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ATT: Joan O'Brien, Principal Administrative Assistant

**RE**: Informational Inquiry

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

This follows up your notification that there is "no formal title standard" for Susan Knipps' position of "Deputy Counsel" to Chief Judge Judith Kaye. You stated that "no formal title standard" means there is "no job description" for that position, one costing taxpayers \$87,378 yearly.

Consequently, please provide the "formal title standards" for comparable counsel positions within the Office of Court Administration, such as those in its Office of Counsel. The New York Lawyers Diary and Manual lists five counsel positions: (1) Counsel; (2) First Deputy Counsel; (3) Deputy Counsel; (4) Assistant Deputy Counsel; and (5) Associate Counsel.

Please also advise whether, in addition to Ms. Knipps, Chief Judge Kaye has other "Deputy Counsel" or staff functioning in some counsel capacity for her.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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