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**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 5:15 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIL/Records Request: September 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline

Dear Ms. Sassower:

Please be advised that we have no records responsive to the request. 22 NYCRR part 1240 constitutes the response to the Commission.

Very truly yours,  
Shawn Kerby  
Assistant Deputy Counsel

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewidth.org>  
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**TO: OCA FOIL-Records Access Officer/Assistant Deputy Counsel Shawn Kerby**

Reference is made to the [Unified Court System's webpage for the Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline](#), whose most recent "What's New" item is from December 29, 2015: [the Appellate Divisions' Part 1240 Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters](#) and the Unified Court System's accompanying press release stating that "adoption of uniform rules was among the foremost recommendations" of [the Commission's September 24, 2015 report](#).

There were, however, other recommendations that the Commission's September 24, 2015 report made – most importantly:

“9. Establishment of a new position of Statewide Coordinator of Attorney Discipline. The Coordinator would function as a liaison/resource for each Department of the Appellate Division. The precise powers and functions of the new position are to be further defined by the Administrative Board of the Courts. The Commission envisions, however, that the Coordinator would be tasked with assisting the Administrative Board of the Courts in fostering uniformity in procedures and sanctions, encouraging communication and consistency among the Departments of the Appellate Division, producing an annual statistical report providing statewide data on the administration of attorney discipline, and recommending ongoing reforms as deemed necessary. The need for this position is immediate and the Administrative Board of the Courts should select a suitable candidate as soon as practicable.

10. Appointment of members to a Statewide Advisory Board on Attorney Discipline, consisting of volunteers from around the state, to assist in implementing these recommendations and to study and propose additional recommendations to further the goals of uniformity, transparency and efficiency in the attorney disciplinary system.” (at pp. 3-4). (see, also, pp. 46-47, 70-71, 78, 81).