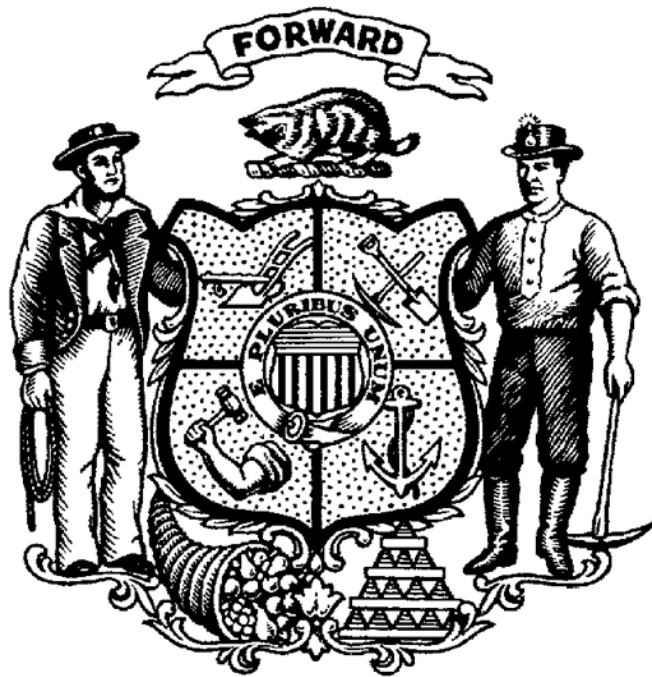


State of Wisconsin

Supreme Court



Agency Budget Request

2025 – 2027 Biennium

September 16, 2024

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September 16, 2024

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Dear Secretary Blumenfeld:

I submit to you the proposed 2025-27 biennial budget of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. This budget represents a commitment to fiscal prudence in the use of limited resources to fulfill our mission of protecting individuals' rights, privileges and liberties, maintaining the rule of law, and providing a forum for the resolution of disputes that is fair, accessible, independent and effective.

In recent years, judges throughout this country have been subject to increased threats and acts of violence as they carry out this important mission. Wisconsin's judges have not been spared. In 2022, a disgruntled litigant recently released from prison murdered retired Juneau County Judge John P. Roemer. The Supreme Court of Wisconsin condemns this act and believes protection from violence or threats of violence to be a prerequisite for a free, independent, and constitutionally vital judiciary.

This budget submission therefore reflects a significant investment in security and public safety for our Supreme Court through the creation of an Office of the Supreme Court Marshal. The Marshal's Office would employ sworn law enforcement officers to provide security services and dignitary protection for the Office of the Justices, as well as assistance for other judges around the state. The \$2.4 million budget investment creates a specialized, independent law enforcement agency charged with providing police services to the Wisconsin Court System, with statewide jurisdiction. We are confident that this budget request will enhance the safety and security of our judiciary.

This budget represents the request of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I anticipate that our requests for the Court of Appeals and Circuit Courts will be submitted by early October, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Audrey Skwierawski".

Hon. Audrey K. Skwierawski
Director of State Courts

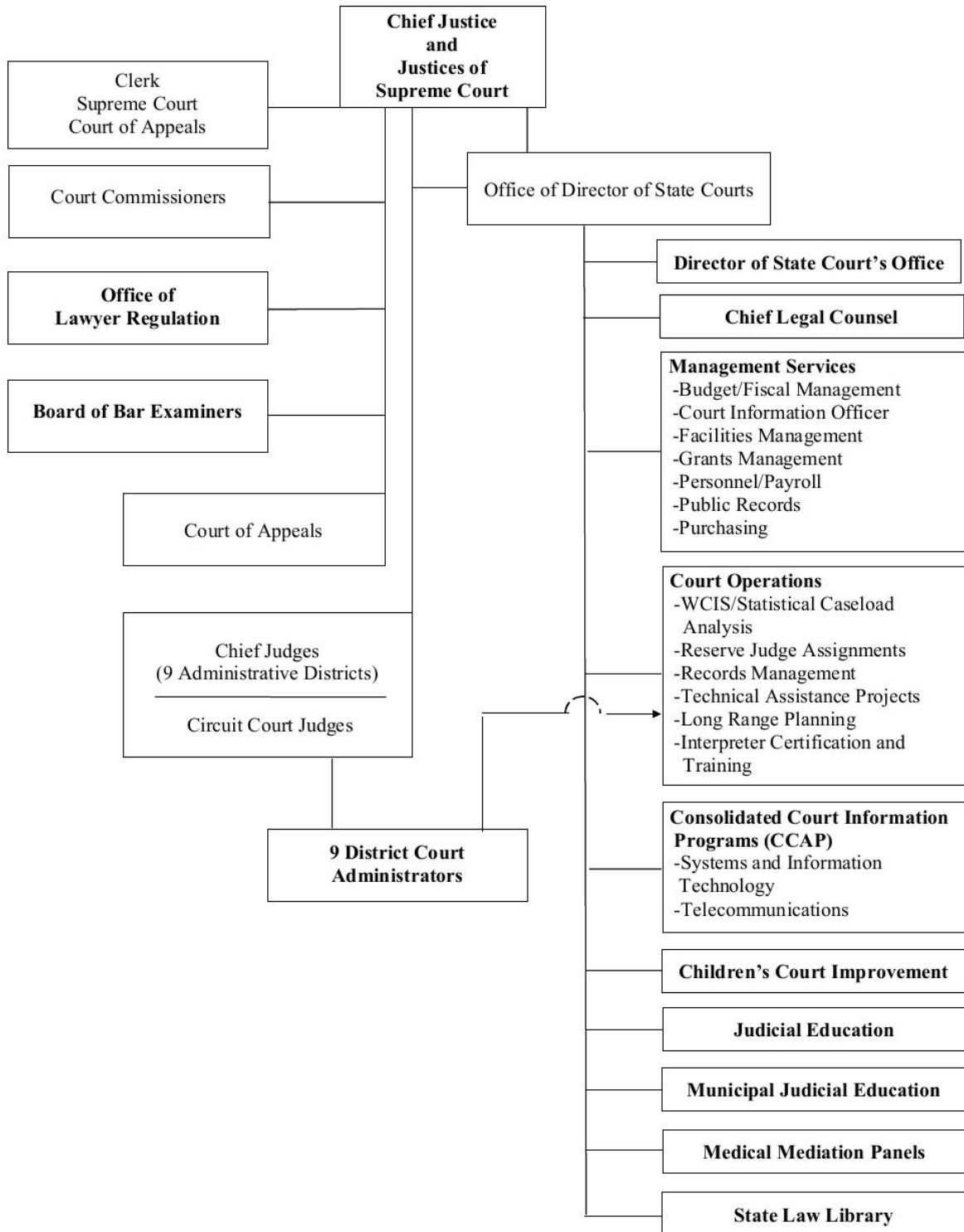
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COURT DESCRIPTION

