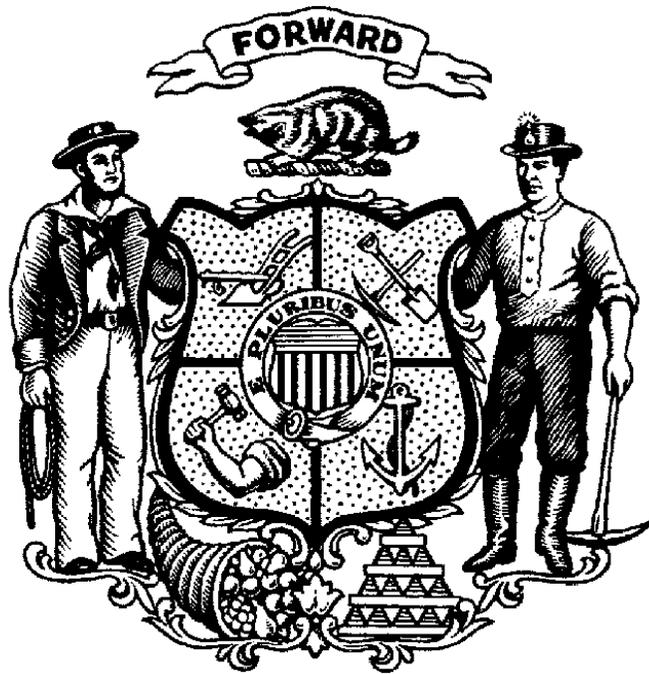


State of Wisconsin

Judicial Commission



Agency Budget Request
2021 – 2023 Biennium
September 15, 2020

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 15, 2020

TO: Michael Schmidt

FROM: Jeremiah C. Van Hecke

RE: 2021-2023 Budget Request

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Van Hecke", enclosed in a rectangular box.

Enclosed are five copies of the Judicial Commission's 2019-2021 budget request.

Thank you.

cc: Legislative Fiscal Bureau (2 copies)

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 2018 and 2019, a total of 351 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 greater awareness, on the part of both the judiciary and the public, of what constitutes proper and improper judicial conduct.

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

2019 AND 2020 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2019	Actual 2019	Goal 2020	Actual 2020
1.	Number of complaints received.	475	479	475	256
1.	Investigations pending.	15	16	15	15
1.	Requests for advice (informal guidance).	325	173	325	85

Note: Actuals for 2020 are based on calendar year through August 2020.

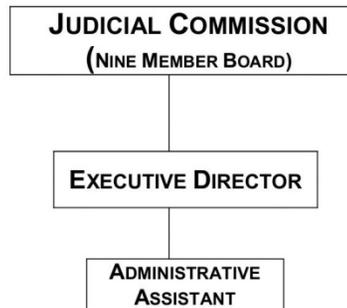
2021, 2022 AND 2023 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2021	Goal 2022	Goal 2023
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.

STATE OF WISCONSIN JUDICIAL COMMISSION

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Agency Total by Fund Source

Judicial Commission

2123 Biennial Budget

		ANNUAL SUMMARY						BIENNIAL SUMMARY			
Source of Funds		Prior Year Total	Adjusted Base	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE	Base Year Doubled (BYD)	Biennial Request	Change From (BYD)	Change From BYD %
GPR	S	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.2%
Total		\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.2%
Grand Total		\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.2%

Agency Total by Program

665 Judicial Commission

2123 Biennial Budget

Source of Funds	ANNUAL SUMMARY						BIENNIAL SUMMARY			
	Prior Year Actual	Adjusted Base	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE	Base Year Doubled (BYD)	Biennial Request	Change From (BYD)	Change From BYD %
01 JUDICIAL CONDUCT										
Non Federal										
GPR	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%
S	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%
Total - Non Federal	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%
S	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%
PGM 01 Total	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%
GPR	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%
S	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%
TOTAL 01	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%
S	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%
Agency Total	\$259,685	\$322,200	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00	\$644,400	\$690,600	\$46,200	7.17%

