

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

PERSONNEL: The court is requesting a new title and upgrade of a Grade 14 Deputy Clerk position to a Grade 17 Financial Officer position. This position maintains accounting records for both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, as well as all of the court's cash fund accounts. One additional position is requested, increasing from one to two Grade 22 Legal Research Analysts. The current position assists the court in analyzing petitions in criminal cases from incarcerated persons. The additional position will work in the Supreme Court Clerk's office and assist the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals in reviewing all appeals, petitions, and motions received by the two courts. The court is also requesting the full funding of a Security Officer position during the second year of the biennium in order to properly staff the justice building security plan and in anticipation of the renovation and addition to the Justice Building. The court is requesting a salary increase of 2.8% for all staff positions for the first year of the biennium, and 2.8% for the second year.

OPERATING EXPENSES: The court is requesting a 5% increase for each year of the biennium to allow for inflation factors.

CONFERENCE FEES AND TRAVEL: The court is requesting an increase of 5% for each year of the biennium to allow for inflation factors.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS: The court is requesting the amount of appropriation necessary for the payment of its annual charges to the National Center for State Courts. The requested appropriations are the amounts which the National Center will assess against the Supreme Court during the biennium.

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS: Due to a current year short-fall in this appropriation, the Court is requesting an increase of \$25,000.00 the first year, and \$50,000.00 the second year of the biennium to cover fees for appointed counsel.

PRINTING AND BINDING: The court is requesting a 5% increase for each year of the biennium due to the re-bidding of the printing and binding contract and in anticipation of rising paper costs.

OTHER LINE ITEMS: No increases over the existing line items are requested by the Court for the following:

Extra Help, Professional Fees, Capital Outlay, Special Justices, Judicial Education, Commissions and Committees.

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ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
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	
\$ 691,324	\$ 757,264	\$ 73,382	\$ 1,521,970	\$ 530,193	\$ 29,480	\$ 559,673	\$ 962,297

Revenues					Expenditures					Other Sources (Uses)
Inter-governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	
\$ 2,005,000	\$ 0	\$ 81,815	\$ 526,060	\$ 2,612,875	\$ 1,422,016	\$ 0	\$ 75,598	\$ 1,309,774	\$ 2,807,388	\$ (157)

Findings

None.

Recommendations

None.

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY
AS REQUIRED BY ACT 358 OF 1993

AGENCY TITLE 032 - Supreme Court

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>9</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>89%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF <u>08/10/96</u> DATE			<u>4</u>	<u>11%</u>
			TOTAL MINORITIES	
			<u>38</u>	<u>100%</u>
			TOTAL EMPLOYEES	



AGENCY DIRECTOR

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

AGENCY TITLE Arkansas Supreme Court (032)		1995-97 Expenditures				1997-99 Biennium Request				1997-99 Executive Recommendation			
Appropriations		Actual 1995-96	No. of Pos.	Budgeted 1996-97	No. of Pos.	Year 1 1997-98	No. of Pos.	Year 2 1998-99	No. of Pos.	Year 1 1997-98	No. of Pos.	Year 2 1998-99	No. of Pos.
Code	Name												
008	Supreme Court	\$2,232,214	39	\$2,464,451	39	\$2,750,555	40	\$2,848,156	40	No Executive Recommendation is made for this Agency.			
TOTALS		\$2,232,214	39	\$2,464,451	39	\$2,750,555	40	\$2,848,156	40				
Funding Sources			% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total				
Fund Balances													
General Revenues													
Special Revenues													
Federal Funds													
Const. & Fiscal Agency Fund													
State Central Services Fund		2,232,214	100.0%	2,464,451	100.0%	2,750,555	100.0%	2,848,156	100.0%				
Non-Revenue Receipts													
Cash Funds													
Other													
Total Funding		2,232,214	100.0%	2,464,451	100.0%	2,750,555	100.0%	2,848,156	100.0%				
Excess Appr./ (Funding)													
TOTAL		\$2,232,214		\$2,464,451		\$2,750,555		\$2,848,156					
DEPARTMENT Arkansas Supreme Court (032)				DIRECTOR Bradley D. Jesson					DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION SUMMARY BR 40				

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EXPENDITURES

RECOMMENDATIONS

	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	1,240,606	1,366,714	1,314,432	1,457,082	1,497,872	NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION IS MADE FOR THIS AGENCY.	
Number of Positions	39	39	39	40	40		
Extra Help	11,475	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000		
Number of Positions	5	5	5	5	5		
Personal Services Matching	317,650	355,346	341,752	378,841	389,447		
Operating Expenses	194,788	208,194	223,194	234,354	246,072		
Conference Fees & Travel	10,360	11,387	11,387	11,956	12,554		
Professional Fees	0	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,000		
Capital Outlay	84,316	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000		
Special Justices	1,900	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500		
Court Appointed Attorneys	149,722	150,000	150,000	175,000	200,000		
Printing & Binding	57,355	110,310	138,797	145,736	153,023		
Nat. Center for State Courts	69,201	0	77,754	80,086	81,688		
Judicial Education	90,960	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000		
Commissions & Committees	3,881	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		
TOTALS	2,232,214	2,464,451	2,524,816	2,750,555	2,848,156		
Proposed Funding Sources							
Fund Balances							
General Revenues							
Special Revenues							
Federal Funds							
Const. & Fiscal Agy. Fund							
State Central Services Fund	2,232,214	2,464,451		2,750,555	2,848,156		
Non-Revenue Receipts							
Cash Funds							
Other							
Total Funding	2,232,214	2,464,451		2,750,555	2,848,156		
Excess Appr./ (Funding)							
TOTAL	2,232,214	2,464,451		2,750,555	2,848,156		

DEPARTMENT Judicial Branch

Appropriation Summary

AGENCY 032 Supreme Court

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APPROPRIATION 008 Supreme Court

FUND HSC State Central Services

The Fiscal Year 1997 Budgeted Amounts in Regular Salaries and/or Personal Services Matching may exceed the Authorized Amounts due to implementation of the pay plan during the 1995/97 Biennium.