

## SUPREME COURT

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY05 Adjusted Base	FY06 Recommended	% Change Over FY05	FY07 Recommended	% Change Over FY06
GPR	12,019,100	12,292,200	2.3	12,330,300	0.3
PR-F	401,200	489,800	22.1	489,800	0.0
PR-O	11,845,000	12,112,100	2.3	12,130,800	0.2
PR-S	210,800	199,900	-5.2	199,900	0.0
SEG-O	720,200	728,400	1.1	728,400	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,196,300</b>	<b>25,822,400</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>25,879,200</b>	<b>0.2</b>

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY05 Adjusted Base	FY06 Recommended	FTE Change From FY05	FY07 Recommended	FTE Change From FY06
GPR	111.50	112.50	1.00	112.50	0.00
PR-F	3.00	2.00	-1.00	2.00	0.00
PR-O	91.75	91.75	0.00	91.75	0.00
PR-S	2.50	2.50	0.00	2.50	0.00
SEG-O	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213.75</b>	<b>213.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>213.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, consisting of seven justices elected to ten-year terms, has original jurisdiction in certain cases of statewide concern and, since August 1978, discretionary appellate jurisdiction on all other issues arising under Wisconsin law. The court considers petitions to review decisions of the Court of Appeals, petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals and certifications from that court. It is the highest tribunal for actions commenced in state courts, except where a federal question allowing an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is raised. It is the final authority on the state constitution.

The constitution provides that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has the superintending and administrative authority over all courts in the state. The chief justice is the administrative head of the state judicial system and exercises this authority both directly and through the director of state courts pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

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

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Budget Efficiency Measures
2. Interpreters Certification, Education and Training Program
3. Standard Budget Adjustments

#### **ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

4. Standardized County Reporting of Court Costs and Revenues

**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	\$10,804.8	\$12,019.1	\$12,344.5	\$12,407.6	\$12,292.2	\$12,330.3
State Operations	10,804.8	12,019.1	12,344.5	12,407.6	12,292.2	12,330.3
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	898.4	401.2	489.8	489.8	489.8	489.8
State Operations	898.4	401.2	489.8	489.8	489.8	489.8
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	12,332.9	12,055.8	12,321.0	12,335.5	12,312.0	12,330.7
State Operations	12,332.9	12,055.8	12,321.0	12,335.5	12,312.0	12,330.7
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	356.6	720.2	728.4	728.4	728.4	728.4
State Operations	356.6	720.2	728.4	728.4	728.4	728.4
TOTALS-ANNUAL	24,392.7	25,196.3	25,883.7	25,961.3	25,822.4	25,879.2
State Operations	24,392.7	25,196.3	25,883.7	25,961.3	25,822.4	25,879.2

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**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	111.50	113.50	113.50	112.50	112.50
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	94.25	94.25	94.25	94.25	94.25
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	213.75	214.75	214.75	213.75	213.75

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

(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. Supreme court proceedings	\$3,840.5	\$4,341.9	\$4,361.9	\$4,361.9	\$4,361.9	\$4,361.9
2. Director of state courts	15,218.9	15,554.4	16,089.0	16,166.6	16,027.7	16,084.5
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	3,078.7	2,684.2	2,808.5	2,808.5	2,808.5	2,808.5
4. Law library	2,254.6	2,615.8	2,624.3	2,624.3	2,624.3	2,624.3
TOTALS	24,392.7	25,196.3	25,883.7	25,961.3	25,822.4	25,879.2

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY05	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07
1. Supreme court proceedings	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50
2. Director of state courts	124.25	125.25	125.25	124.25	124.25
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50
4. Law library	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
TOTALS	213.75	214.75	214.75	213.75	213.75

### 1. Budget Efficiency Measures

The Governor recommends reducing expenditure authority in the court system's state operations appropriations through a \$1,300,000 GPR lapse over the biennium to create additional operational efficiencies and balance the budget.

### 2. Interpreters Certification, Education and Training Program

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY06		FY07		FY06		FY07	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	46,800	1.00	89,100	1.00	38,200	1.00	76,300	1.00
PR-O	18,300	0.00	32,800	0.00	9,300	0.00	28,000	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65,100</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>121,900</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>47,500</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>104,300</b>	<b>1.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing support for the interpreter certification, education and training program. The support includes: (a) \$35,800 GPR in FY06, \$71,500 GPR in FY07 and 1.0 FTE GPR permanent position in each year to replace one-time federal funding and position authority for the court interpreter program manager; (b) \$2,400 GPR in FY06 and \$4,800 GPR in FY07 for document translation; and (c) \$9,300 PR in FY06 and \$28,000 PR in FY07 for program supplies and services.

### 3. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY06		FY07		FY06		FY07	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	234,900	0.00	234,900	0.00	234,900	0.00	234,900	0.00
PR-F	88,600	-1.00	88,600	-1.00	88,600	-1.00	88,600	-1.00
PR-O	257,800	0.00	257,800	0.00	257,800	0.00	257,800	0.00
PR-S	-10,900	0.00	-10,900	0.00	-10,900	0.00	-10,900	0.00
SEG-O	8,200	0.00	8,200	0.00	8,200	0.00	8,200	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>578,600</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>578,600</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>578,600</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>578,600</b>	<b>-1.00</b>

The Governor recommends adjusting the court's base budget for: (a) removal of noncontinuing elements from the base (-1.0 FTE position in each year); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$562,400 in each year); and (c) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$16,200 in each year).

**ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Supreme Court.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY06		FY07	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
4. Standardized County Reporting of Court Costs and Revenues	GPR	43,700	1.00	64,500	1.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	43,700	1.00	64,500	1.00