The background of the cover features a large, light-colored watermark of the Seal of the New York State Unified Court System. The seal depicts two female figures, Liberty and Justice, flanking a central shield. Liberty holds a tablet and a torch, while Justice holds a scale. The shield contains a sun, a plow, and a sheaf of wheat. Below the shield is a banner with the word "EXCELSIOR".

**NEW YORK STATE
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM**

FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

BUDGET

GENERAL STATE CHARGES

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From: Lawrence K. Marks LM

I respectfully submit the itemized estimates of the annual financial needs of the Judiciary for General State Charges for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2016. Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution requires the submission of these estimates to the Governor and legislative leaders on or before December 1, 2015.

For the 2016-17 Fiscal Year, the Judiciary is again submitting itemized estimates of funding for General State Charges necessary to pay the fringe benefits of judges, justices and nonjudicial employees separately from itemized estimates of the annual operating needs of the Judiciary. This presentation follows the long-standing practice of the Executive and Legislative Branches of separately presenting requests for funding of fringe benefit costs and requests for operating funds. The Judiciary will submit a single budget bill, which includes requests for funding for operating expenses and fringe benefit costs for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year.

CHIEF JUDGE'S CERTIFICATION

ITEMIZED ESTIMATES OF THE
FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE JUDICIARY
FOR GENERAL STATE CHARGES

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York, I certify that the attached schedules are the itemized estimates of the financial needs of the Judiciary for General State Charges for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016 and that they have been approved by the Court of Appeals.




Jonathan Lippman
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

ATTEST: 
Clerk of the Court of Appeals

Date: November 23, 2015

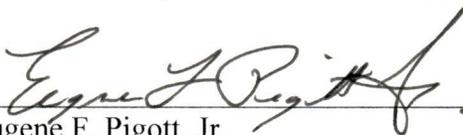
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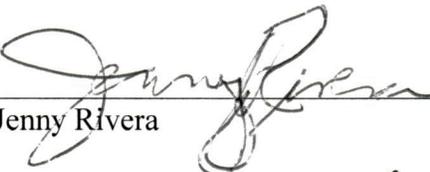
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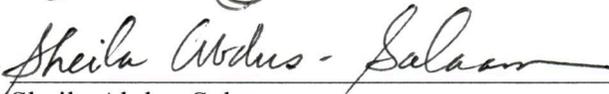
Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York, the Court of Appeals approves the attached itemized estimates of the financial needs of the Judiciary for General State Charges for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016.


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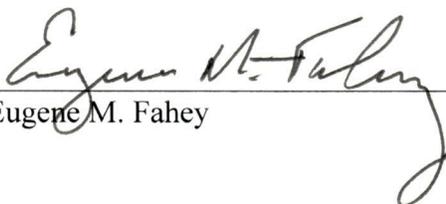
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2016-17 JUDICIARY BUDGET REQUEST

GENERAL STATE CHARGES

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**Unified Court System
2016-17 Budget Request
All Funds Appropriation Requirements
General State Charges**

General State Charges	<u>2015-16 Available</u>	<u>2016-17 Required</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	\$668,702,070	\$701,365,708	\$32,663,638
NYC County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund	\$10,487,063	\$11,226,089	\$739,026
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund	\$8,361,646	\$8,589,061	\$227,415
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	\$7,742,176	\$7,827,554	\$85,378
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund	\$768,941	\$731,554	(\$37,387)
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	\$218,604	\$231,664	\$13,060
General State Charges - All Funds Total	\$696,280,500	\$729,971,630	\$33,691,130

**Unified Court System
2016-17 Budget Request
All Funds Disbursement Requirements
General State Charges
(Millions)**

General State Charges	<u>2015-16 Adjusted</u>	<u>2016-17 Required</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	\$668.7	701.4	\$32.7
NYC County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund	10.5	11.2	0.7
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund	8.4	8.6	0.2
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	7.7	7.8	0.1
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund	0.8	0.7	-0.1
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	0.2	0.2	0.0
General State Charges - All Funds Total	\$696.3	\$730.0	\$33.7

STATE OF NEW YORK

FY 2016-17

General State Charges

MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY
General State Charges

2016-17 All Funds Budget Request:	\$729,971,630
<i>General Fund:</i>	<i>701,365,708</i>
<i>Special Revenue Funds:</i>	<i>28,605,922</i>

Major Purpose Description

This Major Purpose includes funding required for fringe benefits provided to state-paid judges and nonjudicial employees. Appropriations are required for pension contributions, Social Security and Medicare, health insurance premiums, dental, vision and life insurance, and employee benefit funds. These General State Charges appropriations are included in the 2016-17 budget bill submitted by the Judiciary.

