommendations”, if any, pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025 and, presumably, furnished to them.

Pursuant to FOIL [Public Officers Law §89.3], your response is required within five business days of receipt of this written request.

Thank you.

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