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VIA E-mail

Re: Freedom of Information Law Request

Dear FOIL Officer:

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, I hereby request the following records sufficient to identify the following information related to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary:

1. All members who have served on the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary from January 1, 2000 to the present date.
2. For each committee member identified in Request No. 1, please provide:
 - a. The member's full name
 - b. Their professional or organizational affiliation at the time of their committee service, if available
 - c. The start and end dates of their committee membership
 - d. Whether the member served as a chairperson of the committee, and if so, the start and end dates of their service as chairperson
 - e. Who nominated the member to the Committee (Mayor, law school deans, etc.)
3. Any and all documents, including but not limited to memos, guidelines, handbooks, or other written materials, that provide guidance on:
 - a. How the committee is to evaluate candidates for judicial appointments or designations
 - b. What information the committee is to collect about candidates
 - c. Which individuals or organizations the committee is to contact for information about candidates



- d. The committee's process for recruiting and encouraging highly qualified persons to apply for appointment
4. Any internal communications, reports, or documents discussing the establishment, operation, or modification of the Mayor's Advisory Committee and its processes from January 1, 2010 to the present.
5. Any publicly available statistics or reports on the number of candidates evaluated, recommended, or appointed through this process.
6. Copies of all Executive Orders since January 1, 2000 enacting or changing the working or makeup of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary.
7. Information about the Committee's process for considering judges seeking reappointment, including any criteria used to determine whether an incumbent is qualified for reappointment.

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], [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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