



January 29, 2021

**Via Email: [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)**

Elena Sassower  
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FOIL Request: #3171

Dear Elena Sassower:

This letter responds to your correspondence dated January 22, 2021, which pursuant to FOIL, requested:

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.2501/A.3001, dated January 19, 2021, that he submitted to the Legislature, but seemingly no “recommendations” by him pertaining thereto.

Consequently, pursuant to FOIL [Public Officers Law Article VI], this is to request a copy of Governor Cuomo’s “recommendations”, if any, pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2021-2022.

The New York State Executive Chamber has conducted a diligent search of available records and has not located any records responsive to your request.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law § 89(4)(a), you have thirty (30) days to take a written appeal of this determination. You may appeal by writing: FOIL Appeals Officer, Executive Chamber, State Capitol, Albany, New York, 12224.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaclyn Clemmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jaclyn Clemmer  
FOIL Counsel &  
Records Access Officer