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Rule 509 Request - First Judicial District of PA - Litigation Payment / Disbursement

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Mr. Mitchell,

This will acknowledge your Rule 509 request, wherein you stated: "I am requesting documentation of all payments and/or disbursements made by the First Judicial District to resolve litigation, grievances or complaints brought against it over the past 10 years by current or former employees. Please include all names of recipients of the payments or disbursements and the specific forum or venue in which each dispute was resolved."

The Right to Know Law does not apply to state and local courts, which are referenced in the Right to Know Law as Judicial Agencies. Access to Financial Records of Judicial Agencies is provided to the public as provided in Rule 509.

After reviewing our financial records for the last 10 years, we were able to obtain only one actual record which is attached. We were able to determine that 6 (six) additional payouts were made, but the financial records were destroyed and all we could locate were 6 (six) printouts from our financial system showing payments were made. Those printouts are also attached. The information redacted is in compliance with the EEOC confidentiality clause in the agreement that was made at mediation. Our Record Retention Disposal with Guidelines, mandates retention of financial records for up to 7 years. Unfortunately, we are unable to locate any further information as the time frame to retain these documents have expired. This response is in compliance with Pa.R.J.A. 509(c)(3), "The records manager shall not be required to create financial records which do not currently exist or to compile, maintain, format or organize such records in a manner in which the records are not currently compiled, maintained, formatted or organized".

If the Records Manager denies a request for access, the denial may be appealed in writing within 15 business days of the mailing date of the written response by the records manager to the President Judge's designee, Glenn Bozzacco, Esq. at: glenn.bozzacco@courts.phila.gov. Within 20 business days of receipt of the appeal, the President Judge's designee, Glenn Bozzacco, Esq., shall make a determination and forward it in writing to the requester. This remedy need not be exhausted before other relief is sought. Any further appeal shall be subject to Chapter 15, Judicial Review of Determinations, of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Thank you for your request at the First Judicial District of PA.

Respectfully,

Anjeza Keirstead

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