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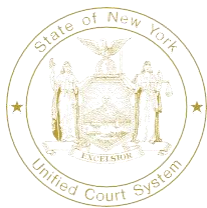
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I respectfully submit the itemized estimates of the annual financial needs of the Judiciary for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2024. Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution requires the submission of these estimates to the Governor and legislative leaders on or before December 1, 2023.

COURT OF APPEALS APPROVAL

ITEMIZED ESTIMATES OF THE  
FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE JUDICIARY

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 the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024.

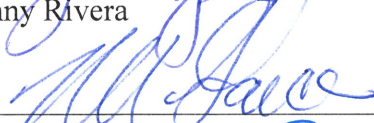


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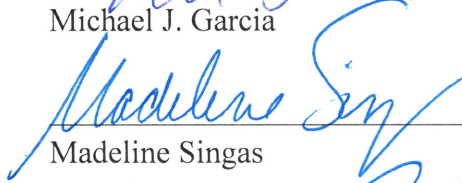
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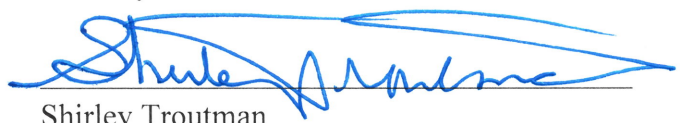
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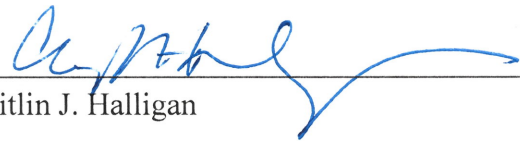
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CHIEF JUDGE'S CERTIFICATION

ITEMIZED ESTIMATES OF THE  
FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE JUDICIARY

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 the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024, and that they have been approved by the Court of Appeals.



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Honorable Rowan D. Wilson  
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals



Attest:   
Clerk of the Court of Appeals

Date: November 14, 2023



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STATE OF NEW YORK  
**JUDICIARY BUDGET**

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## **JUDICIARY BUDGET FY 2025 BUDGET REQUEST**

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the State Constitution, the Judiciary respectfully submits the following itemized estimate of its financial needs for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 2025). The request includes a State Operating Cash Estimate of \$2.7 billion, reflecting an increase of \$131.2 million (5.2%) to support the Judiciary's ongoing core operations, and an additional \$50.8M (2.0%) to address gaps in court operations and to implement access to justice enhancements for a fair and equitable justice system for all New Yorkers. The total FY 2025 State Operating Cash Estimate increase is \$182 million (7.2%) over FY 2024.

In addition, the FY 2025 All Funds Cash Estimate includes \$971.7 million for General State Charges for the Judiciary's employee and retiree fringe benefit costs. As a separate branch of government, the Judiciary is the only state agency required to fund these non-discretionary obligations within its budget.

### **Judiciary Mission and Budget Summary**

New York State's Unified Court System (UCS) is among the largest, busiest, and most complex in the country, consisting of 11 trial courts, 4 Appellate Divisions, 2 Appellate Terms, and the Court of Appeals. The UCS includes over 1,300 state-paid judges and employs approximately 15,100 nonjudicial staff in more than 300 locations around the State. This budget request will enable the UCS to fulfill its mission to deliver justice in a manner that reflects the full measure of New York's commitment to a just society under the rule of law.

Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson has created a judicial leadership team whose guiding focus has been to assemble a court system that meets that mission by providing fair, efficient, and appropriate outcomes to every person seeking justice in its courthouses. Whether those who enter the courthouses are litigants, lawyers, or jurors, the UCS leadership team's goal is to provide a first-class justice system to all.

The Judiciary's FY 2025 Budget Request seeks to build such a system by funding not only its core operations but also necessary additional funding to address justice gaps. Specifically, this additional funding will improve court operations particularly in high-volume courts, expand access to justice, anti-bias and diversity initiatives throughout the court system, and provide for facility improvements.

The FY 2025 State Operating Budget Request of \$2.7 billion includes an increase of \$131.2 million (5.2%) to maintain its core operations and meet required obligations. This core funding supports:

- The cost for new judgeships created by the Legislature in 2023;
- Negotiated raises and benefits for nonjudicial staff, including implementation of a new paid parental leave benefit following Executive branch action. The terms of this new benefit will be determined through negotiations with UCS bargaining units;

- Judicial salary increases that have been recommended by the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation, pursuant to Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2015, as amended by Chapter 55 of the Laws of 2020;
- Annualized contractual enhancements for Attorney for Child providers;
- Cost-of-living adjustments for all legal and professional services providers; and
- Growing demands for technology infrastructure and products.

The Budget Request also seeks an increase of \$50.8 million (2.0%) which will begin to shift the UCS towards its fullest potential. This enhanced funding supports:

- Additional judgeships and support staff in the State's overburdened Family and Housing Courts;
- An increase in court attorney fill levels for the lower jurisdictional courts (Family, City & District, and Multi-Bench court programs);
- Reallocation of certain nonjudicial court operation titles to attract more candidates for employment and to recognize the functional duties of these critical positions;
- Enhancements and expansion of specialty courts including court services for emerging adults and mental health court participants;
- Enhanced funding for Attorney for Child providers;
- Enhanced funding for Civil Legal Service and CASA providers;
- Expansion and enhancement of the Children's Centers program; and
- Expanded access to justice, anti-bias and diversity programs and initiatives.

## **Personal Service Funding Highlights**

### **Rebuilding the Nonjudicial Workforce**

The UCS will continue to rebuild its workforce to reach the pre-pandemic fill levels. The current fill level of 15,100 FTE (full-time equivalent) reflects an increase of 700 FTE from a year ago. This fill level is still below the level necessary for the courts to operate equitably, efficaciously, and expeditiously. The FY 2025 Budget Request for core operations anticipates a nonjudicial workforce of 15,500 FTE. Additional funding requested would further increase the fill level to 15,700 FTE, which restores the UCS to near pre-pandemic levels.

The request also seeks to add 470 new nonjudicial positions to support the additional judgeships and other initiatives aimed to improve court operations. These new positions are included in the projected 15,700 fill level cited above.

The current court officer fill level of 3,900 FTE reflects significant progress from the pandemic benchmark low point but is still below pre-pandemic levels. The FY 2025 Budget Request will allow the UCS to fund four new court officer academy classes in order to reach a fill level that addresses security needs throughout the State.

## **Judicial Salaries and New Judgeships**

The FY 2025 Budget Request includes \$34.6 million to accommodate a judicial salary increase that has been recommended by the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation. This marks the end of a five-year period during which judicial salaries were frozen at April 2019 levels.

Additionally, the FY 2025 Budget Request includes funding for 20 new judgeships approved by the Legislature in June 2023, final enactment of which is awaiting approval by the Governor. The additional funding request seeks the establishment of five new housing court judgeships and budget authority for a statutory enactment of 28 more Family Court judgeships to address backlogs and workload demands.

Funding for certificated Supreme Court Justices is also included as part of the UCS core operations.

## **Nonpersonal Service and ATL Funding Highlights**

### **Attorney for Child Representation**

The FY 2025 Budget Request includes \$103.5 million to support the Attorney for Child contractual providers. The request reflects an annual increase of \$16 million, including a 3% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), annualization of FY 2024 enhanced funding, and new enhanced funding for FY 2025. The latter of these items is included in the Judiciary's enhanced funding request. This funding will allow the providers to meet representation needs for the most vulnerable and underserved court population.

### **Other Professional and Legal Service Providers**

The Budget Request includes a 3% COLA for all professional and legal service providers as part of the core operations budget. These include civil legal service providers, Centers for Dispute Resolution (CDRC), Children's Centers, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and Center for Justice Innovation (CJI). Enhanced funding is also included to expand the Children's Center Program and for Civil Legal Services providers to address unmet needs for the poorest New Yorkers.

### **Technology**

The Budget request includes \$93.4 million for technology needs. This includes an increase of \$14.6M for core operations, including an increase of \$8 million in capital funds. The budget supports technology operations including an expansive network of computer systems, software, hardware, and other technology needs. The budget also supports the court research unit that provides data, analysis, and reports.

The technology budget also supports the courtroom modernization initiative instituted in 2020. As part of the leadership team's objective to provide positive court outcomes, the newly



reorganized Division of Courtroom Modernization (DCM) has been working with all due speed to install new or upgraded audio systems, videoconferencing equipment, and assistive listening device systems in every courtroom in the State. DCM is also targeting jury rooms, conference centers, and public spaces for technological enhancement to improve communication with court users. This program contributes directly to the effective administration of justice.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Additional Funding Request**

The additional State Operating funding request of \$50.8M will allow the UCS to begin the process of implementing the vision of Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson and the leadership team to create the best justice system for all New Yorkers as detailed below.

### **Court Operations**

- Request the Legislature to establish 28 New Family Court judges (\$11.6 million partial year funding): The budget seeks budget authority for legislative enactment of 28 Family Court judgeships, effective January 2025 and includes funding for the necessary nonjudicial support staff.
- Create 5 NYC Housing Court Judgeships (\$5.7 million): NYC Housing Court requires 5 additional judges and associated support staff to keep pace with ever-increasing demands for judicial intervention.
- Mental Health Court Expansion (\$1.3 million): The nationwide mental health crisis is nowhere as stark as for those accused of a crime. The UCS seeks to expand Mental Health court services by increasing nonjudicial resources to this program.
- Reallocate court clerk and other title series (\$12.6 million): Nonjudicial staff in the court clerk series and other titles will be reallocated to reflect functional duties and to attract and retain staff in these critical court operation positions. This includes the annualization of title reallocations that took place in FY 2024.
- Create 50 new court attorney positions for lower jurisdictional courts (\$5.7 million): A shortage of court attorneys in the Family, City & District, and Multi-Bench court programs leads to delays in decisions and dispositions. These new positions will reduce delays and improve the administration of justice.
- Expand Emerging Adult Parts and Midtown Community Court (\$0.7 million): Hire case managers and other clinical positions to develop and monitor services for participants in these court parts.
- Expand Legal Fellows Program (\$0.7 million): Program expansion as part of the Judiciary's strategy of creating a diverse bench and workforce and targeting individuals from underserved communities.
- Reinstate the Judicial Hearing Officer Program (\$0.4 million): The UCS has reinstated the Judicial Hearing Officer program to provide judicial relief on less complex matters so that trial judges can devote resources to resolving more complex litigation.

## **Access to Justice**

- Enhanced funding for Civil Legal Services Providers (\$2.9 million): Additional funding to improve the quality of representation and address unmet needs.
- Enhanced funding for Attorney for Child Program (\$2.8 million): Additional funding to improve the quality of representation.
- Expand Children's Centers Program (\$2.2 million): Expand and enhance the program statewide to reduce barriers that impede parents of young children from appearing in court.
- Expand Bias Education and Training (\$2.0 million): Institutionalize funding for anti-bias education and training for all court staff.
- Volunteer Attorney Program Support (\$1.1 million): Volunteer attorneys, law graduates, and law students provide legal advice and assistance to unrepresented litigants. Funding is requested to support additional UCS personnel resources to coordinate the work of these volunteers.
- Expand the Legal Hand Program (\$0.5 million): Legal Hand coordinates highly trained, non-lawyer volunteers to provide free legal information, assistance, and referral to help New Yorkers.
- Expand the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program (\$0.3 million): The CASA network recruits and trains volunteers to advocate for children in Family Court.
- Expand Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Applications (\$0.3 million): Expand DIY applications to aid self-represented litigants.

## **Court Facilities – Appellate Capital projects**

- Expand and improve court facilities in the First and Second Appellate Departments (\$12 million).

## **ONGOING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES**

### **Equal Justice**

The mission of the UCS is to deliver equal justice and to achieve the just, fair, and timely resolution of all matters that come before the courts. The Office for Justice Initiatives (OJI) is charged with directing the Judiciary's Access to Justice program. There are several units within OJI, each charged with a specific role in achieving this mission.

### **Ensuring Access to Justice (Access to Justice Unit)**

The OJI Access to Justice unit develops and supports pro bono attorney programs, self-help programs, technological tools and resources, and administers other services to provide access to justice for people of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities. Each year, thousands of people navigate the court system without the benefit of legal representation. The Access to Justice staff

aim to identify the diverse needs of all New Yorkers and to develop and implement innovative approaches to meet the needs of all court participants. These initiatives include.

- DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Form Programs: DIY Form Programs are computer programs that guide the user through completing legal paperwork. There are currently 22 programs available in English with one program fully translated into Spanish. As indicated above, the Judiciary is requesting additional funding for programmers to increase the number of available forms.
- CourtHelp: CourtHelp is a website for unrepresented court users that provides information about the law and how to navigate the court system. CourtHelp also serves as an access point for DIY Form programs, the Help Center directory, and other resources. The program is widely used, with over 2.5 million visits to the webpage in 2021.
- Help Centers: Help Centers are neutral locations for unrepresented court users to obtain information about the law and court procedure. The Centers are staffed by court staff and often have DIY terminals available. Over 200,000 court users benefit from these centers annually. In 2022, the program expanded to Saratoga, Schenectady, and St. Lawrence Counties.
- Virtual Court Access Networks (VCAN-Remote Access Court Hubs): Remote access to court services and proceedings has been an essential component of court operations since the pandemic. Several court jurisdictions have created court-based and non-court-based access hubs to facilitate access for those lacking broadband access and for those lacking appropriate devices and knowledge of technology. There are 27 VCAN sites operating statewide, including the Red Hook and Harlem Community Courts. To facilitate the program, UCS works with community-based partners to house the equipment.
- Rural Access: OJI partners with the New York State Bar Association Task Force on Rural Justice, the Rural Law Center of New York, the ADR Office, and the Permanent Commission on Access to Justice to develop court access hubs in rural areas throughout the State. Several community-based hubs exist in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts.
- Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Program: The GAL Program recruits, trains, and provides NYC Housing Court Judges with a pool of GALs whose goal is to safeguard the rights and prevent the eviction of tenants unable to advocate for themselves due to a mental impairment. The powers of a GAL are limited and cease upon completion of the housing court case. GALs generally serve on a volunteer basis except for certain litigants who are under the care of Adult Protective Services. GAL advocacy includes securing entitlements or grants to pay for arrears, assisting with re-certifications, and addressing needed repairs as part of a settlement. In 2023, Westchester County launched a similar program in municipal courts.
- Volunteer Programs: OJI coordinates a host of robust volunteer programs throughout the State for dedicated attorneys and non-attorneys interested in helping unrepresented litigants, especially in lower jurisdictional court matters. Several volunteer programs are operating at limited capacity or have been suspended as attorney practice rules require attorney supervision for volunteer work. To operate at full capacity, UCS is requesting additional funding to hire attorney staff to support these programs.



## **Diversity and Inclusion - Equal Justice in the Courts**

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) provides resources to judges and nonjudicial staff on diversity-related matters and identifies and develops practical mechanisms through which the Judiciary ensures a diverse workforce and bias-free work environment. ODI's charge is one of the main priorities for the Chief Judge and the leadership team: to ensure an atmosphere that is conducive to the highest quality of work, through a workplace where all people feel comfortable, valued, and productive.

The UCS's multi-layered, multi-year Equal Justice in the Courts initiative is to root out all forms of bias and discrimination. Notable advancements made this year towards that goal include mandatory anti-bias training for all court employees, specialized anti-bias training for Town and Village justices, conducting community-based events and programs for court officers, litigants and communities of color, and developing systemwide practices for the selection and appointment of judicial leaders and for nonjudicial promotional opportunities.

## **Judiciary Civil Legal Services**

The Judiciary Civil Legal Services (JCLS) unit is responsible for programmatic leadership and oversight of the JCLS program. JCLS funding provides low-income New Yorkers with meaningful access to the courts and the legal assistance they need to secure the essentials of life, such as housing, family matters, access to healthcare and education, and subsistence income. In 2023, the UCS granted 82 providers a total of \$98.6 million for civil legal services and access to justice services. This critical initiative benefits millions of New Yorkers each year. The JCLS unit coordinates with the Permanent Commission on Access to Justice to study and develop civil legal services funding recommendations and initiatives, such as housing part pilots in the courts outside New York City, public access computer terminals located in courthouses, and the community and the establishment of Legal Hand virtual information centers.

## **Child Welfare Services**

The Child Welfare and Family Justice unit oversees the Child Welfare Court Improvement Project (CIP), a federally-funded initiative that supports the Family Court's mandate to promote safety, well-being, and permanent homes for abused and neglected children.

## **Youth and Emerging Adult Justice**

The Raise the Age legislation (RTA) ushered in a new paradigm that required fundamental restructuring of New York State's juvenile and criminal justice systems. OJI continues its oversight of statewide implementation of this complex legislation by providing ongoing training to judicial and nonjudicial staff, answering inquiries on substantive RTA legal issues, and by hosting regular meetings with stakeholders to ensure efficient management of RTA and Youth Part court operations.

On a related subject, four jurisdictions in New York have launched programs in criminal courts specifically designed to address the emerging adult population. Emerging Adult parts may

operate differently but each part is focused on bringing together young people with opportunities to engage with social services and rehabilitative services, in lieu of traditional court responses such as monetary fines and incarceration.

## **Specialized Courts**

The UCS continues as a national leader in the development of specialized courts (often called “problem-solving” courts or “PSC”) that focus on treatment and accountability for individuals in the criminal justice system. Each model has the advantage of specially trained judges and staff, dedicated dockets, intensive judicial monitoring, and coordination with outside services and agencies. Each model also requires ongoing operational and programmatic assistance. OJI oversees and supports PSCs statewide by ensuring their adherence to best practices, promoting evidence-based standards, and offering continuing training and education. There are over 340 PSCs statewide including parts dedicated to substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health, veterans, opioid addiction, family matters, impaired driving, human trafficking, emerging adults, and community services.

## **Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation Services**

The Division of Professional and Court Services has oversight of the court system’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program, whose mission is to make mediation and other dispute resolution services more accessible to litigants. ADR initiatives enhance the quality of justice, reduce costs, and lower backlogs to allow courts to focus on matters requiring more intense judicial intervention. Each county in New York State offers ADR options in its courts and communities. ADR referrals increased statewide in the first half of FY 2023, compared to the preceding year. Other ADR services include arbitration, neutral evaluation, restorative justice, summary jury trials, special masters, and settlement conferences.

Over 500 judges and court staff have been trained in mediation and other ADR services; and over 1,000 mediators and neutral evaluators have joined trial court rosters across the State. Training for mediators has expanded significantly this year, especially in the areas of matrimonial matters and intimate partner violence (IPV). In addition, all mediators receive anti-bias training.

## **Language Access**

The Office of Language Access (OLA) oversees all aspects of language access services to ensure equal access to the courts for all court users, especially for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), or who are Deaf or hard of hearing. OLA programs include:

- **Interpretation Services:** Court interpreters are present in nearly 60,000 court appearances annually. They provide interpretation services in over 130 languages for nearly 300,000 court users. To help meet the needs of the Deaf community, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters on staff covered over 1,400 court appearances for over 1,600 court users. UCS-employed interpreters have laptops for night and weekend proceedings or unscheduled hearings and to enter virtual court proceedings without delay.

- Translation Services: OLA provides translation services to the court including a shared website for translation resources.
- Bilingual Orders of Protection: Nearly 200,000 bilingual orders of protection are issued in Family, Criminal, and Supreme (matrimonial) courts annually and are available in Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish.
- Language Line Services: This service provides on-demand telephonic interpreting at points of contact outside of court proceedings. This service assists the courts to communicate with court users who have limited English proficiency.

### **Trial Court Support**

The Office of Trial Court Support (TCS) provides operational expertise and guidance to support the day-to-day operations of trial courts. Subject matter experts working in TCS assist court administrators, managers, and staff with operational issues and problem-solving efforts. This includes implementing new legislation and policies, refining and standardizing court procedures, formulating best practices, and conducting training. TCS is also home to OCA's Plain Language Coordinator who spearheads development and revision of instructional materials, court forms, web content, and court signage in plain language.

Over the past two years, TCS has launched an online training library, created a Help Desk, assisted in the implementation of legislative initiatives, conducted operational analyses for procedural enhancements, and conducted statewide training on legislative and administrative changes as well as operational topics.

### **Electronic Filing and Document Delivery**

The UCS continues to expand electronic filing (E-filing) to bring needed efficiency to court processes and operations. E-filing provides a convenient and safe method for court filings in a wide range of matters and locations across the State. E-filing has nearly 200,000 registered users with over 60 million documents and nearly 6 million cases commenced since the program's inception. Supreme Court Civil, Surrogate's Court, Court of Claims, NYC Housing Court, NYC Civil Court, and all four Appellate Divisions utilize E-filing. The UCS implemented a pilot program for the consensual use of E-filing in NYC Family Court and five additional counties. Expansion to six other Family Courts throughout the State is currently in the works.

The UCS has significantly expanded the use of its virtual evidence courtroom (VEC), an evidence management system for E-filed matters that allows participants in a conference, hearing, or trial to send evidence and exhibits to the court remotely through NYSCEF. VEC is currently used by more than 150 judges in Supreme Court Civil parts.

The UCS continues use of the Electronic Document Delivery System (EDDS), developed in response to the pandemic, to transmit digitized documents to courts, county clerks, and other court-related offices around the State where E-filing is unavailable. Since its inception, almost 2.1 million documents have been delivered safely to more than 300 courts. Additionally, a pilot program for Town and Village courts has been implemented.



