

From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:37 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
Cc: Jellisa Joseph

Subject: **Re: FOIL/Records Request: The Legislature's Certified Itemized Estimates of its Financial Need for FY2023-24, as Required by Article VII, §1 of the NYS Constitution**

Attachments: [Rules and Regulations relating to Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records - January 2019 blue.pdf](#);
[Rules and Regulations relating to Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records - January 2019 blue.pdf](#)

December 5, 2022

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request received November 28, 2022 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

You are requesting ... (1) Attorney General James' determination(s)/certification(s) that the legal interests of the Governor, Temporary Senate President, Assembly Speaker, and Independent Review Committee could not be adequately protected and represented by her and that it was appropriate that each retain separate outside counsel;

Please be advised the records you request, if the records even exist, are not subject to disclosure pursuant to Senate Rules.

You are requesting... (2) Attorney General James' determination(s)/certification(s) that the legal interests of the Senate Minority Leader and Assembly Minority Leader could not be adequately protected and represented by her and that it was appropriate that the two Minority Leaders be represented by a single outside counsel;

Please be advised the records you request, if the records even exist, are not subject to disclosure pursuant to Senate Rules.

You are requesting ... (3) The process, if any, by which the various law firms were selected by the Governor, Temporary Senate President, Assembly Speaker, Independent Review Committee, and the Senate and Assembly Minority Leaders;

Please be advised the records you request, if the records even exist, are not subject to disclosure pursuant to Senate Rules.

You are requesting... (4) The contracts retaining these law firms;

Please be advised after a search, there are no documents / records responsive to your request (or match your request).

You are requesting... Attorney General James' approvals of the contracts;

Please be advised after a search, there are no documents / records responsive to your request (or match your request).

You are requesting... (6) The Comptroller's approvals of the contracts;

Please be advised after a search, there are no documents / records responsive to your request (or match your request).

You are requesting... (7) Payments made to the law firms pursuant to the contracts.

Please be advised after a search, there are no documents / records responsive to your request (or match your request).

I have attached a copy of the Senate's Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information.

Sincerely,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Foil

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

Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 4:02 AM

To: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>; marillar@nyassembly.gov <marillar@nyassembly.gov>

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My below yesterday's FOIL request was inadvertently sent from my personal e-mail. Please send responses to my professional e-mail – elena@judgewatch.org

Thank you.

Elena Sassower

From: elenaruth@aol.com <elenaruth@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 3:58 PM

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**TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.
Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla**

Please advise where on the Senate and Assembly websites are – or will be – posted the “Itemized estimates of the financial needs of the legislature, certified by the presiding officer of each house” for fiscal year 2023-2024, which Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution requires the Senate and Assembly to transmit to the Governor by today, December 1st.

Please note I am looking to examine a copy of the actual documents, with their certifications – comparable to what the Judiciary has already posted on its website for the “itemized estimates” it transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution. For your convenience, here’s the direct link to the Judiciary’s budget from the Unified Court System’s website: http://ww2.nycourts.gov/sites/default/files/document/files/2022-11/FY2024_FINAL_JudiciaryBudget.pdf, whose transmitting memo bears the date November 30, 2022.

In the event the Legislature is not intending to post its certified itemized estimates of its financial needs for fiscal year 2023-2024 on its Senate and Assembly websites, please advise why – and furnish a copy to me pursuant to Senate Rule XIV (“Freedom of Information”) and Assembly VIII (“Public Access to Information”).

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
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