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Subject: Legislative Oversight Hearings of the Judiciary's Administration of its

Attorney for the Child Program -- including records thereof pursuant to FOIL

TO: Assembly Committee on Children and Families

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As you know, the Judiciary's FY2023-24 budget (at pp. xi, 110-115) seeks to increase the state-paid compensation of attorneys for children. Governor Hochul has embodied this as Part P of so-called "public protection and general government" Article VII legislation, which the Legislature has converted into Budget Bill #S.4005/A.3005, a non-appropriation bill.

Kindly advise when, if ever, the <u>Assembly Committee on Children and Families</u>, the <u>Senate Judiciary Committee</u>, the <u>Assembly Judiciary Committee</u> – or any other legislative committee – has held oversight hearings of the Judiciary's administration of its attorney for the child program and, in particular, its handling of complaints against appointed AFCs.

By copy of this e-mail to the Assembly, Senate, and Judiciary's records access officers, I request available records, such as transcripts or videos of such legislative oversight hearings, if any, and reports thereon, if any, pursuant to FOIL [Public Officers Law Article VI, Senate Rule XIV, Assembly Rule VIII, and Chief Administrator's Rules Part 124].

Thank you.

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