



**First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
GOVERNMENT ACCESS REQUEST FORM**

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First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
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Date of Request: _____

REQUESTOR INFORMATION

Name of Requesting Party: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone No: _____

Name of Governmental Entity: _____

Address: _____

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REQUESTING CASE RECORDS OR OTHER INFORMATION FROM:

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Court–Dependency | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Court – Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Court – Domestic Relations |

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

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THE LEGAL AUTHORITY WHICH AUTHORIZES THE FJD TO RELEASE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IS:

I certify that the Request is made in my official capacity. I understand that the statements made herein are made subject to the provisions of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Signature: _____

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Case Caption:

Docket Number/Case ID:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT ACCESS REQUESTS

1. The Requestor's and Governmental entity information must be provided.
Requestor must certify that the requested is being made in their official capacity.
2. The Requestor shall identify or describe the records sought with specificity to enable the custodian to ascertain which record is being requested.
3. The Requestor must identify the legal authority for the release of the information.
4. If the Requestor is unable to identify the legal authority which permits release of the information to the governmental entity, the Request will be processed as a Public Access Request.
5. Unless otherwise provided by applicable authority, the Requestor will be charged fees established by the First Judicial District. See <https://www.courts.phila.gov/pdf/fees/Public-Access-Fee-Schedule.pdf>

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Your request was received on ____/____/____.

Please be advised that:

- the Request is being returned to you because it does not contain sufficient information to evaluate your request. No further action will be taken unless you resubmit the request with additional information.
- the Request From is not fully complete. Please re-submit.
- the information or record you have requested does not exist.
- you have not provided the legal authority for release of the requested information to you as a governmental entity. The Request is was processed as a Public Access Request.
- Other _____

Signature

Date