

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

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. Pursuant to Act 11, the Court has been composed of 12 judges since January 1, 1997. Because the 81st General Assembly adjourned without determining the number and location of the Court of Appeals districts from which the qualified electors of these districts would elect (at the November 1998 general election) the six judges to take office January 1, 1999, the six judges appointed pursuant to Act 11 continue to hold office.

For the 1999-01 biennium, the Court is seeking an increase in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching.

Regular Salaries. The salary requests for FY 99-00 and FY 00-01 include a 2.8% increase each year above the appropriated level. Additionally, the Court is eliminating a Grade 15 secretarial position, which has not been filled since it was appropriated, and the Court's requested appropriation reflects a \$25,000 decrease for the elimination of this position.

Extra Help. Request is the same as the FY 98-99 authorized appropriation.

Personal Services Matching is being requested in proportion to the additional salary requests for FY 99-00 and FY 00-01. The FY 99-00 amount is \$566,126. The FY 00-01 amount is \$581,975.

Maintenance and Operation. The Court's maintenance and operation request has been increased from its FY 98-99 appropriation by \$12,413 for FY 99-00. This increase includes an \$8,913 increase for Internet and legal research access for the judges and law clerks and a one-time \$3,500 increase for modem purchases and modem line installation.

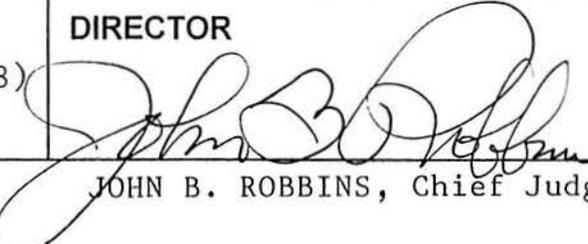
Special Judges. This request has not increased from the Court's FY 98-99 appropriation of \$42,025.

Court-appointed Attorneys. This request has been increased to \$100,000 because of the increasing legal fees awarded attorneys and the increase in the Court's criminal docket.

Conference and Travel. This request has not increased from the Court's FY 98-99 appropriation of \$44,000.

Capital Outlay. This request has not increased from the Court's FY 98-99 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.

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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, 1996

Assets				Liabilities			Total Equity
Cash and Investments	Fixed	Other	Total	Current	Long-Term	Total	
\$ 4,170	\$ 347,477	\$ 14,648	\$ 366,295	\$ 135	\$ 4,752	\$ 4,887	\$ 361,408

Revenues					Expenditures				Other Sources (Uses)	
Inter-governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	
\$ 1,725,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,725,000	\$ 1,339,968	\$ 0	\$ 134,746	\$ 277,086	\$ 1,751,800	\$ (2,155)

Findings

None.

Recommendations

None.

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

AGENCY TITLE

018 Court of Appeals

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>8</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>88%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF				
<u>8-10-98</u> DATE			<u>6</u>	
			TOTAL MINORITIES	<u> </u>
			<u>49</u>	
			TOTAL EMPLOYEES	<u> </u>



 AGENCY DIRECTOR John B. Robbins, Chief Judge

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	1,707,965	1,878,488	1,942,488	1,971,877	2,027,082		
Number of Positions	49	49	50	49	49		
Extra Help	4,482	13,000	25,000	25,000	25,000		
Number of Positions	2	2	2	2	2		
Personal Services Matching	457,433	539,322	563,322	566,126	581,975		
Operating Expenses	118,889	127,272	147,272	159,685	156,185		
Conference Fees & Travel	30,296	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000		
Capital Outlay	43,107	45,500	45,500	45,500	45,500		
Legal Counsel	85,975	90,000	90,000	100,000	100,000		
Special Judges	-	17,044	42,025	42,025	42,025		
TOTALS:	2,448,147	2,754,626	2,899,607	2,954,213	3,021,767		
Proposed Funding Sources							
Fund Balances							
General Revenues							
Special Revenues							
Federal Funds							
Const. & Fiscal Agy. Fund							
State Central Services Fund	2,448,147	2,754,626		2,954,213	3,021,767		
Non-Revenue Receipts							
Cash Funds							
Other							
Total Funding	2,448,147	2,754,626		2,954,213	3,021,767		
Excess Appro./ (Funding)							
TOTAL	2,448,147	2,754,626		2,954,213	3,021,767		

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

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

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