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Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:27 AM
To: elena@judgewatch.org
Subject: FOIL Records Request :: R000061-021224



Dear Elena Sassower,

This message confirms receipt of your request. Your request was received in this office on 2/12/2024 and given the reference number R000061-021224 for tracking purposes.

Records Requested: Social Services Law §371-B establishes “at least three citizen review panels” to “evaluate the extent to which the state and the social services district(s) are discharging their child protection responsibilities”. Its ¶2 states, in pertinent part: “Each citizen review panel shall consist of thirteen members, seven of whom shall be appointed by the governor, three of whom shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, and three of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly”. Pursuant to FOIL [Public Officers Law VI], this is to request the following, spanning from the 1999 enactment of Social Services Law §371-B to date: (a) records of appointments of members to the three Citizen Review Panels made by the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker; (b) records of requests by members of the Citizen Review Panels to the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker to fill vacancies; (c) records of requests from the Office of Children and Family Services to the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker to fill vacancies; (d) records reflecting the number of candidate applications for appointment/“letters of interest” received by the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker to fill vacancies – and the applications/“letters of interest”. Thank you.

We will provide you with an acknowledgment of your request within 5 business days.

Sincerely,

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

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