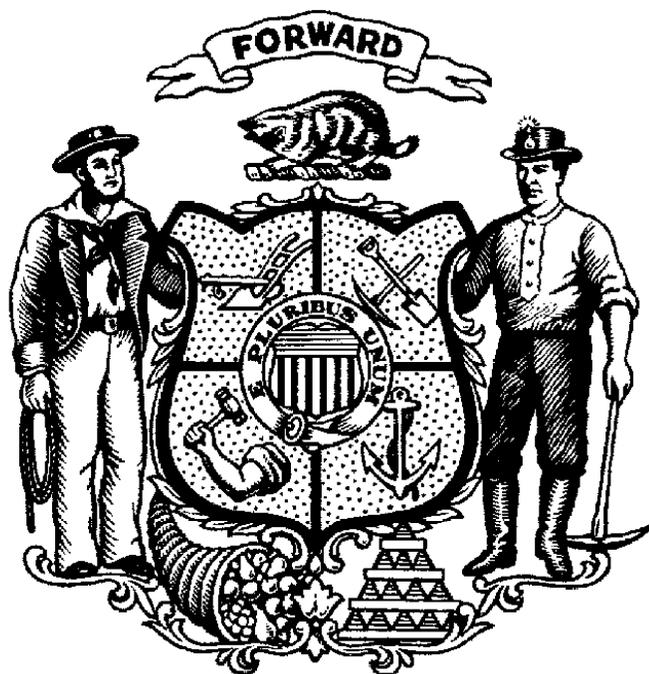


# State of Wisconsin

## Judicial Commission



Agency Budget Request  
2015 – 2017 Biennium  
September 15, 2014

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JUDICIAL COMMISSION

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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: September 15, 2014  
TO: Andrew Potts  
FROM: Jeremiah C. Van Hecke  
RE: 2015-2017 Budget Request

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Van Hecke', written over the 'FROM:' line.

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Enclosed are four copies of the Judicial Commission's 2015-17 budget request.

Thank you.

cc: Legislative Fiscal Bureau (2 copies)

## **AGENCY DESCRIPTION**

The Wisconsin Judicial 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 2012 and 2013, a total of 456 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.

## **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

### 2013 AND 2014 GOALS AND ACTUALS

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2013</b>	<b>Actual 2013</b>	<b>Goal 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014**</b>
1.	Number of complaints received.	475	396	475	290
1.	Investigations pending.	26	10	26	9
1.	Requests for advice.	325	185	325	122

\*\*Note: Based on calendar year through August 2014.

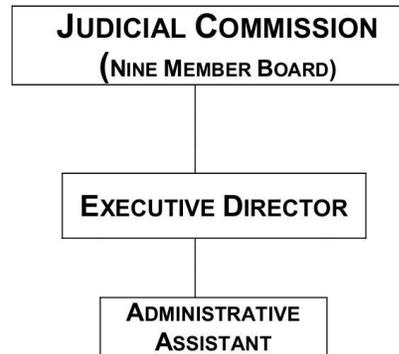
### 2015, 2016, AND 2017 GOALS

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2015</b>	<b>Goal 2016</b>	<b>Goal 2017</b>
1.	Number of complaints received.	475	475	475
1.	Investigations pending.	26	15	15
1.	Requests for advice.	325	325	325

Note: Based on calendar year.

# STATE OF WISCONSIN JUDICIAL COMMISSION

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# Agency Total by Fund Source

Judicial Commission

1517 Biennial Budget

		ANNUAL SUMMARY					BIENNIAL SUMMARY				
Source of Funds		Prior Year Total	Adjusted Base	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE	Base Year Doubled (BYD)	Biennial Request	Change From (BYD)	Change From BYD %
GPR	S	\$329,660	\$292,700	\$302,400	\$303,000	4.00	4.00	\$585,400	\$605,400	\$20,000	3.4%
<b>Total</b>		\$329,660	\$292,700	\$302,400	\$303,000	4.00	4.00	\$585,400	\$605,400	\$20,000	3.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$329,660	\$292,700	\$302,400	\$303,000	4.00	4.00	\$585,400	\$605,400	\$20,000	3.4%