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 federal court system is raised. It is the final authority on the state constitution. The state constitution provides that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has superintending and administrative authority over all courts in the state. In addition, the Supreme Court has regulatory authority over all Wisconsin judges and lawyers, including monitoring and enforcing ethics rules when needed.

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. The Wisconsin Supreme Court also prepares the budget for the entire Wisconsin Court System and monitors compliance with the budget approved by the legislature and governor.

Wisconsin State Court System



Agency Total by Fund Source

Supreme Court

2527 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	\$19,195,981	\$20,660,900	\$21,987,400	\$21,925,600	123.90	123.90	\$41,321,800	\$43,913,000	\$2,591,200	6.30%
Total		\$19,195,981	\$20,660,900	\$21,987,400	\$21,925,600	123.90	123.90	\$41,321,800	\$43,913,000	\$2,591,200	6.30%
PR	S	\$18,138,788	\$16,094,700	\$19,981,300	\$20,140,800	111.00	111.00	\$32,189,400	\$40,122,100	\$7,932,700	24.60%
Total		\$18,138,788	\$16,094,700	\$19,981,300	\$20,140,800	111.00	111.00	\$32,189,400	\$40,122,100	\$7,932,700	24.60%
PR Federal	S	\$988,649	\$1,054,700	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,800	5.00	5.00	\$2,109,400	\$2,083,100	(\$26,300)	-1.20%
Total		\$988,649	\$1,054,700	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,800	5.00	5.00	\$2,109,400	\$2,083,100	(\$26,300)	-1.20%
SEG	S	\$188,321	\$339,700	\$338,800	\$339,100	1.60	1.60	\$679,400	\$677,900	(\$1,500)	-0.20%
Total		\$188,321	\$339,700	\$338,800	\$339,100	1.60	1.60	\$679,400	\$677,900	(\$1,500)	-0.20%
Grand Total		\$38,511,739	\$38,150,000	\$43,348,800	\$43,447,300	241.50	241.50	\$76,300,000	\$86,796,100	\$10,496,100	13.80%

Agency Total by Program

Supreme Court

2527 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 %	
01 Supreme court proceedings											
Non Federal											
GPR		\$6,161,125	\$6,785,200	\$6,754,600	\$6,766,800	38.50	38.50	\$13,570,400	\$13,521,400	(\$49,000)	-0.36%
	S	\$6,161,125	\$6,785,200	\$6,754,600	\$6,766,800	38.50	38.50	\$13,570,400	\$13,521,400	(\$49,000)	-0.36%
Total - Non Federal		\$6,161,125	\$6,785,200	\$6,754,600	\$6,766,800	38.50	38.50	\$13,570,400	\$13,521,400	(\$49,000)	-0.36%
	S	\$6,161,125	\$6,785,200	\$6,754,600	\$6,766,800	38.50	38.50	\$13,570,400	\$13,521,400	(\$49,000)	-0.36%
PGM 01 Total		\$6,161,125	\$6,785,200	\$6,754,600	\$6,766,800	38.50	38.50	\$13,570,400	\$13,521,400	(\$49,000)	-0.36%
GPR		\$6,161,125	\$6,785,200	\$6,754,600	\$6,766,800	38.50	38.50	\$13,570,400	\$13,521,400	(\$49,000)	-0.36%
	S	\$6,161,125	\$6,785,200	\$6,754,600	\$6,766,800	38.50	38.50	\$13,570,400	\$13,521,400	(\$49,000)	-0.36%
TOTAL 01		\$6,161,125	\$6,785,200	\$6,754,600	\$6,766,800	38.50	38.50	\$13,570,400	\$13,521,400	(\$49,000)	-0.36%
	S	\$6,161,125	\$6,785,200	\$6,754,600	\$6,766,800	38.50	38.50	\$13,570,400	\$13,521,400	(\$49,000)	-0.36%

Agency Total by Program

Supreme Court

2527 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 %
02 Director of state courts and law library										
Non Federal										
GPR	\$13,034,856	\$13,875,700	\$13,994,500	\$13,994,500	77.00	77.00	\$27,751,400	\$27,989,000	\$237,600	0.86%
S	\$13,034,856	\$13,875,700	\$13,994,500	\$13,994,500	77.00	77.00	\$27,751,400	\$27,989,000	\$237,600	0.86%
PR	\$14,020,197	\$11,826,600	\$15,462,300	\$15,621,800	77.50	77.50	\$23,653,200	\$31,084,100	\$7,430,900	31.42%
S	\$14,020,197	\$11,826,600	\$15,462,300	\$15,621,800	77.50	77.50	\$23,653,200	\$31,084,100	\$7,430,900	31.42%
SEG	\$188,321	\$339,700	\$338,800	\$339,100	1.60	1.60	\$679,400	\$677,900	(\$1,500)	-0.22%
S	\$188,321	\$339,700	\$338,800	\$339,100	1.60	1.60	\$679,400	\$677,900	(\$1,500)	-0.22%
Total - Non Federal	\$27,243,374	\$26,042,000	\$29,795,600	\$29,955,400	156.10	156.10	\$52,084,000	\$59,751,000	\$7,667,000	14.72%
S	\$27,243,374	\$26,042,000	\$29,795,600	\$29,955,400	156.10	156.10	\$52,084,000	\$59,751,000	\$7,667,000	14.72%
Federal										
PR	\$988,649	\$1,054,700	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,800	5.00	5.00	\$2,109,400	\$2,083,100	(\$26,300)	-1.25%
S	\$988,649	\$1,054,700	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,800	5.00	5.00	\$2,109,400	\$2,083,100	(\$26,300)	-1.25%
Total - Federal	\$988,649	\$1,054,700	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,800	5.00	5.00	\$2,109,400	\$2,083,100	(\$26,300)	-1.25%
S	\$988,649	\$1,054,700	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,800	5.00	5.00	\$2,109,400	\$2,083,100	(\$26,300)	-1.25%

