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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:50 AM **To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

Subject: FW: FOIL/Records Request: Attorney Grievance Committee Annual Reports

Attachments: 2019 Annual Statistics Report.pdf; 2014 GC ANNUAL STATS.pdf; 2015 GC ANNUAL

STATS.pdf; 2016 GC ANNUAL STATS.pdf; 2017 GC ANNUAL STATS.pdf; 2018 GC ANNUAL STATS.pdf; 2019 GC ANNUAL STATS.pdf; 2020 GC ANNUAL STATS.pdf; AGC3 Caseload Reports 2014-2020.pdf; Annual Statistical Report-4th Dept-2014.pdf; Annual Statistical Report-4th Dept-2016.pdf;

Annual Statistical Report-4th Dept-2017.pdf; Annual Statistical Report-4th Dept-2018.pdf; Annual Statistical Report-4th Dept-2019.pdf; Annual Statistical

Report-4th Dept-2020.pdf

Dear Ms. Sassower:

The two missing pages from the Appellate Division, First Department, report are attached. The online report will be updated.

Attached are the existing annual reports for the Appellate Division, Second Department, Third Department, and Fourth Department, for the years requested.

Very truly yours, Shawn Kerby Assistant Deputy Counsel

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 8:48 AM

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

Reference is made to the <u>Unified Court System's webpage for its eight attorney grievance committees, run by the four appellate divisions of the four judicial departments</u>.

Notwithstanding the <u>Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline's September 24, 2015 report</u> recommended greater uniformity – which the Appellate Divisions purported to implement by its <u>Part 1240 Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters</u> — 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 <u>Second Department</u> and the <u>Third Department</u> do not post ANY annual reports of their attorney grievance committees. The <u>First Department</u> posts an archive of its annual reports, *to wit*, pdfs for each year spanning from 2002 to 2019. The <u>Fourth Department</u> features a webpage of what it represents as the current <u>"Annual Report"</u> 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: