

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

**Personnel:** The Supreme Court is requesting two (2) additional positions for the Court's support staff. The first priority is a Supreme Court Police Officer. This request brings the total number of officers to three. The position is needed to provide the necessary coverage of an expanded building, to provide personnel to cover from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily, coverage on Saturdays due to Supreme Court Committee meetings, and the absence of officers due to annual and sick leave usage. The Court is also requesting that all three positions lowered to a Grade Eighteen (18) from a Grade Ninety Nine (99). The second priority is a position for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Library, titled Technical Services Librarian, classified as a Grade Nineteen (19). The agency also requests that two other positions in the library be re-titled and upgraded consistently with the request from the Office of Personnel Management.

The Court requests an increase of \$15,000.00 each year of the biennium in the Extra Help Line Item. This is needed to cover the absence of a justice's secretary or law clerk due to extended illness, or Family Medical Leave.

The Court is requesting a salary increase of 2.6% for each year of the biennium.

**Operating Expenses:** The Court requests an increase of 3% for each year of the biennium to cover the increased cost of operating due to inflation. There was no increase in this category the last fiscal year.

**Conference Fees and Travel:** The Court requests an increase to \$25,000.00 the first year, and to \$30,000.00 the second year of the biennium. The increased funds will provide the necessary legal and technical training for the Court and its support staff.

**Commissions and Committees:** The Court requests a \$10,000.00 increase each year of the biennium. The court continues to increase its use of citizen volunteers on over twenty different court committees. These funds are used to reimburse their out-of-pocket expenses.

**National Center for State Courts:** The Court is requesting an increase of \$2,880 (3.3%) the first year over current authorized level, and \$4,931 (5.5%) the second year of the biennium over the FY02 requested amount. The requested appropriation is equal to the amounts of our anticipated state assessment costs for the biennium.

**Printing And Binding:** The Court requests an additional \$75,000.00 for each year of the biennium. This will allow the Court to publish the Arkansas Reports on a timely basis. The expense of these reports continues to climb due to the publishing of such a small number of volumes. By law, free copies are provided to judges, prosecutors, clerks, etc. Funds from the sale of other volumes are deposited as State General Revenue.

**Capital Outlay:** The Court is not requesting an increase the first year, but is requesting an additional \$120,000.00 to purchase new shelving for the library the second year of the biennium.

**Other Line Items:** No increases over the existing line item amounts are requested by the Court for the following: Court Appointed Attorneys; Professional Fees; Special Justices; and, Judicial Education.

<p><b>AGENCY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arkansas Supreme Court</p>	<p><b>DIRECTOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">             Chief Justice W. H. "Dub" Arnold         </p>	<p><b>AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY BR21</b></p>	<p><b>PAGE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">230</p>
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ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT  
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	Total Equity		
\$ 1,538,726	\$ 888,276	\$ 92,497	\$ 2,519,499	\$ 1,278,774	\$ 55,534	\$ 1,334,308	\$ 1,185,191		

  

Revenues					Expenditures					Other Sources (Uses)
Intergovernmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	Total
\$ 2,606,127	\$ 0	\$ 1,001,453	\$ 167,693	\$ 3,775,273	\$ 2,266,361	\$ 0	\$ 83,177	\$ 1,160,671	\$ 3,510,209	\$ 0

Findings

None

Recommendations

None

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

AGENCY TITLE      032 - SUPREME COURT

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	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>11</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>98%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2%</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>1</u>	<u>2%</u>
DATE			TOTAL MINORITIES	
			<u>41</u>	<u>100%</u>
			TOTAL EMPLOYEES	

  
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 AGENCY DIRECTOR

# STATE AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Fiscal Year 2001

Act 1276 of 1999

AGENCY: Supreme Court AGENCY # 032

NAME OF PUBLICATION	STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION ACT # OR A.C.A.	REQUIRED FOR GOVERNOR AND/OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLY	NUMBER OF COPIES PUBLISHED & DISTRIBUTED	REASON(S) FOR CONTINUED PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION
				NON-APPLICABLE

## ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM

	EXPENDITURES					RECOMMENDATIONS	
	99-00	00-01	00-01	01-02	02-03	LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION	TOTAL REQUEST	TOTAL REQUEST	01-02	02-03
Regular Salaries	\$ 1,523,688	\$ 1,646,201	\$ 1,652,201	\$ 1,784,717	\$ 1,831,122		
Number of Positions	42	42	42	44	44		
Extra Help	10,557	15,000	15,000	30,000	30,000		
Number of Positions	5	5	5	5	5		
Personal Services Matching	388,778	428,478	428,941	445,419	471,920		
Operating Expenses	298,956	280,868	280,868	289,294	297,973		
Conference Fees & Travel	11,909	12,767	12,767	25,000	30,000		
Professional Fees & Services	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000		
Capital Outlay	108,218	112,000	112,000	112,000	232,000		
Special Justices	3,475	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500		
Court Appointed Attorneys	97,711	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000		
Printing & Binding	153,007	153,023	153,023	228,023	228,023		
National Center for State Courts	81,213	86,780	86,780	89,660	94,591		
Judicial Education	98,777	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000		
Commissions & Committees	9,986	10,000	10,000	20,000	20,000		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,786,274</b>	<b>\$ 3,075,617</b>	<b>\$ 3,082,080</b>	<b>\$ 3,354,613</b>	<b>\$ 3,566,129</b>		
Proposed Funding Sources							
Fund Balances							
General Revenues							
Special Revenues							
Federal Funds							
Const. & Fiscal Agy. Fund							
State Central Services Fund	2,786,274	3,075,617		3,354,613	3,566,129		
Non-Revenue Receipts							
Cash Funds							
Other							
Total Funding	2,786,274	3,075,617		3,354,613	3,566,129		
Excess Appro./ (Funding)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,786,274</b>	<b>\$ 3,075,617</b>		<b>\$ 3,354,613</b>	<b>\$ 3,566,129</b>		

DEPARTMENT  
AGENCY  
APPROPRIATION  
FUND

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

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY  
  
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