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August 1, 2017

Colleen Shanahan & Mariah Volk
Sheller Center for Social Justice
1719 North Broad Street, Room 411
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Dear Ms. Shanahan & Ms. Volk,

Reference is made to your Right to Know request dated July 6, 2017. A copy of your request is appended hereto.

Please be advised that the Office of Court Administration for the 11th Judicial District of Pennsylvania is an entity/office of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania and thus a "Judicial Agency" as defined in Chapter 1 of the Right to Know Law.

Moreover, Section 304 of the Right to Know Law pertaining to Judicial Agencies requires that a "judicial agency shall provide financial records in accordance with this act or any rule or court order providing equal or greater access to the records."

Access to Financial Records is governed by Pa.R.J.A. 509. The term "financial Records" is defined as "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 funds appropriated to the system.

As such, the information you have requested is not a financial record and therefore is not subject to Pennsylvania's Right to Know Act as it pertains to Judicial Agencies. Furthermore, the statistical/summary information you have requested is not currently compiled by the Court.

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Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 509(c)(5), this denial may be appealed in writing within 15 business days of the mailing date of this written response to:

Office of Court Administration
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 North River St
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Shucosky". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael A. Shucosky, Esq.
Right To Know Officer
District Court Administrator
11th Judicial District of Pennsylvania