



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

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Via Email: elena@judgewatch.org

Elena Sassower
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FOIL Request: #2601

Dear Elena Sassower:

The Executive Chamber acknowledges receipt of your FOIL request dated September 6, 2019, seeking:

All publicly-available records reflecting that the Commission has been fully-appointed and is operational - find, specifically:

- (1) records of Governor Andrew Cuomo's appointment of three commissioners - especially letters of appointment and public announcements or press releases with respect thereto; (
- 2) records of Temporary Senate President Andrea Stewart-Cousins' appointment of one commissioner - especially a letter of appointment and public announcement or press release with respect thereto;
- (3) records reflecting Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie's appointment of one commissioner - especially a letter of appointment and public announcement or press release with respect thereto;
- (4) Chief Judge DiFiore's letters to Michael Cardozo, Esq. and Randall Eng, Esq. appointing them to the Commission, designating Mr. Cardozo as its chair, and advising them of any requirements for their service, such as an oath of office and requirement for its filing;
- (5) records establishing the interpretation intended by §3.1, to wit, whether the Commission's chair is to be designated by the Chief Judge from among her two appointees or whether such designation is to be made by the seven appointed commissioners or by the Commission's four appointing authorities;

(6) records of the Commission's funding, staffing office address, phone number, e-mail, and website for discharging its statutory duties.

We are conducting a search for records that respond to your request and, if applicable, will review them for appropriate exemptions under FOIL. We will provide you with a status update on or before October 15, 2019.

If any documents are located that respond to your request, you will be charged \$.25 per page for photocopies. If the response to your request will be provided in another media, we will notify you of any charges.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie Lubanko". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "V".

Valerie Lubanko
FOIL Counsel
Records Access Officer