

JUDICIAL COMMISSION

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY19 Adjusted Base	FY20 Recommended	% Change Over FY19	FY21 Recommended	% Change Over FY20
GPR	310,000	316,100	2.0	316,100	0.0
TOTAL	310,000	316,100	2.0	316,100	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY19 Adjusted Base	FY20 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY19	FY21 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY20
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 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 2016 and 2017, a total of 326 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.

Judicial Commission

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

2017 AND 2018 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2017	Actual 2017	Goal 2018	Actual 2018
1.	Number of complaints received.	475	394	475	291
1.	Investigations pending.	15	14	15	16
1.	Requests for advice (informal guidance).	325	157	325	136

Note: Actuals for 2018 are based on calendar year through August 2018.

2019, 2020 AND 2021 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2019	Goal 2020	Goal 2021
1.	Number of complaints received.	475	475	475
1.	Investigations pending.	15	15	15
1.	Requests for advice (informal guidance).	325	325	325

Note: Based on calendar year.

JUDICIAL COMMISSION

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Standard Budget Adjustments

Judicial Commission

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

	ACTUAL FY18	ADJUSTED BASE FY19	AGENCY REQUEST FY20	AGENCY REQUEST FY21	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY20	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY21
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$255.3	\$310.0	\$316.0	\$316.0	\$316.1	\$316.1
State Operations	255.3	310.0	316.0	316.0	316.1	316.1
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$255.3	\$310.0	\$316.0	\$316.0	\$316.1	\$316.1
State Operations	255.3	310.0	316.0	316.0	316.1	316.1

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY19	AGENCY REQUEST FY20	AGENCY REQUEST FY21	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY20	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY21
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

Judicial Commission

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

	ACTUAL FY18	ADJUSTED BASE FY19	AGENCY REQUEST FY20 FY21		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY20 FY21	
1. Judicial conduct	\$255.3	\$310.0	\$316.0	\$316.0	\$316.1	\$316.1
TOTALS	\$255.3	\$310.0	\$316.0	\$316.0	\$316.1	\$316.1

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY19	AGENCY REQUEST FY20 FY21		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY20 FY21	
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

Judicial Commission

1. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY20		FY21		FY20		FY21	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	6,000	0.00	6,000	0.00	6,100	0.00	6,100	0.00
TOTAL	6,000	0.00	6,000	0.00	6,100	0.00	6,100	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$7,200 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$1,100 in each year).