Agency Total by Program

Supreme Court

2527 Biennial Budget

Source of Funds	Prior Year Total	ANNUAL SUMMARY					BIENNIAL SUMMARY			
		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 %
02 Director of state courts and law library										
PGM 02 Total	\$28,232,023	\$27,096,700	\$30,836,900	\$30,997,200	161.10	161.10	\$54,193,400	\$61,834,100	\$7,640,700	14.10%
GPR	\$13,034,856	\$13,875,700	\$13,994,500	\$13,994,500	77.00	77.00	\$27,751,400	\$27,989,000	\$237,600	0.86%
S	\$13,034,856	\$13,875,700	\$13,994,500	\$13,994,500	77.00	77.00	\$27,751,400	\$27,989,000	\$237,600	0.86%
PR	\$15,008,846	\$12,881,300	\$16,503,600	\$16,663,600	82.50	82.50	\$25,762,600	\$33,167,200	\$7,404,600	28.74%
S	\$15,008,846	\$12,881,300	\$16,503,600	\$16,663,600	82.50	82.50	\$25,762,600	\$33,167,200	\$7,404,600	28.74%
SEG	\$188,321	\$339,700	\$338,800	\$339,100	1.60	1.60	\$679,400	\$677,900	(\$1,500)	-0.22%
S	\$188,321	\$339,700	\$338,800	\$339,100	1.60	1.60	\$679,400	\$677,900	(\$1,500)	-0.22%
TOTAL 02	\$28,232,023	\$27,096,700	\$30,836,900	\$30,997,200	161.10	161.10	\$54,193,400	\$61,834,100	\$7,640,700	14.10%
S	\$28,232,023	\$27,096,700	\$30,836,900	\$30,997,200	161.10	161.10	\$54,193,400	\$61,834,100	\$7,640,700	14.10%

Agency Total by Program

Supreme Court

2527 Biennial Budget

Source of Funds	Prior Year Total	ANNUAL SUMMARY					BIENNIAL SUMMARY			
		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 %
03 Bar examiners and responsibility										
Non Federal										
PR	\$4,118,591	\$4,268,100	\$4,519,000	\$4,519,000	33.50	33.50	\$8,536,200	\$9,038,000	\$501,800	5.88%
S	\$4,118,591	\$4,268,100	\$4,519,000	\$4,519,000	33.50	33.50	\$8,536,200	\$9,038,000	\$501,800	5.88%
Total - Non Federal	\$4,118,591	\$4,268,100	\$4,519,000	\$4,519,000	33.50	33.50	\$8,536,200	\$9,038,000	\$501,800	5.88%
S	\$4,118,591	\$4,268,100	\$4,519,000	\$4,519,000	33.50	33.50	\$8,536,200	\$9,038,000	\$501,800	5.88%
PGM 03 Total	\$4,118,591	\$4,268,100	\$4,519,000	\$4,519,000	33.50	33.50	\$8,536,200	\$9,038,000	\$501,800	5.88%
PR	\$4,118,591	\$4,268,100	\$4,519,000	\$4,519,000	33.50	33.50	\$8,536,200	\$9,038,000	\$501,800	5.88%
S	\$4,118,591	\$4,268,100	\$4,519,000	\$4,519,000	33.50	33.50	\$8,536,200	\$9,038,000	\$501,800	5.88%
TOTAL 03	\$4,118,591	\$4,268,100	\$4,519,000	\$4,519,000	33.50	33.50	\$8,536,200	\$9,038,000	\$501,800	5.88%
S	\$4,118,591	\$4,268,100	\$4,519,000	\$4,519,000	33.50	33.50	\$8,536,200	\$9,038,000	\$501,800	5.88%

Agency Total by Program

Supreme Court

2527 Biennial Budget

Source of Funds	Prior Year Total	ANNUAL SUMMARY					BIENNIAL SUMMARY				
		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 %	
04 Office of the Marshals of the Supreme Court											
Non Federal											
GPR	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40	\$0	\$2,402,600	\$2,402,600	0.00%	
S	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40	\$0	\$2,402,600	\$2,402,600	0.00%	
Total - Non Federal	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40	\$0	\$2,402,600	\$2,402,600	0.00%	
S	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40	\$0	\$2,402,600	\$2,402,600	0.00%	
PGM 04 Total	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40	\$0	\$2,402,600	\$2,402,600	0.00%	
GPR	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40	\$0	\$2,402,600	\$2,402,600	0.00%	
S	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40	\$0	\$2,402,600	\$2,402,600	0.00%	
TOTAL 04	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40	\$0	\$2,402,600	\$2,402,600	0.00%	
S	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40	\$0	\$2,402,600	\$2,402,600	0.00%	
AGENCY TOTAL	\$38,511,739	\$38,150,000	\$43,348,800	\$43,447,300	241.50	241.50	\$76,300,000	\$86,796,100	\$10,496,100	13.76%	

