

JUDICIAL COMMISSION

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY03 Adjusted Base	FY04 Recommended	% Change Over FY03	FY05 Recommended	% Change Over FY04
GPR	213,200	227,300	6.6	227,300	0.0
TOTAL	213,200	227,300	6.6	227,300	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY03 Adjusted Base	FY04 Recommended	FTE Change From FY03	FY05 Recommended	FTE Change From FY04
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 was established under ss. 757.81 to 757.99, Wisconsin Statutes, pursuant to a 1977 constitutional amendment. The commission operates under the statutory definitions of misconduct and disability in regard to allegations made against judges and court commissioners. The commission's jurisdiction includes enforcement of the code of judicial ethics adopted by the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The commission is mandated by statute to investigate any possible misconduct or permanent disability of a judge or court commissioner. If the commission finds probable cause that a judge or court commissioner has engaged or is engaging in misconduct or is disabled, it files a formal complaint or petition with the Supreme Court. The commission then prosecutes the complaint or petition before a Court of Appeals judge and jury or before a panel of three judges, at least two of whom are from the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court reviews the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations, and determines appropriate discipline or other action.

The commission is composed of nine members appointed for three-year terms: a Court of Appeals judge, a Circuit Court judge, two attorneys appointed by the Supreme Court and five nonlawyers appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

MISSION

The commission's mission 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 so necessary to 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: Reduce and eliminate backlog of complaints.

Objective/Activity: Continually work through increased caseload with minimal staff.

Goal: Reduce the incidence of misconduct.

Objective/Activity: Increase judges' awareness of the commission's availability for informal ethical advice, and provide ethical education to judges at educational programs.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HISTORICAL DATA

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Actual 2000
1.	Number of complaints received.	N/A ¹
1.	Investigations pending.	N/A ¹
1.	Request for advice.	N/A ¹

Note: Based on fiscal year.

¹Performance measures created for 2003-05 budget so no historical data is available.

2001 AND 2002 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2001	Actual 2001	Goal 2002	Actual 2002
1.	Number of complaints received.	N/A ¹	420	410	N/A
1.	Investigations pending.	N/A ¹	23	25	N/A
1.	Request for advice.	N/A ¹	186	190	N/A

Note: Based on fiscal year.

¹Performance measures created for 2003-05 budget so no goals were set.

2003, 2004 AND 2005 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2003	Goal 2004	Goal 2005
1.	Number of complaints received.	405	400	395
1.	Investigations pending.	20	15	10
1.	Request for advice.	195	200	205

Note: Based on fiscal year.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Standard Budget Adjustments

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

	ACTUAL FY02	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$188.4	\$213.2	\$227.3	\$227.3	\$227.3	\$227.3
State Operations	188.4	213.2	227.3	227.3	227.3	227.3
TOTALS-ANNUAL	188.4	213.2	227.3	227.3	227.3	227.3
State Operations	188.4	213.2	227.3	227.3	227.3	227.3

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
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

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

	ACTUAL FY02	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
1. Judicial conduct	\$188.4	\$213.2	\$227.3	\$227.3	\$227.3	\$227.3
TOTALS	188.4	213.2	227.3	227.3	227.3	227.3

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
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

1. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY04		FY05		FY04		FY05	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	14,100	0.00	14,100	0.00	14,100	0.00	14,100	0.00
TOTAL	14,100	0.00	14,100	0.00	14,100	0.00	14,100	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$14,100 in each year); and (b) funding of ongoing s. 13.10 supplements (-\$3,300 in each year).