## **Court Modernization**

The Division of Court Modernization (DCM) was created to make courtrooms more functional and accessible through human-centered design and innovative technology. DCM has implemented the following:

- All 24 courtrooms in Queens County Supreme Court Criminal Term have the latest evidence presentation, hybrid hearings, and accessibility technology with funding through a grant with the Queens District Attorney. DCM is currently working with District Attorneys in Kings and Westchester Counties to implement similar technology.
- Acoustic treatments have been installed in 15 courtrooms throughout the State, maintaining courtroom aesthetics while dramatically improving the acoustics of the courtrooms.
- Over 1,200 courtrooms have been upgraded with the latest audio systems.
- Assistive listening systems are now installed in more than three-quarters of courtrooms statewide to assist the hard of hearing, LEP users, as well as court interpreters.
- Approximately two-thirds of courtrooms statewide are now equipped with mobile or fixed videoconferencing systems to support hybrid court hearings.
- Major audio and visual improvements have been made in several jury assembly rooms statewide.
- A digital signage project in Kings County Family Court is now used to display relevant court information to attorneys, court users, and visitors.
- Expanded video production and streaming capabilities are now being used for educational and special events, and for overflow courtrooms.

## **Technology Improvements**

The UCS Division of Technology and Court Research (DoTCR) is the technology hub providing database, internet, and programming applications. Some highlights of recent activities include:

- UCMS-Supreme & County-Civil: Statewide implementation of UCMS-SC moving all Supreme Civil courts from multiple systems into a single statewide system.
- UCMS-Family Court: Linked E-filing petitions to dockets created in UCMS, providing document sharing between these two systems.
- UCMS-Criminal Court: Expanded to include the Order of Protection Registry for law enforcement access to support protected parties and for receipt of Town & Village court enhanced data for the DCJS justice portal.
- Guardianship Case Tracking: Implemented a statewide Article 81 case tracking module, allowing the courts to track detailed information about incapacitated persons and persons in need of guardianship.

- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and Landlord Rental Assistance Program (LRAP): ERAP & LRAP reports have continued to be available to Local Civil, Supreme Civil, and Town & Village courts statewide.
- Jury Technology Enhancements: Implemented enhancements to select more representative and inclusive pools for jury service.
- Jury Operations Enhancements: Enhance community outreach to underserved communities using advertising materials and a QR barcode to access the online volunteer form.
- Cashiering: Expanded the new cashiering application to various NYC civil courts and Nassau County Court.
- New Dashboards Created for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) and Orders of Protection.

### **Capital Appropriation**

The Judiciary Budget request seeks \$50 million in capital funds, reflecting an increase of \$22M (78.6%) over the FY 2024 Enacted Budget. The increase is necessary to address growing demands for technology infrastructure and products, in addition to addressing critical public safety measures. The Capital budget includes additional funding for two court facility renovation projects in the First and Second Appellate Departments.

### **Conclusion**

The total FY 2025 State Operating Cash Estimate increase is \$182 million (7.2%) over FY 2024. This includes an increase of \$131.2 million (5.2%) to maintain the Judiciary's core operations, including the cost for new judgeships created by the Legislature in 2023, negotiated raises and benefits for nonjudicial staff, approved judicial salary increases, annualization of FY 2024 contractual increases for Attorney for Child providers, cost-of-living adjustments for all legal and professional service providers, and costs associated with growing technology demands.

The State Operating Cash Estimate also includes an additional \$50.8 million (2.0%) increase to allow the Judiciary to address funding gaps related to court operations, especially in the courts that serve the most vulnerable population and to meet access to justice goals that will allow the Judiciary to fulfill its mission to deliver a fair and equitable justice system.

**Judiciary All Funds Disbursement Requirements**  
(In Millions)

	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	
<b><u>State Operations</u></b>	<b><u>Available</u></b>	<b><u>Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
General Fund	\$2,056.1	\$2,207.5	\$151.4
Special Revenue Other (SR-O) Funds:			
NYC County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund	24.8	25.4	0.6
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund	84.5	94.8	10.3
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	27.2	35.4	8.2
Indigent Legal Services Fund	25.0	25.0	0.0
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund	2.3	1.9	(0.4)
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	10.8	10.8	0.0
<b>SR-O Funds Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$174.6</u></b>	<b><u>\$193.3</u></b>	<b><u>\$18.7</u></b>
<b>State Operations Total:</b>	<b><u>\$2,230.7</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,400.8</u></b>	<b><u>\$170.1</u></b>
<b><u>Aid to Localities (ATL)</u></b>			
General Fund	\$166.0	\$172.4	\$6.4
Court Facilities Incentive Aid	117.4	122.9	5.5
<b>ATL Total:</b>	<b><u>\$283.4</u></b>	<b><u>\$295.3</u></b>	<b><u>\$11.9</u></b>
<b>State Operating Funds Excluding GSC Total:</b>	<b><u>\$2,514.1</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,696.1</u></b>	<b><u>182.0*</u></b>
<b><u>General State Charges (GSC)</u></b>			
General Fund	\$789.1	\$915.9	\$126.8
All SR-O Funds	47.3	55.8	8.5
<b>GSC Total:</b>	<b><u>\$836.4</u></b>	<b><u>\$971.7</u></b>	<b><u>\$135.3</u></b>
<b>State Operating Funds Including GSC Total:</b>	<b><u>\$3,350.5</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,667.8</u></b>	<b><u>\$317.3</u></b>
<b><u>Capital Projects</u></b>	<b><u>\$29.6</u></b>	<b><u>\$50.0</u></b>	<b><u>\$20.4</u></b>
<b><u>Federal Funds</u></b>	<b><u>\$13.9</u></b>	<b><u>\$11.8</u></b>	<b><u>(\$2.1)</u></b>
<b>All Funds Total:</b>	<b><u>\$3,394.0</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,729.6</u></b>	<b><u>\$335.6</u></b>

\*Includes \$131.2M for core operations and \$50.8M for access to justice funding gaps.

## Judiciary All Funds Appropriation Requirements

	FY 2024 Available	FY 2025 Requested	Change
<b><u>State Operations</u></b>			
General Fund	\$2,064,022,177	\$2,214,432,108	\$150,409,931
Special Revenue Other (SR-O) Funds:			
NYC County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund	24,209,602	25,543,702	1,334,100
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund	84,971,582	95,019,135	10,047,553
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	13,125,000	13,125,000	0
Attorney Licensing Fund	26,280,494	27,391,975	1,111,481
Indigent Legal Services Fund	25,000,000	25,000,000	0
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund	2,178,786	1,822,610	(356,176)
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	10,771,075	10,824,866	53,791
<b>SR-O Funds Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$186,536,539</u></b>	<b><u>\$198,727,288</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,190,749</u></b>
<b>State Operations Total:</b>	<b><u>\$2,250,558,716</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,413,159,396</u></b>	<b><u>\$162,600,680</u></b>
 <b><u>Aid to Localities (ATL)</u></b>			
General Fund	\$165,994,480	\$172,432,183	\$6,437,703
Court Facilities Incentive Aid	117,449,863	122,902,889	5,453,026
<b>ATL Total:</b>	<b><u>\$283,444,343</u></b>	<b><u>\$295,335,072</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,890,729</u></b>
 <b>State Operating Funds Excluding GSC Total:</b>	<b><u>\$2,534,003,059</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,708,494,468</u></b>	<b><u>\$174,491,409</u></b>
 <b><u>General State Charges (GSC)</u></b>			
General Fund	\$789,148,728	\$915,897,881	\$126,749,153
All SR-O Funds	47,262,455	55,829,580	8,567,125
<b>GSC Total:</b>	<b><u>\$836,411,183</u></b>	<b><u>\$971,727,461</u></b>	<b><u>\$135,316,278</u></b>
 <b>State Operating Funds Including GSC Total:</b>	<b><u>\$3,370,414,242</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,680,221,929</u></b>	<b><u>\$309,807,687</u></b>
 <b><u>Capital Projects</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$50,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,000,000</u></b>
 <b><u>Federal Funds</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
 <b>All Funds Total:</b>	<b><u>\$3,417,414,242</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,749,221,929</u></b>	<b><u>\$331,807,687</u></b>

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§2. The several amounts named in this section, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated by the appropriations, are hereby appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the respective public officers and for the several purposes specified, which amounts shall be available for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all moneys paid into the state treasury pursuant to subdivision 1 of section 465 of the judiciary law shall thereupon be transferred to the attorney licensing fund.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the unified court system may enter into one or more contracts with the center for justice innovation for services in relation to various judiciary programs and, with the approval of the chief administrator of the courts filed with the comptroller, may expend up to \$12.8 million of the funds provided by this section for such services pursuant to such contract or contracts.

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2024 in accordance with the following schedule:

### JUDICIARY OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY OF NEW APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	State Operations	Aid to Localities	Capital Projects	Total
GF - State / Local	2,214,432,108	172,432,183	0	2,386,864,291
SR - Federal	19,000,000	0	0	19,000,000
SR - Other	198,727,288	122,902,889	0	321,630,177
CP - Other	0	0	50,000,000	50,000,000
All Funds	2,432,159,396	295,335,072	50,000,000	2,777,494,468

### STATE OPERATIONS 2024-25

	APPROPRIATIONS	REAPPROPRIATIONS
General Fund - State and Local .....	2,214,432,108	53,570,500
Special Revenue Funds - Federal .....	19,000,000	44,075,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other .....	198,727,288	11,087,950
All Funds .....	2,432,159,396	108,733,450

### SCHEDULE

Notwithstanding any provision of law, the amount appropriated for any program or fund within a major purpose within this schedule may be increased or decreased in any amount by interchange with any other program or fund in any other major purpose, or with any appropriation in section three of this act, with the approval of the chief administrator of the courts.

**COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION ..... 1,972,132,795**

**General Fund / State Operations  
State Purposes Account**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	1,638,645,205
Personal service - temporary .....	5,430,871
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	38,316,734
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Amount available for personal service .....	1,682,392,810
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NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	14,562,273
Travel .....	2,393,170
Contractual Services .....	133,157,099
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Amount available for nonpersonal service .....	150,112,542
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Program account subtotal .....	1,832,505,352
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**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**New York City County Clerks Operations Offset Fund**

For services and expenses as provided by section 94-a of the state finance law.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	24,437,284
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	2,161
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Amount available for personal service .....	24,439,445
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NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	167,100
Travel .....	3,875
Contractual Services .....	933,282
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Amount available for nonpersonal service .....	1,104,257
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Program fund subtotal .....	25,543,702
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**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund**

For services and expenses as provided by section 94-b of the state finance law.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	59,337,524
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	594,664
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Amount available for personal service .....	59,932,188
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# NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	1,121,500
Travel .....	125,150
Contractual Services .....	28,347,524
Equipment .....	1,915,339

Amount available for nonpersonal service ..... 31,509,513

Program fund subtotal ..... 91,441,701

## **Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations** **Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund**

# PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	517,040
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Amount available for personal service ..... 517,040

Program fund subtotal ..... 517,040

## **Special Revenue Funds - Federal / State Operations** **Federal Operating Grants Fund** **Federal Miscellaneous Grants (Operating) Account**

# MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2024 .....	9,500,000
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Program account subtotal ..... 9,500,000

## **Special Revenue Funds - Federal / State Operations** **Federal Grants - Health and Human Services**

# MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2024 .....	9,500,000
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Program account subtotal ..... 9,500,000

## **Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations** **Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund**



NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	75,000
Travel .....	75,000
Contractual Services .....	2,500,000
Equipment .....	225,000

Amount available for nonpersonal service ..... 2,875,000

Program fund subtotal ..... 2,875,000

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / Asset Forfeiture**  
**Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund**

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	10,000
Contractual Services .....	120,000
Equipment .....	120,000

Amount available for nonpersonal service ..... 250,000

Program fund subtotal ..... 250,000

**COURT OF APPEALS ..... 18,185,413**

**General Fund / State Operations**  
**State Purposes Account**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	16,824,781
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	156,300

Amount available for personal service ..... 16,981,081

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	383,626
Travel .....	392,874
Contractual Services .....	427,832

Amount available for nonpersonal service ..... 1,204,332

Program account subtotal ..... 18,185,413

**APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS ..... 100,536,213**

**General Fund / State Operations**  
**State Purposes Account**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	96,547,927
Personal service - temporary .....	1,421,105
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	168,820

Amount available for personal service ..... 98,137,852

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	1,218,859
Travel .....	248,885
Contractual Services .....	930,617

Amount available for nonpersonal service ..... 2,398,361

Program account subtotal ..... 100,536,213

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS ..... 270,727,883

**General Fund / State Operations**

**State Purposes Account**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	33,609,587
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Amount available for personal service ..... 33,609,587

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	303,618
Travel .....	263,901
Contractual Services .....	175,764,151

Amount available for nonpersonal service ..... 176,331,670

Program account subtotal ..... 209,941,257

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**

**Attorney Licensing Fund**

For services and expenses funded from fees required pursuant to section 468-a of the judiciary law.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	20,179,014
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	16,685

Amount available for personal service ..... 20,195,699

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	175,531
Travel .....	55,893
Contractual Services .....	5,359,503
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Amount available for nonpersonal service .....	5,590,927
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Program fund subtotal .....	25,786,626
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**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**Indigent Legal Services Fund**

For services and expenses as provided by section 98-b of the state finance law.

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Contractual Services .....	25,000,000
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Amount available for nonpersonal service .....	25,000,000
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Program fund subtotal .....	25,000,000
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**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**Federal IV-E Fund**

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	1,000,000
Travel .....	1,000,000
Contractual Services .....	7,000,000
Equipment .....	1,000,000
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Amount available for nonpersonal service .....	10,000,000
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Program fund subtotal .....	10,000,000
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<b>ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>25,152,226</b>
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**General Fund / State Operations**  
**State Purposes Account**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	14,407,024
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Amount available for personal service .....	14,407,024
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NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	79,330
Travel .....	353,500
Contractual Services .....	3,824,019

Amount available for nonpersonal service .....	4,256,849
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Program account subtotal .....	<b>18,663,873</b>
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**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**

**Attorney Licensing Fund**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	1,491,053
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Amount available for personal service .....	1,491,053
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NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	5,000
Travel .....	250
Contractual Services .....	109,046

Amount available for nonpersonal service .....	114,296
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Program fund subtotal .....	<b>1,605,349</b>
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**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**

**Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	3,558,434
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	19,000

Amount available for personal service .....	3,577,434
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Program fund subtotal .....	<b>3,577,434</b>
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**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**

**Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular .....	1,294,962
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Amount available for personal service .....	1,294,962
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NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	4,500
Travel .....	2,500
Contractual Services .....	3,608

Amount available for nonpersonal service ..... 10,608

Program fund subtotal ..... 1,305,570

**JUDICIARY-WIDE MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED ..... 34,600,000**

**General Fund - State Operations  
State Purposes Account**

For expenses necessary to implement the recommendations of the commission on legislative, judicial and executive compensation pursuant to chapter 60 of the Laws of 2015, as amended by Part WW of chapter 55 of the Laws of 2020, for adjustment of the salaries of judges and justices of the unified court system effective April 1, 2024.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular ..... 34,600,000

Program account subtotal ..... 34,600,000

**LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION ..... 10,824,866**

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations  
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the State of New York**

For expenses associated with the operation of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the State of New York; provided that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and in accordance with section 4 of the state finance law, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, upon the request of the chief administrator of the courts, up to \$3,750,000 from the Special Revenue Funds - Other/State Operations Attorney Licensing Fund to the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the State of New York on or before March 31, 2025.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular ..... 680,636

Amount available for personal service ..... 680,636

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials .....	17,500
Travel .....	18,000
Contractual Services .....	10,108,730

Amount available for nonpersonal service .....	10,144,230
Program fund subtotal .....	<b>10,824,866</b>

### AID TO LOCALITIES 2024-25

For payment according to the following schedule:

	APPROPRIATIONS	REAPPROPRIATIONS
General Fund.....	172,432,183	141,000,000
Special Revenue funds - Other.....	122,902,889	20,000,000
All Funds .....	<u>295,335,072</u>	<u>161,000,000</u>

### SCHEDULE

AID TO LOCALITIES .....	<u>295,335,072</u>
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#### General Fund / Aid to Localities Local Assistance Account

For services and expenses associated with the civil legal services program .....	<u>104,511,460</u>
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For services and expenses associated with the justice court assistance program .....	<u>3,000,000</u>
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For suballocation to the board of trustees of the New York interest on lawyer account fund at the direction of the chief administrator of the courts, for services and expenses associated with operation of section 97-v of the state finance law, as added by chapter 659 of the laws of 1983; provided, however, such direction shall be given not later than thirty days after this act shall become law.

For services and expenses in relation to IOLA .....	<u>17,920,723</u>
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For suballocation to the office of indigent legal services, at the direction of the chief administrator of the courts, for payment pursuant to law to New York city, pursuant to an agreement with such city, for services and expenses related to implementation of caseload standards for institutional providers representing indigent clients in criminal cases in such city. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, monies received by the office of indigent legal services pursuant to this suballocation may be distributed to New York city only to the extent necessary to enable compliance with section 127.7 of the rules of the chief administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR §127.7)

For services and expenses associated with the criminal caseload reduction program .....	<u>47,000,000</u>
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Program account subtotal .....	<u>172,432,183</u>
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#### Special Revenue Funds - Other / Aid to Localities Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

For expenses necessary to implement the provisions of law relating to the furnishing of court facilities and the provisions of section 219-a of the judiciary law; provided that, notwithstanding any other provision of

law to the contrary, and in accordance with section 4 of the state finance law, where monies in the court facilities incentive aid fund, including such monies as may be transferred thereto pursuant to subdivision 6 of section 94 of the state finance law, are insufficient to meet vouchers presented for payment charged to this appropriation or for transfers made pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of such section, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, upon the request of the chief administrator of the courts, sufficient monies to meet such vouchers or to permit such transfers from the General Fund to the Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund on or before March 31, 2025.

For services and expenses associated with the court facilities incentive aid program .....	122,902,889
Program fund subtotal .....	<b>122,902,889</b>

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS 2024-25

For the comprehensive construction programs, purposes and projects as herein specified in accordance with the following schedule:

	APPROPRIATIONS	REAPPROPRIATIONS
Capital Projects Fund - Other.....	50,000,000	39,090,000
All Funds .....	50,000,000	39,090,000

#### SCHEDULE

##### IT, FACILITY RENOVATION, AND SECURITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM (CCP) .....

**50,000,000**

##### Preservation of Facility Purpose

For expenses associated with the improvements to Appellate 1st Division Facilities.....	2,300,000
For expenses associated with the improvements to Appellate 2nd Division Facilities.....	9,700,000

##### Capital Projects Fund - Other

##### Capital Projects Fund

##### Program Improvement/Change Purpose

For services and expenses related to the acquisition and development of technology, including but not limited to equipment, software and services (52012301) .....	30,000,000
For services and expenses related to alterations and improvements for health and safety in courthouses (52022301) .....	5,000,000
For expenses related to the acquisition of equipment required upon general facility renovation or upgrade (52032301) .....	3,000,000

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GENERAL STATE CHARGES 2024-25

For payment according to the following schedule:

	APPROPRIATIONS	REAPPROPRIATIONS
General Fund .....	915,897,881	13,530,000
Special Revenue Funds .....	55,829,580	770,000
All Funds .....	971,727,461	14,300,000

SCHEDULE

GENERAL STATE CHARGES ..... 971,727,461

General Fund / State Operations  
State Purposes Account

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits ..... 915,897,881

Program account subtotal ..... 915,897,881

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations  
Attorney Licensing Fund

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits ..... 9,127,206

Program fund subtotal ..... 9,127,206

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations  
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits ..... 1,022,574

Program fund subtotal ..... 1,022,574

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations  
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection



FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits ..... 312,306

Program fund subtotal ..... 312,306

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations  
New York City County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund**

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits ..... 14,586,199

Program fund subtotal ..... 14,586,199

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations  
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund**

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits ..... 30,781,295

Program fund subtotal ..... 30,781,295

**REAPPROPRIATIONS**

§3. The several amounts named in this section, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated being the unexpended balances of a prior year's appropriation, are hereby reappropriated from the same funds and made available for the same purposes as the prior year's appropriation, unless amended herein, for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024.

