

## JUDICIAL COMMISSION

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY05 Adjusted Base	FY06 Recommended	% Change Over FY05	FY07 Recommended	% Change Over FY06
GPR	220,800	238,100	7.8	238,100	0.0
TOTAL	220,800	238,100	7.8	238,100	0.0

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY05 Adjusted Base	FY06 Recommended	FTE Change From FY05	FY07 Recommended	FTE Change From FY06
GPR	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
TOTAL	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The nine-member commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and four members appointed by the Supreme Court. The commission investigates and prosecutes allegations of judicial misconduct or disability on the part of Wisconsin judges and court commissioners. The commission also staffs and administers a separate, independent agency, the Judicial Council, pursuant to 1995 Wisconsin Act 27.

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 guidance by judges and court commissioners on the propriety of contemplated conduct. In 2003, 216 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 commission's mission 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 to 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.

## PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Note: The goals have been modified.

### 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

### HISTORICAL DATA

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002
1.	Number of complaints received.	373	420	428
1.	Investigations pending.	14	23	35
1.	Requests for advice.	184	86	188

Note: Based on calendar year.

### 2003 AND 2004 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2003	Actual 2003	Goal 2004	Actual 2004 <sup>1</sup>
1.	Number of complaints received.	405	492	400	316
1.	Investigations pending.	20	30	15	30
1.	Requests for advice.	195	216	200	123

Note: Based on calendar year.

<sup>1</sup>Actuals for 2004 reflect the first six months of the year.

2005, 2006 AND 2007 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2005	Goal 2006	Goal 2007
1.	Number of complaints received.	500	500	500
1.	Investigations pending.	25	20	20
1.	Requests for advice.	220	220	220

Note: Based on calendar year.

## **JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

### **GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Standard Budget Adjustments

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

	ACTUAL FY04	ADJUSTED BASE FY05	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$199.2	\$220.8	\$238.1	\$238.1	\$238.1	\$238.1
State Operations	199.2	220.8	238.1	238.1	238.1	238.1
TOTALS-ANNUAL	199.2	220.8	238.1	238.1	238.1	238.1
State Operations	199.2	220.8	238.1	238.1	238.1	238.1

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY05	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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

	ACTUAL FY04	ADJUSTED BASE FY05	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07
1. Judicial conduct	\$199.2	\$220.8	\$238.1	\$238.1	\$238.1	\$238.1
TOTALS	199.2	220.8	238.1	238.1	238.1	238.1

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY05	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07
1. Judicial conduct	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TOTALS	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

**1. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY06		FY07		FY06		FY07	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	17,300	0.00	17,300	0.00	17,300	0.00	17,300	0.00
TOTAL	17,300	0.00	17,300	0.00	17,300	0.00	17,300	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$17,300 in each year).