Agency Total by Decision Item

Supreme Court

2527 Biennial Budget

Decision Item	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$38,150,000	\$38,150,000	233.10	233.10
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$465,200	\$465,200	0.00	0.00
3010 Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs	(\$35,800)	(\$5,900)	0.00	0.00
6004 CCAP PR Re-Estimates	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	0.00	0.00
6110 Supreme Court Marshal Office	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40
TOTAL	\$43,348,800	\$43,447,300	241.50	241.50

GPR Earned

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	01	Supreme court proceedings
DATE	08/31/2024	

Revenue	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$46,235	\$45,700	\$46,200	\$47,100
TOTAL	\$46,235	\$45,700	\$46,200	\$47,100

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	21	Gifts and grants

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$285,614	\$327,700	\$300,500	\$259,900
County Contracts	\$433,929	\$434,000	\$434,000	\$434,000
Gifts and Donations	\$1,324	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Other Revenue	\$22,753	\$26,400	\$27,000	\$27,600
Total Revenue	\$743,620	\$790,100	\$763,500	\$723,500
Expenditures	\$416,018	\$489,600	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$628,500	\$628,500
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	(\$20,000)	(\$20,000)
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$5,100	\$10,200
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$7,800	\$13,700
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	(\$117,900)	(\$114,800)
Total Expenditures	\$416,018	\$489,600	\$503,600	\$517,700
Closing Balance	\$327,602	\$300,500	\$259,900	\$205,800

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	22	Materials and services

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$117,459	\$104,100	\$84,100	\$64,100
Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$117,459	\$104,100	\$84,100	\$64,100
Expenditures	\$13,426	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$60,300	\$60,300
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	(\$40,300)	(\$40,300)
Total Expenditures	\$13,426	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Closing Balance	\$104,033	\$84,100	\$64,100	\$44,100

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	23	Municipal judge training

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$56,447	\$45,000	\$32,500	\$22,800
Assessments	\$176,250	\$176,300	\$176,300	\$176,300
Seminars	\$7,960	\$7,900	\$7,900	\$7,900
Total Revenue	\$240,657	\$229,200	\$216,700	\$207,000
Expenditures	\$195,679	\$196,700	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$198,600	\$198,600
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$2,200	\$4,400
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$1,400	\$2,500
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	\$7,600	\$8,300
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	(\$16,000)	(\$16,000)
Total Expenditures	\$195,679	\$196,700	\$193,900	\$197,900
Closing Balance	\$44,978	\$32,500	\$22,800	\$9,100

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	24	Court commissioner training

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Assessments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Seminars	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$64,200	\$64,200
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$1,500
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	(\$65,500)	(\$66,200)
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Closing Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	25	Court information systems

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$1,401,675	\$1,445,200	\$4,241,600	\$6,805,900
Court Automation Fee	\$3,678,358	\$3,708,300	\$3,738,300	\$3,768,200
Justice Information Surcharge	\$2,940,153	\$2,960,800	\$2,981,400	\$3,002,000
eFiling Fee	\$6,026,863	\$9,643,000	\$9,835,800	\$10,028,700
WCCA Subscriptions	\$487,775	\$494,600	\$501,400	\$508,200
Other Revenue	\$4,164	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,900
Total Revenue	\$14,538,988	\$18,256,600	\$21,303,200	\$24,117,900
Expenditures	\$13,093,849	\$14,015,000	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$10,470,700	\$10,470,700
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$144,100	\$291,000
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$1,600
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$223,500	\$395,700
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$131,500	\$131,500
6004 CCAP PR Re-Estimates	\$0	\$0	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700
3010 Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs	\$0	\$0	(\$4,400)	\$12,500
Total Expenditures	\$13,093,849	\$14,015,000	\$14,497,300	\$14,976,700
Closing Balance	\$1,445,139	\$4,241,600	\$6,805,900	\$9,141,200

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	26	Central services

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Internal Chargebacks	\$255,897	\$261,000	\$306,800	\$318,400
Total Revenue	\$255,897	\$261,000	\$306,800	\$318,400
Expenditures	\$255,897	\$261,000	\$0	\$0
3010 Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs	\$0	\$0	(\$7,800)	(\$7,800)
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$279,800	\$279,800
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$4,200	\$8,400
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$9,700	\$17,100
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$20,800	\$20,800
Total Expenditures	\$255,897	\$261,000	\$306,800	\$318,400
Closing Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	27	Library collections and servic

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$230,574	\$264,600	\$297,000	\$329,900
Revenue	\$65,413	\$66,500	\$69,500	\$72,500
Total Revenue	\$295,987	\$331,100	\$366,500	\$402,400
Expenditures	\$31,452	\$34,100	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$79,400	\$79,400
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	(\$42,800)	(\$40,200)
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$31,452	\$34,100	\$36,600	\$39,200
Closing Balance	\$264,535	\$297,000	\$329,900	\$363,200

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	30	Court interpreter training and certification

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$22,524	\$32,000	\$41,500	\$49,100
Revenue	\$23,330	\$24,000	\$24,700	\$25,300
Total Revenue	\$45,854	\$56,000	\$66,200	\$74,400
Expenditures	\$13,876	\$14,500	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$45,100	\$45,100
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	(\$28,000)	(\$28,000)
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$13,876	\$14,500	\$17,100	\$17,100
Closing Balance	\$31,978	\$41,500	\$49,100	\$57,300

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	41	Federal aid

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	(\$112,609)	\$89,500	\$89,500	\$89,500
Revenue	\$1,190,704	\$988,700	\$991,100	\$1,018,800
Total Revenue	\$1,078,095	\$1,078,200	\$1,080,600	\$1,108,300
Expenditures	\$988,649	\$988,700	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$1,054,700	\$1,054,700
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$7,800	\$15,600
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$13,000	\$22,900
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	(\$71,100)	(\$61,600)
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	(\$14,500)	(\$14,500)
3010 Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs	\$0	\$0	\$1,100	\$1,600
Total Expenditures	\$988,649	\$988,700	\$991,100	\$1,018,800
Closing Balance	\$89,446	\$89,500	\$89,500	\$89,500