**THE JUDICIARY**

**STATE OPERATIONS AND AID TO LOCALITIES REAPPROPRIATIONS 2024-25**

**SCHEDULE**

**COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION**

**General Fund / State Operations  
State Purposes Account**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	1,562,784,543 .....	(re. 47,400,000)
Personal service - temporary .....	3,026,193 .....	(re. 140,000)
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	33,800,315 .....	(re. 1,190,000)

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**New York City County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	23,066,902 .....	(re.	710,000)
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**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	53,162,116 .....	(re.	1,705,000)
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	193,116 .....	(re.	38,000)

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	720,260 .....	(re.	22,000)
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**Special Revenue Funds - Federal / State Operations**  
**Federal Operating Grants Fund**  
**Federal Miscellaneous Grants (Operating) Account**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2023 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	9,500,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2022, as reappropriated

By chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2022 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	5,600,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated

by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2021 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	9,500,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2020, as reappropriated

by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2020 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	2,250,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2019, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:  
For services and expenses including travel

outside the state and the payment of

liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2019 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	2,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2018, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:  
For services and expenses including travel

outside the state and the payment of

liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2018 .....	4,500,000 .....	(re.	125,000)
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**Special Revenue Funds - Federal / State Operations**  
**Federal Grants - Health and Human Services**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

For services and expenses including travel  
outside the state and the payment of

liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2023 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	9,500,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2022, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:  
For services and expenses including travel

outside the state and the payment of

liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2022 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	2,500,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:  
For services and expenses including travel

outside the state and the payment of

liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2021 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	1,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2020, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:  
For services and expenses including travel

outside the state and the payment of

liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2020 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	600,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2019, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:  
For services and expenses including travel

outside the state and the payment of

liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2019 .....	9,500,000 .....	(re.	500,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2018, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:  
For services and expenses including travel

outside the state and the payment of

liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2018 .....	5,500,000 .....	(re.	1,000,000)
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**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Supplies and Materials .....	75,000 .....	(re. 75,000)
Travel .....	75,000 .....	(re. 75,000)
Contractual Services .....	2,500,000 .....	(re. 2,500,000)
Equipment.....	225,000 .....	(re. 225,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2022, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

Supplies and Materials .....	75,000 .....	(re. 75,000)
Travel .....	75,000 .....	(re. 70,000)
Contractual Services .....	2,500,000 .....	(re. 2,400,000)
Equipment.....	225,000 .....	(re. 100,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

Supplies and Materials .....	50,000 .....	(re. 5,000)
Travel .....	50,000 .....	(re. 4,000)
Contractual Services .....	2,000,000 .....	(re. 950,000)
Equipment.....	150,000 .....	(re. 2,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2020, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

Supplies and Materials .....	50,000 .....	(re. 100)
Travel .....	50,000 .....	(re. 100)
Contractual Services .....	2,000,000 .....	(re. 300,000)
Equipment.....	150,000 .....	(re. 10,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2019, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

Supplies and Materials .....	750 .....	(re. 750)
Travel .....	1,500 .....	(re. 1,500)
Contractual Services .....	2,540,000 .....	(re. 980,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2018, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

Contractual Services .....	1,538,921 .....	(re.	10,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2017, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

Contractual Services .....	3,037,878 .....	(re.	75,000)
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## **COURT OF APPEALS**

### **General Fund / State Operations State Purposes Account**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	16,081,675 .....	(re.	500,000)
Personal service - holiday / overtime compensation .....	153,010 .....	(re.	5,000)

## **APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS**

### **General Fund / State Operations State Purposes Account**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	92,947,913 .....	(re.	2,840,000)
Personal service - temporary .....	201,139 .....	(re.	10,000)
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	175,746 .....	(re.	5,000)

## **APPELLATE AUXILLIARY OPERATIONS**

### **General Fund / State Operations State Purposes Account**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	33,730,824 .....	(re.	1,030,000)
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### **Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations Attorney Licensing Fund**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	18,983,777 .....	(re.	580,000)
Personal service - holiday / overtime compensation .....	16,685 .....	(re.	500)

## ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL SUPPORT

### General Fund / State Operations

#### State Purposes Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	13,081,515 .....	(re. 450,000)
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation .....	14,452 .....	(re. 500)

### Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations

#### Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	3,338,481 .....	(re. 110,000)
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### Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations

#### Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	1,492,624 .....	(re. 45,000)
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## LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION

### Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations

#### Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the State of New York

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

Personal service - regular .....	626,845 .....	(re. 19,000)
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## AID TO LOCALITIES REAPPROPRIATIONS 2024-25

### Special Revenue Funds - Other / Aid to Localities

#### Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

For expenses necessary to implement the provisions of law relating to the furnishing of court facilities and the provisions of section 219-a of the judiciary law; provided that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and in accordance with section 4 of the state finance law, where monies in the court facilities incentive aid fund, including such monies as may be transferred thereto pursuant to subdivision 6 of section 94 of the state finance law, are insufficient to meet vouchers presented for payment charged to this appropriation or for transfers made pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of such section, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, upon the request of the chief administrator of the courts, sufficient monies to meet such vouchers or to permit such transfers from the General Fund to the Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund on or before March 31, 2024.

For services and expenses associated with the court facilities incentive aid program .....	117,449,863 .....	(re.	20,000,000)
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**General Fund / Aid to Localities**  
**Local Assistance Account**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

For suballocation to the office of indigent legal services, at the direction of the chief administrator of the courts, for payment pursuant to law to New York city, pursuant to an agreement with such city, for services and expenses related to implementation of caseload standards for institutional providers representing indigent clients in criminal cases in such city. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, monies received by the office of indigent legal services pursuant to this suballocation may be distributed to New York city only to the extent necessary to enable compliance with section 127.7 of the rules of the chief administrator of the court (22 NYCRR §127.7).

For services and expenses associated with the Criminal Caseload Reduction Program.....	47,000,000 .....	(re.	47,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2022, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For suballocation to the office of indigent legal services, at the direction of the chief administrator of the courts, for payment pursuant to law to New York city, pursuant to an agreement with such city, for services and expenses related to implementation of caseload standards for institutional providers representing indigent clients in criminal cases in such city. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, monies received by the office of indigent legal services pursuant to this suballocation may be distributed to New York city only to the extent necessary to enable compliance with section 127.7 of the rules of the chief administrator of the court (22 NYCRR §127.7).

For services and expenses associated with the Criminal Caseload Reduction Program.....	47,000,000 .....	(re.	47,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For suballocation to the office of indigent legal services, at the direction of the chief administrator of the courts, for payment pursuant to law to New York city, pursuant to an agreement with such city, for services and expenses related to implementation of caseload standards for institutional providers representing indigent clients in criminal cases in such city. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, monies received by the office of indigent legal services pursuant to this suballocation may be distributed to New York city only to the extent necessary to enable compliance with section 127.7 of the rules of the chief administrator of the court (22 NYCRR §127.7).

For services and expenses associated with the Criminal Caseload Reduction Program.....	47,000,000 .....	(re.	47,000,000)
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## CAPITAL PROJECTS REAPPROPRIATIONS 2024-25

### COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS (CCP)

#### Capital Projects Funds

#### Preservation of Facilities Purpose

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2007, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For expenses associated with the acquisition of and improvements to a training academy in Kings County for the training of court security personnel (52JT0707) .....	33,700,000 .....	(re.	1,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2007, as amended by  
chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2012, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For expenses associated with the acquisition of and improvements to a training academy in Kings County for the training of court security personnel (52JT0707) .....	24,200,000 .....	(re.	1,000,000)
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### IT, FACILITY RENOVATION, COURT RECORDS AND SECURITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM (CCP)

#### Capital Projects Fund - Other

#### Capital Projects Fund

#### Program Improvement/Change Purpose

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

For services and expenses related to the acquisition and development of technology, including but not limited to equipment, software and services (52012301) .....	22,000,000 .....	(re.	20,500,000)
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For services and expenses related to alterations and improvements for health and safety in courthouses (52022301) .....	3,000,000 .....	(re.	2,400,000)
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For expenses related to the acquisition of equipment required upon general facility renovation or upgrade (52032301) .....	3,000,000 .....	(re.	2,300,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2022, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For services and expenses related to the acquisition and development of technology, including but not limited to equipment, software and services (52012201) .....	22,000,000 .....	(re.	11,000,000)
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For services and expenses related to alterations and improvements for health and safety in courthouses (52022201) .....	1,500,000 .....	(re.	100,000)
For expenses related to the acquisition of equipment required upon general facility renovation or upgrade (52032201) .....	1,000,000 .....	(re.	90,000)
For services and expenses related to the creation, management, protection and preservation of records of the unified court system, including but not limited to digital scanners, shelving and filing systems (52042201).....	500,000 .....	(re.	480,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For services and expenses related to the creation, management, protection and preservation of records of the unified court system, including but not limited to digital scanners, shelving and filing systems (52042101).....	500,000 .....	(re.	220,000)
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#### GENERAL STATE CHARGES REAPPROPRIATION 2024-25

##### General Fund / State Operations State Purposes Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

For Fringe Benefits .....	789,148,728 .....	(re.	11,130,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For Fringe Benefits .....	851,755,697 .....	(re.	2,400,000)
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##### Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations Attorney Licensing Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:

For Fringe Benefits .....	7,570,142 .....	(re.	100,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated  
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:

For Fringe Benefits .....	8,541,405 .....	(re.	24,000)
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##### Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:		
For Fringe Benefits .....	974,359 .....	(re. 15,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:		
For Fringe Benefits .....	972,157 .....	(re. 2,900)

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:		
For Fringe Benefits .....	264,650 .....	(re. 5,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:		
For Fringe Benefits .....	286,471 .....	(re. 100)

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**New York City County Clerks Operations Offset Fund**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023		
For Fringe Benefits .....	12,589,152 .....	(re. 180,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:		
For Fringe Benefits .....	13,059,420 .....	(re. 36,000)

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations**  
**Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund**

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023:		
For Fringe Benefits .....	25,864,152 .....	(re. 370,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2023:		
For Fringe Benefits .....	13,713,213 .....	(re. 37,000)

STATE OF NEW YORK  
**JUDICIARY BUDGET**

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## **Judiciary**

### **FY 2025 Budget Request**

#### **Overview**

*The Judiciary:* The Judiciary is one of three branches of New York State government. Article VI of the State Constitution establishes the Judiciary as the Unified Court System for the State, defines the organization and jurisdiction of the courts, and provides for the administrative supervision of the courts by a Chief Administrator on behalf of the Chief Judge of the State.

The objectives of the Judiciary are to: (1) provide a forum for the peaceful, fair, and prompt resolution of civil and family disputes, criminal charges, disputes between citizens and the State, and challenges to government action; (2) supervise the administration of decedents' estates; (3) preside over adoptions and proceedings to protect children and the mentally ill; and (4) regulate the admission of lawyers to the Bar and their conduct and discipline.

*Administration of the Judiciary:* The administrative structure of this Court System is prescribed by the State Constitution, which designates the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals as the head of the Judiciary. The Chief Judge is authorized to adopt administrative policies for the courts after consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts (comprised of the Chief Judge and the Presiding Justices of the four Appellate Divisions), and approval by the Court of Appeals. With the advice and consent of the Administrative Board, the Chief Judge also appoints a Chief Administrator of the Courts (or Chief Administrative Judge if they are a judge) who is responsible for supervising the day-to-day administration and operation of the trial courts. The four Appellate Divisions and the Court of Appeals are each responsible for the administration and operation of their individual courts.

In discharge of their responsibility for managing the trial courts, the Chief Administrative Judge designates a First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, as well as Deputy Chief Administrative Judges for the courts within and outside New York City. On behalf of the Chief Administrative Judge, and in concert with a corps of Administrative Judges, these three designees supervise trial court operations in the State's 13 Judicial Districts. The Chief Administrative Judge also designates a Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives who is charged with directing the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program. This office also oversees child welfare, juvenile, and adolescent justice initiatives.

By statute and by direction of the Chief Judge, the Chief Administrative Judge also establishes the administrative office of the courts. This office is bifurcated into the Office of Court Administration within the Administration and General Support Major Purpose, and the Division of Court Support Services within the Courts of Original Jurisdiction Major Purpose.

*Funding of the Judiciary:* By statute, and since the late 1970's, the nine major trial courts (Supreme Courts, Court of Claims, County Courts, Family Courts, Surrogate's Courts, New York City Civil and Criminal Courts, District Courts, and City Courts outside New York City), and all three appellate courts (Court of Appeals, Appellate Divisions, and Appellate Terms) are funded entirely by the State except that local governments, with some limited state financial assistance, bear responsibility for provision of court facilities to the Judiciary. The Town and Village Justice Courts, by contrast, are funded by the towns and villages in which they sit, although they do receive limited state financial assistance as well.

## **Structure and Jurisdiction of the Courts**

The Unified Court System is structured as follows:

### **APPELLATE COURTS**

Court of Appeals  
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court  
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court  
County Courts (acting as appellate courts)

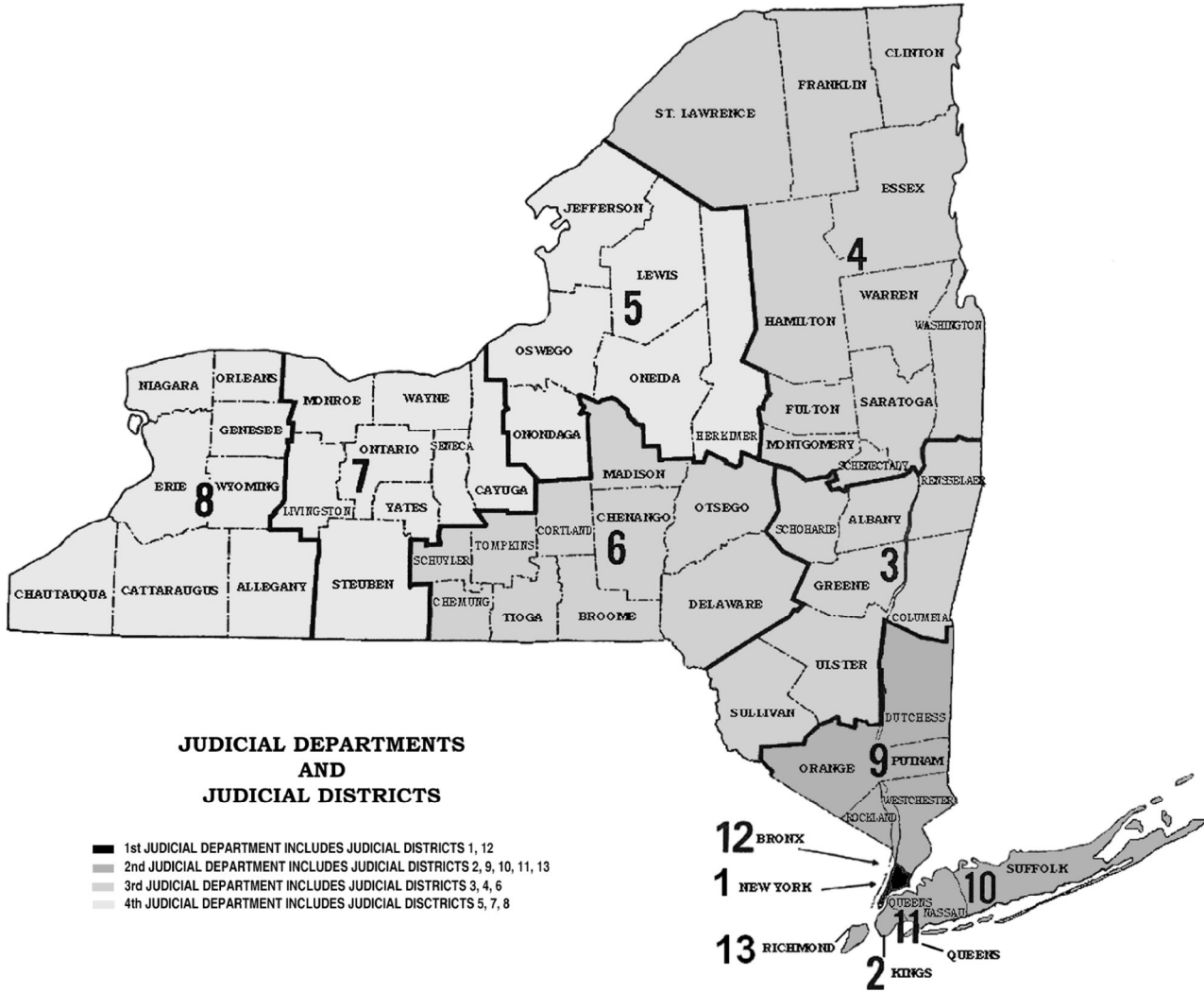
### **TRIAL COURTS OF SUPERIOR JURISDICTION**

<b><i>Statewide:</i></b>	<b><i>Outside New York City:</i></b>
Supreme Court	County Court
Court of Claims	
Family Court	
Surrogate's Court	

### **TRIAL COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION**

<b><i>New York City:</i></b>	<b><i>Outside New York City:</i></b>
Criminal Court	City Courts
Civil Court	District Courts
	Town Courts*
	Village Courts*

\*Locally funded courts



<b>MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY</b> <b>Courts of Original Jurisdiction</b>	<b>FY 2025 All Funds Budget Request:</b> \$1,972,132,795
	General Fund: 1,832,505,352
	State Special Revenue Funds: 120,627,443
	Federal Special Revenue Funds: 19,000,000

### **Major Purpose Description**

The Courts of Original Jurisdiction (COJ) Major Purpose is comprised of the following program components: Supreme and County Courts, Family Courts, Surrogate's Courts, Multi-Bench Courts, City and District Courts, New York City Housing Courts, Community Courts, Drug Treatment Courts, Court of Claims, Jury Operations, New York City County Clerks, Law Libraries, the Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Improvement Programs, Court Support Services, Town and Village Courts, Public Safety, COJ Maintenance Undistributed, and Administration.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding**

The COJ Major Purpose State Operations All Funds budget request is \$1.97 billion, or an increase of \$98.8 million (5.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

#### **Personal Service**

The personal service request of \$1.8 billion represents an increase of \$92.1 million (5.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions and all filled nonjudicial positions.

Funding for judicial positions includes a net increase in the number of certificated Supreme Court Justices and annualized funding for 20 new judgeships (3 Supreme, 13 Family, and 4 City Court) as passed by the Legislature (A7669/S7534) in 2023. The budget also seeks funding for an additional 28 Family Court judgeships and for the creation of 5 new Housing Court judgeships.

Funding for nonjudicial positions includes general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The request also includes funding for a projected increase in staffing levels, a reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles, and the establishment of 470 new nonjudicial positions to support court operations and meet growing caseload demands. The new resources will also support anti-bias, diversity, and access to justice initiatives. The request also includes funding for the anticipated implementation of fully-paid parental leave benefits for all eligible employees. The net increase for personal service is partially offset by attrition savings and nonrecurring collective bargaining obligations in FY 2024.

The personal service request includes \$5.4 million for temporary service. This includes \$3.2 million for costs associated with the Centralized Arraignment Parts (CAP) and reflects

an expected increase in *per diem* rates for Town and Village Justices who serve in the CAP parts. The funding also supports commercial division law clerks in Supreme Court, and Town and Village Justices temporarily appointed as acting City Court Judges throughout the State. In addition, the personal service request includes \$38.9 million for overtime to support current operations.

### Nonpersonal Service

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with trial court operations, support, and administration. These expenses include contractual security services provided in some upstate courts by local law enforcement agencies, real estate rentals for office leases and training space, payments for jury *per diems* and meals provided to jurors, *per diem* interpreter and court reporter costs, legal reference materials and online research services, information technology (IT) services to support computer-based information systems critical to court operations, ADR, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Children's Centers, other professional services contracts, and transcript payments. Also reflected are appropriations which provide the framework through which Federal and other State Special Revenue grants are realized.

The nonpersonal service request of \$204.9 million reflects an increase of \$6.7 million (3.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The budget request supports an increased demand for technology services and products as well as conferences and training for enhanced anti-bias training. Expenditure-based increases are noted for Housing Court legal support contractual services and for *per diem* interpreters. The request includes a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for legal service providers including Children's Centers, CASA, Community Courts, and CJI, as well as enhanced funding for expansion of both the Children's Centers and the CASA program. Contractual obligations and escalation costs are noted for real estate rentals, legal reference, and online materials. To address the need for additional judicial resources, the budget includes funding to support an increased use of judicial hearing officers. The nonpersonal service budget also includes enhanced funding to expand various access to justice initiatives.

The increase is partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in records management services, equipment rentals and repairs, postage, transcripts, building property services, and printing. A reduction in contractual security services is also noted due to continued conversion of security services from local law enforcement to UCS court officer contingents.



