

I am a New Jersey attorney who concentrates in local property tax appeals, for which appraisal reports often must be filed with the court. Said reports often contain sensitive personal and/or financial data belonging to the litigants, which if subject to disclosure would force upon such litigants revelation of personal information to the public without justification. Such disclosure would chill taxpayers' interest in appealing/seeking review of the correctness of their real estate tax assessments, and if they appeal, reveal their personal information for no good reason. It's one thing for the public to know who appealed what assessment, but entirely another to reveal personal information set forth in appraisal reports, the latter invading privacy with no corresponding service to the public good. I oppose law that permits such disclosure.