



June 18, 2024

**Via Electronic Mail:** FOIL@dany.nyc.gov  
Office of the General Counsel, Civil Litigation Unit  
New York County District Attorney's Office  
One Hogan Place, New York, NY 10013  
Attn: Records Access Officer

**Freedom of Information Law Request: Communications Referencing  
Judge Merchan**

Dear Sir/Madam:

America First Legal Foundation is a national, nonprofit organization working to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, and ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, all to promote public knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. To that end, we file Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests on issues of pressing public concern, then disseminate the information we obtain, making documents broadly available to the public, scholars, and the media. Using our editorial skills to turn raw materials into distinct work, we distribute that work to a national audience through traditional and social media platforms. AFL has over 222,000 followers on Facebook, 230,000 followers on X, and our Founder and President has over 635,000 followers.

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## **II. Requested Records**

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, N.Y. Pub. Off. Law § 86 et seq., AFL requests disclosure of the following records:

A. Records of all communications containing the term “Merchan.”

The date range for this request is March 30, 2023 through April 14, 2024.

## **III. Processing and Production**

AFL, as a news media requestor, seeks a waiver of all search and duplication fees. The requested documents will be posted in their entirety on our website and made freely available to the public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

Processing should occur in strict compliance with applicable state laws and regulations. Among other requirements, you must search the custodians’ personal emails and devices. Encrypted messaging does not shield disclosable records from public view.

If you have any questions about our request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate more efficient production, then please contact me at FOIA@aflegal.org. Also, if AFL’s fee waiver request is not granted in full, please contact us immediately upon making that determination.

To accelerate your release of responsive records, AFL welcomes production on an agreed rolling basis. Please provide responsive records in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive records in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive to America First Legal Foundation, 611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231, Washington, DC 20003.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jacob Meckler

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