**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - All Funds**

<b>Locality/Program</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Court of Claims	\$16,084,963	\$3,711,811	\$19,796,774
New York City	800,803,729	21,202,935	822,006,664
3rd Judicial District	60,910,082	4,352,627	65,262,709
4th Judicial District	65,344,655	2,386,726	67,731,381
5th Judicial District	70,046,895	4,635,332	74,682,227
6th Judicial District	52,980,400	1,620,741	54,601,141
7th Judicial District	65,912,336	18,697,080	84,609,416
8th Judicial District	104,457,520	6,659,576	111,117,096
9th Judicial District	131,593,688	2,935,578	134,529,266
Nassau County	112,024,087	2,476,643	114,500,730
Suffolk County	118,649,391	3,040,579	121,689,970
Administration	2,829,273	476,980	3,306,253
Alternative Dispute Resolution	1,355,659	9,136,979	10,492,638
Court Support Services	98,235,650	92,559,536	190,795,186
Undistributed	66,053,155	30,958,189	97,011,344
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$1,767,281,483</u></b>	<b><u>\$204,851,312</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,972,132,795</u></b>

State of New York - Judiciary  
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<b>Personal Service</b>			
PS Regular	1,638,495,851	1,722,937,053	84,441,202
PS Temporary	2,704,163	5,430,871	2,726,708
PS Overtime	33,993,431	38,913,559	4,920,128
Total Personal Service	1,675,193,445	1,767,281,483	92,088,038
<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>			
Contractual Services	177,928,494	184,562,905	6,634,411
Supplies & Materials	15,670,495	15,850,873	180,378
Travel	2,650,711	2,522,195	(128,516)
Equipment	1,915,339	1,915,339	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	198,165,039	204,851,312	6,686,273
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,873,358,484</b>	<b>1,972,132,795</b>	<b>98,774,311</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<b>Personal Service</b>			
PS Regular	1,560,430,873	1,638,645,205	78,214,332
PS Temporary	2,704,163	5,430,871	2,726,708
PS Overtime	33,800,315	38,316,734	4,516,419
Total Personal Service	1,596,935,351	1,682,392,810	85,457,459
<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>			
Contractual Services	130,657,938	133,157,099	2,499,161
Supplies & Materials	14,524,895	14,562,273	37,378
Travel	2,552,337	2,393,170	(159,167)
Total Nonpersonal Service	147,735,170	150,112,542	2,377,372
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,744,670,521</b>	<b>1,832,505,352</b>	<b>87,834,831</b>

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,875,000	2,875,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	2,875,000	2,875,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,875,000</b>	<b>2,875,000</b>	<b>0</b>

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ASSET FORFEITURE

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	250,000	250,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	250,000	250,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>0</b>

COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	720,260	517,040	(203,220)
Total Personal Service	720,260	517,040	(203,220)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>720,260</b>	<b>517,040</b>	<b>(203,220)</b>

NYC CO CLERKS' OPERATIONS OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<b>Personal Service</b>			
PS Regular	23,066,902	24,437,284	1,370,382
PS Overtime	0	2,161	2,161
Total Personal Service	23,066,902	24,439,445	1,372,543
<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>			
Contractual Services	975,975	933,282	(42,693)
Supplies & Materials	163,900	167,100	3,200
Travel	2,825	3,875	1,050
Total Nonpersonal Service	1,142,700	1,104,257	(38,443)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24,209,602</b>	<b>25,543,702</b>	<b>1,334,100</b>

JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<b>Personal Service</b>			
PS Regular	54,277,816	59,337,524	5,059,708
PS Overtime	193,116	594,664	401,548
Total Personal Service	54,470,932	59,932,188	5,461,256
<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>			
Contractual Services	24,169,581	28,347,524	4,177,943
Supplies & Materials	981,700	1,121,500	139,800
Travel	95,549	125,150	29,601
Equipment	1,915,339	1,915,339	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	27,162,169	31,509,513	4,347,344
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>81,633,101</b>	<b>91,441,701</b>	<b>9,808,600</b>

FED SPEC REVENUE OPERATING

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,500,000</b>	<b>9,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>

FEDERAL DHHS GRANT

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,500,000</b>	<b>9,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction**  
**2022 Statewide Workload by Court Type**

<b>Court</b>	<b>Filings</b>	<b>Dispositions</b>
<b>Criminal</b>		
Supreme & County Courts <sup>a</sup>	29,681	36,168
NYC Criminal Court		
Arrest Cases	133,561	135,971
Summons Cases <sup>b</sup>	62,059	74,055
City and District Courts Outside NYC		
Criminal Cases	141,781	153,108
Uniform Traffic Tickets <sup>b</sup>	278,309	290,873
Parking Tickets <sup>b</sup>	17,882	17,328
<b>Criminal Subtotal:</b>	<b>663,273</b>	<b>707,503</b>
<b>Civil</b>		
Supreme Courts		
New Cases (RJI's)	152,484	152,762
Ex Parte Applications	126,112	126,112
Uncontested Matrimonials	35,831	39,358
NYC Civil Court		
New Civil Actions	230,650	169,583
Housing Cases	126,498	79,425
Small Claims	11,401	12,192
Commercial Claims	2,184	2,284
City and District Courts Outside NYC		
New Civil Actions	63,476	76,408
Housing Cases	59,019	57,345
Small Claims	13,523	16,031
Commercial Claims	4,585	5,374
County Courts <sup>a</sup>	98,179 <sup>c</sup>	98,981 <sup>c</sup>
Court of Claims	1,251	1,403
Small Claims Assessment Review	47,960	48,861
<b>Civil Subtotal:</b>	<b>973,153</b>	<b>886,119</b>
<b>Family <sup>a</sup></b>	<b>446,022 <sup>d</sup></b>	<b>441,038 <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Surrogate's <sup>a</sup></b>	<b>146,396</b>	<b>114,394</b>
<b>2022 Total:</b>	<b>2,228,844</b>	<b>2,149,054</b>

<sup>a</sup> Also reflects Multi-Bench matters.

<sup>b</sup> Includes both answered and unanswered cases.

<sup>c</sup> Includes ex-parte applications.

<sup>d</sup> Includes Permanency Planning Hearings.

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Supreme and County Courts Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request: \$515,943,496</b>
	Personal Service: 508,352,937 Nonpersonal Service: 7,590,559

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for operations in Supreme and County Courts.

*Supreme Court:* The Supreme Court is the highest trial court of the State. It is established in all 62 counties and vested with unlimited civil and criminal jurisdiction although, in practice, it acts primarily as a court of civil jurisdiction outside New York City. In New York City, however, all felony cases are heard in criminal terms and all major civil cases in civil terms.

*County Court:* There is a County Court established for each of the 57 counties outside New York City. It retains unlimited criminal jurisdiction and jurisdiction of civil claims not exceeding \$25,000. In practice, however, it is almost exclusively a criminal court, hearing all felony cases in the county in which it is established. In many smaller counties, where there is no separate Family and/or Surrogate's Court, the Legislature has directed that the County Court Judge act as Family Court Judge and/or Surrogate as well. Where this occurs, the affected County Court is termed a Multi-Bench Court and is funded under the Multi-Bench Courts Program.

*Small Claims Assessment Review Program:* Title 1A of Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law establishes the Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) process in the Supreme Court. Operating in each county, the SCAR Program permits a homeowner to judicially challenge the real property tax assessment of his or her property, expeditiously and inexpensively, before specially-trained hearing officers.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Supreme and County Courts General Fund budget request is \$515.9 million, or an increase of \$14.3 million (2.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$508.4 million represents an increase of \$14.6 million (3.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding includes a net increase in the number of certificated Supreme Court Justices and staff, and to support three new Supreme Court judgeships as passed by the Legislature (A7669/S7534) in 2023. Funding is also included for reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations. These increases are partially offset by attrition.

The personal service request includes \$0.5 million for temporary service, primarily supporting six commercial division law clerks in New York Supreme Court, Civil Term. The request includes \$0.9 million for overtime costs to support current levels of operation.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with court operations, support, and administration of the Supreme and County Courts. This includes transcription services, office supplies, *per diem* interpreters, travel, postage, SCAR, rentals of equipment and *per diem* court reporters.

The nonpersonal service request of \$7.6 million represents a decrease of \$0.3 million (-3.3%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. Expenditure-based reductions in transcripts, travel, printing, and postage are partially offset by *per diem* interpreter and court reporter rate increases and inflationary growth in office supplies.



**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Supreme & County Courts Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
NY Supreme Civil	\$41,683,449	\$367,283	\$42,050,732
NY Supreme Criminal	27,907,494	816,791	28,724,285
Supreme Bronx	38,143,166	714,721	38,857,887
Supreme Kings	67,215,890	1,365,680	68,581,570
Supreme Queens	55,664,525	836,236	56,500,761
Supreme Richmond	14,752,171	281,496	15,033,667
<b>NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$245,366,695</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,382,207</u></b>	<b><u>\$249,748,902</u></b>
3rd Judicial District	\$17,815,832	\$289,744	\$18,105,576
4th Judicial District	12,766,948	238,500	13,005,448
5th Judicial District	18,750,026	335,281	19,085,307
6th Judicial District	7,201,415	109,001	7,310,416
7th Judicial District	20,968,253	355,251	21,323,504
8th Judicial District	28,245,144	451,295	28,696,439
9th Judicial District	48,825,747	352,208	49,177,955
Nassau County	46,684,911	487,893	47,172,804
Suffolk County	44,080,164	589,179	44,669,343
<b>Outside NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$245,338,440</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,208,352</u></b>	<b><u>\$248,546,792</u></b>
Undistributed	<b><u>\$17,647,802</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$17,647,802</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$508,352,937</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,590,559</u></b>	<b><u>\$515,943,496</u></b>

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SUPREME & COUNTY COURTS  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	492,479,427	507,001,006	14,521,579
PS Temporary	537,901	489,502	(48,399)
PS Overtime	733,674	862,429	128,755
Total Personal Service	<u>493,751,002</u>	<u>508,352,937</u>	<u>14,601,935</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	6,048,782	5,811,334	(237,448)
Supplies and Materials	1,334,135	1,394,456	60,321
Travel	462,955	384,769	(78,186)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>7,845,872</u>	<u>7,590,559</u>	<u>(255,313)</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>501,596,874</b>	 <b>515,943,496</b>	 <b>14,346,622</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b> \$221,699,665	
	<b>Family Courts Program</b>	
	Personal Service:	217,805,966
	Nonpersonal Service:	3,893,699

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for operations in Family Courts.

*Family Court:* The Family Court is established as a single citywide court in New York City and as a separate court in each of the 57 counties outside New York City, except that in many smaller counties there is no separate Family Court Judge. For such counties, the Legislature has directed that the County Court Judge act as Family Court Judge. Where this occurs, the affected Family Court is termed a Multi-Bench Court and is funded under the Multi-Bench Courts Program.

Family Court exercises jurisdiction over a broad array of matters affecting children and families, including cases involving abuse, neglect, support, paternity, family offense, Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS), juvenile delinquency (JD), guardianship, adoptions, custody, visitation matters, and 16- and 17-year-old youths accused of misdemeanor offenses and certain nonviolent offenses per Raise the Age laws.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Family Court General Fund budget request of \$221.7 million reflects an increase of \$20.2 million (10.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$217.8 million represents an increase of \$20.3 million (10.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding supports 13 new Family Court judgeships as passed by the Legislature (A7669/S7534) in 2023. The personal service request also includes funding for the authorization of 28 additional Family Court Judges, new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands. These increases are partially offset by attrition.

The personal service request also includes \$0.2 million for overtime to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operations, support, and administration in Family Court. This includes in-part services primarily for *per diem* interpreters, office supplies, postage, transcript costs, and records management services.

The nonpersonal service request of \$3.9 million reflects a decrease of \$0.1 million (-2.5%) from current year funding. Expenditure-based reductions are noted in transcripts, postage, office supplies, and repairs of equipment. These decreases are partially offset by an increase in the rate paid to *per diem* court interpreters.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Family Courts Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
NYC Family Court	\$75,912,425	\$2,438,848	\$78,351,273
<b>NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$75,912,425</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,438,848</u></b>	<b><u>\$78,351,273</u></b>
3rd Judicial District	\$9,545,542	\$194,851	\$9,740,393
4th Judicial District	12,728,695	186,702	12,915,397
5th Judicial District	14,815,194	152,478	14,967,672
6th Judicial District	6,932,649	95,583	7,028,232
7th Judicial District	10,333,283	159,398	10,492,681
8th Judicial District	16,592,810	167,337	16,760,147
9th Judicial District	20,116,635	62,859	20,179,494
Nassau County	12,336,175	159,623	12,495,798
Suffolk County	16,308,542	276,020	16,584,562
<b>Outside NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$119,709,525</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,454,851</u></b>	<b><u>\$121,164,376</u></b>
Undistributed	<b><u>\$22,184,016</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,184,016</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$217,805,966</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,893,699</u></b>	<b><u>\$221,699,665</u></b>

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FAMILY COURTS  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	197,333,274	217,562,051	20,228,777
PS Overtime	139,499	243,915	104,416
Total Personal Service	<u>197,472,773</u>	<u>217,805,966</u>	<u>20,333,193</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	3,107,910	3,088,750	(19,160)
Supplies and Materials	760,906	674,622	(86,284)
Travel	124,742	130,327	5,585
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>3,993,558</u>	<u>3,893,699</u>	<u>(99,859)</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>201,466,331</b>	 <b>221,699,665</b>	 <b>20,233,334</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Surrogate's Courts Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b> \$59,851,060
	Personal Service: 58,918,764 Nonpersonal Service: 932,296

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for operations in Surrogate's Courts.

*Surrogate's Court:* There is a Surrogate's Court established in each of the State's 62 counties, except that, in many smaller counties there is no separate Surrogate. For such counties, the Legislature has directed that the County Court Judge act as the Surrogate. Where this occurs, the affected Surrogate's Court is termed a Multi-Bench Court and is funded under the Multi-Bench Courts Program.

Surrogate's Courts exercise jurisdiction over a broad array of matters affecting estates and trusts, including: granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration; the probate of wills; oversight of executors, estate administrators, trustees, and guardians; the settlement of accounts of fiduciaries; concurrent jurisdiction with Family Court in the administration of infant guardianship and approval of adoptions; and concurrent jurisdiction with Supreme Court in matters pertaining to guardianships of incompetent persons.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Surrogate's Courts General Fund budget request of \$59.9 million reflects an increase of \$3.6 million (6.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$58.9 million represents an increase of \$3.6 million (6.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The request also includes reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations. The budget also supports a projected increase in staffing levels for FY 2025.

The personal service request includes \$77,693 for temporary service and \$0.2 million for overtime to support current levels of operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation, support, and administration of the Surrogate's Court, including records management services, office supplies, postage, and printing.

The nonpersonal service request of \$0.9 million represents a slight increase of \$9,323 (1.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Inflationary increases in office supplies, as well as expenditure-based increases in travel and postage are partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in records management services and repairs of equipment.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Surrogate's Courts Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
New York Surrogate	\$6,526,255	\$152,403	\$6,678,658
Bronx Surrogate	4,581,770	59,138	4,640,908
Kings Surrogate	6,198,180	83,795	6,281,975
Queens Surrogate	4,511,119	69,813	4,580,932
Richmond Surrogate	3,382,129	57,857	3,439,986
<b>NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$25,199,453</u></b>	<b><u>\$423,006</u></b>	<b><u>\$25,622,459</u></b>
3rd Judicial District	\$2,561,217	\$112,222	\$2,673,439
4th Judicial District	3,575,200	24,597	3,599,797
5th Judicial District	3,425,780	27,505	3,453,285
6th Judicial District	869,918	7,615	877,533
7th Judicial District	3,916,357	73,415	3,989,772
8th Judicial District	4,537,168	68,182	4,605,350
9th Judicial District	6,157,807	69,481	6,227,288
Nassau County	4,240,528	71,331	4,311,859
Suffolk County	3,396,006	54,942	3,450,948
<b>Outside NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$32,679,981</u></b>	<b><u>\$509,290</u></b>	<b><u>\$33,189,271</u></b>
Undistributed	<b><u>\$1,039,330</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,039,330</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$58,918,764</u></b>	<b><u>\$932,296</u></b>	<b><u>\$59,851,060</u></b>

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SURROGATE COURTS  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	55,083,901	58,677,357	3,593,456
PS Temporary	137,090	77,693	(59,397)
PS Overtime	66,923	163,714	96,791
Total Personal Service	<u>55,287,914</u>	<u>58,918,764</u>	<u>3,630,850</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	695,608	642,289	(53,319)
Supplies and Materials	205,486	250,731	45,245
Travel	21,879	39,276	17,397
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>922,973</u>	<u>932,296</u>	<u>9,323</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>56,210,887</b>	 <b>59,851,060</b>	 <b>3,640,173</b>



<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Multi-Bench Courts Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b>	<b>\$60,986,133</b>
	Personal Service:	59,875,191
	Nonpersonal Service:	1,110,942

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for operations in the Multi-Bench Courts.

*Multi-Bench Courts:* In many counties outside New York City there is no separate Family Court Judge or Surrogate, or both. For such counties, the Legislature has directed that the County Court Judge act as Family Court Judge and/or Surrogate. Where this occurs, the affected County Court is termed a Multi-Bench Court. Affected counties having combined County, Family, and Surrogate's Courts include Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chenango, Columbia, Cortland, Essex, Greene, Hamilton, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Orleans, Otsego, Putnam, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga, Tompkins, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates. Those having combined County and Family Courts only include Cayuga, Clinton, Ontario, and Steuben counties. Those having combined County and Surrogate's Courts only include Chemung, Clinton, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Herkimer, Sullivan, and Warren counties.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Multi-Bench Courts General Fund budget request is \$61 million, or an increase of \$6 million (11.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$59.9 million represents an increase of \$6.1 million (11.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is also included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding also supports new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands. The budget also supports a projected increase in staffing levels for FY 2025.

The personal service request also includes \$4,219 for overtime to support current levels of operation statewide.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation, support, and administration of the Multi-Bench Courts. These expenses include transcript costs, office supplies, postage, and travel.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.1 million represents a decrease of \$40,188 (-3.5%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. Expenditure-based reductions in records management services, office supplies, repairs of equipment, and travel are partially offset by increases in postage, transcripts and usage of *per diem* court interpreters.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Multi-Bench Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
3rd Judicial District	\$6,763,450	\$131,267	\$6,894,717
4th Judicial District	9,789,916	158,158	9,948,074
5th Judicial District	2,175,473	32,141	2,207,614
6th Judicial District	14,326,091	293,357	14,619,448
7th Judicial District	14,236,188	303,667	14,539,855
8th Judicial District	8,474,958	129,296	8,604,254
9th Judicial District	2,665,431	63,056	2,728,487
	<b><u>\$58,431,507</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,110,942</u></b>	<b><u>\$59,542,449</u></b>
Undistributed	<b><u>\$1,443,684</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,443,684</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$59,875,191</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,110,942</u></b>	<b><u>\$60,986,133</u></b>

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MULTI-BENCH COURTS  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	53,797,710	59,870,972	6,073,262
PS Overtime	7,514	4,219	(3,295)
Total Personal Service	<u>53,805,224</u>	<u>59,875,191</u>	<u>6,069,967</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	788,446	765,390	(23,056)
Supplies and Materials	261,898	252,691	(9,207)
Travel	100,786	92,861	(7,925)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>1,151,130</u>	<u>1,110,942</u>	<u>(40,188)</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>54,956,354</b>	 <b>60,986,133</b>	 <b>6,029,779</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>City and District Courts Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request: \$307,411,004</b>
	Personal Service: 301,754,512 Nonpersonal Service: 5,656,492

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for operations in City Courts outside New York City, Nassau and Suffolk County District Courts, New York City Civil Court, New York City Criminal Court, and the Arbitration Program pursuant to CPLR §3405.

*City Courts Outside New York City:* There are 61 City Courts outside New York City; 22 are comprised solely of full-time judges, 25 are comprised of a mix of full and part-time judges, and 14 are comprised exclusively of part-time judges. These courts have civil jurisdiction over monetary claims of up to \$15,000 (including small claims and commercial claims of up to \$5,000), landlord/tenant matters, and traffic matters. They also exercise criminal jurisdiction that includes authority to arraign defendants on felony charges and to hear misdemeanor and violation cases.

*Nassau and Suffolk County District Courts:* The Constitution authorizes establishment of District Courts in counties and parts of counties following local initiative, state legislative enactment, and local voter approval. At present, there are two such District Courts, one in Nassau County and one in Suffolk County. Like the City Courts, the District Courts have civil jurisdiction over monetary claims of up to \$15,000 (including small claims and commercial claims of up to \$5,000), landlord/tenant matters, and traffic matters. They also exercise criminal jurisdiction that includes authority to arraign defendants on felony charges and to hear misdemeanor and violation cases.

*New York City Civil Court:* The Civil Court is a citywide court with civil jurisdiction over monetary claims of up to \$50,000 (including small claims and commercial claims of up to \$10,000), some equity matters, and landlord/tenant matters. To assist in discharge of the latter, the Civil Court has a Housing Part, presided over by quasi-judicial hearing officers called Housing Court Judges. The Housing Part is not funded under this program, but under the New York City Housing Court Program.

*New York City Criminal Court:* The Criminal Court is a citywide court with criminal jurisdiction that includes authority to arraign defendants on felony charges and to hear misdemeanor and violation cases.

*Arbitration Program:* CPLR §3405 authorizes the Chief Judge, by rule, to require that monetary claims not exceeding \$6,000 (not exceeding \$10,000 in the NYC Civil Court), brought in certain courts be subject to arbitration, provided that the affected parties are entitled to trial *de novo* if aggrieved by the award in arbitration.

## **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The City and District Courts General Fund budget request is \$307.4 million reflects an increase of \$13.9 million (4.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$301.8 million represents an increase of \$13.8 million (4.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding supports four new City Court judgeships as passed by the Legislature (A7669/S7534) in 2023. The request also includes funding for new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands. The increase is partially offset by attrition.

The personal service request also includes \$0.1 million in temporary service for acting City Court Judges and part-time legal staff who share a position with an individual in a different title within the legal series. The request also includes \$9.6 million in overtime which supports current levels of operation.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation, support, and administration of the City and District Courts. These expenses include *per diem* interpreters, postage, office supplies, records management services, travel, and rentals of equipment.

