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Mr. George Sassower
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Dear Mr. Sassower:

This is in response to the Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request that you addressed to the Ninth Judicial District Grievance Committee .

As you have done in the past, please direct your FOIL requests to this Office.

Please be advised that FOIL does not require that we answer questions or compile information to create a record to respond to a request. See Public Officers Law § 89(3).

Nevertheless, the following reflects the publicly available employment information related to your request:

Donald Humphrey served in the title of Chief Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District Grievance Committee from 1978 to 1981. Please be advised that the title known as "Chief Counsel" that Mr. Humphrey occupied in 1977 was reclassified under a Classification Plan to "Chief Attorney" in 1978.

Gary Casella's current title is Chief Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District Grievance Committee. He has been in that title since 1981. That title falls within the jurisdictional classification of exempt/confidential, which is an "at-will" title. In 1981, the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, was Milton Mollen.

With regard to your request for the amount expended between 1978 and 1982 "for the prosecution of [your]self and Doris L. Sassower..." please be advised that we have no existing responsive budget information.

For general budget information for the Appellate Courts, please follow the link at <http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/financialops/PY-Budgets.shtml>. However, the archived budget information dates back to 2008, and as reflected at the link, the budget information available is for Appellate Court operations in general.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Kerby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Shawn Kerby
Assistant Deputy Counsel