

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM**  
**AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY**  
**1997 - 1999**

Act 208 of 1979 created the Court of Appeals and provided for 6 judges to be elected to 8-year terms from districts across the state. Because of the increasing number of appeals filed with the Court of Appeals, the 1993 legislature passed Act 1085 which increased the number of sitting judges on the Court from 6 to 12 effective July 1, 1995. The Court's budget and 95-97 appropriation reflected the additional funding and positions the Court anticipated it would need to staff and equip the 6 additional judgeships created by Act 1085. Act 1085 was later amended by Act 11 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1995. Act 11 provided that the Court of Appeals would continue to be consist of 6 judges until January 1, 1996, at which time the Court would be composed of 9 judges until January 1, 1997, when the Court would be increased to 12 judges.

Although the Court's 95-97 appropriation provided funds to staff and equip 6 additional judges who were to take office July 1, 1995, Act 11 delayed the additional judgeships, providing for 3 new judges to take office January 1, 1996, and the remaining 3 to take office January 1, 1997. Accordingly, the Court's FY 95-96 Actual Expenditures reflect the expenditures for a 6-judge court for the first 6 months of the fiscal year and 9-judge court for the remaining 6 months of FY96. The Court's budget appropriation for FY97 reflects a 9-judge court for the first 6 months of the fiscal year and a 12-judge court for the remaining 6 months of the fiscal year.

For the 1997-99 biennium, the Court is seeking an increase in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching.

Regular Salaries. The salary requests for FY 97-98 and FY 98-99 include a 2.8% increase each year above the appropriated level. Additionally, upgrades to Grade 15 and increased salaries are being requested for the Court's outstanding secretarial employees which will enable the Court to pay its secretaries salaries comparable with the salaries of the Supreme Court secretaries, who are classified as Grade 15. Currently, the Supreme Court's entry level salary for a secretary is \$25,204. The entry level salary for a Court of Appeals secretary is \$20,834. ACA § 16-12-108 (Repl. 1994) provides in part that "[t]he employees of the Court of Appeals shall be of the same grade classification as the Supreme Court employees performing the same duties...."

Extra Help. Request is the same as the FY 95-97 authorized appropriation.

Personal Services Matching is being requested in proportion to the additional salary requests for FY 97-98 and FY 98-99. The FY 97-98 amount is \$547,977. The FY 98-99 amount is \$563,322.

Maintenance and Operation. The Court's maintenance and operation budget has not increased from the Court's FY 96-97 appropriation.

Special Judges. This request has not increased from the Court's FY 96-97 appropriation of \$42,025.

Court-appointed Attorneys. This request has not increased from the Court's FY 96-97 appropriation of \$90,000.

Conference and Travel. This request has not increased from the Court's FY 96-97 appropriation of \$44,000.

Capital Outlay. This request has not increased from the Court's FY 96-97 appropriation of \$45,500.

With the recommendation of this budget, the Court of Appeals will be able to continue reviewing in an orderly and just fashion the cases appealed from circuit, chancery, juvenile, and probate courts, along with appeals from the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Workers' Compensation Commission, the Employment Security Division, and other administrative agencies.

<b>AGENCY</b> ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS (018)	<b>DIRECTOR</b>  JOHN E. JENNINGS, Chief Judge	<b>AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY</b> BR21	<b>PAGE</b> 74
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ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS  
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1994

Assets				Liabilities			Total Equity
Cash and Investments	Fixed	Other	Total	Current	Long-Term	Total	Total Equity
\$ 897	\$ 209,809	\$ 9,547	\$ 220,253	\$ 0	\$ 3,404	\$ 3,404	\$ 216,849

Revenues				Expenditures				Other Sources (Uses)		
Inter-governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	Other Sources (Uses)
\$ 1,222,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,222,000	\$ 1,109,232	\$ 0	\$ 10,082	\$ 115,785	\$ 1,235,099	\$ (

Findings

None.

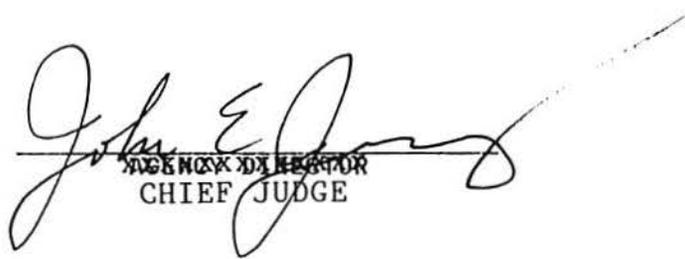
Recommendations

None.

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM  
 EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY  
 AS REQUIRED BY ACT 358 OF 1993  
 (A.C.A 19-4-307)

AGENCY TITLE 018 - Court of Appeals

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>7</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>84%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3%</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF <u>08/10/96</u> DATE			<u>6</u>	<u>16%</u>
			TOTAL MINORITIES	
			<u>37</u>	<u>100%</u>
			TOTAL EMPLOYEES	

  
 AGENCY DIRECTOR  
 CHIEF JUDGE

## ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM

	EXPENDITURES					RECOMMENDATIONS	
	95-96	96-97	96-97	97-98	98-99	LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION	TOTAL REQUEST	TOTAL REQUEST	97-98	98-99
Regular Salaries	1,068,076	1,629,390	1,760,898	1,889,576	1,942,488	No Executive Recommendation is made for this Agency.	
Number of Positions	37	50	50	50	50		
Extra Help	176	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000		
Number of Positions	2	7	7	7	7		
Personal Services - Matching	263,913	475,440	475,440	547,977	563,322		
Maintenance & Operation	96,918	147,272	147,272	147,272	147,272		
Special Judges	9,433	42,025	42,025	42,025	42,025		
Court Appointed Attorneys and Other Legal Fees	56,175	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000		
Conference and Travel	8,143	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000		
Capital Outlay	251,972	45,500	45,500	45,500	45,500		
Proposed Funding Sources	1,754,806	2,498,627	2,630,135	2,831,350	2,899,607		
Fund Balances			<del>                    </del>				
General Revenues			<del>                    </del>				
Special Revenues			<del>                    </del>				
Federal Funds			<del>                    </del>				
Const. & Fiscal Agy. Fund			<del>                    </del>				
State Central Services Fund	1,754,806	2,498,627	<del>                    </del>	2,831,350	2,899,607		
Non-Revenue Receipts			<del>                    </del>				
Cash Funds			<del>                    </del>				
Other			<del>                    </del>				
Total Funding	1,754,806	2,498,627	<del>                    </del>	2,831,350	2,899,607		
Excess Appro./ (Funding)			<del>                    </del>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,754,806</b>	<b>2,498,627</b>	<del>                    </del>	<b>2,831,350</b>	<b>2,899,607</b>		

DEPARTMENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT  
 AGENCY ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS (018)  
 APPROPRIATION 111  
 FUND STATE CENTRAL SERVICES (HSC)

Appropriation Summary  
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