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Subject: RE: Supplement -- January 26, 2026 FOIL/Records Request: The Judiciary's FY2026-27 Budget Submission

Attachments: [1-26-26-foil-zayas-judiciary-budget-submission.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

The Office of Court Administration acknowledges receipt of your supplemental FOIL request dated 2/6/26, seeking:

Please deem this e-mail a supplement to my above-attached January 26, 2026, FOIL/records request pertaining to the Judiciary's FY2026-27 budget submission, which inadvertently omitted the below #18:

(18) records reflecting what actions you took in response to CJA's October 25, 2023 complaint to you against "Judges, Government-Attorneys, & Government-Retained Attorneys Arising from a Fraudulent, Culturally-Biased Child Abuse/Neglect Petition against Innocent Parents" to ensure its proper handling by those within your supervisory purview, to wit, the Appellate Division Attorney Grievance Committees, the Inspector General, and Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters Richard Rivera – and by the Commission on Judicial Conduct – germane to the "Introduction" of the Judiciary's FY2026-27 budget submission identifying (at p. ii) "Additional funding for Attorney for Child (AFC) providers for critical representation services for children involved in Family Court proceedings (\$4.2 million) – and the budget request of \$216,851,000 (at pp. 73-76) for the "Attorney for the Child Program" that is part of its "Appellate Auxiliary Operations".

We have begun to process your request, and we will provide you with a response on or before February 26, 2026.

Sincerely,

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TO: Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas

cc: Office of Court Administration FOIL Officer/Assistant Deputy Counsel Sevil Barber

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Thank you.

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Above attached is CJA's FOIL/records request of today's date entitled "The Judiciary's FY2026-27 Budget Submission".

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