

## JUDICIAL COMMISSION

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY11 Adjusted Base	FY12 Recommended	% Change Over FY11	FY13 Recommended	% Change Over FY12
GPR	245,800	358,300	45.8	290,900	-18.8
TOTAL	245,800	358,300	45.8	290,900	-18.8

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY11 Adjusted Base	FY12 Recommended	FTE Change From FY11	FY13 Recommended	FTE Change From FY12
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 nine-member commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and four members appointed by the Supreme Court. The commission investigates and prosecutes allegations of judicial misconduct or disability on the part of Wisconsin judges and court commissioners.

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 guidance by judges and court commissioners on the propriety of contemplated conduct. In 2009, 230 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 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: 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

### 2009 AND 2010 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2009	Actual 2009	Goal 2010	Actual 2010
1.	Number of complaints received.	450	453	450	277 <sup>1</sup>
1.	Investigations pending.	25	34	25	34 <sup>1</sup>
1.	Requests for advice.	300	230	300	172 <sup>1</sup>

Note: Based on calendar year.

<sup>1</sup>Data through August 17, 2010.

### 2011, 2012 AND 2013 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2011	Goal 2012	Goal 2013
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. Increase Employee Contributions to Pension and Health Insurance
2. Budget Efficiencies
3. Risk Management Assessments
4. Standard Budget Adjustments

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

	ACTUAL FY10	ADJUSTED BASE FY11	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY12	FY13	FY12	FY13
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$231.0	\$245.8	\$253.7	\$253.7	\$358.3	\$290.9
State Operations	231.0	245.8	253.7	253.7	358.3	290.9
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$231.0	\$245.8	\$253.7	\$253.7	\$358.3	\$290.9
State Operations	231.0	245.8	253.7	253.7	358.3	290.9

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY11	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY12	FY13	FY12	FY13
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 FY10	ADJUSTED BASE FY11	AGENCY REQUEST FY12      FY13		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY12      FY13	
1. Judicial conduct	\$231.0	\$245.8	\$253.7	\$253.7	\$358.3	\$290.9
TOTALS	\$231.0	\$245.8	\$253.7	\$253.7	\$358.3	\$290.9

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY11	AGENCY REQUEST FY12      FY13		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY12      FY13	
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. Increase Employee Contributions to Pension and Health Insurance**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY12		FY13		FY12		FY13	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-10,000	0.00	-10,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-10,000	0.00	-10,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing state employee contributions towards pension and health insurance costs. Employees will generally pay 50 percent of the total required retirement contribution, which for calendar year 2011 equals 5.8 percent of salary. The Governor further recommends increasing employee contributions for health insurance from approximately 6 percent of the premium to 12.6 percent of the premium. These modifications are necessary to bring state employee compensation in line with private sector employment and reduce compensation costs.

**2. Budget Efficiencies**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY12		FY13		FY12		FY13	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-6,200	0.00	-6,200	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-6,200	0.00	-6,200	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing funding, excluding salary and fringe benefits, in most GPR and PR appropriations by 10 percent to create additional efficiencies and balance the budget.

**3. Risk Management Assessments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY12		FY13		FY12		FY13	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	120,800	0.00	53,400	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	120,800	0.00	53,400	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing funding for payment of risk management premiums that cannot be absorbed by base resources.

**4. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY12		FY13		FY12		FY13	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	7,900	0.00	7,900	0.00	7,900	0.00	7,900	0.00
TOTAL	7,900	0.00	7,900	0.00	7,900	0.00	7,900	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$5,900 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$2,000 in each year).