

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY
2001 - 2003**

Act 208 of 1979 created the Court of Appeals and provided for 6 judges to be elected to 8-year terms from six districts across the state. In 1993, the General Assembly passed Act 1085 which increased the number of sitting judges from 6 to 12 effective July 1, 1995. However, Act 1085 was amended by Act 11 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1995, which provided that the Court of Appeals would continue to 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 twelve judges. Pursuant to Act 11, the Court of Appeals has been composed of twelve judges since January 1, 1997. Act 889 of 1999 provided for elections to fill the positions held by the six additional judges appointed by the Governor pursuant to Act 11. Under Act 889, the electors of the six existing Court of Appeals districts will elect an additional Court of Appeals judge from each district to begin office January 1, 2001, and serve for four years or until such later date as the boundaries of the existing Court of Appeals districts are redefined and judges from those districts are elected.

Regular Salaries. The salary request for the FY01-02 includes a \$5,000 increase for law clerks to match the increase being requested by the Arkansas Supreme Court for its law clerks. Ark. Code Ann. § 16-12-108(f)(1) (Repl. 1999) requires that law clerks for the Court of Appeals receive the same salaries as Supreme Court law clerks. Additionally, the Court is requesting upgrades of two deputy clerk positions (Grade 14) to Assistant Record Supervisors (Grade 18) to more accurately reflect these clerks' responsibilities and bring them in line with their co-workers on the Supreme Court's payroll with the same responsibilities. The salary requests for FY 01-02 and FY 02-03 also reflect a 2.6% increase each year above the appropriated level.

Extra Help. Request is the same as the FY99-01 appropriation.

Personal Services Matching is being requested in proportion to the additional salary requests for FY-02 and FY 03. The FY-02 request is \$619,890; the FY-03 request is \$636,006.

Maintenance and Operation. There are two requested changes from FY-01. The Courts is asking that its Continuing Legal Education allowance for law clerks and staff attorneys, Object Code 29111 in the amount of \$14,000, be transferred to Character Code 09 Conference Fees and Travel. This change will result in a \$14,000 decrease in Character Code 02 and a \$14,000 increase in Character Code 09. The Court is also requesting a \$10,000 increase in Object Code 33700 for the Court's library purchases and supplements.

Special Judges. This request has not changed from the Court's FY 01 appropriation of \$ 17,044.

Court-Appointed Attorneys. Because of the increasing legal fees awarded attorney, the Court is requesting a \$5,000 increase for FY-02 and a \$10,000 increase for FY-03.

Conference Fees and Travel. Three changes are being requested in this Character Code that will increase this appropriation request by \$24,900 for both years of the biennium. First, the Court is requesting that \$14,000 be transferred to Character Code 09 from Character Code 02 for Law Clerk and Staff Attorney Continuing Legal Education. Second, the Court is requesting an increase of \$2,500 to be specifically reserved for public utility regulation education. Third the Court is seeking an increase of \$8,400 to be used by the judges for educational seminars.

Capital Outlay. This request has not increased from the Court's FY-01 appropriation.

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JOHN B. ROBBINS, Chief Judge

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

Assets				Liabilities			Total Equity
Cash and Investments	Fixed	Other	Total	Current	Long-Term	Total	
\$ 75,964	\$ 386,972	\$ 13,888	\$ 476,824	\$ 0	\$ 6,093	\$ 6,093	\$ 470,731

Revenues					Expenditures					Other Sources (Uses)
Intergovernmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	
\$ 2,600,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 2,231,676	\$ 0	\$ 41,331	\$ 271,200	\$ 2,544,207	\$ 10

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 - AR COURT OF APPEAL

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>7</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>88%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF 08/05/00			<u>6</u>	<u>13%</u>
DATE			TOTAL MINORITIES	<u>13%</u>
			<u>48</u>	<u>100%</u>
			TOTAL EMPLOYEES	


~~AGENCY DIRECTOR~~ CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY

* PERCENTAGE TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING

STATE AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

2001-2003 Biennium

Act 1276 of 1999

AGENCY: ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS AGENCY # 018

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