

From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:23 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

Subject: **Re: FOIL/Records Request: Governor Hochul's "whopping 25 judicial nominations" that the Senate Judiciary Committee approved at its June 5, 2024 meeting -- &, specifically, R. Nadine Fontaine & Brian Haak**

Attachments: [rules and regulations relating to public inspection and copying of legislative records - january-2019 blue.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower,

This is to acknowledge your request dated November 1, 2024, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law. You are requesting “ reflecting the date(s) the Senate and/or Senate Judiciary Committee received from Governor Hochul “the whopping 25 judicial nominations” – and, in particular, the nominations of R. Nadine Fontaine and Brian Haak;”.....

1. Please be advised that there is a fee of \$6.25 (25 pages @ \$.25 per page) for additional documentation. The requested material will be forwarded upon receipt of a check made payable to the Secretary of the Senate, Room 321, Capitol Building, Albany, NY.
2. Please be advised the records you request, if the records even exist, are not subject to disclosure pursuant to Senate Rules.
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I have attached a copy of the Senate’s Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information. Appeals must be directed to Counsel to the Majority, at the email address Foilappeal@nysenate.gov.

Sincerely,
Alejandra N. Paulino
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Foil - **YM**

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 1:05 PM
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TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, ESQ.

At the [Senate Judiciary Committee's June 5, 2024 meeting](#), Chair Hoylman-Sigal stated:

“Today we’ll be considering a whopping 25 judicial nominations and once again I think I speak on behalf of all my colleagues that we wish we had these nominations sooner so that we could perform, undertake, and pursue the necessary due diligence to review these candidates. That said, we appreciate the Governor sending these nominations to the Senate and our teams have worked hard to review the qualifications of all the nominees. So, without further ado, I think we should proceed.”

Pursuant to [Senate Rule XIV \(“Freedom of Information”\)](#), this is to request all publicly-available records:

1. reflecting the date(s) the Senate and/or Senate Judiciary Committee received from Governor Hochul “the whopping 25 judicial nominations” – and, in particular, the nominations of R. Nadine Fontaine and Brian Haak;
2. all publicly-available materials that the Senate Judiciary Committee reviewed pertaining to Ms. Fontaine’s qualifications and, specifically, her “application”, to which she referred, and her “resume”, to which Chair Hoylman-Sigal and Ranking Member Palumbo referred;
3. all publicly-available materials that the Senate Judiciary Committee reviewed pertaining to Mr. Haak’s qualifications for the current nomination – and for his prior nomination by Governor Hochul, announced by her [June 7, 2023 press release](#) and approved at the [Senate Judiciary Committee’s June 8, 2023 meeting \(at 21 – 30 mins\)](#).

Thank you.

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