Agency Total by Decision Item

Judicial Commission

2123 Biennial Budget

Decision Item	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$322,200	\$322,200	2.00	2.00
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$20,600	\$20,600	0.00	0.00
3010 Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs	\$2,200	\$2,800	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$345,000	\$345,600	2.00	2.00

Decision Item (DIN) - 2000

Decision Item (DIN) Title - Adjusted Base Funding Level

NARRATIVE

Adjusted Base Funding Level

Decision Item by Line

2123 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	665	Judicial Commission
	CODES	TITLES
DECISION ITEM	2000	Adjusted Base Funding Level

Expenditure items		1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$137,700	\$137,700
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$73,800	\$73,800
06	Supplies and Services	\$110,200	\$110,200
07	Permanent Property	\$500	\$500
08	Unalloted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt Service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	Total Cost	\$322,200	\$322,200
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	2.00	2.00

Decision Item by Numeric

Judicial Commission

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	2000	Adjusted Base Funding Level			
01	Judicial conduct				
	01 General program operations	\$306,000	\$306,000	2.00	2.00
	04 Contractual agreements	\$16,200	\$16,200	0.00	0.00
	Judicial conduct SubTotal	\$322,200	\$322,200	2.00	2.00
	Adjusted Base Funding Level SubTotal	\$322,200	\$322,200	2.00	2.00
	Agency Total	\$322,200	\$322,200	2.00	2.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Judicial Commission

	Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
Decision Item	2000	Adjusted Base Funding Level				
	GPR	S	\$322,200	\$322,200	2.00	2.00
	Total		\$322,200	\$322,200	2.00	2.00
Agency Total			\$322,200	\$322,200	2.00	2.00

Decision Item (DIN) - 3003

Decision Item (DIN) Title - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

NARRATIVE

Standard Budget Adjustment - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

Decision Item by Line

2123 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	665	Judicial Commission
	CODES	TITLES
DECISION ITEM	3003	Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

Expenditure items		1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$13,900	\$13,900
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$6,700	\$6,700
06	Supplies and Services	\$0	\$0
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unalloted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt Service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	Total Cost	\$20,600	\$20,600
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Numeric

Judicial Commission

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	3003	Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits			
01	Judicial conduct				
	01 General program operations	\$20,600	\$20,600	0.00	0.00
	Judicial conduct SubTotal	\$20,600	\$20,600	0.00	0.00
	Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits SubTotal	\$20,600	\$20,600	0.00	0.00
	Agency Total	\$20,600	\$20,600	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Judicial Commission

	Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
Decision Item	3003	Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits				
	GPR	S	\$20,600	\$20,600	0.00	0.00
	Total		\$20,600	\$20,600	0.00	0.00
Agency Total			\$20,600	\$20,600	0.00	0.00

Decision Item (DIN) - 3010

Decision Item (DIN) Title - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs

NARRATIVE

Standard Budget Adjustment - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs

Decision Item by Line

2123 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	665	Judicial Commission
	CODES	TITLES
DECISION ITEM	3010	Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs

Expenditure items		1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
06	Supplies and Services	\$2,200	\$2,800
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unalloted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt Service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	Total Cost	\$2,200	\$2,800
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Numeric

Judicial Commission

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	3010	Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs			
01	Judicial conduct				
	01 General program operations	\$2,200	\$2,800	0.00	0.00
	Judicial conduct SubTotal	\$2,200	\$2,800	0.00	0.00
	Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs SubTotal	\$2,200	\$2,800	0.00	0.00
	Agency Total	\$2,200	\$2,800	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Judicial Commission

	Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
Decision Item	3010	Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs				
	GPR	S	\$2,200	\$2,800	0.00	0.00
	Total		\$2,200	\$2,800	0.00	0.00
Agency Total			\$2,200	\$2,800	0.00	0.00