

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	% Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	% Change Over FY24
TOTAL	0	0	0.0	0	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY24
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

2021 AND 2022 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2021	Actual 2021	Goal 2022	Actual 2022
1.	Review and draft recommended amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure.	Prepare submission to the Legislature requesting amendment to statute regarding expungement	Completed	Review and draft recommended amendments at the direction of the Legislature	Reviewed how to adapt court proceedings to remote technologies
1.	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Evidence.	Continue to review and recommend ways in which to incorporate the Federal Rules of Evidence into Wisconsin's rules Review and research amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure at the direction of the Supreme Court or council	Planned project to review, restyle and amend rules of evidence, incorporating Federal Rules of Evidence into Wisconsin's rules, as warranted	Continue to review and recommend ways in which to incorporate the Federal Rules of Evidence into Wisconsin's rules Review and research amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure at the direction of the Supreme Court or council	Began review, restyling and amendment of rules of evidence, incorporating Federal Rules of Evidence into Wisconsin's rules, as warranted

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Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2021	Actual 2021	Goal 2022	Actual 2022
1.	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure.	Draft and file Supreme Court rule change petition to adopt a rule regarding substitution or withdrawal of counsel in appellate cases	Drafted and filed petition for Supreme Court rule change to adopt a rule regarding substitution or withdrawal of counsel in appellate cases; petition granted by Supreme Court Studied and began drafting proposed rules for competency proceedings under s. 971.14, Wisconsin Statutes, for cases on appeal	Review and research amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure at the direction of the Supreme Court or council	Reviewed how to adapt court proceedings to remote technologies
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	Began review, restyling and amendment of rules of evidence, incorporating Federal Rules of Evidence into Wisconsin's rules, as warranted

Note: Based on fiscal year.

Note: The council calendar is unique, beginning in September of each year and continuing until the following June. The council ordinarily does not meet in April, July, August and December.

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2023, 2024 AND 2025 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure ¹	Goal 2023	Goal 2024	Goal 2025
1.	Review and draft recommended amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure.	<p>Review rules regarding how to adapt court proceedings to remote technologies</p> <p>Create legislation related to s. 971.14, Wisconsin Statutes, postconviction proceedings</p> <p>Review and draft other recommended amendments at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council</p>	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 Evidence.	<p>Continue to review and recommend ways to incorporate the Federal Rules of Evidence into Wisconsin's rules</p> <p>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</p>	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	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

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Prog. No.	Performance Measure¹	Goal 2023	Goal 2024	Goal 2025
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	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	Review and recommend modifications to the Rules of Civil Procedure at the direction of the Supreme Court 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.	Continue to develop rules for competency proceedings under s. 971.14, Wisconsin Statutes, for cases on appeal; draft propose rule and file petition with the Supreme Court Finalize guidance for judges and lawyers about new appellate e-filing rules	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	Continue to review and research amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure at the direction of the Supreme Court, Legislature or council
1.	Timely response to requests to review Supreme Court rules.	Provide recommendations regarding Supreme Court rules changes	Provide recommendations regarding Supreme Court rules changes	Provide recommendations regarding Supreme Court rules changes

Note: Based on fiscal year.

¹Performance measures and goals have been revised for the upcoming biennium.

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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 FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$97.7	\$124.3	\$0.0	\$0.0
State Operations	0.0	0.0	97.7	124.3	0.0	0.0
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$97.7	\$124.3	\$0.0	\$0.0
State Operations	0.0	0.0	97.7	124.3	0.0	0.0

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
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 FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Advisory services to the courts and the legislature	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$97.7	\$124.3	\$0.0	\$0.0
TOTALS	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$97.7	\$124.3	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Advisory services to the courts and the legislature	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	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	FY24		FY25	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
1. Judicial Council Attorney and Funding	GPR	97,700	1.00	124,300	1.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	97,700	1.00	124,300	1.00