

**From:** Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 4:49 PM  
**To:** elena@judgewatch.org

**Subject:** **RE: Specificity: FOIL/records request -- records received by Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins &/or Senate Judiciary Committee pertaining to "advice and consent" of Hector LaSalle as Chief Judge of the NY Court of Appeals**

Elena Sassower  
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Dear Ms. Sassower,

Please send your request through the FOIL form, found at <https://www.nysenate.gov/freedom-information-request-form>.

Sincerely,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.  
Secretary of the Senate

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 3:42 PM  
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**TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, ESQ.**

Responding to your below e-mail, sent a short time ago, there is nothing "overly broad and vague" about my January 18<sup>th</sup> request for "all publicly-available records received by Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and/or the Senate Judiciary Committee pertaining to the Senate's 'advice and consent' of Hector LaSalle as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals."

Why don't you start with:

(1) the "publicly-available records received" from the Commission on Judicial Nomination and/or Governor Hochul, most importantly, the public portion of the questionnaire that Justice LaSalle was required to complete;

- (2) bar association letters and/or their reports pertaining to their review of Justice LaSalle's qualifications;
- (3) written submissions by organizations and/or individuals in support and in opposition to Justice LaSalle's nomination;
- (4) written requests to testify at the Senate Judiciary Committee "meeting" on Justice LaSalle's confirmation – and written testimony, if any.

Thank you.

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Elena Sassower  
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Dear Ms. Sassower,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated January 18, 2023 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

You are requesting ... "all publicly-available records received by Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and/or the Senate Judiciary Committee pertaining to the Senate's "advice and consent" of Hector LaSalle as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals – as nothing is posted on [the Senate Judiciary Committee's webpage of its today's "meeting" considering his "nomination"](#).

Please be advised your request is overly broad and vague in nature. However, if you provide additional clarification and specificity in relation to the information you are seeking, it would be helpful to our office in attempting to fulfill your request.

I have attached a copy of the Senate's Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information.

Sincerely,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.  
Secretary of the Senate

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 4:04 PM

**To:** Senate Foil <[foil@nysenate.gov](mailto:foil@nysenate.gov)>

**Subject:** FOIL/records request -- records received by Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins &/or Senate Judiciary Committee pertaining to "advice and consent" of Hector LaSalle as Chief Judge of the NY Court of Appeals

**TO:** Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, ESQ.

Pursuant to Senate Rule XIV "Freedom of Information", this is to request all publicly-available records received by Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and/or the Senate Judiciary Committee pertaining to the Senate's "advice and consent" of Hector LaSalle as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals – as nothing is posted on [the Senate Judiciary Committee's webpage of its today's "meeting" considering his "nomination"](#).

Thank you.

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