

SUPREME COURT

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY01 Adjusted Base	FY02 Recommended	% Change Over FY01	FY03 Recommended	% Change Over FY02
GPR	10,340,100	11,189,600	8.2	11,220,700	0.3
PR-F	403,200	403,200	0.0	403,200	0.0
PR-O	11,060,700	11,488,200	3.9	11,502,000	0.1
PR-S	169,500	182,400	7.6	182,400	0.0
SEG-O	669,600	709,100	5.9	709,100	0.0
TOTAL	22,643,100	23,972,500	5.9	24,017,400	0.2

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY01 Adjusted Base	FY02 Recommended	FTE Change From FY01	FY03 Recommended	FTE Change From FY02
GPR	111.50	111.50	0.00	111.50	0.00
PR-F	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
PR-O	83.00	83.50	0.50	83.50	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
TOTAL	203.00	203.50	0.50	203.50	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, consisting of seven justices elected to statewide 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. Judicial Education: Court Commissioners
2. Adjust Office of Lawyer Regulation Base to FY01 Levels
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4. Adjust Law Library Gifts and Grants Base to FY01 Levels
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8. Interpreters: Certification, Training, Testing
9. Records Management
10. Staff Support: First Judicial District
11. Law Library Book Inflation
12. Law Library: Convert Position From PR to GPR
13. Law Library: Supplies and Services
14. Adjust CCAP Base to FY01 Levels
15. Law Library: Additional Costs Due to Relocation

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

	ACTUAL FY00	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$10,597.4	\$10,340.1	\$12,145.4	\$12,354.1	\$11,189.6	\$11,220.7
State Operations	10,597.4	10,340.1	12,145.4	12,354.1	11,189.6	11,220.7
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	208.1	403.2	403.2	403.2	403.2	403.2
State Operations	208.1	403.2	403.2	403.2	403.2	403.2
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	10,411.2	11,230.2	11,747.6	11,761.4	11,670.6	11,684.4
State Operations	10,411.2	11,230.2	11,747.6	11,761.4	11,670.6	11,684.4
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	330.9	669.6	709.1	709.1	709.1	709.1
State Operations	330.9	669.6	709.1	709.1	709.1	709.1
TOTALS-ANNUAL	21,547.6	22,643.1	25,005.3	25,227.8	23,972.5	24,017.4
State Operations	21,547.6	22,643.1	25,005.3	25,227.8	23,972.5	24,017.4

(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 FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	111.50	122.00	122.00	111.50	111.50
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	85.50	85.50	85.50	86.00	86.00
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	203.00	213.50	213.50	203.50	203.50

(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 FY00	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
1. Supreme court proceedings	\$4,571.0	\$4,233.3	\$4,554.8	\$4,587.6	\$3,983.3	\$3,983.3
2. Director of state courts	13,488.2	14,996.1	15,547.4	15,585.0	14,992.5	15,006.3
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	1,974.6	2,013.0	2,329.5	2,329.5	2,329.5	2,329.5
4. Law library	1,513.8	1,400.7	2,573.6	2,725.7	2,667.2	2,698.3
TOTALS	21,547.6	22,643.1	25,005.3	25,227.8	23,972.5	24,017.4

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
1. Supreme court proceedings	38.50	45.50	45.50	38.50	38.50
2. Director of state courts	121.75	125.25	125.25	122.25	122.25
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
4. Law library	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.75
TOTALS	203.00	213.50	213.50	203.50	203.50

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

1. Judicial Education: Court Commissioners

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	42,700	0.50	56,500	0.50	42,700	0.50	56,500	0.50
TOTAL	42,700	0.50	56,500	0.50	42,700	0.50	56,500	0.50

The Governor recommends providing funding and a 0.5 FTE position to create a standardized training program specifically for court commissioners. This training program is similar to the training program for municipal judges.

2. Adjust Office of Lawyer Regulation Base to FY01 Levels

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	105,600	0.00	105,600	0.00	105,600	0.00	105,600	0.00
TOTAL	105,600	0.00	105,600	0.00	105,600	0.00	105,600	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing the spending authority for the Office of Lawyer Regulation to reflect current spending levels as approved by the office's Board of Administrative Oversight and the Supreme Court.

3. Adjust Materials and Services Base to FY01 Levels

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	10,000	0.00	10,000	0.00	10,000	0.00	10,000	0.00
TOTAL	10,000	0.00	10,000	0.00	10,000	0.00	10,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing the spending authority for the materials and services appropriation to reflect current spending levels.

4. Adjust Law Library Gifts and Grants Base to FY01 Levels

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	225,000	0.00	225,000	0.00	225,000	0.00	225,000	0.00
TOTAL	225,000	0.00	225,000	0.00	225,000	0.00	225,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing the spending authority of the law library's gifts and grants appropriation to better reflect the budgets for the contracts entered into between the Supreme Court and Milwaukee and Dane Counties for library services.

5. Budget Efficiency Measures

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-517,000	0.00	-517,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-517,000	0.00	-517,000	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing the agency's largest GPR state operations appropriations in the amounts shown to create additional operational efficiencies.

6. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	1,176,600	0.00	1,259,300	0.00	1,366,500	0.00	1,397,600	0.00
PR-O	-455,800	0.00	-455,800	0.00	44,200	0.00	44,200	0.00
PR-S	12,900	0.00	12,900	0.00	12,900	0.00	12,900	0.00
SEG-O	39,500	0.00	39,500	0.00	39,500	0.00	39,500	0.00
TOTAL	773,200	0.00	855,900	0.00	1,463,100	0.00	1,494,200	0.00

The Governor recommends adjustments to the agency's base budget for: (a) removal of noncontinuing elements from the base (-\$552,600 in each year); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$912,700 in each year); (c) BadgerNet increases (\$53,000 in each year); (d) fifth week of vacation as cash (\$11,900 in each year); and (e) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$1,038,100 in FY02 and \$1,069,200 in FY03).

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Supreme Court.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY02		FY03	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
7. Law Clerks	GPR	359,800	7.00	392,600	7.00
8. Interpreters: Certification, Training, Testing	GPR	97,800	1.00	100,800	1.00
9. Records Management	GPR	50,000	1.00	59,600	1.00
10. Staff Support: First Judicial District	GPR	54,300	1.00	65,500	1.00
11. Law Library Book Inflation	GPR	29,400	0.00	60,700	0.00
12. Law Library: Convert Position From PR to GPR	GPR PR-O	23,000 -23,000	0.50 -0.50	23,000 -23,000	0.50 -0.50
13. Law Library: Supplies and Services	GPR	14,400	0.00	52,500	0.00
14. Adjust CCAP Base to FY01 Levels	PR-O	600,000	0.00	600,000	0.00
15. Law Library: Additional Costs Due to Relocation	GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR PR-O	628,700 577,000	10.50 -0.50	754,700 577,000	10.50 -0.50