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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2021 12:02 PM
To: 'FOIL@nycourts.gov'
Cc: 'mrossi@nycourts.gov'; 'nkearney@nycourts.gov'; 'samodeo@nycourts.gov'
Subject: CJA's May 15, 2020 FOIL/Records Request: Judicial salaries resulting from the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation
Attachments: judicial-salary-chart-8-29-11-report.pdf

TO: OCA Assistant Deputy Counsel/Interim FOIL Officer Michael Siudzinski

At the bottom of the below chain of e-mails is my May 15, 2020 FOIL/records request, with its above attachment, to which the ONLY response I received was the below May 18, 2020 e-mail acknowledgment from then OCA FOIL Officer Shawn Kerby that I could expect a response "within 20 business days".

Pursuant to Public Officers Law VI and §124 of the Chief Administrator's Rules [FOIL], please furnish me with any response that FOIL Officer Kerby thereafter sent me – and, if none – the records my May 15, 2020 FOIL/records request had sought, plus confirmation that the 2021 salaries for all the different classifications of judges are the same as the 2020 salaries – both of these unchanged from what they were in 2019.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:44 PM
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Subject: AGAIN --STATUS? --May 15, 2020 FOIL/Records Request: Judicial salaries resulting from the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation

TO: OCA FOIL-Records Access Officer/Assistant Deputy Counsel Shawn Kerby

I have received no response from you to my below July 15, 2020 e-mail inquiring as to the status of my May 15, 2020 FOIL/records request entitled "Judicial salaries resulting from the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation", with its above attachment.

Did you respond? Please advise.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:57 AM
To: 'skerby@nycourts.gov' <skerby@nycourts.gov>; 'foil@nycourts.gov' <foil@nycourts.gov>

Subject: STATUS? --May 15, 2020 FOIL/Records Request: Judicial salaries resulting from the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation

TO: Shawn Kerby/Office of Court Administration Records Access Officer-Assistant Deputy Counsel

I have received no response to my below May 15, 2020 FOIL/records, with its accompanying above-attached chart from the Commission on Judicial Compensation's August 29, 2011 Report – other than your below May 18, 2020 acknowledgment and advice that you expected to respond “within 20 business days”.

More than twice that amount of time has now passed. Please advise, promptly.

Thank you.

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From: FOIL <FOIL@nycourts.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: RE: FOIL/Records Request: Judicial salaries resulting from the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation

Dear Ms. Sassower:

We will process the request and expect to respond within 20 business days.

Very truly yours,
Shawn Kerby
Assistant Deputy Counsel

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 3:47 PM
To: FOIL <FOIL@nycourts.gov>; Shawn Kerby <skerby@nycourts.gov>
Cc: Maureen A. Rossi <mrossi@nycourts.gov>; Nadine Kearney <nkearney@nycourts.gov>; Susan Amodeo <samodeo@nycourts.gov>

Subject: FOIL/Records Request: Judicial salaries resulting from the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation

TO: Shawn Kerby/Office of Court Administration Records Access Officer-Assistant Deputy Counsel

Judiciary Law Article 7-B (§§220-224) has yet to be amended to reflect the increase in judicial salaries resulting from the August 29, 2011 Report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation and the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation.

The August 29, 2011 Report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation included a salary chart (at pp. 9-10), "prepared by the Office of Court Administration" (fn. 19), specifying the increased salaries for the different classifications of judges – and, for your convenience, a copy is annexed. However, there was no comparable chart in the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, even with respect to the judicial salaries for the first year of increase.

Consequently, pursuant to Public Officers Law VI and §124 of the Chief Administrator's Rules [FOIL], this is to request public records reflecting the increased judicial salaries resulting from the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation for the different classifications of judges in each of the four years of increases: 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Most immediately, please furnish me with the 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 salaries of county court judges for each of the 57 counties listed in Judiciary Law §221-d. The currently listed salaries – which ceased to be correct as of April 1, 2012 – are as follows:

Albany	131,400
Allegany	119,800
Broome	119,800
Cattaraugus	119,800
Cayuga	122,700
Chautauqua	119,800
Chemung	119,800
Chenango	119,800
Clinton	121,200
Columbia	119,800
Cortland	119,800
Delaware	119,800
Dutchess	125,600
Erie	125,600
Essex	119,800
Franklin	119,800
Fulton	119,800
Genesee	119,800
Greene	119,800
Hamilton	119,800
Herkimer	119,800
Jefferson	119,800
Lewis	119,800
Livingston	119,800
Madison	119,800
Monroe	125,600
Montgomery	119,800
Nassau	136,700
Niagara	119,800
Oneida	119,800
Onondaga	125,600
Ontario	119,800
Orange	125,600
Orleans	119,800

Oswego	119,800
Otsego	119,800
Putnam	131,400
Rensselaer	119,800
Rockland	125,600
St. Lawrence	119,800
Saratoga	119,800
Schenectady	119,800
Schoharie	119,800
Schuyler	119,800
Seneca	119,800
Steuben	119,800
Suffolk	136,700
Sullivan	127,000
Tioga	119,800
Tompkins	122,700
Ulster	131,400
Warren	119,800
Washington	119,800
Wayne	119,800
Westchester	136,700
Wyoming	119,800
Yates	119,800

Please prioritize and furnish me the requested records as to the salaries for judges of the above 57 county courts as soon as possible, leaving the balance for your subsequent response.

Finally, please confirm that the 2020 salaries for all the different classifications of judges are unchanged from what they were in 2019.

Thank you.

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From: Maureen A. Rossi <mrossi@nycourts.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:44 PM
To: Elena@judgewatch.org
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Subject: Requesting information regarding judicial salaries

Good evening,

All requests for such information must go through our FOIL officer. Please send a completed FOIL Request Form (available by clicking here [FOIL REQUEST FORM](#)) to our FOIL Officer:

Shawn Kerby, Assistant Deputy Counsel
FOIL Officer
Office of Court Administration
25 Beaver Street, Room 1170
New York, NY 10004

Or email foil@nycourts.gov

Thank you,
Maureen Rossi
OCA Payroll Manager

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