

JUDICIAL COMMISSION

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY15 Adjusted Base	FY16 Recommended	% Change Over FY15	FY17 Recommended	% Change Over FY16
GPR	292,700	0	-100.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	292,700	0	-100.0	0	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY15 Adjusted Base	FY16 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY15	FY17 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY16
GPR	2.00	0.00	-2.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	2.00	0.00	-2.00	0.00	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The commission investigates and prosecutes allegations of misconduct or disability on the part of Wisconsin judges and court commissioners. A judge's or court commissioner's conduct is measured primarily by Supreme Court Rule, Chapter 60, Wisconsin Code of Judicial Conduct. The nine-member commission consists of five members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and four members who are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The commission, through its executive director, receives and responds to numerous inquiries from judges, attorneys, court commissioners and other citizens on the issue of judicial conduct. The commission does not issue advisory opinions, but the executive director does respond to requests for informal guidance by judges and court commissioners on the propriety of contemplated conduct. In 2012 and 2013, a total of 456 requests for informal guidance were received and responded to by the executive director. The commission encourages such communications between its staff and judges, court commissioners and the public.

MISSION

The mission of the commission is to hold Wisconsin judges and court commissioners accountable for violations of the Wisconsin Code of Judicial Conduct while maintaining the independence of the judiciary, which is necessary for the proper functioning of a democracy. The commission also strives to strengthen the Wisconsin judiciary and the public's confidence in it by creating a greater awareness, on the part of both the judiciary and the public, of what constitutes proper and improper judicial conduct.

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PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Program 1: Judicial Conduct

Goal: Respond in an appropriate and timely manner to increasing caseload with minimal staff.

Goal: Participate in judicial education programs by providing ethics presentations to reduce the incidence of judicial misconduct.

Goal: Increase awareness of informal guidance to judges on ethics issues.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

2013 AND 2014 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2013	Actual 2013	Goal 2014	Actual 2014
1.	Number of complaints received.	475	396	475	290
1.	Investigations pending.	26	10	26	9
1.	Requests for advice.	325	185	325	122

Note: Based on calendar year through August 2014.

2015, 2016 AND 2017 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2015	Goal 2016	Goal 2017
1.	Number of complaints received.	475	475	475
1.	Investigations pending.	26	15	15
1.	Requests for advice.	325	325	325

Note: Based on calendar year.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Transfer Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court
2. Standard Budget Adjustments

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Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)

	ACTUAL FY14	ADJUSTED BASE FY15	AGENCY REQUEST FY16	AGENCY REQUEST FY17	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY16	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY17
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$329.7	\$292.7	\$302.4	\$303.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
State Operations	329.7	292.7	302.4	303.0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$329.7	\$292.7	\$302.4	\$303.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
State Operations	329.7	292.7	302.4	303.0	0.0	0.0

Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)

	ADJUSTED BASE FY15	AGENCY REQUEST FY16	AGENCY REQUEST FY17	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY16	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY17
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	2.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS - ANNUAL	2.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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**Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY14	ADJUSTED BASE FY15	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
1. Judicial conduct	\$329.7	\$292.7	\$302.4	\$303.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
TOTALS	\$329.7	\$292.7	\$302.4	\$303.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

**Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY15	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
1. Judicial conduct	2.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	2.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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1. Transfer Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY16		FY17		FY16		FY17	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-301,300	-2.00	-301,900	-2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-301,300	-2.00	-301,900	-2.00

The Governor recommends transferring funding and position authority for the commission to the Supreme Court. The Governor also recommends the elimination of the Judicial Commission as a separate agency. See Supreme Court, Item #1.

2. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY16		FY17		FY16		FY17	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	9,700	2.00	10,300	2.00	8,600	0.00	9,200	0.00
TOTAL	9,700	2.00	10,300	2.00	8,600	0.00	9,200	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$7,500 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$1,100 in FY16 and \$1,700 in FY17).