

JUDICIAL COMMISSION

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

| Source of Funds | FY13 Adjusted Base | FY14 Recommended | % Change Over FY13 | FY15 Recommended | % Change Over FY14 |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| GPR | 290,900 | 289,200 | -0.6 | 289,700 | 0.2 |
| TOTAL | 290,900 | 289,200 | -0.6 | 289,700 | 0.2 |

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

| Source of Funds | FY13 Adjusted Base | FY14 Recommended | FTE Change Over FY13 | FY15 Recommended | FTE Change Over FY14 |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| GPR | 2.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | 2.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 |

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The commission investigates and prosecutes allegations of misconduct or disability on the part of Wisconsin judges and court commissioners. A judge's or court commissioner's conduct is measured primarily by Supreme Court Rule, Chapter 60, Wisconsin Code of Judicial Conduct. The nine-member commission consists of five members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and four members who are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The commission, through its executive director, receives and responds to numerous inquiries from judges, attorneys, court commissioners and other citizens on the issue of judicial conduct. The commission does not issue advisory opinions, but the executive director does respond to requests for informal guidance by judges and court commissioners on the propriety of contemplated conduct. In 2011, 286 requests for informal guidance were received and responded to by the executive director. The commission encourages such communications between its staff and judges, court commissioners and the public.

MISSION

The mission of the commission is to hold Wisconsin judges and court commissioners accountable for violations of the Wisconsin Code of Judicial Conduct while maintaining the independence of the judiciary, which is necessary for the proper functioning of a democracy. The commission also strives to strengthen the Wisconsin judiciary and the public's confidence in it by creating a greater awareness, on the part of both the judiciary and the public, of what constitutes proper and improper judicial conduct.

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PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Program 1: Judicial Conduct

Goal: Respond in an appropriate and timely manner to increasing caseload with minimal staff.

Goal: Participate in judicial education programs by providing ethics presentations to reduce the incidence of judicial misconduct.

Goal: Increase awareness of informal guidance to judges on ethics issues.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

2011 AND 2012 GOALS AND ACTUALS

| Prog. No. | Performance Measure | Goal 2011 | Actual 2011 | Goal 2012 | Actual 2012 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. | Number of complaints received. | 475 | 492 | 475 | 298 |
| 1. | Investigations pending. | 26 | 48 | 26 | 44 |
| 1. | Requests for advice. | 325 | 286 | 325 | 194 |

Note: Based on calendar year through August 2012.

2013, 2014 AND 2015 GOALS

| Prog. No. | Performance Measure | Goal 2013 | Goal 2014 | Goal 2015 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. | Number of complaints received. | 475 | 475 | 475 |
| 1. | Investigations pending. | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| 1. | Requests for advice. | 325 | 325 | 325 |

Note: Based on calendar year.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Supplies and Services Increase
2. Liability Premiums
3. Standard Budget Adjustments

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Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)

| | ACTUAL FY12 | ADJUSTED BASE FY13 | AGENCY REQUEST FY14 | AGENCY REQUEST FY15 | GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY14 | GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY15 |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE | \$361.0 | \$290.9 | \$301.7 | \$302.2 | \$289.2 | \$289.7 |
| State Operations | 361.0 | 290.9 | 301.7 | 302.2 | 289.2 | 289.7 |
| TOTALS - ANNUAL | \$361.0 | \$290.9 | \$301.7 | \$302.2 | \$289.2 | \$289.7 |
| State Operations | 361.0 | 290.9 | 301.7 | 302.2 | 289.2 | 289.7 |

Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)

| | ADJUSTED BASE FY13 | AGENCY REQUEST FY14 | AGENCY REQUEST FY15 | GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY14 | GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY15 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| TOTALS - ANNUAL | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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**Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

| | ACTUAL FY12 | ADJUSTED BASE FY13 | AGENCY REQUEST FY14 FY15 | | GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY14 FY15 | |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|--|---------|
| 1. Judicial conduct | \$361.0 | \$290.9 | \$301.7 | \$302.2 | \$289.2 | \$289.7 |
| TOTALS | \$361.0 | \$290.9 | \$301.7 | \$302.2 | \$289.2 | \$289.7 |

**Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions) (4)**

| | ADJUSTED BASE FY13 | AGENCY REQUEST FY14 FY15 | | GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY14 FY15 | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------|--|------|
| 1. Judicial conduct | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| TOTALS | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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1. Supplies and Services Increase

| Source of Funds | Agency Request | | | | Governor's Recommendations | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | FY14 | | FY15 | | FY14 | | FY15 | |
| | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions |
| GPR | 4,000 | 0.00 | 4,000 | 0.00 | 4,000 | 0.00 | 4,000 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | 4,000 | 0.00 | 4,000 | 0.00 | 4,000 | 0.00 | 4,000 | 0.00 |

The Governor recommends increasing supplies and services funding for equipment necessary to facilitate the storage and transfer of documents electronically.

2. Liability Premiums

| Source of Funds | Agency Request | | | | Governor's Recommendations | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | FY14 | | FY15 | | FY14 | | FY15 | |
| | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions |
| GPR | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | -8,400 | 0.00 | -8,400 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | -8,400 | 0.00 | -8,400 | 0.00 |

The Governor recommends decreasing funding for the payment of risk management premiums due to a projected decrease in premium rates.

3. Standard Budget Adjustments

| Source of Funds | Agency Request | | | | Governor's Recommendations | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | FY14 | | FY15 | | FY14 | | FY15 | |
| | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions | Dollars | Positions |
| GPR | 6,800 | 0.00 | 7,300 | 0.00 | 2,700 | 0.00 | 3,200 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | 6,800 | 0.00 | 7,300 | 0.00 | 2,700 | 0.00 | 3,200 | 0.00 |

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$200 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$2,500 in FY14 and \$3,000 in FY15).