

## JUDICIAL COMMISSION

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY17 Adjusted Base	FY18 Recommended	% Change Over FY17	FY19 Recommended	% Change Over FY18
GPR	301,900	0	-100.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	301,900	0	-100.0	0	0.0

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY17 Adjusted Base	FY18 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY17	FY19 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY18
GPR	2.00	0.00	-2.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	2.00	0.00	-2.00	0.00	0.00

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The commission investigates and prosecutes allegations of misconduct or disability on the part of Wisconsin judges and court commissioners. A judge's or court commissioner's conduct is measured primarily by Supreme Court Rule, Chapter 60, Wisconsin Code of Judicial Conduct. The nine-member commission consists of five members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and four members who are appointed by the Supreme Court.

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 informal guidance by judges and court commissioners on the propriety of contemplated conduct. In 2014 and 2015, a total of 361 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 for 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.

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### 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 among judges concerning ethical issues by providing informal guidance.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### 2015 AND 2016 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2015	Actual 2015	Goal 2016	Actual 2016
1.	Number of complaints received.	475	432	475	290
1.	Investigations pending.	26	10	15	11
1.	Requests for advice.	325	178	325	124

Note: Actuals for 2016 are based on calendar year through August 2016.

#### 2017, 2018 AND 2019 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2017	Goal 2018	Goal 2019
1.	Number of complaints received.	475	475	475
1.	Investigations pending.	15	15	15
1.	Requests for advice.	325	325	325

Note: Based on calendar year.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Transfer Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court
2. Standard Budget Adjustments

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

	ACTUAL FY16	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST FY18	AGENCY REQUEST FY19	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY18	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY19
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$270.2	\$301.9	\$303.5	\$304.1	\$0.0	\$0.0
State Operations	270.2	301.9	303.5	304.1	0.0	0.0
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$270.2	\$301.9	\$303.5	\$304.1	\$0.0	\$0.0
State Operations	270.2	301.9	303.5	304.1	0.0	0.0

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST FY18	AGENCY REQUEST FY19	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY18	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY19
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS - ANNUAL	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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

	ACTUAL FY16	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY18	FY19	FY18	FY19
1. Judicial conduct	\$270.2	\$301.9	\$303.5	\$304.1	\$0.0	\$0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$270.2	\$301.9	\$303.5	\$304.1	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY18	FY19	FY18	FY19
1. Judicial conduct	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

## Judicial Commission

### 1. Transfer Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY18		FY19		FY18		FY19	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-303,500	-2.00	-304,100	-2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-303,500	-2.00	-304,100	-2.00

The Governor recommends transferring funding and position authority for the commission to the Supreme Court. The Governor also recommends the elimination of the Judicial Commission as a separate agency. See Supreme Court, Item #4.

### 2. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY18		FY19		FY18		FY19	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	1,600	0.00	2,200	0.00	1,600	0.00	2,200	0.00
TOTAL	1,600	0.00	2,200	0.00	1,600	0.00	2,200	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$1,500 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$100 in FY18 and \$700 in FY19).