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**To:** 'records@ethics.ny.gov'  
**Subject:** **FOIL Request for COELIG's written procedures/manual for receipt, docketing, acknowledgment, preliminary review, investigation of complaints, notification of disposition to complainants – & reconsideration**  
**Attachments:** [oct-2-23-complaint-form-for-complaint-with-exhibitA.pdf](#);  
[oct-2-2023-complaint-final.pdf](#)

**TO: Records Access Officer/Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government (COELIG)**

As reflected by the below e-mail, sent a short time ago, I request, pursuant to FOIL:

“the Commission’s written procedures/manual for receipt, docketing, acknowledgment, preliminary review, investigation of complaints, notification of disposition to complainants – and reconsideration. As illustrative, here is what I received, pursuant to FOIL, to comparable requests, [from the State Inspector General](#) and [from the New York City Department of Investigation.](#)”

Thank you.

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**Subject:** STATUS? -- CJA's Oct 2, 2023 Sworn Complaint & Request for Reconsideration of CJA's July 8, 2022 Sworn Complaint & Sworn Oct 6, 2022 Supplement -- PLUS FOIL for written procedures/manual

**TO: Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government (COELIG)**

I have received no notification from the Commission of its receipt of CJA's October 2, 2023 sworn complaint, sent by the below e-mail. Did you send me a notification, as required by Executive Law §94.10(e) which states: "The commission shall notify the complainant, if any, that the commission has received their complaint". The complaint is above-attached, with the typographical errors on pages 16 and 30 now corrected.

What is the status of the October 2, 2023 complaint – and, additionally, the status of its request for reconsideration of CJA's July 8, 2022 sworn complaint and its October 6, 2022 sworn supplement?

Please advise – and also furnish, pursuant to FOIL, the Commission's written procedures/manual for receipt, docketing, acknowledgment, preliminary review, investigation of complaints, notification of disposition to complainants – and reconsideration. As illustrative, here is what I received, pursuant to FOIL, to comparable requests, [from the State Inspector General](#) and [from the New York City Department of Investigation](#).

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**Subject: Superseding Oct 2, 2023 Sworn Complaint & Official Testing of Your Unofficial Reconsideration/Renewal Remedy.**

The attached corrects, clarifies, and slightly expands CJA's October 2, 2023 sworn complaint/TEST, sent by the below and inadvertently e-mailed to a wrong Smith, not COELIG Investigator Peter Smith, as intended. Kindly supersede – and forward to Vice Chair Austin, whose e-mail address I do not have.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Sworn Complaint & Official Testing of Your Unofficial Reconsideration/Renewal Remedy.**

Attached is my sworn complaint -- & official testing of your unofficial reconsideration/renewal remedy.

Thank you.

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