FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

the Matter of a Complaint by) io J. Ambrosini, Complainant)	Report of Hearing Officer
against)	Docket #FIC77-182
Bar Grievance Committee of)	October 19, 1977

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on October 13, 1977 at which time the complainant and respondent appeared, stipulated to certain facts and presented argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

- 1. By letter dated September 10, 1977 the complainant requested records of the respondent having to do with a complaint which he had filed with the respondent.
- 2. Having received no response, complainant filed an appeal with this Commission on September 16, 1977 in which he alleged that his rgiths under the Freedom of Information Act had been denied by respondent's failure to provide him with the requested documents.
- 3. The respondent contended that it was not a public agency as defined under §1-18a(a), G.S., because it is a judicial body the function of which are quasi-judicial and not administrtive.
- 4. Nothing in the record showed that the respondent performed any administrative functions.
- 5. It is therefore concluded that the respondent is not a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S., and that this Commission lacks jurisdiction over it.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record and the findings of the above captioned complaint:

- 1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
- 2. This decision is limited to the facts presented herein and should not be construed as stating the opinion of the Commission on whether or not the requested records should be disclosed. The Commission further recommends that Practice Book Rule 21A be reconsidered in light of the legislative policy concerning disclosure as embodied in §§1-19(a) and (b), G.S.

Commissioner Judith A. Lahey

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on October 26, 1977.

Charlene G. Arnold, Clerk of the Freedom of Information Commission