

New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics

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This proposal would amend subdivision 7 of section 73-a of the Public Officers Law to require the Office of Court Administration to share all information which is the subject of an application for an exemption from disclosing the name of a client or customer in response to FDS questions 8(b-1), 8(b-2), and 8(c) in response to a request or subpoena from the Commission.

Subdivision 7 of section 73-a of the public officers law is amended to read as follows:

7. With respect to an application to either the joint commission or the office of court administration for an exemption to disclosing the name of a client or customer in response to questions 8 (b-1), 8 (b-2) and 8 (c), all information which is the subject of or a part of such application shall remain confidential. The name of the client need not be disclosed by the reporting individual unless and until the joint commission or the office of court administration formally advises the reporting individual that he or she must disclose such names and the reporting individual agrees to represent the client. Any commissioner or person employed by the joint commission or any person employed by the office of court administration who, intentionally and without authorization from a court of competent jurisdiction releases confidential information related to a request for an exemption received by the commission or the office of court administration shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, **except where disclosure by the office of court administration is made in response to a request of or lawfully issued subpoena by the joint commission.**