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via e-mail: elena@judgewatch.org
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RE: Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Request # 140345

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This letter responds to your correspondence dated July 1, 2014, which, pursuant to FOIL, requested the following:

"[T]he contract retaining the legal services of Michael Koenig, Esq. as counsel to the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption - and for all publicly-available records in support thereof, including its justification and substantiating proposals/memos, approved by the Attorney General and Comptroller.

Public Officers Law § 89.3 requires your response 'within five business days' of this receipt. Kindly forward it to me at elena@judgewatch.org."

Attached to the following two e-mails are documents numbered 140345-1 through 140345-26 that respond to your request.

Under Public Officers Law § 87(2)(a), records that are exempted from disclosure by state or federal statute are exempt from disclosure under FOIL. Please be advised that certain records responsive to your request are exempt from disclosure and have been withheld pursuant to Civil Practice Law and Rules § 3101(c) because the records constitute attorney work product.

Further, please be advised that certain records responsive to your request are exempt from disclosure and have been withheld pursuant to Public Officers Law § 87(2)(g) because the records are intra-agency materials.

You have a right to appeal the foregoing decision. If you should elect to file such an

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appeal, your written appeal must be submitted no later than 30 days after your receipt of this letter to Kathryn Sheingold, Records Appeals Officer, State of New York, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Appeals and Opinions, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224. You may reach the Records Appeals Officer at (518) 473-2533.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Feldman

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Attachments