

From: ethics.sm.records <records@ethics.ny.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 2:41 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

Subject: RE: Correcting -- CJA's Jan 8, 2025 FOIL/Records Request: Whether any cases involving JCOPE were ever appealed to the Court of Appeals

Ms. Sassower,

Your January 8, 2025 request seeking: “whether any cases involving JCOPE were ever appealed to the Court of Appeals and, if so, the case names, index/docket numbers, the numbers assigned by the Court of Appeals, and the Court’s dispositions thereof” has been denied. The Commission does not possess any requested records.

You have 30 days to appeal this response. You may send your appeal to:

Appeals Officer
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Albany, NY 12207
records@ethics.ny.gov

Sincerely,

Records Access Officer

From: ethics.sm.records
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 11:37 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: RE: Correcting -- CJA's Jan 8, 2025 FOIL/Records Request: Whether any cases involving JCOPE were ever appealed to the Court of Appeals

Ms. Sassower,

The Commission has received your January 8, 2025 request seeking: “whether any cases involving JCOPE were ever appealed to the Court of Appeals and, if so, the case names, index/docket numbers, the numbers assigned by the Court of Appeals, and the Court’s dispositions thereof.”

The Commission expects to respond to your request on or before February 13, 2025.

Sincerely,

Records Access Officer

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 9:43 AM
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As the below bounced back, I am re-sending.

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 9:39 AM
To: 'records@ethics.ny.gov' <records@ethics.ny.gov>; 'foil@nycourts.gov' <foil@nycourts.gov>

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TO: [COELIG Records Access Officer Emily DeSantis](#)
[Unified Court System FOIL Officer/Assistant Deputy Counsel Diane Turo](#)

This is to correct my below January 8th FOIL request, based on the now available [VIDEO of the Court of Appeals' January 7th oral argument in Cuomo v. COELIG](#). It was Associate Judge Garcia who stated "we never considered JCOPE", at 23 minutes/50 seconds.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
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TO: [COELIG Records Access Officer Emily DeSantis](#)
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The video of the Court of Appeals' oral argument yesterday of *Cuomo v. COELIG* (APL-2024-76) is not yet available. However, to the best of my recollection, I believe it was Associate Judge Halligan who stated that the Court had never considered a JCOPE case.

My question is whether this is because no case involving JCOPE was ever appealed to the Court or because the Court dismissed and/or denied such appeals.

Pursuant to [Public Officers Law Article VI](#) (“Freedom of Information Law”) and [Part 124 of the Chief Administrator’s Rules](#) (“Public Access to Records”), this is to request records answering the question as to whether any cases involving JCOPE were ever appealed to the Court of Appeals and, if so, the case names, index/docket numbers, the numbers assigned by the Court of Appeals, and the Court’s dispositions thereof.

Thank you.

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