

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY
1999 - 2001**

PERSONNEL: The Supreme Court is requesting two (2) additional positions for the Court's support staff in the following priority order. The first is a Legal Research Analyst, who will assist the Court in analyzing criminal case petitions from persons in the state's prisons. The number of these petitions has continued to increase. During the last court term over 350 such cases were reviewed and disposed of by written opinion and the backlog at the end of term exceeded 100 cases. The second position is an additional secretary to provide clerical support to the Supreme Court Reporter, who is responsible for the preparation and publication of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions.

Two (2) upgrades of current positions are requested, neither of which include additional funding requests. The first is an upgrade of the Assistant Reporter of Decisions from a Grade 20 to a Grade 22, to make the position consistent in status with similar positions providing similar services for the Court. The second is an upgrade and title change for a Grade 14 Deputy Clerk to a Grade 18 Assistant Records Supervisor to assist with the microfilming and processing of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals records.

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 requests a continuing level appropriation for operating expenses except for a special request of funds for purchase of books, subscriptions and publications for the Supreme Court Library. Due to both the increase in the cost of materials and a doubling of the membership of the Court of Appeals, the Library has been forced to cancel receipt of a number of materials and has been required to use other agency funds in order to pay for library materials. An additional \$45,000 is requested. No increase is requested for the second year.

CONFERENCE FEES & TRAVEL: The Court is requesting an increase of 3% for each year of the biennium to allow for increased costs of travel and programs.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS: The Court is not requesting an increase the first year of the biennium, but does request a 6% increase the second year of the biennium. The requested appropriations are the amounts which the Court projects the National Center will assess during the biennium. A final decision on assessments will not be made by the National Center, however, until November, 1998.

OTHER LINE ITEMS: No increases over the existing line items are requested by the Court for the following: Court Appointed Attorneys, Printing and Binding, Extra Help, Professional Fees, Capital Outlay, Special Justices, Judicial Education, Commissions and Committees.

<p>AGENCY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arkansas Supreme Court</p>	<p>DIRECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Chief Justice W.H. "Dub" Arnold</p>	<p>AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY BR21</p>	<p>PAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">153</p>
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ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

Assets				Liabilities			Total Equity
Cash and Investments	Fixed	Other	Total	Current	Long-Term	Total	
\$ 929,075	\$ 784,319	\$ 54,797	\$ 1,768,191	\$ 720,858	\$ 36,027	\$ 756,885	\$ 1,011,306

Revenues		Expenditures			Other Sources (Uses)						
Inter-governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	Total	Other Sources (Uses)
\$ 2,180,000	\$ 0	\$ 773,028	\$ 172,215	\$ 3,125,243	\$ 1,939,511	\$ 0	\$ 73,315	\$ 1,062,036	\$ 3,074,862	\$ 3,485	\$ 3,485

Findings

None

Recommendations

None

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

AGENCY TITLE (032) ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>10</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>97%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF			<u>1</u>	<u>3%</u>
<i>Aug 8, 1998</i> DATE			TOTAL MINORITIES	<u>3%</u>
			<u>37</u>	<u>100%</u>
			TOTAL EMPLOYEES	



 AGENCY DIRECTOR

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM

	EXPENDITURES					RECOMMENDATIONS	
	97-98	98-99	98-99	99-00	00-01	LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION	TOTAL REQUEST	TOTAL REQUEST	99-00	00-01
Regular Salaries	1,385,346	1,497,872	1,497,872	1,607,192	1,652,201		
Number of Positions	40	40	40	42	42		
Extra Help	14,999	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000		
Number of Positions	5	5	5	5	5		
Personal Services Matching	356,414	389,447	389,447	420,839	428,941		
Operating Expenses	214,567	205,684	235,868	280,868	280,868		
Conference Fees & Travel	11,206	12,034	12,034	12,395	12,767		
Professional Fees	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000		
Capital Outlay	109,295	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000		
Special Justices	3,950	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500		
Court Appointed Attorneys	138,922	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000		
Printing & Binding	136,970	123,023	153,023	153,023	153,023		
National Center for State Courts	71,277	0	81,688	81,868	86,780		
Judicial Education	98,188	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000		
Commissions & Committees	3,860	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		
TOTALS	2,544,994	2,695,560	2,837,432	3,023,685	3,082,080		
Proposed Funding Sources							
Fund Balances							
General Revenues							
Special Revenues							
Federal Funds							
Const. & Fiscal Agy. Fund							
State Central Services Fund	2,544,994	2,695,560		3,023,685	3,082,080		
Non-Revenue Receipts							
Cash Funds							
Other							
Total Funding	2,544,994	2,695,560		3,023,685	3,082,080		
Excess Appro./ (Funding)							
TOTAL	2,544,994	2,695,560		3,023,685	3,082,080		

DEPARTMENT
AGENCY
APPROPRIATION
FUND

JUDICIAL BRANCH
032 SUPREME COURT
008 SUPREME COURT
HSC STATE CENTRAL SERVICES

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

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