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	03	Bar examiners and responsibility
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	31	Board of bar examiners

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$543,589	\$450,300	\$282,400	\$200,600
Revenue	\$763,425	\$770,100	\$775,600	\$781,100
Total Revenue	\$1,307,014	\$1,220,400	\$1,058,000	\$981,700
Expenditures	\$856,716	\$938,000	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$789,600	\$789,600
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$9,700	\$19,700
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$200
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$26,500	\$47,000
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	(\$8,500)
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$21,500	\$21,500
Total Expenditures	\$856,716	\$938,000	\$857,400	\$869,500
Closing Balance	\$450,298	\$282,400	\$200,600	\$112,200

Program Revenue

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	03	Bar examiners and responsibility
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	33	Office of lawyer regulation

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$1,412,104	\$1,215,400	\$868,800	\$516,000
Revenue	\$3,065,077	\$3,190,500	\$3,193,600	\$3,196,700
Total Revenue	\$4,477,181	\$4,405,900	\$4,062,400	\$3,712,700
Expenditures	\$3,261,875	\$3,537,100	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$3,478,500	\$3,478,500
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$53,900	\$108,900
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$600
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$84,300	\$149,200
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$229,400	\$229,400
Total Expenditures	\$3,261,875	\$3,537,100	\$3,546,400	\$3,666,600
Closing Balance	\$1,215,306	\$868,800	\$516,000	\$46,100

Segregated Funds Revenue and Balances Statement

2527 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	680	Supreme Court
PROGRAM	02	Director of state courts and law library
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	62	Mediation fund
STATUTORY FUND	238	MEDIATION

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$88,521	\$91,300	\$81,000	\$73,800
Assessments	\$180,500	\$177,500	\$184,600	\$192,700
Revenue	\$10,535	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,700
Total Revenue	\$279,556	\$273,500	\$270,300	\$271,200
Expenditures	\$188,321	\$192,500	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$339,700	\$339,700
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	(\$500)	(\$500)
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$3,200	\$6,600
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$7,800	\$13,800
Spending Re-Estimate	\$0	\$0	(\$153,400)	(\$158,800)
3010 Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs	\$0	\$0	(\$400)	(\$100)
Total Expenditures	\$188,321	\$192,500	\$196,500	\$200,800
Closing Balance	\$91,235	\$81,000	\$73,800	\$70,400

Decision Item (DIN) - 2000

Decision Item (DIN) Title - Adjusted Base Funding Level

NARRATIVE

Adjusted Base Funding Level

Decision Item by Line

2527 Biennial Budget

DEPARTMENT	CODES	TITLES
	680	Supreme Court

DECISION ITEM	CODES	TITLES
	2000	Adjusted Base Funding Level

	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$21,508,700	\$21,508,700
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$183,500	\$183,500
05	Fringe Benefits	\$7,273,700	\$7,273,700
06	Supplies and Services	\$8,159,900	\$8,159,900
07	Permanent Property	\$1,024,200	\$1,024,200
08	Unallotted 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	\$38,150,000	\$38,150,000
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	233.10	233.10

Decision Item by Numeric

2527 Biennial Budget

Supreme Court

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level				
01	Supreme court proceedings				
	01 General program operations	\$6,785,200	\$6,785,200	38.50	38.50
	Supreme court proceedings Sub Total	\$6,785,200	\$6,785,200	38.50	38.50
02	Director of state courts and law library				
	01 General program operations	\$13,875,700	\$13,875,700	77.00	77.00
	21 Gifts and grants	\$628,500	\$628,500	4.00	4.00
	22 Materials and services	\$60,300	\$60,300	0.00	0.00
	23 Municipal judge training	\$198,600	\$198,600	1.25	1.25
	24 Court commissioner training	\$64,200	\$64,200	0.50	0.50
	25 Court information systems	\$10,470,700	\$10,470,700	69.00	69.00
	26 Central services	\$279,800	\$279,800	2.75	2.75
	27 Library collections and servic	\$79,400	\$79,400	0.00	0.00
	30 Court interpreter training and certification	\$45,100	\$45,100	0.00	0.00
	41 Federal aid	\$1,054,700	\$1,054,700	5.00	5.00
	62 Mediation fund	\$339,700	\$339,700	1.60	1.60

Decision Item by Numeric

2527 Biennial Budget

Supreme Court

	Director of state courts and law library Sub Total	\$27,096,700	\$27,096,700	161.10	161.10
03	Bar examiners and responsibility				
	31 Board of bar examiners	\$789,600	\$789,600	6.00	6.00
	33 Office of lawyer regulation	\$3,478,500	\$3,478,500	27.50	27.50
	Bar examiners and responsibility Sub Total	\$4,268,100	\$4,268,100	33.50	33.50
	Adjusted Base Funding Level Sub Total	\$38,150,000	\$38,150,000	233.10	233.10
	Agency Total	\$38,150,000	\$38,150,000	233.10	233.10

Decision Item by Fund Source

2527 Biennial Budget

Supreme Court

Decision Item/Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level					
GPR	S	\$20,660,900	\$20,660,900	115.50	115.50
PR	S	\$16,094,700	\$16,094,700	111.00	111.00
PR Federal	S	\$1,054,700	\$1,054,700	5.00	5.00
SEG	S	\$339,700	\$339,700	1.60	1.60
Adjusted Base Funding Level Total		\$38,150,000	\$38,150,000	233.10	233.10
Agency Total		\$38,150,000	\$38,150,000	233.10	233.10

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

2527 Biennial Budget

DEPARTMENT	CODES	TITLES
	680	Supreme Court
DECISION ITEM	CODES	TITLES
	3003	Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$62,700	\$62,700
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$402,500	\$402,500
06	Supplies and Services	\$0	\$0
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted 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	\$465,200	\$465,200
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

