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**Subject: RE: Governor Hochul's "recommendations" pertaining to the Legislative & Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2025-26**

Please be advised that we require additional time to complete our response to your FOIL request dated 2/7/2025. We will provide you with a status update on or before May 13, 2025, if we have not completed our response by then.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

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**From:** FOIL <[FOIL@nycourts.gov](mailto:FOIL@nycourts.gov)>  
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**From:** FOIL <[FOIL@nycourts.gov](mailto:FOIL@nycourts.gov)>  
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**Subject: RE: Governor Hochul's "recommendations" pertaining to the Legislative & Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2025-26**

The Office of Court Administration acknowledges receipt of your FOIL request dated 2/7/2025, seeking:

a copy of Governor Hochul's "recommendations", if any, pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2025-2026 and, presumably, furnished to them.

We have begun to process your request and we will provide you with a status update on or before March 17, 2025.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2025 8:12 AM

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**Subject: Governor Hochul's "recommendations" pertaining to the Legislative & Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2025-26**

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[Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution](#) empowers the Governor to make “recommendations” to the Legislature pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets.

The website of the Governor's Division of the Budget, <https://www.budget.ny.gov/>, posts the Governor's combined [Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.3001/A.3001, dated January 21, 2025](#), that she submitted to the Legislature, but seemingly no “recommendations” by her pertaining thereto.

Consequently, pursuant to FOIL [[Public Officers Law Article VI](#), [Senate Rule XIV](#), [Assembly Rules VIII](#), [Chief Administrator's Rules Part 124](#)], this is to request a copy of Governor Hochul's “recommendations”, if any, pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2025-2026 and, presumably, furnished to them.

Thank you.

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