

## JUDICIAL COMMISSION

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	% Change Over FY09	FY11 Recommended	% Change Over FY10
GPR	243,500	236,600	-2.8	236,600	0.0
TOTAL	243,500	236,600	-2.8	236,600	0.0

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY09 Adjusted Base	FY10 Recommended	FTE Change From FY09	FY11 Recommended	FTE Change From FY10
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, 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 2007, 231 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

### 2007 AND 2008 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2007	Actual 2007	Goal 2008	Actual 2008 <sup>1</sup>
1.	Number of complaints received.	500	498	500	314
1.	Investigations pending.	20	27	20	28
1.	Requests for advice.	220	332	225	231

Note: Based on calendar year.

<sup>1</sup>Through August 21, 2008.

### 2009, 2010 AND 2011 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2009	Goal 2010	Goal 2011
1.	Number of complaints received.	450	450	475
1.	Investigations pending.	25	25	26
1.	Requests for advice.	300	300	325

Note: Based on calendar year.

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Across-the-Board 1 Percent Reductions
2. Additional GPR Reductions
3. Standard Budget Adjustments

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

	ACTUAL FY08	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$223.5	\$243.5	\$251.2	\$251.2	\$236.6	\$236.6
State Operations	223.5	243.5	251.2	251.2	236.6	236.6
TOTALS-ANNUAL	223.5	243.5	251.2	251.2	236.6	236.6
State Operations	223.5	243.5	251.2	251.2	236.6	236.6

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
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 FY08	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
1. Judicial conduct	\$223.5	\$243.5	\$251.2	\$251.2	\$236.6	\$236.6
TOTALS	223.5	243.5	251.2	251.2	236.6	236.6

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY09	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY10	FY11	FY10	FY11
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. Across-the-Board 1 Percent Reductions**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-2,400	0.00	-2,400	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-2,400	0.00	-2,400	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing most nonfederal appropriations by 1 percent to create additional efficiencies and balance the budget.

**2. Additional GPR Reductions**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-12,200	0.00	-12,200	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-12,200	0.00	-12,200	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing funding by the amounts shown to balance the budget. The Governor also recommends providing the secretary of the Department of Administration the authority to allocate funds that may be received from federal economic recovery legislation that are intended to stabilize state budgets, as prescribed in that legislation, to offset reductions to agencies.

**3. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY10		FY11		FY10		FY11	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	7,700	0.00	7,700	0.00	7,700	0.00	7,700	0.00
TOTAL	7,700	0.00	7,700	0.00	7,700	0.00	7,700	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$6,400 in each year); (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$1,300 in each year); and (c) minor transfers within the same alpha appropriation.