**Agency Total by Program**

**665 Judicial Commission**

**1517 Biennial Budget**

Source of Funds	ANNUAL SUMMARY						BIENNIAL SUMMARY			
	Prior Year Actual	Adjusted Base	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE	Base Year Doubled (BYD)	Biennial Request	Change From (BYD)	Change From BYD %
<b>01 JUDICIAL CONDUCT</b>										
<b>Non Federal</b>										
<b>GPR</b>	<b>\$329,660</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$302,400</b>	<b>\$303,000</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$585,400</b>	<b>\$605,400</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>3.42%</b>
S	\$329,660	\$292,700	\$302,400	\$303,000	4.00	4.00	\$585,400	\$605,400	\$20,000	3.42%
<b>Total - Non Federal</b>	<b>\$329,660</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$302,400</b>	<b>\$303,000</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$585,400</b>	<b>\$605,400</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>3.42%</b>
S	\$329,660	\$292,700	\$302,400	\$303,000	4.00	4.00	\$585,400	\$605,400	\$20,000	3.42%
<b>PGM 01 Total</b>	<b>\$329,660</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$302,400</b>	<b>\$303,000</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$585,400</b>	<b>\$605,400</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>3.42%</b>
<b>GPR</b>	<b>\$329,660</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$302,400</b>	<b>\$303,000</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$585,400</b>	<b>\$605,400</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>3.42%</b>
S	\$329,660	\$292,700	\$302,400	\$303,000	4.00	4.00	\$585,400	\$605,400	\$20,000	3.42%
<b>TOTAL 01</b>	<b>\$329,660</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$302,400</b>	<b>\$303,000</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$585,400</b>	<b>\$605,400</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>3.42%</b>
S	\$329,660	\$292,700	\$302,400	\$303,000	4.00	4.00	\$585,400	\$605,400	\$20,000	3.42%
<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>\$329,660</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$302,400</b>	<b>\$303,000</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$585,400</b>	<b>\$605,400</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>3.42%</b>

# Agency Total by Decision Item

Judicial Commission

1517 Biennial Budget

Decision Item	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$292,700	\$292,700	2.00	2.00
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$8,600	\$8,600	2.00	2.00
3010 Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs	\$1,100	\$1,700	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$302,400</b>	<b>\$303,000</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>

**Decision Item (DIN) - 2000**

**Decision Item (DIN) Title - Adjusted Base Funding Level**

**NARRATIVE**

Adjusted Base Funding Level

# Decision Item by Line

1517 Biennial Budget

	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	665	Judicial Commission
	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
<b>DECISION ITEM</b>	2000	Adjusted Base Funding Level

Expenditure items		1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$127,900	\$127,900
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$55,400	\$55,400
06	Supplies and Services	\$108,900	\$108,900
07	Permanent Property	\$500	\$500
08	Unalloted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt Service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
<b>17</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	2.00	2.00

# Decision Item by Numeric

## Judicial Commission

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	<b>2000</b>	<b>Adjusted Base Funding Level</b>			
<b>01</b>	<b>Judicial conduct</b>				
	01 General program operations	\$276,500	\$276,500	2.00	2.00
	04 Contractual agreements	\$16,200	\$16,200	0.00	0.00
	<b>Judicial conduct SubTotal</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
	<b>Adjusted Base Funding Level SubTotal</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
	<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>

# Decision Item by Fund Source

## Judicial Commission

	Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
Decision Item	2000	Adjusted Base Funding Level				
	GPR	S	\$292,700	\$292,700	2.00	2.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
Agency Total			<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>\$292,700</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>

**Decision Item (DIN) - 3003**

**Decision Item (DIN) Title - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits**

**NARRATIVE**

Standard Budget Adjustment - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

# Decision Item by Line

1517 Biennial Budget

	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	665	Judicial Commission
	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
<b>DECISION ITEM</b>	3003	Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

Expenditure items		1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$8,600	\$8,600
06	Supplies and Services	\$0	\$0
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unalloted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt Service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
<b>17</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>
18	Project Positions Authorized	2.00	2.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

# Decision Item by Numeric

## Judicial Commission

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	<b>3003</b>	<b>Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits</b>			
<b>01</b>	<b>Judicial conduct</b>				
	01 General program operations	\$8,600	\$8,600	2.00	2.00
	<b>Judicial conduct SubTotal</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
	<b>Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits SubTotal</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
	<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>

# Decision Item by Fund Source

## Judicial Commission

	Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
<b>Decision Item</b>	<b>3003</b>	<b>Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits</b>				
	GPR	S	\$8,600	\$8,600	2.00	2.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Agency Total</b>			<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>

**Decision Item (DIN) - 3010**

**Decision Item (DIN) Title - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs**

**NARRATIVE**

Standard Budget Adjustment - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs

# Decision Item by Line

1517 Biennial Budget

	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	665	Judicial Commission
	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
<b>DECISION ITEM</b>	3010	Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs

Expenditure items		1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
06	Supplies and Services	\$1,100	\$1,700
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unalloted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt Service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
<b>17</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

# Decision Item by Numeric

## Judicial Commission

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	<b>3010</b>	<b>Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs</b>			
<b>01</b>	<b>Judicial conduct</b>				
	01 General program operations	\$1,100	\$1,700	0.00	0.00
	<b>Judicial conduct SubTotal</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs SubTotal</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

# Decision Item by Fund Source

## Judicial Commission

	Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
<b>Decision Item</b>	<b>3010</b>	<b>Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs</b>				
	GPR	S	\$1,100	\$1,700	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Agency Total</b>			<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>