

FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: July 29, 2021

IN RE: *James Roman v. Washington County Court of Common Pleas*, OOR Dkt. AP 2021-1469

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. The Washington County Court of Common Pleas (“Court”) is a judicial agency. The OOR does not have jurisdiction over judicial agencies. 65 P.S. §§ 67.503(a)-(b). Case records can be requested from judicial records custodians pursuant to the Unified Judicial System’s Public Access Policy. More information can be found at <http://www.pacourts.us/public-records/public-records-policies>. Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 509 governs access to financial records of the Unified Judicial System. See Pa.R.J.A. 509, available at <http://www.pacourts.us/assets/files/page-1090/file-268.pdf>. Requests for financial records can be filed with the Court’s Rule 509 officer, and appeals arising from requests made under Rule 509 can be filed with the Court’s Rule 509 appeals officer.

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.¹

Issued by:

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Sent to: Requester; Washington County Court of Common Pleas Court Administration

¹ *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).