

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST R.I. General Laws § 38-2-1 et seq.

The Judicial Nominating Commission has established the following procedures regarding inspection and copying of public records under *R.I. General Laws* § 38-2-1 *et seq.*, commonly known as the Access to Public Records Act (APRA).

A request can be made by telephone, letter or email. You can also submit your request using the below Public Records Request Form. If you do not provide any identifying or contact information, you must contact Laura Jeanne Verdecchia (401.455.7611 / <u>laura.verdecchia@troutman.com</u>) to obtain a request number so that we may respond to your request.

The Access to Public Records Act allows ten (10) business days within which the JNC can respond to a public records request. This time period can be extended to twenty (20) business days if the voluminous nature of the request, the number of request for records pending, or the difficulty in searching for and retrieving or copying the requested records is such that additional time is necessary.

Any denial of the right to inspect or copy records, in whole or in part, will be made to you in writing, and will include the reason(s) for the denial and the procedures for appealing the denial. The cost per copied page is fifteen (\$0.15) cents. The hourly cost for a search and/or retrieval is fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per hour. There is no charge for the first hour of a search and/or retrieval. The text of the Access to Public Records Act is available online.

Contact the Judicial Nominating Commission APRA Administrator directly:

Krystle Tadesse, Esquire Chairperson c/o Troutman Pepper Locke LLP 2800 Financial Plaza Providence, Rhode Island 02903 (401) 528-5873 krystle.tadesse@troutman.com



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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FORM

DATE:	
NAME (optional):	
ADDRESS (optional):	
EMAIL (optional):	
TELEPHONE NUMBER (optional):	
REQUESTED RECORDS:	

Please provide this completed request to the following:

Krystle Tadesse, Esq. Chairperson Judicial Nominating Commission c/o Troutman Pepper Locke LLP 2800 Financial Plaza Providence, Rhode Island 02903 krystle.tadesse@troutman.com

If, after review of your request, the JNC determines that the requested records are exempt from disclosure for a reason set forth in the Access to Public Records Act, the JNC reserves the right to claim such exemption.

The Access to Public Records Act allows a citizen the opportunity to inspect and/ or to copy public records. The cost per copied page of written public documents will be \$.15 per page and an hourly rate not to exceed \$15.00 (fifteen) dollars per hour for time spent for the search, retrieval and redaction of necessary documents, with no charge for the first hour. If the request requires a charge to be assessed, due to the manner in which the information is stored, a charge will be made for the actual production and/or reproduction cost.

The JNC will provide an estimate of charges, allowing for a retraction or amendment to the request, prior to any further action by JNC. If there are charges associated with the production of documents, the time for JNC to produce the documents will be tolled until payment of the charge estimate is received by JNC.