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Reference is made to the [Unified Court System's webpage for its eight attorney grievance committees, run by the four appellate divisions of the four judicial departments](#).

Notwithstanding the [Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline's September 24, 2015 report](#) recommended greater uniformity – which the Appellate Divisions purported to implement by its [Part 1240 Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters](#) -- the linked webpages for the attorney grievance committees of the four judicial departments are – excepting the now uniform names of the committees – as dissimilar to each other as they were then.

As in 2015, the [Second Department](#) and the [Third Department](#) do not post ANY annual reports of their attorney grievance committees. The [First Department](#) posts an archive of its annual reports, *to wit*, pdfs for each year spanning from 2002 to 2019. The [Fourth Department](#) features a webpage of what it represents as the current ["Annual Report" for 2019](#) – but its content is a fraction of what comprises each of the First Department's annual reports, being essentially the appendix pages of "ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE ACTIVITIES" – form #UCS-176, which are statistics.

Therefore, pursuant to Public Officers Law VI and §124 of the Chief Administrator's Rules [FOIL], this is to request:

- (1) records of the Unified Court System's uniform requirements, if any, for the annual reports of the eight attorney grievance committees of its four judicial departments;
- (2) the annual reports of the Second, Third, and Fourth Department attorney grievance committees, from 2014 to 2020;
- (3) the annual report of the First Department attorney grievance committee for 2020 – and, with respect to its [2019 Annual Report](#), the missing pages 72-73 – these being its Appendix D, whose identification in the table of contents is "Annual Report to OCA", but which – as reflected by prior annual reports, as for example for [2018](#) and [2017](#) – is presumably "ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE ACTIVITIES" for 2019 – form #UCS-176.

Thank you.

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