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Subject: **FOIL/Records Request: CJA's March 11, 2025 FOIL/Records Request 'The Judiciary's FY2025-26 Budget Submission'**

Attachments: [foil-zayas-3-11-25.pdf](#)

TO: Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas

Pursuant to [Public Officers Law Article VI](#) ("Freedom of Information Law") and [Part 124 of the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge](#) ("Public Access to Records"), this is to request records reflecting your response to CJA's above-attached March 11, 2025 FOIL/records request, sent by the below e-mail, entitled "The Judiciary's FY2025-26 Budget Submission". The last of its 17 records requests, #17, was for:

records reflecting what actions you and Chief Judge Wilson took with respect to [CJA's January 18, 2024 Opposition Report to the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation's December 4, 2023 Report on Judicial Compensation](#), addressed to you both;

Its penultimate request, #16, was for:

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.

Please start with these.

I note that from the OCA FOIL Office I received a [March 17th acknowledgment](#), followed by e-mails on [April 14th](#), [May 13th](#), [June 11th](#), and [July 11th](#) stating that more time was needed, followed by an [August 7th e-mail](#) stating that the response was being finalized and would be furnished on August 25th. I have no record of any response on August 25th or thereafter – and am specifically cc'ing the OCA FOIL Office for its responsive records.

Thank you.

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cc: Office of Court Administration FOIL Officer/Assistant Deputy Counsel Diane Turo

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Assembly Ways & Means Committee Chair Pretlow & Ranking Member Ra
Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Hoylman-Sigal & Ranking Member Palumbo
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Attached is CJA's FOIL/records request of today's date pertaining to the Judiciary's FY2025-26 Budget submission.

Thank you.

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