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RE: Request for Records Pertaining to Retention of Outside Counsel
to Represent Defendants in the Judicial Compensation Lawsuits,
Pursuant to FOIL & the Attorney General's Project Sunlight Initiative

Dear Mr. Pepper,

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Article VI [Freedom of Information Law (F.O.I.L.)] and Attorney General Schneiderman's Project Sunlight Initiative of his Public Integrity Unit, this is to request all publicly-available records pertaining to the decisions made during the tenure of former Attorney General Andrew Cuomo that the Attorney General's Office would not represent some or all of the defendants in the various judicial compensation lawsuits brought against the State by judges and the Office of Court Administration, that the law firm Schlam, Stone & Dolan, LLP would be retained for such representation, and reflecting the terms of retention, services rendered, and payments made by the State.

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

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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