

FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: September 22, 2022

IN RE: *Eric Watson v. Beaver County Court of Common Pleas*, OOR Dkt. AP 2022-2193

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The OOR lacks jurisdiction. Beaver County Court of Common Pleas (“Court”) is a judicial agency. 65 P.S. § 67.102 (defining judicial agencies as “[a]ny court of the Commonwealth or any other entity or office of the unified judicial system”). The OOR does not have jurisdiction over judicial agencies. 65 P.S. §§ 67.503(a)-(b). Instead, appeals are to be heard by the appeals officer designated by the judicial agency. 65 P.S. § 67.503(b). As explained in the Deputy Court Administrator’s August 30, 2022 response, the Court’s appeals officer is President Judge Richard Mancini.

For this reason, the Court is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, you may appeal or petition for review with the Commonwealth Court. 65 P.S. § 67.1301(a). All parties must be served with notice of the appeal. The OOR also shall be served notice and have an opportunity to respond according to court rules as per 65 P.S. § 67.1303. However, as the quasi-judicial tribunal adjudicating this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party

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