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May 11, 2017

Mr. Simon Campbell
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

On March 28, 2017 we received your Right-to-Know request for (1) a copy of the Rule 1.5(b) written communication from attorneys at Elliott Greenleaf, P.C. and/or the initiating retention agreement/contract with Elliott Greenleaf, P.C., for its attorneys to provide legal representation of Hon. Judge Pamela Ruest in the Stacy Parks Miller matter; (2) copies of all invoices received between the dates of 8-25-15 and 3-24-17 for Elliott Greenleaf, P.C. for services rendered in connection with the legal representation of Hon. Judge Pamela Ruest in the Stacy Parks Miller matter; (3) copies of all periodic pay statements issued to Judge Ruest in the months of January 2017 and February 2017.

The Right to Know Law, which references the judiciary (Section 304), addresses only the providing of financial records in accordance with the Act or any rule or order of court. Pursuant to Supreme Court Order, requests for financial records of the Unified Judicial System are governed by Rule of Judicial Administration 509, a copy of which is enclosed.

Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 509(c)(4)(i), a response to your request regarding items 1 and 2 above are included with this letter. The redacted portions are due to attorney client privilege, attorney work product, or both. In addition, enclosed is an invoice in the amount of \$17.90 which is due upon receipt of this letter. Please remit payment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the address indicated on the bottom portion of the invoice.

Regarding item 3 above, your request is denied pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 509(c)(4) because pay statements are not financial records. A financial record is "any account, contract, invoice or equivalent dealing with: 1) the receipt or disbursement of funds appropriated to the system; or 2) acquisition, use or disposal of services, supplies, materials, equipment or property secured through funds appropriated to the system." Pay statements are documents provided to judicial employees and officials that contain information regarding an individual's personal deductions. Such information does not constitute additional payments by the Judiciary to these individuals above their gross salaries. Please note Judge Ruest's annual salary is \$178,868.

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You have a right to appeal this denial of information in writing within 15 business days from the mailing date of this written response pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 509(c)(5). Your appeal should be directed to:

Rule 509 Appeals Officer
Pennsylvania Judicial Center
601 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 1500
P.O. Box 61260
Harrisburg, PA 17106

In light of the appeal you filed by letter dated April 14, 2017, I am providing a copy of this response to the designated AOPC appeals officer, Joseph J. Mittleman, Esq.

Respectfully,



Mary M. Gillette
RJA 509 Records Manager

MMG/
Enclosures

Joseph J. Mittleman, Esq., AOPC Appeals Officer