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Subject: **FOIL Request -- Gov. Hochul's Appointment of R. Nadine Fontaine to a Court of Claims Judgeship, Etc.**

TO: [Governor Hochul FOIL Counsel/Records Access Officer Christopher Ritchey](#)

Pursuant to [FOIL \(Public Officers Law Article VI\)](#), this is to request all publicly-available records pertaining to Governor Hochul's screening and appointment of R. Nadine Fontaine as a Court of Claims judge, specifically including:

- (1) records reflecting the date Ms. Fontaine first communicated her interest in a Court of Claims judgeship to [the office of Governor Hochul's Judicial Screening Committees](#) and/or submitted her completed [questionnaire](#) to it;
- (2) a copy of Ms. Fontaine's completed questionnaire, with such redactions as deemed necessary;
- (3) records as to the dates that the appropriate judicial screening committee – presumably the [State Judicial Screening Committee](#) – was furnished with Ms. Fontaine's completed questionnaire and approved her prospective appointment;
- (4) a copy of Governor Hochul signed appointment of Ms. Fontaine to a Court of Claims judgeship;
- (5) records as to the date Governor Hochul sent Ms. Fontaine's judicial appointment and supporting materials to the Senate and/or the Senate Judiciary Committee – and a copy of those supporting materials, with such redactions as deemed necessary;
- (6) Governor Hochul's press release announcing Ms. Fontaine's judicial appointment – and the judicial appointments of the other 24 judicial nominees that the Senate Judiciary Committee approved at its [June 5, 2024 meeting](#).

Thank you.

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