

## SUPREME COURT

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY07 Adjusted Base	FY08 Recommended	% Change Over FY07	FY09 Recommended	% Change Over FY08
GPR	12,708,500	13,963,200	9.9	13,989,200	0.2
PR-F	678,500	886,900	30.7	886,900	0.0
PR-O	12,382,800	13,545,200	9.4	13,545,200	0.0
PR-S	205,700	220,500	7.2	220,500	0.0
SEG-O	739,900	755,800	2.1	755,800	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,715,400</b>	<b>29,371,600</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>29,397,600</b>	<b>0.1</b>

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY07 Adjusted Base	FY08 Recommended	FTE Change From FY07	FY09 Recommended	FTE Change From FY08
GPR	112.50	115.50	3.00	115.50	0.00
PR-F	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
PR-O	92.75	92.75	0.00	92.75	0.00
PR-S	2.50	2.50	0.00	2.50	0.00
SEG-O	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>216.75</b>	<b>219.75</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>219.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, consisting of seven justices elected to ten-year terms, has original jurisdiction in certain cases of statewide concern and, since August 1978, discretionary appellate jurisdiction on all other issues arising under Wisconsin law. The court considers petitions to review decisions of the Court of Appeals, petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals and certifications from that court. It is the highest tribunal for actions commenced in state courts, except where a federal question allowing an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is raised. It is the final authority on the state constitution.

The constitution provides that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has the superintending and administrative authority over all courts in the state. The chief justice is the administrative head of the state judicial system and exercises this authority both directly and through the director of state courts pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Standardized County Reporting of Court Costs and Revenues
2. Justice Initiatives
3. Courthouse Safety Training
4. Children's Court Improvement Project
5. Electronic Filing
6. Adjust Consolidated Court Automation Program to Actual Levels
7. Standard Budget Adjustments

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

	ACTUAL FY06	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$11,910.2	\$12,708.5	\$13,928.3	\$14,057.2	\$13,963.2	\$13,989.2
State Operations	11,910.2	12,708.5	13,928.3	14,057.2	13,963.2	13,989.2
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	521.9	678.5	689.9	689.9	886.9	886.9
State Operations	521.9	678.5	689.9	689.9	886.9	886.9
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	12,485.3	12,588.5	14,103.1	14,467.3	13,765.7	13,765.7
State Operations	12,485.3	12,588.5	14,103.1	14,467.3	13,765.7	13,765.7
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	349.0	739.9	755.8	755.8	755.8	755.8
State Operations	349.0	739.9	755.8	755.8	755.8	755.8
TOTALS-ANNUAL	25,266.4	26,715.4	29,477.1	29,970.2	29,371.6	29,397.6
State Operations	25,266.4	26,715.4	29,477.1	29,970.2	29,371.6	29,397.6

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	112.50	114.50	114.50	115.50	115.50
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	95.25	95.25	95.25	95.25	95.25
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	216.75	218.75	218.75	219.75	219.75

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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

	ACTUAL FY06	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
1. Supreme court proceedings	\$4,172.5	\$4,503.9	\$4,865.9	\$4,865.9	\$4,865.9	\$4,865.9
2. Director of state courts	15,833.1	16,656.9	18,632.1	19,125.2	18,526.6	18,552.6
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	2,910.5	2,893.5	3,229.6	3,229.6	3,229.6	3,229.6
4. Law library	2,350.3	2,661.1	2,749.5	2,749.5	2,749.5	2,749.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25,266.4</b>	<b>26,715.4</b>	<b>29,477.1</b>	<b>29,970.2</b>	<b>29,371.6</b>	<b>29,397.6</b>

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
1. Supreme court proceedings	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50
2. Director of state courts	126.25	128.25	128.25	129.25	129.25
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	35.50	35.50	35.50	35.50	35.50
4. Law library	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>216.75</b>	<b>218.75</b>	<b>218.75</b>	<b>219.75</b>	<b>219.75</b>

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

### 1. Standardized County Reporting of Court Costs and Revenues

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	49,500	1.00	73,000	1.00	49,500	1.00	73,000	1.00
TOTAL	49,500	1.00	73,000	1.00	49,500	1.00	73,000	1.00

The Governor recommends providing funding and position authority for auditing information received by the counties on annual expenditures and revenues connected to the Circuit Courts. The Governor further recommends statutory language to allow the Director of State Courts Office to establish a uniform chart of accounts for counties to use when compiling their reports.

### 2. Justice Initiatives

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	46,000	1.00	58,500	1.00	46,000	1.00	58,500	1.00
TOTAL	46,000	1.00	58,500	1.00	46,000	1.00	58,500	1.00

The Governor recommends providing funding and position authority to coordinate critical planning issues for the court system, including self-represented litigants, alternatives to incarceration, and alcohol and drug abuse programming. The position will work with counties, Circuit Courts and other justice system partners to implement multiple initiatives to improve the court system.

### 3. Courthouse Safety Training

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	33,100	0.00	126,000	0.00	10,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	33,100	0.00	126,000	0.00	10,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to design a multimedia courthouse safety training program to be shared, using the Internet, with all counties and employees who work in courthouses around the state. The focus of the training is on employee behavior in the face of safety threats and what can be done to diffuse potentially dangerous situations.

**4. Children's Court Improvement Project**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	58,000	1.00	58,000	1.00
PR-F	0	0.00	0	0.00	197,000	0.00	197,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	255,000	1.00	255,000	1.00

The Governor recommends providing funding and position authority for the Children's Court Improvement Project to train judges, attorneys and other legal personnel in child welfare cases and conduct cross-training with child welfare agency staff and contractors. This funding will enable the Director of State Courts Office to secure increased federal funding of \$197,000 in each year.

**5. Electronic Filing**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	341,600	0.00	705,800	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	341,600	0.00	705,800	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends allowing the Director of State Courts Office to establish a user fee for the users of the new electronic filing capability. Piloted in two counties, this innovation allows court users to file paperwork electronically with the Clerk of Courts Office, which then uploads information to the case management system, saving valuable staff time.

**6. Adjust Consolidated Court Automation Program to Actual Levels**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	455,700	0.00	455,700	0.00	455,700	0.00	455,700	0.00
TOTAL	455,700	0.00	455,700	0.00	455,700	0.00	455,700	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure authority for the Consolidated Court Automation Program to reflect anticipated expenditures.

## 7. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	1,091,200	0.00	1,091,200	0.00	1,091,200	0.00	1,091,200	0.00
PR-F	11,400	0.00	11,400	0.00	11,400	0.00	11,400	0.00
PR-O	702,500	0.00	702,500	0.00	706,700	0.00	706,700	0.00
PR-S	14,800	0.00	14,800	0.00	14,800	0.00	14,800	0.00
SEG-O	15,900	0.00	15,900	0.00	15,900	0.00	15,900	0.00
TOTAL	1,835,800	0.00	1,835,800	0.00	1,840,000	0.00	1,840,000	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the court's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$1,817,900 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$22,100 in each year).