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Diane Turo, Assistant Deputy Counsel
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VIA E-mail

Re: Freedom of Information Law Request

Dear Diane Turo:

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, please search the emails of the Office of the Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas and the Office of Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals Rowan Wilson, including but not limited to Eric Washer, Chief of Staff to Judge Zayas, and Noah Mamis, Counsel to Judge Wilson, from October 2024 to June 15, 2025, for the following:

1. All records relating to the estimated cost of implementing legislation New York State Senator Mike Gianaris introduced in late 2023 and again in 2025 to increase the transparency of New York's criminal courts by mandating the publication of certain criminal court decisions.¹
2. All records relating to the calculation of a \$66,530,000 million annual cost to implement the legislation, including but not limited to the hiring of new staff and the purchase of a new decision-processing system.
3. All records relating to the estimate that OCA would have to publish around 180,000 court decisions a year.
4. All records relating to the estimate that OCA would need to create 378 new positions across the state.

¹ The bills can be accessed here: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/S9674>; <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S3864>.



5. All records relating to the estimate that OCA would need to create and implement a new decision processing system at a cost of \$2.8 million.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. Disclosure of the information is in the public interest, and we therefore request that any fees charged for fulfilling the request be waived. Please provide all of the requested records to us via email at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. If a portion of the records cannot be emailed, please advise us of the available methods to obtain access to the remaining records.

If some of the requested records are located before others, please produce on a rolling basis.

If for any reason any portion of the request is denied, please inform us of the reasons for the denial in writing and provide the name, address, and email address of the person or body to whom an appeal should be directed. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within five business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

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By: /s/ Heather E. Murray

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