The nonpersonal service request of \$5.7 million represents an increase of \$92,000 (1.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Expenditure-based increases in *per diem* interpreters, travel and office supplies are partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in printing, transcripts, and repairs of equipment, in addition to savings achieved by an increased use of in-house UCS resources in arbitration cases, rather than employing outside arbitrators.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**City and District Courts Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
NYC Civil Court	\$68,334,702	\$1,730,934	\$70,065,636
NYC Criminal Court	93,616,980	2,028,529	95,645,509
<b>NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$161,951,682</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,759,463</u></b>	<b><u>\$165,711,145</u></b>
3rd Judicial District	\$7,204,756	\$166,019	\$7,370,775
4th Judicial District	7,330,532	124,105	7,454,637
5th Judicial District	11,693,590	120,761	11,814,351
6th Judicial District	6,596,192	95,188	6,691,380
7th Judicial District	9,868,645	166,447	10,035,092
8th Judicial District	17,832,111	269,520	18,101,631
9th Judicial District	20,833,122	248,926	21,082,048
Nassau County	22,383,654	362,756	22,746,410
Suffolk County	24,562,273	343,307	24,905,580
<b>Outside NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$128,304,875</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,897,029</u></b>	<b><u>\$130,201,904</u></b>
Undistributed	<b><u>\$11,497,955</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,497,955</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$301,754,512</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,656,492</u></b>	<b><u>\$307,411,004</u></b>

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CITY & DIST INC ARBITRATION  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	278,037,330	292,014,160	13,976,830
PS Temporary	116,461	102,300	(14,161)
PS Overtime	9,799,917	9,638,052	(161,865)
Total Personal Service	<u>287,953,708</u>	<u>301,754,512</u>	<u>13,800,804</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	4,509,691	4,508,064	(1,627)
Supplies and Materials	840,294	891,214	50,920
Travel	214,507	257,214	42,707
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>5,564,492</u>	<u>5,656,492</u>	<u>92,000</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>293,518,200</b>	 <b>307,411,004</b>	 <b>13,892,804</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>New York City Housing Court Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b>	<b>\$38,139,478</b>
	Personal Service:	37,334,253
	Nonpersonal Service:	805,225

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for the Housing Part of the New York City Civil Court.

*Housing Part of the Civil Court:* In 1972, the Legislature established a special part of the New York City Civil Court to handle housing code enforcement and landlord/tenant disputes relating to possession of residential property in New York City. The enabling statute (New York City Civil Court Act § 110) also established a corps of quasi-judicial hearing officers designated by the Chief Administrative Judge, and now known as Housing Court Judges, to preside in the Housing Part.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The New York City Housing Court General Fund budget request is \$38.1 million, or an increase of \$7.5 million (24.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$37.3 million represents an increase of \$7.3 million (24.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The personal service request also includes funding for the creation of five additional Housing Court judgeships, new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands.

The personal service request also includes \$51,643 for overtime to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with court operations, support, and administration including postage, office supplies, printing, equipment rental, and transcripts. The nonpersonal service request also includes funding for a contract with Housing Court Answers (HCA), a not-for-profit organization that provides information and support to self-represented tenants and landlords in each borough's Housing Court.

The nonpersonal service request of \$0.8 million is an increase of \$0.1 million (20.1%) over current year adjusted appropriation. Expanded use of HCA services and increased growth in postage costs are partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in office supplies, equipment rentals, printing, and transcripts.



**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**New York City Housing Court**

<b>New York City Housing Court</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
NYC Housing Court	\$37,334,253	\$805,225	\$38,139,478
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$37,334,253</u></b>	<b><u>\$805,225</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,139,478</u></b>

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NYC HOUSING COURT  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	29,968,308	37,282,610	7,314,302
PS Overtime	16,000	51,643	35,643
Total Personal Service	<u>29,984,308</u>	<u>37,334,253</u>	<u>7,349,945</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	552,200	724,225	172,025
Supplies and Materials	116,000	76,000	(40,000)
Travel	2,500	5,000	2,500
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>670,700</u>	<u>805,225</u>	<u>134,525</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>30,655,008</b>	 <b>38,139,478</b>	 <b>7,484,470</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Community Courts Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request: \$1,831,061</b>	
	Personal Service:	1,808,086
	Nonpersonal Service:	22,975

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for the various Community Courts in New York City.

*Community Courts:* Community Courts adjudicate low-level and quality-of-life offenses such as prostitution, shoplifting, vandalism, and drug possession. Community Courts emphasize accountability, community responsibility, and restitution by combining conventional punishments with alternative sanctions. By incorporating problem-solving policies and methods, Community Courts focus on relationships among the neighborhood, offender, and courts to increase community confidence in and access to the criminal justice system. Funding is requested for the following Community Courts: Manhattan's Midtown Community Court, Harlem Community Justice Center, Brooklyn's Red Hook Community Justice Center, Brownsville Community Justice Center, and the Bronx's Community Solutions.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Community Courts General Fund budget request is \$1.8 million, or an increase of \$0.7 million (57.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$1.8 million represents an increase of \$0.7 million (59.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding includes additional personal service resources to enhance program services.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with Community Court operations and administration including *per diem* interpreters, drug testing services, office supplies, and equipment rental and repairs. Funding for contractual in-part services in the Community Courts provided by the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI) is included in the Court Support Services Program budget.

The nonpersonal service request is \$22,975, or a decrease of \$7,435 (-24.4%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. The reduction is attributable to an expenditure-based reduction in office supplies and reduced usage of *per diem* court interpreter services.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Community Courts Program**

<b>New York City</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
NYC Community Courts	\$1,808,086	\$22,975	\$1,831,061
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$1,808,086</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,975</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,831,061</u></b>

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NYC COMMUNITY COURTS  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,031,441	1,693,859	662,418
PS Overtime	101,500	114,227	12,727
Total Personal Service	<u>1,132,941</u>	<u>1,808,086</u>	<u>675,145</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	22,650	17,475	(5,175)
Supplies and Materials	7,760	5,500	(2,260)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>30,410</u>	<u>22,975</u>	<u>(7,435)</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>1,163,351</b>	 <b>1,831,061</b>	 <b>667,710</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Drug Treatment Courts Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b>	<b>\$16,730,122</b>
	Personal Service:	16,140,802
	Nonpersonal Service:	589,320

### **Program Description**

This program provides the nonfederal supported funding for the operation of Drug Treatment Courts throughout the State. The Maintenance Undistributed Program within the Courts of Original Jurisdiction Major Purpose includes funding for anticipated federal grants in support of Drug Treatment Courts.

*Drug Treatment Courts:* Drug Treatment Courts are parts that operate within courts that have criminal or family jurisdiction. These forums were established to help individuals and communities break the destructive cycle of repeated drug abuse and arrest. They provide nonviolent drug offenders the opportunity to participate in rehabilitation programs as alternatives to incarceration. During the 1990's when the drug treatment court model was first implemented, Drug Treatment Courts were primarily funded by federal grants. Since then, however, the State has assumed greater responsibility for funding these courts.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Drug Treatment Courts General Fund budget request is \$16.7 million, or an increase of \$1.7 million (11.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$16.1 million represents an increase of \$1.7 million (12.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding includes additional personal service resources to enhance program services.

Included in the personal service request is \$0.2 million for overtime to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operations, support, and administration of the Drug Treatment Courts Program. These expenses include miscellaneous supplies and materials, travel, office/clerical services, and medical services, the latter two of which are primarily for drug testing services and drug testing kits.

The nonpersonal service request of \$0.6 million reflects a slight decrease of \$10,725 (-1.8%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. The decrease is primarily attributable to expenditure-based reductions in miscellaneous supplies and materials, travel, and conferences and training. The overall decrease is partially offset by an increase in office/clerical services due to the rising costs of contractual drug testing.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Drug Treatment Courts Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
New York City Drug Courts	\$5,644,557	\$87,275	\$5,731,832
<b>NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$5,644,557</u></b>	<b><u>\$87,275</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,731,832</u></b>
3rd Judicial District	\$1,179,274	\$40,566	\$1,219,840
4th Judicial District	1,053,592	50,741	1,104,333
5th Judicial District	1,074,801	25,508	1,100,309
6th Judicial District	695,290	58,144	753,434
7th Judicial District	1,385,040	150,872	1,535,912
8th Judicial District	1,802,079	47,099	1,849,178
9th Judicial District	931,698	34,918	966,616
Nassau County	301,224	48,110	349,334
Suffolk County	509,905	46,087	555,992
<b>Outside NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$8,932,903</u></b>	<b><u>\$502,045</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,434,948</u></b>
Undistributed	<b><u>\$1,563,342</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,563,342</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$16,140,802</u></b>	<b><u>\$589,320</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,730,122</u></b>

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DRUG TREATMENT COURTS  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	14,208,361	15,939,788	1,731,427
PS Overtime	202,940	201,014	(1,926)
Total Personal Service	<u>14,411,301</u>	<u>16,140,802</u>	<u>1,729,501</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	96,268	102,952	6,684
Supplies and Materials	448,217	435,064	(13,153)
Travel	55,560	51,304	(4,256)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>600,045</u>	<u>589,320</u>	<u>(10,725)</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>15,011,346</b>	 <b>16,730,122</b>	 <b>1,718,776</b>



<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Court of Claims Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b>	<b>\$19,961,291</b>
	Personal Service:	16,249,480
	Nonpersonal Service:	3,711,811

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for the operation of the Court of Claims.

*Court of Claims:* The Court of Claims is the exclusive judicial forum for actions brought against New York State and certain state entities such as the Thruway Authority and the City University of New York. The Court hears a broad array of tort and contract cases, and disputes over compensation awards following exercises of the state's power of eminent domain. The Court exercises its jurisdiction statewide with a presence in venues throughout New York (including Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Hauppauge, New York City, Rochester, Saratoga Springs, Syracuse, Utica, and White Plains). All actions in the Court of Claims are heard by a judge sitting without a jury.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Court of Claims General Fund budget request is \$20 million, or an increase of \$0.7 million (3.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$16.2 million represents an increase of \$0.5 million (3.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation, support, and administration of the Court of Claims. These expenses include equipment rental and repairs of equipment, travel, office supplies, conferences and training, and postage. Funding in real estate rentals supports judicial chambers and courtroom space in multiple locations throughout the State.

The nonpersonal service request is \$3.7 million, or an increase of \$0.1 million (3.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is primarily attributable to inflationary and escalation costs associated with real estate leases. Other spending growth in travel and miscellaneous supplies is partially offset by reductions in postage, conferences and training, and rentals of equipment.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Court of Claims**

<b><u>Court of Claims</u></b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Court of Claims	\$16,249,480	\$3,711,811	\$19,961,291
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$16,249,480</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,711,811</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,961,291</u></b>

State of New York - Judiciary  
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COURT OF CLAIMS  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	15,703,502	16,249,480	545,978
Total Personal Service	<u>15,703,502</u>	<u>16,249,480</u>	<u>545,978</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	3,489,965	3,569,791	79,826
Supplies and Materials	93,500	100,520	7,020
Travel	20,500	41,500	21,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>3,603,965</u>	<u>3,711,811</u>	<u>107,846</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>19,307,467</b>	 <b>19,961,291</b>	 <b>653,824</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b> \$42,347,214	
	Personal Service:	18,761,182
	Nonpersonal Service:	23,586,032

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for the cost of operating the jury system for New York's courts.

*The Jury System:* The State Constitution guarantees litigants before New York's courts trial by jury in most cases. The Judiciary Law, Article 16, sets forth the procedures to be followed in making available an adequate number of jurors so that the Judiciary can meet this constitutional guarantee. The focal point for these procedures is in the office of Commissioner of Jurors. One such office is established for each of the 57 counties outside New York City, whereas, in the City, the Commissioner's functions are discharged by the jury divisions of the County Clerk's office in each of the City's five boroughs. The Commissioners oversee the qualification and summoning of citizens for jury service, the maintenance of juror service records, the processing of juror payment vouchers, the operation of jury assembly rooms, and the provision of jurors to courtrooms for the jury selection portion of a trial.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Jury Systems Operations General Fund budget request is \$42.3 million, or an increase of \$0.3 million (0.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$18.8 million represents a \$0.2 million (1.0%) increase over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The increase is offset by attrition.

The personal service request includes \$1,138 for overtime to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports ongoing jury system operations including jury *per diems* at the rate of \$40 per day and, under certain circumstances, meals and lodging for jurors. Also included in this category are postage and printing for juror questionnaires and summonses, information technology services, and office supplies.

The nonpersonal service request of \$23.6 million represents a slight increase of \$0.1 million (0.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Inflationary increases in information technology services and office supplies are partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in telephones, equipment rentals and repairs of equipment.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Jury Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
New York	\$2,481,586	\$1,996,492	\$4,478,078
Bronx	1,584,657	1,893,705	3,478,362
Kings	2,252,837	1,791,761	4,044,598
Queens	1,423,226	1,650,611	3,073,837
Richmond	355,175	297,218	652,393
<b>NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$8,097,481</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,629,787</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,727,268</u></b>
3rd Judicial District	\$1,150,304	\$596,266	\$1,746,570
4th Judicial District	1,271,541	656,707	1,928,248
5th Judicial District	1,206,006	488,660	1,694,666
6th Judicial District	305,419	403,068	708,487
7th Judicial District	955,777	919,730	1,875,507
8th Judicial District	1,447,080	690,785	2,137,865
9th Judicial District	2,095,961	1,072,961	3,168,922
Nassau County	1,046,962	817,749	1,864,711
Suffolk County	891,010	871,321	1,762,331
<b>Outside NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$10,370,060</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,517,247</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,887,307</u></b>
Court Support Services	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,215,550</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,215,550</u></b>
Undistributed	<b><u>\$293,641</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,223,448</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,517,089</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$18,761,182</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,586,032</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,347,214</u></b>

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JURY SYSTEMS OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	18,515,865	18,760,044	244,179
PS Temporary	63,839	0	(63,839)
PS Overtime	858	1,138	280
Total Personal Service	18,580,562	18,761,182	180,620
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	23,132,539	23,213,197	80,658
Supplies & Materials	323,909	367,113	43,204
Travel	7,857	5,722	(2,135)
Total Nonpersonal Service	23,464,305	23,586,032	121,727
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>42,044,867</b>	<b>42,347,214</b>	<b>302,347</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	18,515,865	18,760,044	244,179
PS Temporary	63,839	0	(63,839)
PS Overtime	858	1,138	280
Total Personal Service	18,580,562	18,761,182	180,620
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	18,239,989	18,247,647	7,658
Supplies & Materials	123,909	117,113	(6,796)
Travel	7,857	5,722	(2,135)
Total Nonpersonal Service	18,371,755	18,370,482	(1,273)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>36,952,317</b>	<b>37,131,664</b>	<b>179,347</b>

JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	4,892,550	4,965,550	73,000
Supplies & Materials	<u>200,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	5,092,550	5,215,550	123,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,092,550</b>	<b>5,215,550</b>	<b>123,000</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>New York City County Clerks Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b>	<b>\$25,348,124</b>
	Personal Service:	24,243,867
	Nonpersonal Service:	1,104,257

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for the New York City County Clerks' offices in New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, and Richmond Counties.

*New York City County Clerks:* The State Constitution directs that the County Clerk in each of the five boroughs of New York City act as the Clerk of the Supreme Court and as the Commissioner of Jurors. The Richmond County Clerk also acts as the Registrar of Deeds for property transactions on Staten Island. In 1995, the Judiciary Law and the State Finance Law were amended to require New York City to assume the cost of County Clerk offices, except for expenses related to jury operations. The nonjury operations are funded by recording fees that would otherwise be payable to New York City, as well as reimbursements from the City of New York for county clerk operations. Jury operations are funded through the Jury System Operations Program.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Special Revenue Fund budget request for the New York City County Clerks Program is \$25.3 million, or an increase of \$1.3 million (5.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$24.2 million represents an increase of \$1.4 million (5.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The budget also supports a projected increase in staffing levels for FY 2025.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the New York City County Clerks operations including records management, records storage, shredding of documents and digitization of paper records, office supplies, postage, equipment rental and repairs of equipment.

The nonpersonal service request is \$1.1 million, or a decrease of \$38,443 (-3.4%) from current year funding. Expenditure-based reductions in records management, equipment rental, and telephones are partially offset by increases in postage and office supplies.



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Budget Summary - State Special Revenue Fund**

**New York City County Clerks Program**

<b>New York City</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
New York	\$6,473,762	\$250,995	\$6,724,757
Bronx	4,574,177	96,078	4,670,255
Kings	4,768,358	442,166	5,210,524
Queens	5,228,915	201,428	5,430,343
Richmond	3,107,799	113,590	3,221,389
Undistributed	90,856	0	90,856
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$24,243,867</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,104,257</u></b>	<b><u>\$25,348,124</u></b>

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NYC COUNTY CLERKS  
NYC CO CLERKS' OPERATIONS OFFSET  
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	22,882,388	24,242,577	1,360,189
PS Overtime	0	1,290	1,290
Total Personal Service	<u>22,882,388</u>	<u>24,243,867</u>	<u>1,361,479</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	975,975	933,282	(42,693)
Supplies and Materials	163,900	167,100	3,200
Travel	2,825	3,875	1,050
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>1,142,700</u>	<u>1,104,257</u>	<u>(38,443)</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>24,025,088</b>	 <b>25,348,124</b>	 <b>1,323,036</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request: \$5,092,511</b>	
<b>Supreme and County Court Law Libraries Program</b>	Personal Service:	5,003,654
	Nonpersonal Service:	88,857

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for the Supreme and County Court Law Libraries maintained by the Judiciary at various venues throughout the State.

*Supreme and County Court Law Libraries:* The Judiciary Law, Article 21, requires that there be a court law library in each county of the State and that each such library be managed under the aegis of the Chief Administrative Judge with the assistance of a local board of trustees.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Supreme Court Law Libraries General Fund budget request of \$5.1 million reflects an increase of \$0.4 million (9.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$5 million represents an increase of \$0.5 million (10.1%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payments of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The budget also supports a projected increase in staffing levels for FY 2025.

The personal service request also includes \$0.1 million for temporary service to support current operations in Kings County and the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

Nonpersonal service funding supports law library operations and includes legal reference materials and online legal services, office supplies, and travel. It should be noted, however, that the acquisition of most legal reference materials and computer assisted legal reference access are provided through the statewide Office of Legal Information in the Court Support Services Program.

The nonpersonal service request of \$88,857 represents a decrease of \$8,903 (-9.1%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. This decrease is primarily attributable to expenditure-based reductions in office supplies, travel, legal reference and subscriptions, and repairs of equipment. These reductions are partially offset by a contractual increase for online legal services.

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Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Law Libraries Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Supreme Courts NYC	\$1,076,415	\$9,500	\$1,085,915
<b>NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$1,076,415</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,085,915</u></b>
3rd Judicial District	\$358,797	\$8,728	\$367,525
4th Judicial District	391,373	3,241	394,614
5th Judicial District	807,750	22,351	830,101
6th Judicial District	271,661	5,761	277,422
7th Judicial District	369,021	10,123	379,144
8th Judicial District	387,652	12,472	400,124
9th Judicial District	660,962	0	660,962
Nassau County	279,905	10,172	290,077
Suffolk County	400,118	6,509	406,627
<b>Outside NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$3,927,239</u></b>	<b><u>\$79,357</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,006,596</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$5,003,654</u></b>	<b><u>\$88,857</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,092,511</u></b>

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LAW LIBRARIES  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	4,459,050	4,887,233	428,183
PS Temporary	87,524	116,421	28,897
Total Personal Service	<u>4,546,574</u>	<u>5,003,654</u>	<u>457,080</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	45,230	49,352	4,122
Supplies and Materials	38,605	29,343	(9,262)
Travel	13,925	10,162	(3,763)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>97,760</u>	<u>88,857</u>	<u>(8,903)</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>4,644,334</b>	 <b>5,092,511</b>	 <b>448,177</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Alternative Dispute Resolution and</b> <b>Court Improvement Programs</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b>	<b>\$10,628,976</b>
	Personal Service:	1,355,659
	Nonpersonal Service:	9,273,317

### **Program Descriptions**

These programs provide funding for the Community Dispute Resolution Centers and court-connected Alternative Dispute Resolution services (ADR).

*Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Improvement Programs:* The Community Dispute Resolution Centers provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations throughout the State that provide neutral third-party mediators to help parties resolve their disputes outside of court. Court-connected ADR provides court-sponsored mediation services to aid litigants in resolving a broad array of disputes, including custody and visitation matters in Family Court, attorney fee disputes in matrimonial actions in Supreme Court, estate matters in Surrogate's Court, and housing and small claims disputes in City and District Courts.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The ADR and Court Improvement Program's General Fund budget request is \$10.6 million, or an increase of \$0.3 million (2.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$1.4 million represents an increase of \$44,333 (3.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The nonpersonal service request of \$9.3 million reflects an increase of \$0.3 million (2.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is primarily attributable to a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for the statewide dispute resolution program service providers, partially offset by a slight reduction in other general services.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
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**Alternative Dispute Resolution & Court Improvement Programs**

<b>Alternative Dispute Resolution &amp; Court Improvement</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alternative Dispute Resolution & Court Improvement	\$1,355,659	\$9,273,317	\$10,628,976
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$1,355,659</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,273,317</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,628,976</u></b>

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ADR & COURT IMPROVEMENT  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,311,326	1,355,659	44,333
Total Personal Service	1,311,326	1,355,659	44,333
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,016,792	9,273,317	256,525
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,016,792	9,273,317	256,525
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>10,328,118</b>	 <b>10,628,976</b>	 <b>300,858</b>



<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Court Support Services Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request: \$165,602,450</b>	
	Personal Service:	77,940,717
	Nonpersonal Service:	87,661,733

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for Court Support Services.

*Court Support Services:* This program provides support to the courts and court-related agencies in the areas of technology, human resources, court interpreter administration, systemwide legal information and records management services, court research, electronic filing, diversity and inclusion initiatives, access to justice initiatives, continuing legal education, and other general services. Also providing support to court operations are the Office of the Inspector General, Internal Audit Services, and the Division of Professional and Court Services.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Court Support Services All Funds budget request is \$165.6 million and reflects an increase of \$16.7 million (11.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$77.9 million represents an increase of \$8.9 million (12.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding also supports additional personal service resources to expand access to justice initiatives.

The personal service request includes \$1.5 million for temporary service reflecting an increase of \$1.3 million (822.1%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request supports ongoing operations as well as continued funding for a student intern program and expansion of the legal fellow program within the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission.

