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# **NJ OPRA and Federal FOIA: Transparency, Confidentiality, and the Public Trust**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023 | 5:30 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. EDT**

**Zoom Webinar or In-person**  
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Sometimes, having access to government records can enhance your litigation strategy in both civil and criminal cases. Learn about the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA), the Federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), crafting and processing information requests, public policy reasons behind encouraging transparency, exceptions, and related current events.

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**Panelists:**

**[Thomas J. Cafferty](#)**, Director, Commercial & Criminal Litigation Group, Gibbons P.C.

**Raymond R. Chance III** (invited), Assistant Attorney General in Charge, Public Records Advice & Disputes Practice Group, New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

**[CJ Griffin](#)**, Partner & Director of the Stein Public Interest Center, Pashman Stein Walder Hayden P.C.

**Kristin Vassallo**, Deputy Chief, Civil Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey

**Moderator:**

Sabrina G. Comizzoli, Senior Appellate Counsel, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey

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