

## JUDICIAL COUNCIL

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	% Change Over FY09	FY11 Recommended	% Change Over FY10
GPR	112,900	123,400	9.3	123,400	0.0
TOTAL	112,900	123,400	9.3	123,400	0.0

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	FTE Change From FY09	FY11 Recommended	FTE Change From FY10
GPR	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
TOTAL	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The council consists of 21 members as follows: a Supreme Court justice; a Court of Appeals judge; the director of State Courts; four Circuit Court judges selected by the Judicial Conference; the Attorney General; chief of the Legislative Reference Bureau; the deans of the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University law schools; the state public defender; the president-elect of the State Bar of Wisconsin or a member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar designated by the president-elect; three members of the State Bar selected by the State Bar; one district attorney appointed by the Governor; and two citizens at large appointed by the Governor. Under 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, the Judicial Council regained independence from the Judicial Commission and permanent staff funding for a full-time staff attorney.

### MISSION

The mission of the council is to study and make recommendations relating to court pleadings, practices and procedures; and organization, jurisdiction and methods of administration and operation of Wisconsin courts.

### PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Program 1: Advisory Services to the Courts and the Legislature

Goal: Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Wisconsin court system.

Objective/Activity: The council studies the rules of pleading, practice and procedure and advises the Supreme Court on changes that will simplify procedures and promote efficiency. The council studies court administration throughout the state, and can receive, investigate and recommend proposed changes to the administration of justice in Wisconsin. The council is to be aware of judicial decisions and proposed legislation

that would impact courts. The council is also empowered to recommend to the Supreme Court, Governor and Legislature any changes in the organization, jurisdiction, operation and business methods of the courts that would result in a more effective and cost-efficient court system.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**2007 AND 2008 GOALS AND ACTUALS**

The council was created by Chapter 392 of the Wisconsin Laws of 1951. The 1995-97 biennial budget, 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, removed funding for the council and reassigned support duties to the Judicial Commission. The 2007-09 biennial budget, 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, restored the council's independence from the commission and reappropriated funding for a full-time staff attorney, who was hired in May 2008.

**2009, 2010 AND 2011 GOALS**

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2009</b>	<b>Goal 2010</b>	<b>Goal 2011</b>
1.	Review and draft recommended amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure.	Work with the Legislative Reference Bureau to complete a draft bill	Provide draft bill to the Legislature for introduction	
1.	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Evidence.	Begin identifying rules that are inconsistent with current practice	Begin drafting revisions to rules that have been identified as inconsistent with current practice	Begin working with the Legislative Reference Bureau to draft bill containing recommended amendments
1.	Timely response to requests to review Supreme Court rules.	Provide response regarding request to review compensation of court-appointed attorneys	Provide recommendations regarding Supreme Court rules changes	Provide recommendations regarding Supreme Court rules changes

Note: Based on fiscal year.

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Across-the-Board 1 Percent Reductions
2. Additional GPR Reductions
3. Standard Budget Adjustments

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

	ACTUAL FY08	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$42.6	\$112.9	\$130.1	\$130.1	\$123.4	\$123.4
State Operations	42.6	112.9	130.1	130.1	123.4	123.4
TOTALS-ANNUAL	42.6	112.9	130.1	130.1	123.4	123.4
State Operations	42.6	112.9	130.1	130.1	123.4	123.4

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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

	ACTUAL FY08	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
1. Advisory services to the courts and the legislature	\$42.6	\$112.9	\$130.1	\$130.1	\$123.4	\$123.4
TOTALS	42.6	112.9	130.1	130.1	123.4	123.4

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
1. Advisory services to the courts and the legislature	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTALS	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

**1. Across-the-Board 1 Percent Reductions**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-1,100	0.00	-1,100	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-1,100	0.00	-1,100	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing most nonfederal appropriations by 1 percent to create additional efficiencies and balance the budget.

**2. Additional GPR Reductions**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-5,600	0.00	-5,600	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-5,600	0.00	-5,600	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing funding by the amounts shown to balance the budget. The Governor also recommends providing the secretary of the Department of Administration the authority to allocate funds that may be received from federal economic recovery legislation that are intended to stabilize state budgets, as prescribed in that legislation, to offset reductions to agencies.

**3. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	17,200	0.00	17,200	0.00	17,200	0.00	17,200	0.00
TOTAL	17,200	0.00	17,200	0.00	17,200	0.00	17,200	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the council's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$16,200 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$1,000 in each year).

