

JUDICIAL COMMISSION

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY07 Adjusted Base	FY08 Recommended	% Change Over FY07	FY09 Recommended	% Change Over FY08
GPR	244,600	250,900	2.6	250,900	0.0
TOTAL	244,600	250,900	2.6	250,900	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY07 Adjusted Base	FY08 Recommended	FTE Change From FY07	FY09 Recommended	FTE Change From FY08
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 2005, 268 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 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

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

2005 AND 2006 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2005	Actual 2005	Goal 2006	Actual 2006 ¹
1.	Number of complaints received.	500	528	500	313
1.	Investigations pending.	25	14	20	18
1.	Requests for advice.	220	268	220	173

Note: Based on calendar year.

¹Through August 23, 2006.

2007, 2008 AND 2009 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2007	Goal 2008	Goal 2009
1.	Number of complaints received.	500	500	500
1.	Investigations pending.	20	20	20
1.	Requests for advice.	220	225	225

Note: Based on calendar year.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Standard Budget Adjustments

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

2. Full Funding for Per Diems

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

	ACTUAL FY06	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$218.1	\$244.6	\$248.2	\$248.2	\$250.9	\$250.9
State Operations	218.1	244.6	248.2	248.2	250.9	250.9
TOTALS-ANNUAL	218.1	244.6	248.2	248.2	250.9	250.9
State Operations	218.1	244.6	248.2	248.2	250.9	250.9

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
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 FY06	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
1. Judicial conduct	\$218.1	\$244.6	\$248.2	\$248.2	\$250.9	\$250.9
TOTALS	218.1	244.6	248.2	248.2	250.9	250.9

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY07	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
1. Judicial conduct	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TOTALS	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

1. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY08		FY09		FY08		FY09	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	3,200	0.00	3,200	0.00	6,300	0.00	6,300	0.00
TOTAL	3,200	0.00	3,200	0.00	6,300	0.00	6,300	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$6,300 in each year).

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

The following request is not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Judicial Commission.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY08		FY09	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
2. Full Funding for Per Diems	GPR	400	0.00	400	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	400	0.00	400	0.00