The personal service request also includes \$0.8 million for overtime reflecting an increase of \$0.3 million (75.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request supports ongoing operations and increased overtime activity for vetting court officer candidates.

The nonpersonal service request supports centralized court support services including technology, court research, records management, legal reference materials and online research services. Conferences and training costs, real estate rentals, and equipment rentals also are reflected in the request. The funding supports administration of the E-filing program, centralized jury systems operations, as well as the following legal and professional services: Children's Centers, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Family Court mediators, Community Court services, and other joint initiatives with the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI). *Per diem* interpreter funding is also included for those judicial districts outside New York City that participate in a statewide online vouchering system.

The nonpersonal service request of \$87.7 million reflects an increase of \$7.8 million (9.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is primarily attributable to higher demands and costs for technology equipment and services, as well as enhanced funding for Children's Centers and CASA providers for unmet needs. Escalation costs for real estate rentals and contractual obligations for legal reference and online services also contribute to the increase. Additionally, the increase supports a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for all professional and legal service providers, as well as an expansion of anti-bias education and diversity initiatives. The overall increase is partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in records management, rentals and repairs of equipment, building and property services, postage, printing, and office supplies.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - All Funds**

**Court Support Services**

<b>Court Support Services</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Court Interpreter Operations	\$4,108,394	\$2,731,012	\$6,839,406
Division of Human Resources	9,838,174	1,831,201	11,669,375
Division of Professional & Court Services	7,089,941	35,189,221	42,279,162
Division of Technology & Court Research	40,901,969	26,265,313	67,167,282
Electronic Filing (NYSCEF)	2,190,423	4,000	2,194,423
Internal Audit Services	2,635,944	65,044	2,700,988
Office of General Services	1,134,278	16,869,757	18,004,035
Office of the Inspector General	1,840,617	15,309	1,855,926
Office for Justice Initiatives	6,690,285	160,876	6,851,161
Undistributed	1,510,692	4,530,000	6,040,692
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$77,940,717</u></b>	<b><u>\$87,661,733</u></b>	<b><u>\$165,602,450</u></b>

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ALL FUNDS  
COURT SUPPORT SERVICES

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	68,412,841	75,658,136	7,245,295
PS Temporary	161,348	1,487,830	1,326,482
PS Overtime	453,229	794,751	341,522
Total Personal Service	69,027,418	77,940,717	8,913,299
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	68,296,609	75,934,536	7,637,927
Supplies & Materials	9,239,357	9,402,420	163,063
Travel	427,840	409,438	(18,402)
Equipment	1,915,339	1,915,339	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	79,879,145	87,661,733	7,782,588
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>148,906,563</b>	<b>165,602,450</b>	<b>16,695,887</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	21,537,928	24,688,941	3,151,013
PS Temporary	161,348	1,487,830	1,326,482
PS Overtime	260,629	212,028	(48,601)
Total Personal Service	21,959,905	26,388,799	4,428,894
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	49,019,578	52,552,562	3,532,984
Supplies & Materials	8,457,657	8,530,920	73,263
Travel	367,340	308,938	(58,402)
Total Nonpersonal Service	57,844,575	61,392,420	3,547,845
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>79,804,480</b>	<b>87,781,219</b>	<b>7,976,739</b>

JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<b>Personal Service</b>			
PS Regular	46,874,913	50,969,195	4,094,282
PS Overtime	192,600	582,723	390,123
Total Personal Service	47,067,513	51,551,918	4,484,405
<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>			
Contractual Services	19,277,031	23,381,974	4,104,943
Supplies & Materials	781,700	871,500	89,800
Travel	60,500	100,500	40,000
Equipment	1,915,339	1,915,339	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	22,034,570	26,269,313	4,234,743
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>69,102,083</b>	<b>77,821,231</b>	<b>8,719,148</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Town and Village Program - State Operations</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b> \$5,520,899
	Personal Service: 5,311,884
	Nonpersonal Service: 209,015

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for the Town and Village - State Operations Program.

*Town and Village Courts:* There are 1,250 Town and Village Justice Courts in New York State, employing about 2,000 justices and several thousand nonjudicial personnel. These courts have civil jurisdiction over monetary claims of up to \$3,000 (including small claims jurisdiction over matters of up to that amount), landlord/tenant matters, and traffic matters. They also have criminal jurisdiction that includes authority to arraign defendants on felony charges and to try misdemeanors and violations. In the 21 counties in the State which have no city courts, the Town and Village Justice Courts function as the only lower court tribunal.

The Town and Village Justice Courts are principally funded by the localities that they serve. They do, however, receive some state assistance from the Judiciary Budget State Operations and Aid to Localities appropriations. The Courts of Original Jurisdiction Town and Village - State Operations Program provides training, technology support, fiscal guidance, legal research, and other assistance through the Office of Justice Court Support and the Town and Village Courts Resource Center. This program also supports the ongoing implementation of the Centralized Arraignment Parts (CAP) legislative initiative. The Justice Court Assistance Program is funded from the Judiciary's Aid to Localities Major Purpose budget and is not included here.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Town and Village State Operations General Fund budget request is \$5.5 million, or an increase of \$1.5 million (37.1%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$5.3 million represents an increase of \$1.6 million (43.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The personal service request includes a temporary service request of \$3.2 million, representing an increase of \$1.6 million (97.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The funding request reflects an expansion of the CAP into additional counties in FY 2025, in addition to an expected increase in *per diem* rates for Town and Village justices who serve in the Centralized Arraignment Parts.

The nonpersonal service request is \$0.2 million, or a decrease of \$0.1 million (-35.5%) from current year funding. Expenditure-based increases in information technology services, office supplies, and postage are offset by reductions in travel, printing, and conferences and training.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Town & Village State Operations Program**

<b>Outside New York City</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
3rd Judicial District	\$109,125	\$5,850	\$114,975
4th Judicial District	493,500	16,930	510,430
5th Judicial District	944,694	3,586	948,280
6th Judicial District	765,500	34,006	799,506
7th Judicial District	875,346	38,250	913,596
8th Judicial District	468,791	28,218	497,009
9th Judicial District	377,777	0	377,777
Nassau County	243,964	0	243,964
Suffolk County	72,025	0	72,025
Court Support Services	961,162	82,175	1,043,337
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$5,311,884</u></b>	<b><u>\$209,015</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,520,899</u></b>

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TOWN AND VILLAGE  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	2,102,878	2,153,349	50,471
PS Temporary	1,600,000	3,157,125	1,557,125
PS Overtime	1,098	1,410	312
Total Personal Service	<u>3,703,976</u>	<u>5,311,884</u>	<u>1,607,908</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	121,265	67,306	(53,959)
Supplies and Materials	25,683	25,616	(67)
Travel	176,936	116,093	(60,843)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>323,884</u>	<u>209,015</u>	<u>(114,869)</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,027,860</b>	<b>5,520,899</b>	<b>1,493,039</b>



<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Public Safety Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b> \$435,922,525	
	Personal Service:	406,099,491
	Nonpersonal Service:	29,823,034

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding to support the security needs of the trial courts.

*Public Safety:* Security for the trial courts is provided primarily by uniformed court officers (peace officers) who are trained through the Judiciary's Court Officer Academy and charged to provide law enforcement services within court facilities statewide. In some upstate locations, the Judiciary contracts with local sheriffs or police departments to provide these same security services. The Department of Public Safety is the central court agency responsible for the development and implementation of public safety policies and protocols, operation of two court officer training academy locations, providing comprehensive training to security staff, and conducting background checks on potential court officer candidates. Funding to support capital projects related to public safety is included separately from this program budget in the Capital Projects Major Purpose.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Public Safety All Funds budget request is \$435.9 million, or an increase of \$22.1 million (5.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$406.1 million represents an increase of \$23 million (6.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The budget also includes funding for expected academy classes in FY 2025.

The personal service request also includes \$26.8 million for overtime to support current operational needs.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the administration and operation of the Public Safety Program. These expenses include contractual obligations to local sheriff and police departments for security services and real estate rental costs for rifle ranges in several locations throughout the State. The budget also includes funding for security supplies, travel, and equipment repairs for ongoing operational needs.

The nonpersonal service request is \$29.8 million, or a decrease of \$0.9 million (-3.0%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. There is a notable savings in contractual security due to the consolidation and elimination of some contracts with local governments. Expenditure-based reductions in repairs of equipment and travel are also noted. The overall decrease is partially offset by an increase in information technology services, inflationary growth in real estate rentals, and utility costs.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - All Funds**

**Public Safety Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
NY Supreme Civil	\$9,087,662	\$18,000	\$9,105,662
NY Supreme Criminal	14,285,840	6,300	14,292,140
Supreme Bronx	21,711,925	72,960	21,784,885
Supreme Kings	23,058,605	194,300	23,252,905
Supreme Queens	18,221,478	6,100	18,227,578
Supreme Richmond	6,529,327	6,000	6,535,327
Civil Court	26,765,860	24,000	26,789,860
Criminal Court	64,194,778	38,000	64,232,778
Family Court	34,780,809	22,750	34,803,559
Surrogate's Court	607,036	0	607,036
County Clerks	195,578	0	195,578
Jury	613,806	0	613,806
<b>NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$220,052,704</u></b>	<b><u>\$388,410</u></b>	<b><u>\$220,441,114</u></b>
3rd Judicial District	\$11,513,412	\$2,465,831	\$13,979,243
4th Judicial District	13,525,925	167,237	13,693,162
5th Judicial District	12,217,755	2,598,267	14,816,022
6th Judicial District	11,958,941	61,713	12,020,654
7th Judicial District	0	16,170,126	16,170,126
8th Judicial District	21,274,154	4,288,036	25,562,190
9th Judicial District	24,806,376	52,663	24,859,039
Nassau County	20,812,867	72,276	20,885,143
Suffolk County	25,527,915	95,433	25,623,348
<b>Outside NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$141,637,345</u></b>	<b><u>\$25,971,582</u></b>	<b><u>\$167,608,927</u></b>
Court Support Services	<b><u>\$23,442,165</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,331,090</u></b>	<b><u>\$25,773,255</u></b>
Undistributed	<b><u>\$20,967,277</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,131,952</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,099,229</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$406,099,491</u></b>	<b><u>\$29,823,034</u></b>	<b><u>\$435,922,525</u></b>

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COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<b>Personal Service</b>			
PS Regular	360,653,719	379,279,568	18,625,849
PS Overtime	22,454,490	26,819,923	4,365,433
Total Personal Service	383,108,209	406,099,491	22,991,282
<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>			
Contractual Services	28,679,204	27,739,043	(940,161)
Supplies & Materials	1,164,934	1,237,586	72,652
Travel	897,430	846,405	(51,025)
Total Nonpersonal Service	30,741,568	29,823,034	(918,534)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>413,849,777</b>	<b>435,922,525</b>	<b>22,072,748</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<b>Personal Service</b>			
PS Regular	360,469,205	379,084,861	18,615,656
PS Overtime	22,454,490	26,819,052	4,364,562
Total Personal Service	382,923,695	405,903,913	22,980,218
<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>			
Contractual Services	28,679,204	27,739,043	(940,161)
Supplies & Materials	1,164,934	1,237,586	72,652
Travel	897,430	846,405	(51,025)
Total Nonpersonal Service	30,741,568	29,823,034	(918,534)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>413,665,263</b>	<b>435,726,947</b>	<b>22,061,684</b>

NYC CO CLERKS' OPERATION OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
Personal Service			
PS Regular	184,514	194,707	10,193
PS Overtime	0	871	871
Total Personal Service	184,514	195,578	11,064
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>184,514</b>	<b>195,578</b>	<b>11,064</b>

<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Maintenance Undistributed Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b>	<b>\$6,931,171</b>
	Personal Service:	(18,535,280)
	Nonpersonal Service:	25,466,451

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for the Courts of Original Jurisdiction Maintenance Undistributed Program.

*Courts of Original Jurisdiction Maintenance Undistributed:* This program includes undistributed funding necessary for court operations. In addition, through special revenue funding requests, this program provides the framework through which grants are received in support of problem-solving courts and other justice initiatives.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Courts of Original Jurisdiction Maintenance Undistributed Program All Funds budget request is \$6.9 million, or a decrease of \$15 million (-68.4%) from the current year adjusted appropriation.

The Maintenance Undistributed All Funds personal service request of -\$18.5 million reflects a decrease of \$14.4 million from the current year adjusted appropriation. The budget request includes attrition savings realized as employees leave service and new staff are hired, and lump-sum costs when employees separate from service. The FY 2025 Budget Request includes a negative adjustment of \$34.7 million for attrition savings and nonrecurring collective bargaining actions from FY 2024. These saving measures are partially offset by \$16.1 million for lump-sum costs and for the expected implementation of fully-paid parental leave benefits for all eligible employees.

The Maintenance Undistributed All Funds nonpersonal service budget request of \$25.5 million reflects a decrease of \$0.6 million (-2.3%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. The funding includes \$19 million for federal grants and \$3.1 million for Special Revenue Other grants, both to support treatment courts, juvenile justice initiatives, the Court Improvement Program, and Raise the Age initiatives. An additional \$3.3 million in General Fund authority supports court operations. The nonpersonal service decrease includes reductions in records management services, transcripts, and postage. The decrease is partially offset by increases in *per diem* interpreter costs and information technology services.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - All Funds**

**Maintenance Undistributed**

<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Special Revenue - Federal Funds	\$0	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	0	2,875,000	2,875,000
Miscellaneous Special Rev Fund Asset Forfeiture	0	250,000	250,000
General Fund - Undistributed	(18,535,280)	3,341,451	(15,193,829)
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>(\$18,535,280)</u></b>	<b><u>\$25,466,451</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,931,171</u></b>

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ALL FUNDS  
COJ MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	(4,149,529)	(18,535,280)	(14,385,751)
Total Personal Service	(4,149,529)	(18,535,280)	(14,385,751)
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	25,884,003	25,442,389	(441,614)
Supplies & Materials	186,388	7,500	(178,888)
Travel	0	16,562	16,562
Total Nonpersonal Service	26,070,391	25,466,451	(603,940)
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>21,920,862</b>	 <b>6,931,171</b>	 <b>(14,989,691)</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	(4,149,529)	(18,535,280)	(14,385,751)
Total Personal Service	(4,149,529)	(18,535,280)	(14,385,751)
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	3,759,003	3,317,389	(441,614)
Supplies & Materials	186,388	7,500	(178,888)
Travel	0	16,562	16,562
Total Nonpersonal Service	3,945,391	3,341,451	(603,940)
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>(204,138)</b>	 <b>(15,193,829)</b>	 <b>(14,989,691)</b>

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,875,000	2,875,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	2,875,000	2,875,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,875,000</b>	<b>2,875,000</b>	<b>0</b>

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ASSET FORFEITURE

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	250,000	250,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	250,000	250,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>0</b>

FED SPEC REVENUE OPERATING

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,500,000</b>	<b>9,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>

FEDERAL DHHS GRANT

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,500,000</b>	<b>9,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>



<b>COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b> <b>Trial Court Administration</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b> \$32,185,615
	Personal Service: 28,860,318
	Nonpersonal Service: 3,325,297

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for Trial Court Administration which is overseen by the First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge in coordination with two Deputy Chief Administrative Judges (DCAJs), one in New York City and one outside New York City. The DCAJs oversee the Administrative Judges who coordinate trial court activities through regional district offices.

Administrative Judges are appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge in each judicial district outside New York City and in each borough for Supreme Court and citywide for Family, Civil, and lower Criminal courts in New York City. Funding for the judges who serve in this capacity is included in the court where the judge was appointed or elected to the bench. Each Administrative Judge coordinates trial court activities within their respective districts or courts. These administrative offices manage a wide array of functions including case management and court operations support, fiscal oversight, human resource administration, and facilities planning and management.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Trial Court Administration All Funds budget request is \$32.2 million, or an increase of \$2.5 million (8.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$28.9 million represents an increase of \$2.2 million (8.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The budget also supports a projected increase in staffing levels for FY 2025. The personal service request includes \$15,834 for overtime to support ongoing operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the administration of trial court operations. These expenses include rentals of equipment, real estate leases for office space in the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Judicial Districts, office supplies, and repairs of equipment. Funding also supports the use of judicial hearing officers to meet caseload demands statewide as authorized by the DCAJs.

The nonpersonal service request of \$3.3 million represents an increase of \$0.3 million (9.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This increase is primarily attributable to expanded use of judicial hearing officers to meet caseload demands in various courts statewide. Expenditure-based increases in repairs of equipment and other general services are also noted. The increase is partially offset by reductions in real estate rentals, printing, rentals of equipment, and postage.

**Courts of Original Jurisdiction  
Budget Summary - All Funds**

**Trial Court Administration Program**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Deputy Chief Administrative Judges	\$2,829,273	\$476,980	\$3,306,253
<b>Deputy Chief Administrative Judges Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$2,829,273</u></b>	<b><u>\$476,980</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,306,253</u></b>
New York City	\$0	\$151,982	\$151,982
<b>NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$151,982</u></b>	<b><u>\$151,982</u></b>
3rd Judicial District	\$2,708,277	\$339,668	\$3,047,945
4th Judicial District	2,417,433	595,314	3,012,747
5th Judicial District	2,935,826	453,764	3,389,590
6th Judicial District	3,057,324	457,305	3,514,629
7th Judicial District	2,476,439	111,595	2,588,034
8th Judicial District	3,034,973	189,258	3,224,231
9th Judicial District	3,942,194	196,698	4,138,892
Nassau County	2,367,627	95,266	2,462,893
Suffolk County	2,778,543	257,467	3,036,010
<b>Outside NYC Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$25,718,636</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,696,335</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,414,971</u></b>
Undistributed	\$312,409	\$0	\$312,409
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b><u>\$312,409</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$312,409</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$28,860,318</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,325,297</u></b>	<b><u>\$32,185,615</u></b>

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ALL FUNDS  
COJ ADMINISTRATION

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	26,664,059	28,844,484	2,180,425
PS Overtime	<u>15,789</u>	<u>15,834</u>	<u>45</u>
Total Personal Service	26,679,848	28,860,318	2,180,470
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,465,357	2,680,213	214,856
Supplies & Materials	459,523	533,397	73,874
Travel	<u>120,469</u>	<u>111,687</u>	<u>(8,782)</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	3,045,349	3,325,297	279,948
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29,725,197</b>	<b>32,185,615</b>	<b>2,460,418</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	18,540,896	19,959,115	1,418,219
PS Overtime	<u>15,273</u>	<u>3,893</u>	<u>(11,380)</u>
Total Personal Service	18,556,169	19,963,008	1,406,839
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,465,357	2,680,213	214,856
Supplies & Materials	459,523	533,397	73,874
Travel	<u>85,420</u>	<u>87,037</u>	<u>1,617</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	3,010,300	3,300,647	290,347
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21,566,469</b>	<b>23,263,655</b>	<b>1,697,186</b>

JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	7,402,903	8,368,329	965,426
PS Overtime	516	11,941	11,425
Total Personal Service	7,403,419	8,380,270	976,851
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Travel	35,049	24,650	(10,399)
Total Nonpersonal Service	35,049	24,650	(10,399)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,438,468</b>	<b>8,404,920</b>	<b>966,452</b>

COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	720,260	517,040	(203,220)
Total Personal Service	720,260	517,040	(203,220)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>720,260</b>	<b>517,040</b>	<b>(203,220)</b>

<b>MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY</b> <b>Court of Appeals</b>	<b>FY 2025 All Funds Budget Request:</b> \$18,185,413
	General Fund: 18,185,413
	State Special Revenue Funds: 0

### **Major Purpose Description**

This Major Purpose budget provides funding for the Court of Appeals and a component of the Public Safety Program.

*Court of Appeals:* The Court of Appeals, consisting of a Chief Judge and six Associate Judges, is New York's highest Appellate Court. Except where questions of federal law are involved, its determinations are final. Beyond exercising its appellate jurisdiction, the Court also determines certain questions of state law upon request of the federal courts, approves standards and policies for the courts promulgated by the Chief Judge, approves the annual Judiciary Budget as prepared by the Chief Administrative Judge, and regulates the admission of attorneys to the practice of law. The Law Reporting Bureau operates under the supervision of the Court of Appeals. It is responsible for publishing all Court of Appeals and Appellate Division decisions, along with selected decisions of the trial courts.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Court of Appeals Major Purpose State Operations General Fund budget request is \$18.2 million, or an increase of \$0.7 million (4.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

#### **Personal Service**

The personal service request of \$17 million represents an increase of \$0.7 million (4.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding also supports a projected increase in staffing levels for FY 2025. Attrition savings and nonrecurring collective bargaining obligations partially offset the net increase in FY 2025.

Also reflected in the personal service request is \$0.2 million for overtime, which supports current levels of operations.

#### **Nonpersonal Service**

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with court operations and administration, including travel costs for judges and staff, real estate and utility costs for chambers space, repairs of equipment, and other general services.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.2 million represents no change from the current year adjusted appropriation.

