

Center for Judicial Accountability

From: FOIL <FOIL@nycourts.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:39 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability
Subject: FW: FOIL/Records Request: Your media advisory to 100 media outlets throughout the state & wire services

Dear Ms. Sassower:

Please be advised that we will process your FOIL request and expect to respond within 20 business days.

Very truly yours,
Shawn Kerby
Assistant Deputy Counsel

From: Center for Judicial Accountability [<mailto:elena@judgewatch.org>]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 3:44 PM
To: Sheila Birnbaum <SheilaBirnbaum@quinnemanuel.com>; nyscompensation@gmail.com;
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TO: Records Access Officer/Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation

At the outset of today's Commission meeting, Chair Birnbaum stated that the media advisory about the Commission's November 30, 2015 public hearing – posted on the Commission's website – had been sent to 100 media outlets throughout the state and wire services.

There is only a single media advisory about the Commission's November 30, 2015 hearing posted on the Commission's website, <http://www.nyscommissiononcompensation.org/> – and it is dated November 19, 2015. That would be the day after the November 18, 2015 e-mail I sent to Chair Birnbaum and the Commission entitled "Informing the Public about the Commission's Nov. 30 Public Hearing on Judicial Compensation & its Opportunity to be Heard" – to which I received no response. A copy of that e-mail is below.

Pursuant to FOIL [Freedom of Information Law Article VI], please furnish all publicly-available records establishing:

- (1) the response, if any, that Chair Birnbaum and/or the Commission sent me with regard to my November 18, 2015 e-mail;
- (2) the date(s) the Commission sent its November 19, 2015 media advisory to the 100 media outlets and wire services;
- (3) the manner in which the Commission sent the November 19, 2015 media advisory to the 100 media outlets and wire services;
- (4) the names of the 100 media outlets and wire services to which the Commission sent its November 19, 2015 media advisory – and the addresses/e-mails utilized;
- (5) the date the Commission posted the November 19, 2015 media advisory on its website – believed to be December 1, 2015.

Finally, inasmuch as the Commission's website posts no media advisories for the meeting the Commission held today – or which it had scheduled for December 16 – I assume it sent out none. Is this correct?

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89.3, your response is required “within five business days” of receipt of this request. I would appreciate if you e-mailed it to me at elena@judgewatch.org.

Thank you.

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