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FOIA EMERGENCY - OPEN LETTER TO NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE LEADERS

ATTN: Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney
Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto

The New Jersey Appellate Division does **NOT** record its hearings.

Yes, you read that right.

That policy and practice is without comprehension in this electronic age. Municipal courts, administrative hearings, legislative sessions, and on and on, are all recorded. Why this carve-out for the New Jersey Appellate Courts ???

I recently learned of this strange phenomenon because of an inquiry regarding my upcoming January 21, 2016 Oral Argument in Bailey v. Zucker Goldberg. (Case details and location info are available on www.HurtingHomeOwners.com)

But this **FOIA Emergency** extends far beyond my individual case.

Is this a written policy or an informal prohibition ?

Has this policy existed since the beginning of the Appellate court system ? If it changed, when and why ?

The New Jersey Courts actually have a formal Request to Record Form. If the constant answer from the Appellate Division will be "NO, NO, and NO again", why bother with the form ??? That's a cruel joke, at best.

I encourage you gentlemen to assign the appropriate Legislative committee(s) the task of investigating this aberration of due process and common sense.

I have posted this Open Letter on --
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