2527 Biennial Budget

Supreme Court

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	Supreme court proceedings				
	01 General program operations	(\$6,300)	(\$6,300)	0.00	0.00
	Supreme court proceedings Sub Total	(\$6,300)	(\$6,300)	0.00	0.00
02	Director of state courts and law library				
	01 General program operations	\$118,800	\$118,800	0.00	0.00
	21 Gifts and grants	(\$20,000)	(\$20,000)	0.00	0.00
	23 Municipal judge training	(\$16,000)	(\$16,000)	0.00	0.00
	24 Court commissioner training	\$500	\$500	0.00	0.00
	25 Court information systems	\$131,500	\$131,500	0.00	0.00
	26 Central services	\$20,800	\$20,800	0.00	0.00
	41 Federal aid	(\$14,500)	(\$14,500)	0.00	0.00
	62 Mediation fund	(\$500)	(\$500)	0.00	0.00
	Director of state courts and law library Sub Total	\$220,600	\$220,600	0.00	0.00
03	Bar examiners and responsibility				
	31 Board of bar examiners	\$21,500	\$21,500	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Numeric

2527 Biennial Budget

Supreme Court

	33 Office of lawyer regulation	\$229,400	\$229,400	0.00	0.00
	Bar examiners and responsibility Sub Total	\$250,900	\$250,900	0.00	0.00
	Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits Sub Total	\$465,200	\$465,200	0.00	0.00
	Agency Total	\$465,200	\$465,200	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

2527 Biennial Budget

Supreme Court

Decision Item/Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits					
GPR	S	\$112,500	\$112,500	0.00	0.00
PR	S	\$367,700	\$367,700	0.00	0.00
PR Federal	S	(\$14,500)	(\$14,500)	0.00	0.00
SEG	S	(\$500)	(\$500)	0.00	0.00
Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits Total		\$465,200	\$465,200	0.00	0.00
Agency Total		\$465,200	\$465,200	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

2527 Biennial Budget

DEPARTMENT	CODES	TITLES
	680	Supreme Court

DECISION ITEM	CODES	TITLES
	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	(\$35,800)	(\$5,900)
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted 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	(\$35,800)	(\$5,900)
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

2527 Biennial Budget

Supreme Court

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	Supreme court proceedings				
	01 General program operations	(\$24,300)	(\$12,100)	0.00	0.00
	Supreme court proceedings Sub Total	(\$24,300)	(\$12,100)	0.00	0.00
02	Director of state courts and law library				
	25 Court information systems	(\$4,400)	\$12,500	0.00	0.00
	26 Central services	(\$7,800)	(\$7,800)	0.00	0.00
	41 Federal aid	\$1,100	\$1,600	0.00	0.00
	62 Mediation fund	(\$400)	(\$100)	0.00	0.00
	Director of state courts and law library Sub Total	(\$11,500)	\$6,200	0.00	0.00
	Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs Sub Total	(\$35,800)	(\$5,900)	0.00	0.00
	Agency Total	(\$35,800)	(\$5,900)	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

2527 Biennial Budget

Supreme Court

Decision Item/Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
3010 Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs					
SEG	S	(\$400)	(\$100)	0.00	0.00
PR	S	(\$12,200)	\$4,700	0.00	0.00
PR Federal	S	\$1,100	\$1,600	0.00	0.00
GPR	S	(\$24,300)	(\$12,100)	0.00	0.00
Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs Total		(\$35,800)	(\$5,900)	0.00	0.00
Agency Total		(\$35,800)	(\$5,900)	0.00	0.00

Decision Item (DIN) - 6004

Decision Item (DIN) Title - CCAP PR Re-Estimates

NARRATIVE

The Director of State Courts requests \$3,531,100 PR in FY2025-26 and \$ 3,673,700 PR in FY2026-27 for the 20.680 (2)(j) Consolidated Court Automation System appropriation to align the Chapter 20 authorized expenditure level to the FY2025-26 and FY2026-27 anticipated Supplies and Services expenditures.

CCAP PR Re-Estimates

DIN 6004

Director of State Courts

Draft Version 1.0 — September 10, 2024

Summary

The Director of State Courts requests \$3,531,100 PR in FY2025-26 and \$ 3,673,700 PR in FY2026-27 for the Consolidated Court Automation System (CCAP) appropriation (20.680 (2)(j)) to allow the Chapter 20 authorized expenditure level to reflect FY2025-26 and FY2026-27 anticipated Supplies and Services expenditures.

Background

Additional funding is requested to augment CCAP's current base budget for the installation, maintenance and support of new technology services for the circuit courts. CCAP is primarily funded with program revenue from filing fees. During the past few years, CCAP's revenue stream had remained relatively flat while costs continued to rise, thus limiting CCAP's ability to support the court's technological needs.

Effective May 1, 2024, the Court implemented changes to court fees, costs and surcharges. The revisions include (1) the increase in the Safe Ride Program Surcharge, set forth in Wis. Stat. § 346.657, from \$50 to \$75; (2) the increase in the e-Filing fee from \$20 to \$35 per case per party and the addition of a \$70 e-Filing fee for attorney-mediators, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 758.19(4m) and § 801.18(7); and (3) the creation of a \$250 filing fee to commence a judicial proceeding under Chapter 701. These changes may yield approximately \$370,000 per month depending on the filings.

This request to increase to the supplies & services line reflects the projected costs related to security improvements, needed performance enhancements to county networks, maintenance and enhancements to the eFiling system, and replacement/new equipment for counties such as laptops, monitors and servers. See table on next page for CCAP - PR Historical Expenditures and Revenues.

Proposal

The Director of State Courts requests \$3,531,100 PR in FY2025-26 and \$ 3,673,700 PR in FY2026-27 for the 20.680 (2)(j) Consolidated Court Automation System appropriation.