**Court of Appeals**  
**Budget Summary - General Fund**

<b>Court of Appeals</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Court of Appeals	\$16,981,081	\$1,204,332	\$18,185,413
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$16,981,081</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,204,332</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,185,413</u></b>

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COURT OF APPEALS  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	16,081,675	16,824,781	743,106
PS Overtime	153,010	156,300	3,290
Total Personal Service	<u>16,234,685</u>	<u>16,981,081</u>	<u>746,396</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	413,832	427,832	14,000
Supplies and Materials	383,626	383,626	0
Travel	406,874	392,874	(14,000)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>1,204,332</u>	<u>1,204,332</u>	<u>0</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>17,439,017</b>	 <b>18,185,413</b>	 <b>746,396</b>

## Court of Appeals 2022 Workload

### Court of Appeals

<b><u>Court of Appeals</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Applications Decided [CPL 460.20(3)(b)]	1,474
Records on Appeal Filed	82
Oral Arguments (Includes Submissions)	96
Appeals Decided	91
Motions Decided	957
Judicial Conduct Commission Determinations Reviewed	1
Opinions Published	124
Motion Decisions Published	957



<b>MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY</b> <b>Appellate Court Operations</b>	<b>FY 2025 All Funds Budget Request:</b> \$100,536,213
	General Fund: 100,536,213
	State Special Revenue Funds: 0

### **Major Purpose Description**

This Major Purpose budget provides funding for the Appellate Divisions, the Appellate Terms, and a component of the Public Safety Program.

*Appellate Divisions:* The Appellate Divisions are the courts of intermediate appellate resort. There is one Appellate Division established for each of the State's four judicial departments. Each consists of a Presiding Justice and a varying number of Associate Justices. Currently, there are 20 Justices sitting in the First Department, 22 in the Second Department, 12 in the Third Department, and 10 in the Fourth Department. The Presiding Justices and the Associate Justices are all designated to the Appellate Divisions by the Governor from among sitting Supreme Court Justices. The Appellate Divisions hear appeals from the major trial courts and, in civil cases, from the Appellate Terms and the County Courts (when they sit as appellate courts in review of lower court cases). Each of the four Presiding Justices oversees the admission of attorneys to the practice of law (Candidate Fitness Program) and the discipline of attorneys for unprofessional conduct (Attorney Discipline Program) in their respective judicial departments. The Presiding Justices also oversee, within their respective judicial departments, the Attorney for the Child, Assigned Counsel, and Mental Hygiene Legal Service Programs. These programs are funded under the Appellate Auxiliary Operations Major Purpose.

*Appellate Terms:* Under the State Constitution, each Appellate Division is authorized to establish Appellate Terms to hear appeals from the lower trial courts. Each Appellate Term consists of three to five Justices designated from among the sitting Supreme Court Justices. Currently, there are Appellate Terms in the First and Second Departments that handle criminal and civil appeals from New York City Criminal and Civil Courts and other lower criminal and civil courts within the jurisdiction of the department.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Appellate Court Operations State Operations General Fund budget request is \$100.5 million, or an increase of \$4.6 million (4.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

#### **Personal Service**

The personal service request of \$98.1 million represents an increase of \$4.8 million (5.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Additional appellate judicial appointments made in the current year and projected growth in staffing contribute to the

increase. The net increase is partially offset by attrition savings and nonrecurring collective bargaining obligations in FY 2024.

The personal service request also includes \$1.4 million for temporary service to support ongoing operations and for a new clerkship program in the Second Department. Also reflected in the personal service request is a total of \$0.2 million for overtime to support current operations in all four judicial departments.

### Nonpersonal Service

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with Appellate Court operations, support, and administration including legal reference materials and online research services, travel costs for judges and staff, other court-appointed services, and office supplies.

The nonpersonal service request of \$2.4 million reflects a decrease of \$0.3 million (-9.8%) from current year funding. The decrease is primarily attributable to expenditure-based reductions in travel, information technology services, postage, printing, and equipment rentals. Also noted is a reduction in legal reference and online materials due to management efficiencies realized with a single-shared legal maintenance contract. Expenditure-based increases in records management services, and conferences and training partially offset the overall reduction.

**Appellate Court Operations  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Appellate Divisions and Appellate Terms**

<b>Appellate Division &amp; Appellate Terms</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Department	\$30,852,746	\$252,818	\$31,105,564
2nd Department	37,233,949	697,883	37,931,832
3rd Department	15,106,800	334,497	15,441,297
4th Department	14,788,514	1,113,163	15,901,677
Undistributed	155,843	0	155,843
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$98,137,852</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,398,361</u></b>	<b><u>\$100,536,213</u></b>

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APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	92,947,913	96,547,927	3,600,014
PS Temporary	201,139	1,421,105	1,219,966
PS Overtime	175,746	168,820	(6,926)
Total Personal Service	<u>93,324,798</u>	<u>98,137,852</u>	<u>4,813,054</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	1,055,874	930,617	(125,257)
Supplies and Materials	1,273,612	1,218,859	(54,753)
Travel	328,710	248,885	(79,825)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>2,658,196</u>	<u>2,398,361</u>	<u>(259,835)</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>95,982,994</b>	<b>100,536,213</b>	<b>4,553,219</b>

## Appellate Court Operations 2022 Workload

### Appellate Division

<b>Department</b>	<b>Records on Appeal Filed</b>	<b>Dispositions</b>
1st Department	2,211	4,345
2nd Department	2,921	6,853
3rd Department	1,028	2,239
4th Department	956	1,020
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>7,116</u></b>	<b><u>14,457</u></b>

### Appellate Term

<b>Department</b>	<b>Records on Appeal Filed</b>	<b>Dispositions</b>
1st Department	130	170
2nd Department	1,013	1,092
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>1,143</u></b>	<b><u>1,262</u></b>

<b>MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY</b> <b>Appellate Auxiliary Operations</b>	<b>FY 2025 All Funds Budget Request: \$270,727,883</b>	
	General Fund:	209,941,257
	State Special Revenue Funds:	60,786,626

### **Major Purpose Description**

The Appellate Auxiliary Operations Major Purpose is comprised of the following programs: Assigned Counsel, Attorney for the Child (AFC), Mental Hygiene Legal Service (MHLS), Candidate Examination, Candidate Fitness, and Attorney Discipline.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding**

The Appellate Auxiliary Operations State Operations All Funds budget request is \$270.7 million, or an increase of \$20.7 million (8.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

#### **Personal Service**

The personal service request of \$53.8 million represents an increase of \$1.2 million (2.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The net increase is partially offset by attrition savings and nonrecurring collective bargaining obligations in FY 2024.

The personal service request includes \$16,685 for overtime to support current levels of operations in the Candidate Exam Program.

#### **Nonpersonal Service**

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the administration and operation of the Appellate Auxiliary Programs. These expenses include AFC representation provided through both contractual providers and panel attorneys, including representation under Raise the Age (RTA) legislation; assigned counsel costs for attorney representation under section 35 of the Judiciary Law; and expert witness costs (forensic evaluations) required for administrative hearings and court proceedings for MHLS, Attorney Discipline, AFC, and Assigned Counsel Programs. Also reflected are appropriations for Federal Title IV-E funds from the Executive Branch's Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). The nonpersonal service request also includes real estate rentals for the NYS Bar Examination testing sites, regional offices of MHLS, and the Attorney Discipline Programs, associated travel costs, accounting and auditing services, and legal reference and online research materials.

The nonpersonal service request of \$216.9 million reflects an increase of \$19.5 million (9.9%) over current year funding. Most of the increase (\$16 million) is attributable to Attorney for Child contractual representation including the annualization of enhanced FY 2024 funding, a

3% cost-of-living adjustment, and additional funds for FY 2025 enhancements. Escalation costs and additional lease space for the MHLS Program is noted in real estate rentals. Expenditure-based increases in other general services and accounting and auditing is related to costs associated with the State Bar Exam. Transcript costs in both the MHLS and Attorney for Child Program also contribute to the increase. The overall increase is slightly offset by expenditure-based reductions in expert witness costs in both the Attorney for Child and Assigned Counsel programs and in travel costs for all programs.

**Appellate Auxiliary Operations  
Budget Summary - All Funds**

<b>Appellate Auxiliary Operations</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Department	\$12,710,102	\$5,900,485	\$18,610,587
2nd Department	22,604,025	31,826,558	54,430,583
3rd Department	7,307,669	25,270,090	32,577,759
4th Department	8,775,000	29,059,783	37,834,783
Attorney for the Child Contracts	0	93,563,288	93,563,288
Board of Law Examiners	2,300,597	3,878,475	6,179,072
Court of Appeals Assigned Counsel	0	9,000	9,000
Title IV-E	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
Undistributed	107,893	17,414,918	17,522,811
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$53,805,286</u></b>	<b><u>\$216,922,597</u></b>	<b><u>\$270,727,883</u></b>



APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	52,614,601	53,788,601	1,174,000
PS Overtime	<u>16,685</u>	<u>16,685</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Personal Service	52,631,286	53,805,286	1,174,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	196,466,238	216,123,654	19,657,416
Supplies & Materials	478,635	479,149	514
Travel	<u>467,603</u>	<u>319,794</u>	<u>(147,809)</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	197,412,476	216,922,597	19,510,121
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>250,043,762</b>	<b>270,727,883</b>	<b>20,684,121</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	<u>33,430,824</u>	<u>33,609,587</u>	<u>178,763</u>
Total Personal Service	33,430,824	33,609,587	178,763
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	156,173,754	175,764,151	19,590,397
Supplies & Materials	302,727	303,618	891
Travel	<u>396,290</u>	<u>263,901</u>	<u>(132,389)</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	156,872,771	176,331,670	19,458,899
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>190,303,595</b>	<b>209,941,257</b>	<b>19,637,662</b>

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	19,183,777	20,179,014	995,237
PS Overtime	16,685	16,685	0
Total Personal Service	19,200,462	20,195,699	995,237
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	5,292,484	5,359,503	67,019
Supplies & Materials	175,908	175,531	(377)
Travel	71,313	55,893	(15,420)
Total Nonpersonal Service	5,539,705	5,590,927	51,222
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24,740,167</b>	<b>25,786,626</b>	<b>1,046,459</b>

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	25,000,000	25,000,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	25,000,000	25,000,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IV-E OCFS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>

## Appellate Auxiliary Operations 2022 Workload

### Attorney for the Child

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Petition Intake</b>	<b>Appellate Briefs</b>
Bronx Defenders	146	0
Brooklyn Defender Services	495	0
Buffalo Legal Aid Bureau	4,021	8
Center for Family Representation	40	0
Children's Law Center NYC	5,316	46
Children's Rights Society	3,369	5
Citizens Concerned for Children	2,584	16
Genesee County Public Defender	15	0
Lawyers For Children	5,360	8
Legal Aid Society NYC	28,402	109
Legal Aid Society Nassau	219	0
Legal Aid Society Rochester	7,234	8
Legal Aid Society Rockland	2,577	5
Legal Aid Society Suffolk	8,075	41
Neighborhood Defender Services	84	0
Queens Defenders	389	0
Youth Defense Center	318	0
Sullivan Trail Legal Aid	1,984	0
Broome County	574	0
Chemung/Schuyler Counties	372	0
Chenango County	341	0
Clinton County	871	0
Essex County	444	0
Franklin County	404	0
Fulton County	348	0
Otsego County	326	0
Sullivan County	101	0
Children's Law Center Erie County	581	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>74,990</u></b>	<b><u>247</u></b>

## Appellate Auxiliary Operations 2022 Workload

### Mental Hygiene Legal Services

<b>Department</b>	<b>Client Population</b>	<b>Client Services</b>
1st Department	41,061	35,796
2nd Department	72,883	138,764
3rd Department	26,221	35,589
4th Department	41,859	48,075
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>182,024</u></b>	<b><u>258,224</u></b>

### Candidate Examination

<b>State Board of Law Examiners</b>	<b>2022</b>
Candidates for Examination	15,420
Individuals with Disabilities Applicants	557
Applicants for Certification	857
MPRE Scores Transferred In	13,250
Foreign Evaluations	4,635

## Appellate Auxiliary Operations 2022 Workload

### Candidate Fitness

<b>Department</b>	<b>Applications for Admissions</b>
1st Department	2,273
2nd Department	2,281
3rd Department	3,481
4th Department	245
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>8,280</u></b>

### Attorney Discipline

<b>Department</b>	<b>Matters Pending</b>	<b>Matters Disposed</b>
1st Department	8,806	7,500
2nd Department	9,720	6,006
3rd Department	5,781	3,236
4th Department	1,540	1,141
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>25,847</u></b>	<b><u>17,883</u></b>

<b>APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS Assigned Counsel Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b>	<b>\$4,081,000</b>
	Personal Service:	0
	Nonpersonal Service:	4,081,000

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for legal services and forensic evaluations required by section 35 of the Judiciary Law.

*Assigned Counsel:* Under section 35 of the Judiciary Law, indigent persons in certain proceedings are entitled to counsel at the state's expense. Included among these proceedings are *habeas corpus* proceedings involving prisoners in state institutions; commitment proceedings involving persons who have a mental illness, are mentally incompetent, or those with narcotic addictions; commitment of a child to an authorized agency by reason of the mental illness or developmental disability of a parent; adoption or custody proceedings where counsel is constitutionally mandated; and matters heard in Supreme Court in which Family Court could have exercised jurisdiction and that are eligible for assigned counsel under section 262 of the Family Court Act. In each judicial department, the Appellate Division appoints panels of attorneys to serve as assigned counsel. In the Fourth Judicial Department, the Unified Court System contracts with the Wyoming County-Attica Legal Aid Bureau to represent Attica inmates in instances where section 35 of the Judiciary Law affords them assigned counsel.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Assigned Counsel All Funds budget request is \$4.1 million, a slight decrease of \$40,000 (-1.0%) from the current year adjusted appropriation.

The nonpersonal service request includes funding to support payments to attorneys and experts appointed in various judicial proceedings pursuant to section 35 of the Judiciary Law. The decrease is entirely attributable to an expenditure-based reduction in expert witness costs.

**Appellate Auxiliary Operations  
Budget Summary - All Funds**

**Assigned Counsel Program**

<b>Assigned Counsel</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Department	\$0	\$340,000	\$340,000
2nd Department	0	1,100,000	1,100,000
3rd Department	0	68,000	68,000
4th Department	0	1,460,000	1,460,000
Court of Appeals	0	9,000	9,000
Undistributed	0	1,104,000	1,104,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,081,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,081,000</u></b>

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ASSIGNED COUNSEL  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	4,121,000	4,081,000	(40,000)
Total Nonpersonal Service	4,121,000	4,081,000	(40,000)
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>4,121,000</b>	 <b>4,081,000</b>	 <b>(40,000)</b>



<b>APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS</b> <b>Attorney for the Child Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b> \$204,993,247	
	Personal Service:	2,256,600
	Nonpersonal Service:	202,736,647

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for legal representation to children in Family Court matters and is administered by each Appellate Division. Legal representation is provided through contracts with legal service agencies and by individual attorneys assigned from county panels.

*Attorney for the Child:* Children in Family Court matters are entitled to state-funded legal representation in a wide array of circumstances including all delinquency and supervision proceedings under Articles 3 and 7 of the Family Court Act; all child protective proceedings under Article 10 of the Family Court Act; all termination of parental rights proceedings under Article 6 of the Family Court Act and section 384-b of the Social Services Law; all proceedings to place a child in protective custody under section 158 of the Family Court Act; represent 16- and 17-year-old juvenile offenders accused of misdemeanor offenses and certain nonviolent offenses under Raise the Age Laws, and in certain foster care review proceedings under Social Services Law, section 392.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Attorney for the Child (AFC) All Funds budget request is \$205 million, or an increase of \$19.7 million (10.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$2.3 million represents an increase of \$34,959 (1.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The nonpersonal service budget supports payments to legal service providers and individual panel attorneys who provide legal representation to children (AFC representation). The Appellate Third and Fourth Departments administer AFC contracts with legal service providers within their respective geographic jurisdictions; the Office of Court Administration administers AFC contracts with providers on a statewide basis. The budget also includes appropriations for Federal Title IV-E funds from the Executive Branch's Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Funding also supports related expenses such as forensic evaluations (expert witnesses), transcript costs, real estate rentals, and statutorily mandated training (conferences and training).

The nonpersonal service request of \$202.7 million reflects an increase of \$19.7 million (10.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Most of the increase (\$16 million) is attributable to annualization of enhanced FY 2024 funding, a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for all contractual providers, and additional funds for FY 2025 program enhancements. The increase is slightly offset by an expenditure-based reduction in expert witness costs.

## Appellate Auxiliary Operations Budget Summary - All Funds

### Attorney for the Child Program

<b>Attorney for the Child</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Department	\$359,313	\$5,135,826	\$5,495,139
2nd Department	818,807	28,025,121	28,843,928
3rd Department	436,651	24,240,052	24,676,703
4th Department	641,829	26,118,442	26,760,271
Attorney for the Child Contracts	0	93,563,288	93,563,288
OCFS Title IV-E	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
Undistributed	0	15,653,918	15,653,918
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$2,256,600</u></b>	<b><u>\$202,736,647</u></b>	<b><u>\$204,993,247</u></b>

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ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD  
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	2,221,641	2,256,600	34,959
Total Personal Service	2,221,641	2,256,600	34,959
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	183,005,455	202,716,941	19,711,486
Supplies & Materials	16,413	15,824	(589)
Travel	11,290	3,882	(7,408)
Total Nonpersonal Service	183,033,158	202,736,647	19,703,489
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>185,254,799</b>	<b>204,993,247</b>	<b>19,738,448</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	2,221,641	2,256,600	34,959
Total Personal Service	2,221,641	2,256,600	34,959
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	148,005,455	167,716,941	19,711,486
Supplies & Materials	16,413	15,824	(589)
Travel	11,290	3,882	(7,408)
Total Nonpersonal Service	148,033,158	167,736,647	19,703,489
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>150,254,799</b>	<b>169,993,247</b>	<b>19,738,448</b>

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	<u>25,000,000</u>	<u>25,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	25,000,000	25,000,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IV-E OCFS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS</b> <b>Mental Hygiene Legal Service Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request: \$36,273,392</b>	
	Personal Service:	31,759,369
	Nonpersonal Service:	4,514,023

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding to support the operation of Mental Hygiene Legal Service (MHLS) offices.

*MHLS:* Under Article 47 of the Mental Hygiene Law, the MHLS Program provides legal services, advice, and assistance to persons receiving care at in-patient and community-based facilities for the mentally disabled. This ensures that persons with mental and/or developmental disabilities receive the treatment to which they are entitled, including legal counsel in judicial and administrative proceedings concerning their admission, retention, transfer, care, and treatment. Originally established to act as guardian of the due process rights of institutionalized mentally disabled persons, MHLS has since seen its mission statutorily broadened to include responsibilities in the areas of guardianship, involuntary outpatient treatment, and civil confinement of sex offenders.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The MHLS General Fund budget request is \$36.3 million, or an increase of \$0.3 million (0.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$31.8 million represents an increase of \$0.5 million (1.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The net increase is partially offset by attrition savings.

The nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation and administration of the MHLS Program. This includes costs related to experts and other professional services required for administrative hearings and court proceedings, real estate rentals and utilities for office space in 17 locations throughout the State, and necessary travel costs for staff attorneys.

The nonpersonal service request of \$4.5 million reflects a decrease of \$0.2 million (-4.3%) from the current year funding. The decrease is primarily attributable to expenditure-based reductions in expert witness and travel costs and is partially offset by increases in real estate for the expected addition of two new offices in Rockland and Queens Counties.

**Appellate Auxiliary Operations  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

**Mental Hygiene Legal Service Program**

<b>Mental Hygiene Legal Service</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Department	\$6,469,522	\$245,653	\$6,715,175
2nd Department	13,881,591	1,758,007	15,639,598
3rd Department	4,769,204	683,250	5,452,454
4th Department	6,141,940	1,170,113	7,312,053
Undistributed	497,112	657,000	1,154,112
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$31,759,369</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,514,023</u></b>	<b><u>\$36,273,392</u></b>

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MENTAL HYGIENE LEGAL SERVICE  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	31,227,283	31,759,369	532,086
Total Personal Service	<u>31,227,283</u>	<u>31,759,369</u>	<u>532,086</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	4,047,299	3,966,210	(81,089)
Supplies and Materials	286,314	287,794	1,480
Travel	<u>385,000</u>	<u>260,019</u>	<u>(124,981)</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	4,718,613	4,514,023	(204,590)
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>35,945,896</b>	 <b>36,273,392</b>	 <b>327,496</b>

<b>APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS Candidate Examination Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request: \$6,179,072</b>
	Personal Service: 2,300,597
	Nonpersonal Service: 3,878,475

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for the operation of the State Board of Law Examiners.

*State Board of Law Examiners:* Applicants for admission to practice law in New York State are required by law to demonstrate their fitness by successful performance on the New York State Bar Examination and by demonstrating good moral character on a credential review. The State Board of Law Examiners develops and administers the Bar Examination twice annually. Applicants admitted to practice in a reciprocal jurisdiction, have graduated from an ABA-approved law school, and have practiced for five of the preceding seven years, may be admitted on motion without examination.

The Appellate Divisions, through their Committees on Character and Fitness, conduct the requisite character review of each candidate for admission. The Committees on Character and Fitness are funded through the Candidate Fitness Program.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Candidate Examination Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund budget request is \$6.2 million, or an increase of \$0.2 million (3.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$2.3 million represents an increase of \$86,102 (3.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, and longevity bonuses, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The personal service budget also includes \$16,685 for overtime to support current levels of operations.

The nonpersonal service request of \$3.9 million reflects an increase of \$0.1 million (3.9%) over current year funding. The nonpersonal service funding supports other general service costs for fees paid to the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), exam consultants, and security services. The funding also includes leasing costs for testing locations throughout the State. The increase is primarily related to inflationary costs associated with those facility rentals and an expenditure-based increase in accounting and auditing services. Expenditure-based reductions in rentals of equipment, printing, and travel slightly offset the increase.

