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Via email to: <u>elena@judgewatch.org</u>

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request dated December 9, 2015, concerning the judicial salary increases recommended by the Commission on Judicial Compensation ("Commission") in its August 29, 2011 report.

Your request for "all publicly-available records identifying" budget amounts, "General State Charges," "costs," and "increases" for judicial salaries for four fiscal years is overly broad, does not reasonably identify specific records to permit a search, and would require interpretation, research, compilation of information, and creation of records. See Public Officers Law § 89(3).

To the extent you can compile related information, please refer to the following link regarding Judiciary budgets and General State Charges: http://www.nycourts.gov/admin/financialops/budgets.shtml

You may wish to contact the Comptroller's Office in the event that agency maintains any responsive related records subject to public disclosure.

Very truly yours,

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