

## SUPREME COURT

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	% Change Over FY09	FY11 Recommended	% Change Over FY10
GPR	14,285,600	14,842,100	3.9	14,842,100	0.0
PR-F	896,000	929,600	3.8	924,000	-0.6
PR-O	13,891,400	14,506,200	4.4	14,492,000	-0.1
PR-S	224,800	228,600	1.7	228,600	0.0
SEG-O	763,800	768,100	0.6	768,100	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,061,600</b>	<b>31,274,600</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>31,254,800</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	FTE Change From FY09	FY11 Recommended	FTE Change From FY10
GPR	115.50	115.50	0.00	115.50	0.00
PR-F	6.00	5.00	-1.00	5.00	0.00
PR-O	93.75	93.75	0.00	92.75	-1.00
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>222.75</b>	<b>221.75</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>220.75</b>	<b>-1.00</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. Across-the-Board 1 Percent Reductions
2. Conversion of Project Assistant Litigator Position
3. Extension of Project Auditor Position
4. Standard Budget Adjustments

#### **ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

5. Biennial Appropriation for the Director of State Courts
6. State Law Library Funding

**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	\$13,388.8	\$14,285.6	\$14,950.1	\$14,994.3	\$14,842.1	\$14,842.1
State Operations	13,388.8	14,285.6	14,950.1	14,994.3	14,842.1	14,842.1
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	606.0	896.0	929.6	924.0	929.6	924.0
State Operations	606.0	896.0	929.6	924.0	929.6	924.0
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	14,559.5	14,116.2	14,814.6	14,800.4	14,734.8	14,720.6
State Operations	14,559.5	14,116.2	14,814.6	14,800.4	14,734.8	14,720.6
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	336.1	763.8	775.7	775.7	768.1	768.1
State Operations	336.1	763.8	775.7	775.7	768.1	768.1
TOTALS-ANNUAL	28,890.4	30,061.6	31,470.0	31,494.4	31,274.6	31,254.8
State Operations	28,890.4	30,061.6	31,470.0	31,494.4	31,274.6	31,254.8

(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 FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	115.50	115.50	115.50	115.50	115.50
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	6.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	96.25	96.25	95.25	96.25	95.25
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	222.75	221.75	220.75	221.75	220.75

(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 FY08	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
1. Supreme court proceedings	\$4,569.4	\$4,970.3	\$5,002.0	\$5,002.0	\$5,033.5	\$5,033.5
2. Director of state courts	18,241.4	19,011.0	19,957.8	19,938.0	19,776.6	19,756.8
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	3,640.1	3,294.5	3,558.3	3,558.3	3,525.3	3,525.3
4. Law library	2,439.5	2,785.8	2,951.9	2,996.1	2,939.2	2,939.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28,890.4</b>	<b>30,061.6</b>	<b>31,470.0</b>	<b>31,494.4</b>	<b>31,274.6</b>	<b>31,254.8</b>

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
1. Supreme court proceedings	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50
2. Director of state courts	132.25	131.25	130.25	131.25	130.25
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>222.75</b>	<b>221.75</b>	<b>220.75</b>	<b>221.75</b>	<b>220.75</b>

(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	-142,900	0.00	-142,900	0.00
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	-139,000	0.00	-139,000	0.00
PR-S	0	0.00	0	0.00	-2,200	0.00	-2,200	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	-7,600	0.00	-7,600	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-291,700	0.00	-291,700	0.00

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

**2. Conversion of Project Assistant Litigator Position**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	7,900	1.00	94,400	1.00	7,900	1.00	94,400	1.00
TOTAL	7,900	1.00	94,400	1.00	7,900	1.00	94,400	1.00

The Governor recommends converting an assistant litigation counsel project position to a permanent position to address increased caseloads in the Office of Lawyer Regulation.

**3. Extension of Project Auditor Position**

The Governor recommends extending an auditor project position for two years. The position is responsible for instituting a chart of accounts to be used by counties when recording all financial transactions related to court services and auditing the information received from the counties.

## 4. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	618,200	0.00	618,200	0.00	699,400	0.00	699,400	0.00
PR-F	33,600	-1.00	28,000	-1.00	33,600	-1.00	28,000	-1.00
PR-O	684,500	-1.00	583,800	-2.00	745,900	-1.00	645,200	-2.00
PR-S	6,000	0.00	6,000	0.00	6,000	0.00	6,000	0.00
SEG-O	11,900	0.00	11,900	0.00	11,900	0.00	11,900	0.00
TOTAL	1,354,200	-2.00	1,247,900	-3.00	1,496,800	-2.00	1,390,500	-3.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for: (a) removal of noncontinuing elements from the base (-\$70,200 and -2.0 FTE positions in FY10 and -\$176,500 and -3.0 FTE positions in FY11); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$1,381,200 in each year); and (c) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$185,800 in each year).

## ITEMS NOT APPROVED

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

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY10		FY11	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
5. Biennial Appropriation for the Director of State Courts	GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00
6. State Law Library Funding	GPR	46,300	0.00	90,500	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	46,300	0.00	90,500	0.00