2025-27 Director of State Court Request by DOA Line (Rounded Up)

	FY26 Total Yr 1	FY27 Total Yr 2	Biennial Cost
Salary	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Fringe	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Supplies & Services	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	\$7,204,800
Total Request	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	\$7,204,800

CCAP - PR HISTORICAL EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

2% GWA included in Sal & FB estimates

	FY20	FY 21	FY 22	FY23	FY24	FY25 Proj	FY26 Proj	FY27 Proj
Salaries	3,735,475	4,782,299	5,435,798	5,536,957	6,145,601	6,268,513	6,393,883	6,521,761
LTEs	56,498	52,725	4,125	0	0	0	0	0
Fringe Benefits	1,219,766	1,567,580	1,755,926	1,793,246	2,007,998	2,180,977	2,221,797	2,263,433
Supplies/Serv.	7,876,535	8,152,576	7,569,345	5,512,186	4,940,251	5,565,492	5,704,322	5,846,930 *
Capital Equip	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12,888,274	14,555,181	14,765,194	12,842,389	13,093,849	14,014,982	14,320,002	14,632,123

PROGRAM BALANCE

	FY20	FY 21	FY 22	FY23	FY24	FY25 Proj **	FY26 Proj **	FY27 Proj **
Opening Balance	6,775,286	7,460,860	4,867,983	2,097,641	1,401,675	1,445,139	4,241,348	6,983,175
Revenue	13,574,308	11,962,304	11,994,852	12,146,422	13,137,313	16,811,191	17,061,829	17,312,467
Expenditures	<u>12,888,274</u>	<u>14,555,181</u>	<u>14,765,194</u>	<u>12,842,389</u>	<u>13,093,849</u>	<u>14,014,982</u>	<u>14,320,002</u>	<u>14,632,123</u> *
Ending Balance	7,461,320	4,867,983	2,097,641	1,401,675	1,445,139	4,241,348	6,983,175	9,663,518

* FY24 S&S spending limited by available revenue

** May 2024 eFiling fee increased from \$20 to \$35

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Decision Item by Line

2527 Biennial Budget

DEPARTMENT	CODES	TITLES
	680	Supreme Court

DECISION ITEM	CODES	TITLES
	6004	CCAP PR Re-Estimates

	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	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted 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	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700
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

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Supreme Court

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	6004 CCAP PR Re-Estimates				
02	Director of state courts and law library				
	25 Court information systems	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	0.00	0.00
	Director of state courts and law library Sub Total	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	0.00	0.00
	CCAP PR Re-Estimates Sub Total	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	0.00	0.00
	Agency Total	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

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Supreme Court

Decision Item/Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
6004 CCAP PR Re-Estimates					
PR	S	\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	0.00	0.00
CCAP PR Re-Estimates Total		\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	0.00	0.00
Agency Total		\$3,531,100	\$3,673,700	0.00	0.00

Decision Item (DIN) - 6110

Decision Item (DIN) Title - Supreme Court Marshal Office

NARRATIVE

The Wisconsin Court System requests the creation of a Supreme Court Marshal Office to serve as a specialized law enforcement agency for the Wisconsin Court System.

Office of Supreme Court Marshal DIN 6110

Supreme Court

September 16, 2024

Summary

The court system requests \$1,238,300 GPR in FY2025-26 and \$1,164,300 GPR in FY2026-27 and 8.4 FTE in each year for the creation of the Office of the Supreme Court Marshal (“Marshal’s Office”), which would serve as a specialized law enforcement agency for the Wisconsin Court System. The Marshal’s Office would employ law enforcement officers who would provide security services and dignitary protection for the Office of the Justices, as well as security consultation and evaluation for judges and court facilities. In addition, the Marshal’s Office would offer security support services and advanced security planning for high-profile trials in the circuit courts.

The Office of the Supreme Court Marshal would include the existing 1.6 FTE civilian positions, along with the requested 8.0 law enforcement officers and 0.4 FTE civilian staff included in this request. The law enforcement officers (marshals) would be peace officers permitted to carry firearms in the same manner as state, county, or local law enforcement officers. The marshals would also have arresting authority within the context of their official duties. The civilian staff would be responsible for administrative functions relating to a law enforcement office as well as the continued civilian functions required for management of Supreme Court proceedings. This proposal would not diminish the existing constitutional authority of any Wisconsin Sheriff to provide court-related security in his or her respective county or as otherwise provided by law. The Marshal’s Office would provide mutual aid to local law enforcement agencies as needed and would not provide direct security to circuit court judges or in county courthouses.

Item Description	Ch. 20	FY26 Total Yr 1	FY27 Total Yr 2	Biennial Cost
Salary & Fringe (8.4 FTE)	20.680 (4) (to be created)	\$749,900	\$999,800	\$ 1,749,700
Supplies & Services	20.680 (4) (to be created)	\$488,400	\$164,500	\$652,900
Total				\$2,402,600

Background

Currently the Director of State Courts Office has position authority for 1.0 FTE marshal and 0.6 FTE deputy marshal. The marshal is hired by the Director of State Courts with the advice and approval of the Supreme Court. The marshal position is currently civilian and has no law enforcement powers. The marshal attends the public sittings of the court and performs the duties assigned by the Chief Justice, the Supreme Court, and the Director of State Courts. The deputy marshal assists in the marshal duties.

Over the past several years, and in particular following the June 2022 killing of a retired judge in his home, the need for additional judicial security has been well-recognized, both at the state and federal level. Prior to the current situation, the individual serving as marshal had a background in law enforcement. The individual used her law enforcement background to ensure the ongoing safety of the justices, which included implementing best practices for judicial security for the justices and judges while in attendance at public events. The Capitol Police hired the prior Supreme Court Marshal, and have assigned that individual to the Court to assist in judicial security where possible.

However, in order to meet standard security protocols, it has been necessary to utilize the assistance of local law enforcement officers in the municipalities where the judges and justices are present in order to ensure their safety. Under Wisconsin law, the Sheriff's Department, in addition to being required to attend upon the circuit courts, must also operate the jail, act as process server, and perform any other duties as required by the Sheriff (Wis. Stats. s. 59.27). Consequently, the local Sheriff's departments' duties are broader than simply managing circuit court security and may be limited in their ability to expand their existing efforts to fully support circuit court security needs.

