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Ms. Elena Sassnowe
Center for Judicial Accountability
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Re: FOIL Request #2014-328

Dear Ms. Sassnowe:

This is in reply to your email dated 7/1/2014, receipt of which has previously been acknowledged, wherein, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law (Public Officers Law, Article 6; hereinafter "FOIL"), you requested the Comptroller's approvals of contracts for services by Kasowitz, Benson, Torres, Friedman, LLP, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP and Loeb & Loeb, LLP

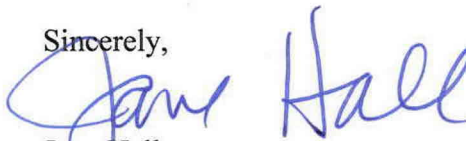
FOIL authorizes an agency to withhold records or portions thereof that, if disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (FOIL §§87(2)(b), 89(2)). Section 89(2) defines six circumstances that constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy, but states that unwarranted invasions of personal privacy are not limited to those six defined circumstances. In this regard, the records retrieved in response to your request include federal employer tax identification numbers and employee identification numbers. This office has determined that the disclosure of such numbers would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and such information has been redacted from the records made available to you.

In the event that you do not agree with our determination, pursuant to section 87(2)(b) and 89(2) to deny access to portions of the records you requested, please be advised that you have the right, within thirty days of the receipt of this letter, to appeal, in writing, to, Records Appeals Officer, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, 14th Floor, Albany, New York 12236.

Please note, this office does not have any contracts relating to legal services for the Senate with Kirland & Ellis LLP nor Loeb & Loeb, LLP.

I hope the attached information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jane Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jane" and last name "Hall" clearly distinguishable.

Jane Hall
Records Access Officer

JH/pm
Attached