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Subject: FOIL Records Request :: R001882-012626



Dear Elena Sassower:

This message acknowledges receipt of your request. Your request was received in this office on 1/26/2026 and given the reference number R001882-012626 for tracking purposes.

Records Requested: 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 the dollar amount requested by the Judiciary's FY2026-27 budget submission for what it identifies in its "Introduction" under the heading "Core Operations Funding Summary" (at p. ii) as: "A salary increase of 2% for all judges and justices, as authorized by the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation in 2023" (underlining added) then transmogrified in the budget's section on "Courts of Original Jurisdiction" as "Funding is also included for a 2% judicial salary increase, as required by law" (at p. 4) and repeated as "a 2% judicial salary increase, as required by law" (at pp. 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 29) and, likewise, in its sections on the "Court of Appeals" (at p. 56) and "Appellate Court Operations" (at p. 59) as "a 2% judicial salary increase, as required by law (underlining added). No line item for the dollar amount of this 2% increase appears in the 17-page Judiciary Appropriation Bill that is part of the Judiciary's budget submission or, based thereon, in Governor Hochul's Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.9001/A.10001, seemingly unaccompanied by any recommendation by her – the subject of CJA's below January 23, 2026 FOIL request for the Governor's recommendations pursuant to Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution.

We will provide you with a status update on or before 2/23/2026.

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