

## JUDICIAL COUNCIL

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	% Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	% Change Over FY26
TOTAL	0	0	0.0	0	0.0

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY26
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The council is authorized to advise the Supreme Court, the Governor and the Legislature on any matter affecting the administration of justice in Wisconsin, and it may recommend Supreme Court rules or legislation to change the procedure, jurisdiction or organization of the courts. The council studies the rules of pleading, practice and procedure, and advises the Supreme Court and Legislature about changes that will simplify procedure and promote efficiency.

The council consists of 21 members as follows: a Supreme Court justice designated by the Supreme Court; a Court of Appeals judge designated by the Court of Appeals; the director of state courts or his or her designee; four Circuit Court judges selected by the Judicial Conference; the chairpersons of the Senate and Assembly committees dealing with judicial affairs or a designated member from such committees; the Attorney General or his or her designee; the chief of the Legislative Reference Bureau or his or her designee; the deans of the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University law schools or a designated member of the respective law school faculties; the state public defender or his or her designee; the president-elect of the State Bar of Wisconsin or a designated member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar; 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.

### 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 and the Legislature 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**

**2023 AND 2024 GOALS AND ACTUALS**

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Goal 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>
1.	Review and draft recommended amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure.	Review rules regarding how to adapt court proceedings to remote technologies	Review underway	Review and draft recommended amendments at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council	Reviewed policies related to recording of proceedings in court
		Create legislation related to s. 971.14, Wisconsin Statutes, post-conviction proceedings	Suspended, no longer applicable		
		Review and draft other recommended amendments at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council	No requests received		

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<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Goal 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>
1.	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Evidence.	Continue to review and recommend ways to incorporate the Federal Rules of Evidence into Wisconsin's rules  Continue review of all rules of evidence and research updates to the rules to restyle and incorporate Federal Rules of Evidence and recent case law	Ongoing  Made progress	Continue review of all rules of evidence and research into updates to the rules to restyle and incorporate Federal Rules of Evidence and recent case law	Made progress
1.	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure.	Finalize proposed statutory language for changes to rules of procedure regarding temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions and submit proposed bill to Legislature  Resubmit to Legislature proposed bill regarding sworn declarations	Ongoing  Worked with Legislature on reintroducing unsworn declarations bill, which became 2023 Wisconsin Act 245	Continue, if needed, support of passage of bill amending rules of procedure regarding temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions and bill regarding sworn declarations  Review and draft recommended amendments at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council	Worked with Legislature on reintroducing unsworn declarations bill, which became 2023 Wisconsin Act 245  No requests received

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<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Goal 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>
1.	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure.	Continue to develop rules for competency proceedings under s. 971.14, Wisconsin Statutes, for cases on appeal; draft proposed rule and file petition with the Supreme Court  Finalize guidance for judges and lawyers about new appellate e-filing rules	Complete          Complete	Advance petition in Supreme Court for rules for competency proceedings under s. 971.14, Wisconsin Statutes, as needed  Continue to review and research amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council	Supreme Court petition regarding proceedings under s. 971.14 introduced and adopted by the Supreme Court  Reviewed proposed rule on venue selection for cases at the Court of Appeals
1.	Timely response to requests to review Supreme Court rules.	Provide recommendations regarding Supreme Court rules changes	No requests received	Provide recommendations regarding Supreme Court rules changes	Reviewed draft rules petition to weigh possible response

Note: Based on fiscal year.

Note: The council's calendar begins in September of each year and continues until the following June. The council ordinarily does not meet in April, July, August and December.

**2025, 2026 AND 2027 GOALS**

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Goal 2025</b>	<b>Goal 2026</b>	<b>Goal 2027</b>
1.	Review and draft recommended amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure.	Participate in review of digital audio recording rules	Review and draft changes related to the deoxyribonucleic acid analysis surcharge	Review and draft recommended amendments at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council

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<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Goal 2025</b>	<b>Goal 2026</b>	<b>Goal 2027</b>
1.	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Evidence.	Continue to work on revisions to the state's injunction rules	Continue to work on revisions to the state's injunction rules	Continue review of all rules of evidence and research into updates to the rules to restyle and incorporate Federal Rules of Evidence and recent case law
1.	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure.	Finalize proposed statutory language for changes to Rules of Civil Procedure regarding temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions and submit proposed bill to Legislature	Review and draft recommended amendments at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council	Review and draft recommended amendments at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council
1.	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure.	Review the procedure for assigning an appeal to one of the state's appellate court districts	Review and draft recommended amendments at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council	Review and draft recommended amendments at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council
1.	Timely response to requests to review Supreme Court rules.	Provide recommendations regarding proposed Supreme Court rules changes	Provide recommendations regarding proposed Supreme Court rules changes	Provide recommendations regarding proposed Supreme Court rules changes

Note: Based on fiscal year.

<sup>1</sup>Performance measures and goals have been revised for the upcoming biennium.

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**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

1. Judicial Council Attorney and Funding

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

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$124.5	\$158.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
State Operations	0.0	0.0	124.5	158.0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$124.5	\$158.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
State Operations	0.0	0.0	124.5	158.0	0.0	0.0

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
State Operations	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS - ANNUAL	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
State Operations	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

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

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1. Advisory services to the courts and the legislature	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$124.5	\$158.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$124.5	\$158.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1. Advisory services to the courts and the legislature	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

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**ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Judicial Council.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY26		FY27	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
1. Judicial Council Attorney and Funding	GPR	124,500	1.00	158,000	1.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	124,500	1.00	158,000	1.00