Proposal

The proposed security proposal for the Wisconsin Court System would do the following:

1. Authorize creation of a specialized, independent law enforcement agency charged with providing police services to the Wisconsin Court System, with statewide jurisdiction. This would be the Office of the Supreme Court Marshal.

The Marshal's Office would consist of eight sworn law enforcement officers, and two civilian staff. The sworn law enforcement officers would include the chief marshal, the chief deputy marshal, and six deputy marshals. The chief marshal, chief deputy marshal and deputy marshals under this proposal would have law enforcement powers for the purposes of detecting and preventing crime and have the authority to make arrests for violations of laws within the context of their official duties. The Marshal's Office would also provide security for Supreme Court hearings and public sittings.

A law enforcement Marshal's Office would enable strategic deployment of deputy marshals who are familiar with the unique operations of the court system. Under current law, the Wisconsin State Capitol Police (Capitol Police) has the authority to safeguard public property, state officers, state employees, or other persons. In the event of an ac-

tive security incident, the Court System currently calls upon the Capitol Police and/or local law enforcement to respond. Under this proposal, the Marshal's Office would be able to exercise law enforcement powers and immediately respond to an incident.

2. Provide protective services for the Office of the Justices.

The Marshal's Office would provide advance security services at locations to which a justice will be traveling, as well as on-site individual protection and transportation services during the course of justices' official duties. The Marshal's Office would have access to the law enforcement tools and intelligence systems used to monitor and share threat assessments relating to justices and judges.

3. Work with local law enforcement to provide security assessments for the justices, judges, and facilities of the Wisconsin Court System.

Marshals would be available to work with local Sheriffs' Offices to conduct security assessments of courthouse spaces and private residences upon request. Over the past several years, the marshal has assisted in developing recommendations for security improvements in courthouse facilities and procedures to ensure the safety of the circuit court judges, using a security assessment tool based on best practices and training from security conferences. Assessments may include detailed steps for reducing building vulnerabilities, such as creating and reinforcing secure access points and recommending cameras in specific locations.

In some cases, the recommendations include low-cost or cost-neutral security improvements such as modifying security protocols for responding to threats or perceived threats, providing training to employees regarding use of existing security tools and practices, ensuring 911 buttons are operational on existing phones, testing duress alarms for proper operations, or recommending transportation protocols. These recommendations are then presented for local consideration.

Wisconsin's operating courthouse buildings are of a wide variety of ages. The oldest operating courthouse, Iowa County, was built in 1857. Over the last decade, many mid-20th century facilities have undergone renovations that implement security best practices for courthouses; however, a number of historic courthouses continue to lack facility designs that accommodate updated security standards.

The marshal position was responsible for undertaking security assessments across the state's 72 counties. However, it is not reasonable to expect one marshal to be able to undertake this role and complete it in a time-sensitive manner to meet the security needs of a 21st century courthouse. Additional resources, which would include law enforcement from the Marshal's Office trained in court security assessment and protection standards, would be able to provide a more robust and adequate system of ongoing court-specific security consultation to the Sheriffs' departments across the state. This would allow for more rapid and consistent implementation of security best practices.

In addition, employees of the Marshal's Office would provide personal security assessments to the court system's justices and judges upon request. As the Wisconsin judiciary experiences turnover of approximately ten percent each year, this process would be

ongoing. In addition, regular reassessments and personal security refresher training of sitting judges would be required.

4. Provide support in high-risk or high-visibility circuit court proceedings when requested.

In recent years, the circuit courts have been involved in several high-visibility proceedings that have attracted national media attention due to the nature of the cases. Such cases may have the potential for personal injury, property damage, or disruption of court proceedings. In some circumstances, these cases are heard in counties with limited resources. When requested, an expanded Marshal's Office would have capacity to offer assistance regarding logistics for security, media, and public access.

5. Meet the requirements established by the Law Enforcement Standards Board for officer certification, police pursuit, recruitment, firearms training, and other requirements as well as other statutory policy and reporting requirements of a law enforcement agency.

The Law Enforcement Standards Board establishes the minimum standards for training and certification of law enforcement officers, as well as police pursuit, firearms, and officer recruitment. In addition, Wisconsin Statutes establish rules for use of force, officer-involved deaths, high-speed pursuits, domestic abuse incidents, crime victims' rights, and other areas for which a law enforcement agency must either provide policies or adopt the standards in statute.

DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Create Office of Supreme Court Marshal in the Supreme Court under a new Program 4 appropriation biennial budget.
- Modify statutes to provide law enforcement powers to the Office of Supreme Court Marshal in the Supreme Court.

STATUTORY LANGUAGE

- Create Office of Supreme Court Marshal in the Supreme Court under a new Pro-gram 4 appropriation biennial budget.
- Modify statutes to provide law enforcement powers to the Office of Supreme Court Marshal in the Supreme Court.

Decision Item by Line

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DEPARTMENT	CODES	TITLES
	680	Supreme Court
DECISION ITEM	CODES	TITLES
	6110	Supreme Court Marshal Office

	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$522,300	\$696,300
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$227,600	\$303,500
06	Supplies and Services	\$488,400	\$164,500
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted 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	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	8.40	8.40

Decision Item by Numeric

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Supreme Court

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	6110 Supreme Court Marshal Office				
04	Office of the Marshals of the Supreme Court				
	01 General program operations	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40
	Office of the Marshals of the Supreme Court Sub Total	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40
	Supreme Court Marshal Office Sub Total	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40
	Agency Total	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40

Decision Item by Fund Source

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Supreme Court

Decision Item/Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
6110 Supreme Court Marshal Office					
GPR	S	\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40
Supreme Court Marshal Office Total		\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40
Agency Total		\$1,238,300	\$1,164,300	8.40	8.40