Summary of 2016-17 Funding

The General State Charges Major Purpose All Funds budget requirement is \$730 million, or an increase of \$33.7 million (4.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Required amounts for payment of fringe benefits include funding for the continuation of all statutorily-required and collectively bargained benefit provisions, as follows:

Nonpersonal Service

Pension: \$299 million

The amount required reflects an estimated obligation of \$297.7 million to the New York State Employees' Retirement System, which includes the repayment of certain amortized amounts from prior years. This represents an increase of \$14.2 million (5.0%) over the current year's adjusted appropriation. The funding requirement also reflects an estimated obligation of \$1.2 million to the New York City Retirement System for certain retirees who elected to remain in that retirement system.

Social Security and Medicare: \$105.9 million

The amount reflects a statutorily-mandated employer contribution rate of 7.65% applied to earnings up to \$118,500 and 1.45% on earnings exceeding \$118,500. The requirement represents an increase of \$0.8 million (0.8%) over the current year's adjusted appropriation. This increase reflects collectively negotiated salary increases and increments. The net increase in these funding requirements is partially offset by savings associated with turnover.

Health, Dental, Vision & Life Insurance: \$300.5 million

This requirement reflects an increase of \$17.9 million (6.3%) over the 2015-16 adjusted appropriation. The requested amount reflects increased costs for employer-provided health insurance as projected by the NYS Department of Civil Service. Funding is included for active and retired employees' health insurance; administrative costs payable to the NYS Department of Civil Service,

and funds necessary to reimburse localities for certain retirees who elected to remain in local health plans. The amount also includes costs associated with dental, vision and life insurance coverage for judges, unrepresented and managerial/confidential nonjudicial employees.

Employee Benefit Funds: \$24.6 million

This requirement reflects an increase of \$0.7 million (3.1%) over the 2015-16 adjusted appropriation. The amount includes contractual obligations to employee benefit funds for eligible employees and retirees. Employees participating in these funds are generally ineligible for other judiciary dental plans and in some instances, the prescription drug reimbursement plan, thus reducing the amounts required for health and dental insurance.

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ALL FUNDS
GENERAL STATE CHARGES

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	284,699,832	298,970,754	14,270,922
Social Security and Medicare	105,124,209	105,927,516	803,307
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	282,571,300	300,453,945	17,882,645
Employee Benefit Funds	23,885,159	24,619,415	734,256
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>696,280,500</u>	<u>729,971,630</u>	<u>33,691,130</u>
 Grand Total	 696,280,500	 729,971,630	 33,691,130

State of New York - Judiciary
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

GENERAL STATE CHARGES
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	273,794,166	287,436,073	13,641,907
Social Security and Medicare	101,097,338	101,840,695	743,357
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	270,904,106	288,445,752	17,541,646
Employee Benefit Funds	22,906,460	23,643,188	736,728
Total Nonpersonal Service	668,702,070	701,365,708	32,663,638
 Grand Total	 668,702,070	 701,365,708	 32,663,638

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GENERAL STATE CHARGES
NYC CO CLERKS' OPERATIONS OFFSET
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	3,667,253	4,035,642	368,389
Social Security and Medicare	1,354,118	1,429,857	75,739
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	5,039,568	5,324,180	284,612
Employee Benefit Funds	426,124	436,410	10,286
Total Nonpersonal Service	10,487,063	11,226,089	739,026
Grand Total	10,487,063	11,226,089	739,026

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GENERAL STATE CHARGES
JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING
OFFSET FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	3,547,001	3,689,199	142,198
Social Security and Medicare	1,309,715	1,307,110	(2,605)
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	3,231,674	3,320,573	88,899
Employee Benefit Funds	273,256	272,179	(1,077)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>8,361,646</u>	<u>8,589,061</u>	<u>227,415</u>
 Grand Total	 8,361,646	 8,589,061	 227,415

State of New York - Judiciary
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GENERAL STATE CHARGES
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	3,274,428	3,396,115	121,687
Social Security and Medicare	1,209,069	1,203,268	(5,801)
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	3,004,621	2,983,612	(21,009)
Employee Benefit Funds	254,058	244,559	(9,499)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>7,742,176</u>	<u>7,827,554</u>	<u>85,378</u>
 Grand Total	 7,742,176	 7,827,554	 85,378

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GENERAL STATE CHARGES
COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	324,942	315,229	(9,713)
Social Security and Medicare	119,983	111,688	(8,295)
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	298,755	281,558	(17,197)
Employee Benefit Funds	25,261	23,079	(2,182)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>768,941</u>	<u>731,554</u>	<u>(37,387)</u>
 Grand Total	 768,941	 731,554	 (37,387)

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GENERAL STATE CHARGES
LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT
PROTECTION

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	92,042	98,496	6,454
Social Security and Medicare	33,986	34,898	912
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	92,576	98,270	5,694
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>218,604</u>	<u>231,664</u>	<u>13,060</u>
Grand Total	218,604	231,664	13,060