The Candidate Examination Program collects approximately \$6.8 million annually in Bar Examination fees, UBE score transfer fees, and admission on motion registration fees.



**Appellate Auxiliary Operations**  
**Budget Summary - Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund**

**Candidate Examination Program**

<b><u>Candidate Examination</u></b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Board of Law Examiners	\$2,300,597	\$3,878,475	\$6,179,072
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$2,300,597</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,878,475</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,179,072</u></b>

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BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS  
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE  
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	2,197,810	2,283,912	86,102
PS Overtime	16,685	16,685	0
Total Personal Service	<u>2,214,495</u>	<u>2,300,597</u>	<u>86,102</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	3,673,000	3,837,975	164,975
Supplies and Materials	18,200	10,500	(7,700)
Travel	40,000	30,000	(10,000)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>3,731,200</u>	<u>3,878,475</u>	<u>147,275</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,945,695</b>	<b>6,179,072</b>	<b>233,377</b>

<b>APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS</b> <b>Candidate Fitness Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b>	<b>\$2,070,219</b>
	Personal Service:	1,924,548
	Nonpersonal Service:	145,671

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding for operation of the Committees on Character and Fitness maintained by each of the four Appellate Divisions.

*Committees on Character and Fitness:* Every person who successfully completes the New York State Bar Examination and applies for admission to practice law in New York State is required by law to demonstrate that they are of good moral character and fit to act as a lawyer. Each of the four Appellate Divisions has a Committee on Character and Fitness to conduct the necessary character review for each applicant.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Candidate Fitness Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund budget request is \$2.1 million, an increase of \$18,215 (0.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$1.9 million represents an increase of \$41,692 (2.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the administration of the Candidate Fitness Program including records management services, printing, other general services, and transcripts costs.

The nonpersonal service request of \$0.1 million reflects a decrease of \$23,477 (-13.9%) from current year funding. Expenditure-based reductions are noted in records management services and printing costs due to the digitization of admissions files. The decrease is partially offset by slight increases in postage, repairs of equipment, and conferences and training.

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**Budget Summary - Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund**

**Candidate Fitness Program**

<b>Candidate Fitness</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Department	\$667,522	\$13,619	\$681,141
2nd Department	743,640	31,414	775,054
3rd Department	513,386	91,515	604,901
4th Department	0	9,123	9,123
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$1,924,548</u></b>	<b><u>\$145,671</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,070,219</u></b>

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CANDIDATE FITNESS  
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE  
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,882,856	1,924,548	41,692
Total Personal Service	1,882,856	1,924,548	41,692
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	152,109	128,724	(23,385)
Supplies and Materials	16,089	16,007	(82)
Travel	950	940	(10)
Total Nonpersonal Service	169,148	145,671	(23,477)
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>2,052,004</b>	 <b>2,070,219</b>	 <b>18,215</b>

<b>APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS</b> <b>Attorney Discipline Program</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:</b> \$17,773,853
	Personal Service: 16,207,072 Nonpersonal Service: 1,566,781

### **Program Description**

This program provides funding to support the Attorney Grievance Committees and attorney disciplinary proceedings.

*Attorney Grievance Committees:* Lawyers who are guilty of professional misconduct are subject to discipline for their actions. Under section 90 of the Judiciary Law, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Divisions to oversee the disciplinary process and, where warranted, to impose appropriate sanctions (*e.g.*, censure, suspension from practice, disbarment). In discharge of these responsibilities, the Appellate Divisions have established Attorney Grievance Committees within their respective departments to investigate allegations of attorney misconduct, privately discipline attorneys in minor matters and, in serious cases of misconduct, prosecute offenders before the Appellate Division.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Attorney Discipline Special Revenue Fund budget request is \$17.8 million, or an increase of \$1 million (6.1%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$16.2 million represents an increase of \$1.1 million (7.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The budget also supports a projected increase in staffing levels for FY 2025.

The nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation and administration of the Attorney Discipline Program including real estate rentals for office space, transcript costs, other court-appointed services, and legal reference materials.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.6 million reflects a decrease of \$72,576 (-4.4%) from current year funding. The decrease is primarily attributable to expenditure-based reductions in records management services and repairs of equipment and is partially offset by slight increases in legal reference and subscriptions and real estate rentals.

**Appellate Auxiliary Operations**  
**Budget Summary - Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund**

**Attorney Discipline Program**

<b>Attorney Discipline</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Department	\$5,213,745	\$165,387	\$5,379,132
2nd Department	7,159,987	912,016	8,072,003
3rd Department	1,588,428	187,273	1,775,701
4th Department	1,991,231	302,105	2,293,336
Undistributed	253,681	0	253,681
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$16,207,072</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,566,781</u></b>	<b><u>\$17,773,853</u></b>

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ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE  
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE  
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	15,112,813	16,207,072	1,094,259
Total Personal Service	<u>15,112,813</u>	<u>16,207,072</u>	<u>1,094,259</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	1,467,375	1,392,804	(74,571)
Supplies and Materials	141,619	149,024	7,405
Travel	30,363	24,953	(5,410)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>1,639,357</u>	<u>1,566,781</u>	<u>(72,576)</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>16,752,170</b>	 <b>17,773,853</b>	 <b>1,021,683</b>



<b>MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY</b> <b>Administration and General Support</b>	<b>FY 2025 All Funds Budget Request:</b> \$25,152,226
	General Fund: 18,663,873 State Special Revenue Funds: 6,488,353

### **Major Purpose Description**

The Administration and General Support Major Purpose budget provides management support for the Unified Court System. Under the Constitution, the Chief Judge of the State, with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, designates a Chief Administrator or Chief Administrative Judge, who bears responsibility for day-to-day supervision and operation of the courts. The Chief Administrative Judge may designate a First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge to oversee all trial-level courts and operations within the Office of Court Administration. The Chief Administrator is empowered to establish an administrative office for the courts to provide necessary staff support in a broad array of areas including legal and intergovernmental affairs, policy planning and executive direction, budget and payroll administration, education and training, and public communications.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Administration and General Support Major Purpose State Operations All Funds budget request is \$25.2 million, or an increase of \$3.2 million (14.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This request includes the following:

#### **Personal Service**

The personal service request of \$20.8 million represents an increase of \$1.2 million (6.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is also included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding also supports a projected increase in staffing levels for FY 2025. The net increase is partially offset by nonrecurring collective bargaining obligations in FY 2024.

The personal service request includes \$19,000 for overtime costs in support of ongoing operations.

#### **Nonpersonal Service**

Nonpersonal service funding supports the usual and necessary expenses associated with administrative operations including information technology services, statewide conferences and training for both judicial and nonjudicial staff, and related travel costs.

The nonpersonal service request of \$4.4 million represents an increase of \$2 million (84.4%) over current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is mainly attributable to the anticipated redesign of the UCS public website and is partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in other general services, real estate rentals, postage, and travel.

**Administration and General Support  
Budget Summary - All Funds**

<b>Administration &amp; General Support</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Attorney Registration	\$1,478,681	\$114,296	\$1,592,977
Counsel Activities	4,223,981	34,400	4,258,381
Court Facilities Administration	1,284,217	10,608	1,294,825
Division of Budget and Payroll Services	6,836,785	243,946	7,080,731
Executive Direction	4,279,858	201,325	4,481,183
Judicial Institute Education & Training	1,664,517	1,156,678	2,821,195
Communications	1,002,434	20,500	1,022,934
Undistributed	0	2,600,000	2,600,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$20,770,473</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,381,753</u></b>	<b><u>\$25,152,226</u></b>

ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL SUPPORT  
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	19,572,620	20,751,473	1,178,853
PS Overtime	<u>14,452</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>4,548</u>
Total Personal Service	19,587,072	20,770,473	1,183,401
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	1,873,971	3,936,673	2,062,702
Supplies & Materials	113,241	88,830	(24,411)
Travel	<u>389,100</u>	<u>356,250</u>	<u>(32,850)</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	2,376,312	4,381,753	2,005,441
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21,963,384</b>	<b>25,152,226</b>	<b>3,188,842</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	13,398,633	14,407,024	1,008,391
PS Overtime	<u>14,452</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(14,452)</u>
Total Personal Service	13,413,085	14,407,024	993,939
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	1,726,151	3,824,019	2,097,868
Supplies & Materials	99,714	79,330	(20,384)
Travel	<u>387,100</u>	<u>353,500</u>	<u>(33,600)</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	2,212,965	4,256,849	2,043,884
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15,626,050</b>	<b>18,663,873</b>	<b>3,037,823</b>

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,387,682	1,491,053	103,371
Total Personal Service	1,387,682	1,491,053	103,371
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	145,145	109,046	(36,099)
Supplies & Materials	7,000	5,000	(2,000)
Travel	500	250	(250)
Total Nonpersonal Service	152,645	114,296	(38,349)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,540,327</b>	<b>1,605,349</b>	<b>65,022</b>

COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,447,824	1,294,962	(152,862)
Total Personal Service	1,447,824	1,294,962	(152,862)
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,675	3,608	933
Supplies & Materials	6,527	4,500	(2,027)
Travel	1,500	2,500	1,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	10,702	10,608	(94)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,458,526</b>	<b>1,305,570</b>	<b>(152,956)</b>

JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	3,338,481	3,558,434	219,953
PS Overtime	<u>0</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>
Total Personal Service	3,338,481	3,577,434	238,953
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,338,481</b>	<b>3,577,434</b>	<b>238,953</b>

<b>MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY</b>	<b>FY 2025 All Funds Budget Request: \$34,600,000</b>	
<b>Judiciary-Wide</b>	General Fund:	34,600,000
<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	State Special Revenue Funds:	0

### **Major Purpose Description**

The Judiciary-Wide Maintenance Undistributed Major Purpose provides funding for undistributed purposes.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Judiciary-Wide Maintenance Undistributed Major Purpose General Fund budget request is \$34.6 million. The budget request supports funding to implement a judicial salary increase that has been recommended by the Commission on Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Compensation.

**Judiciary-Wide Maintenance Undistributed  
Budget Summary - General Fund**

<b>Judiciary-Wide Maintenance Undistributed</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Maintenance Undistributed	\$34,600,000	\$0	\$34,600,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$34,600,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,600,000</u></b>

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JUDICIARY-WIDE  
MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	0	34,600,000	34,600,000
Total Personal Service	0	34,600,000	34,600,000
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>0</b>	 <b>34,600,000</b>	 <b>34,600,000</b>



<b>MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY</b> <b>Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection</b>	<b>FY 2025 All Funds Budget Request:</b> \$10,824,866
	General Fund: 0 Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection: 10,824,866

### **Major Purpose Description**

This Major Purpose provides funding for the operation of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (Lawyers' Fund). The Judiciary submits this budget request on behalf of the Fund's Board of Trustees.

*Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection:* Originally known as the Client Security Fund, the Lawyers' Fund was established by the Legislature in 1981 for the purpose of providing protection to law clients from the misappropriation or willful misapplication of their money and property by their lawyers. The Lawyers' Fund is administered by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Court of Appeals and funded principally from a portion of the biennial attorney registration fees and augmented by appropriations from the Attorney Licensing Fund.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding Request**

The Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Special Revenue Fund budget request of \$10.8 million reflects near-level funding over the current year adjusted appropriation.

#### **Personal Service**

The personal service request of \$0.7 million represents an increase of \$53,791 (8.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for payment of general salary increases and longevity bonuses, subject to the Board of Trustees approval, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

#### **Nonpersonal Service**

The nonpersonal service funding primarily supports the payment of awards as approved by the Board of Trustees. Funding for the usual and necessary expenses associated with office operations is also included. The nonpersonal service request of \$10.1 million reflects no change from the current year adjusted appropriation.

**Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection  
Budget Summary - State Special Revenue Fund**

<b>Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	\$680,636	\$10,144,230	\$10,824,866
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$680,636</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,144,230</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,824,866</u></b>

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LAWYERS' CLIENT PROTECTION  
LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT  
PROTECTION

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	626,845	680,636	53,791
Total Personal Service	626,845	680,636	53,791
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	10,111,730	10,108,730	(3,000)
Supplies and Materials	17,500	17,500	0
Travel	15,000	18,000	3,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	10,144,230	10,144,230	0
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>10,771,075</b>	 <b>10,824,866</b>	 <b>53,791</b>

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Part II  
**Aid to Localities**

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<b>MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY</b> <b>Aid To Localities</b>	<b>FY 2025 All Funds Budget Request: \$295,335,072</b>
	General Fund: 172,432,183 Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund: 122,902,889

### **Major Purpose Description**

The Aid to Localities Major Purpose budget is comprised of the following programs: Court Facilities Incentive Aid; Civil Legal Services including a suballocation to the Interest on Lawyer Account; Indigent Criminal Defense; and Justice Court Assistance.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding**

The Aid to Localities All Funds budget request is \$295.3 million, or an increase of \$11.9 million (4.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

#### **Court Facilities Incentive Aid Program (CFIA)**

The CFIA Program was established in 1986 to provide financial assistance to local governments for the construction and maintenance of court facilities.

The CFIA Program budget request is \$122.9 million, or an increase of \$5.5 million (4.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The budget request includes \$89.4 million for court cleaning and minor repair expenses, \$21.9 million for Appellate Division facilities, and \$11.6 million for Interest Aid subsidies. The Appellate Aid also includes funding for local chamber space for Court of Appeals Judges and facility operating expenses for the New York State Judicial Institute. Continued inflationary and operational increases, rising interest rates, and new collective bargaining agreements contribute to the growth of the facilities and cleaning programs.

#### **Civil Legal Services (CLS) - UCS Program**

The Unified Court System's CLS Local Assistance Program provides legal assistance to New Yorkers with problems ranging from homelessness and foreclosure prevention, family law and domestic violence, disability-related assistance and health law, employment law, veterans' benefits, elder law, and public assistance benefits. Funding is distributed through grants with local legal service providers statewide and based on regional poverty levels.

The CLS budget request is \$104.5 million, or an increase of \$5.9 million (6.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The funding supports a 3% cost-of-living adjustment and enhanced funding to address unmet needs for the poorest New Yorkers.

### **Civil Legal Services - Suballocation to Interest on Lawyer Account (IOLA)**

The IOLA Fund is an Executive branch agency that also provides civil legal services to impoverished New Yorkers. The IOLA Fund is supported solely by Interest on Lawyer trust accounts; therefore, revenue can fluctuate. The Judiciary's Aid to Localities budget includes a suballocation to IOLA to support the shared mission to provide legal assistance to low-income, at-risk New Yorkers.

The Civil Legal Services IOLA suballocation budget request is \$17.9 million, or an increase of \$0.5 million (3.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase represents a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for the providers.

### **Indigent Criminal Defense**

The Indigent Criminal Defense Program budget includes funding to support caseload standards for indigent criminal defense institutional providers in New York City. The funding is provided via a suballocation to the Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS).

The ILS suballocation budget request of \$47 million reflects no change from the current year adjusted appropriation.

### **Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP)**

The JCAP Program provides state assistance to Town and Village Justice Courts to help with automation needs, improve security, facilitate online legal reference access, acquire necessary supplies, and modernize court operations. JCAP funding is disbursed to town and villages through a grant process with awards of up to \$30,000 annually.

The JCAP Program budget request of \$3 million reflects no change from the current year adjusted appropriation.

**Aid to Localities**  
**Budget Summary - All Funds**

<b>Aid to Localities</b>	<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	<b>Total</b>
Court Facilities Incentive Aid	\$122,902,889	\$122,902,889
Civil Legal Services	104,511,460	104,511,460
Interest on Lawyer Account	17,920,723	17,920,723
Indigent Criminal Defense	47,000,000	47,000,000
Justice Court Assistance	3,000,000	3,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$295,335,072</u></b>	<b><u>\$295,335,072</u></b>

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AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>			
Interst Aid	10,125,762	11,629,981	1,504,219
State Supported Facilities	19,486,927	21,853,321	2,366,394
Cleaning and Repairs	87,837,174	89,419,587	1,582,413
Justice Court Assistance Program	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
Civil Legal Services	98,595,720	104,511,460	5,915,740
Indigent Criminal Defense	47,000,000	47,000,000	0
Interest on Lawyer Account	17,398,760	17,920,723	521,963
Total Maintenance Undistributed	283,444,343	295,335,072	11,890,729
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>283,444,343</b>	<b>295,335,072</b>	<b>11,890,729</b>

AID TO LOCALITIES - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>			
Justice Court Assistance Program	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
Civil Legal Services	98,595,720	104,511,460	5,915,740
Indigent Criminal Defense	47,000,000	47,000,000	0
Interest on Lawyer Account	17,398,760	17,920,723	521,963
Total Maintenance Undistributed	165,994,480	172,432,183	6,437,703
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>165,994,480</b>	<b>172,432,183</b>	<b>6,437,703</b>



COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>			
Interst Aid	10,125,762	11,629,981	1,504,219
State Supported Facilities	19,486,927	21,853,321	2,366,394
Cleaning and Repairs	<u>87,837,174</u>	<u>89,419,587</u>	<u>1,582,413</u>
Total Maintenance Undistributed	117,449,863	122,902,889	5,453,026
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>117,449,863</b>	<b>122,902,889</b>	<b>5,453,026</b>

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Part III  
**Capital Projects**

<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>FY 2025 Budget Request:     \$50,000,000</b>
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### **Capital Appropriation Request**

The FY 2025 Judiciary Capital Projects budget request of \$50 million reflects an increase of \$22 million (78.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The Capital Projects budget request includes new and continued investments in technology, equipment associated with facility renovations, and enhanced public safety in and around courthouses statewide as follows:

- \$30 million for the acquisition and development of technology including equipment, software, services, and funding to support the Court Modernization Initiative;
- \$5 million for alterations and improvements for health and safety in courthouses including the acquisition of x-ray machines, magnetometers, security cameras, and door access systems; and
- \$3 million for the acquisition of equipment associated with general facility renovations or upgrades.

The Capital Projects budget request also includes funding for courthouse improvements as follows:

- \$9.7 million for the expansion and improvement of the Appellate Division, Second Department office space and facilities to accommodate additional staff; and
- \$2.3 million for the expansion and improvement of the Appellate Division, First Department office space and facilities to accommodate additional staff.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>			
Court Improvements	28,000,000	50,000,000	22,000,000
Total Maintenance Undistributed	28,000,000	50,000,000	22,000,000
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>28,000,000</b>	 <b>50,000,000</b>	 <b>22,000,000</b>

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<b>MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY</b>	<b>FY 2025 All Funds Budget Request: \$971,727,461</b>	
<b>General State Charges</b>	General Fund:	915,897,881
	Special Revenue Funds:	55,829,580

### **Major Purpose Description**

This Major Purpose budget includes funding required for fringe benefits provided to state-paid judges and nonjudicial employees. Appropriations are required for employer-paid pension contributions, Social Security and Medicare, health insurance premiums including dental, vision and life insurance, and employee benefit funds.

### **Summary of FY 2025 Funding**

The General State Charges Major Purpose All Funds budget requirement is \$971.7 million, or an increase of \$135.3 million (16.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The funding supports statutory and negotiated fringe benefit provisions, as follows:

#### *Pension: \$281 million*

The amount required reflects an obligation of \$279.4 million to the New York State Employees' Retirement System, as estimated by the New York State and Local Retirement System. The funding requirement also reflects an estimated obligation of \$1.3 million to the New York City Employees' Retirement System for certain retirees who elected to remain in that retirement system, as well as \$0.3 million for employees participating in the Tier VI Voluntary Defined Contribution Plan. These combined requirements reflect an increase of \$65.2 million (30.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This increase is primarily attributable to a higher billable salary base in FY 2024 and a rate increase from 13.1% to 15.2% of payroll for employer contributions to the New York State Retirement plan for FY 2025. These increases are partially offset by the continued growth in the number of employees in Tier VI.

#### *Social Security and Medicare: \$133.9 million*

The amount required reflects a statutorily-mandated employer contribution rate of 7.65% applied to earnings up to \$168,600 and 1.45% on earnings exceeding \$168,600. The requirement represents an increase of \$5.8 million (4.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation, which is primarily attributable to a projected increase in FY 2025 personal service expenditures. The increase is further augmented by a 5.2% increase in the salary amount that is subject to the full Social Security withholding of 7.65%.

#### *Health, Dental, Vision & Life Insurance: \$524.9 million*

The amount required reflects an increase of \$63.5 million (13.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation for increased health insurance costs paid by the employer, 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, as well as unrepresented and managerial/confidential nonjudicial employees.

*Employee Benefit Funds: \$31.8 million*

The amount required reflects an increase of \$0.8 million (2.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The amount includes contractual obligations, negotiated through collective bargaining agreements, to employee benefit funds for eligible represented employees and retirees.

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ALL FUNDS  
GENERAL STATE CHARGES

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	215,805,298	281,040,971	65,235,673
Social Security and Medicare	128,132,779	133,931,989	5,799,210
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	461,477,078	524,931,584	63,454,506
Employee Benefit Funds	30,996,028	31,822,917	826,889
Total Nonpersonal Service	836,411,183	971,727,461	135,316,278
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>836,411,183</b>	<b>971,727,461</b>	<b>135,316,278</b>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	203,974,437	264,980,258	61,005,821
Social Security and Medicare	121,108,294	126,278,147	5,169,853
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	434,849,083	494,643,135	59,794,052
Employee Benefit Funds	29,216,914	29,996,341	779,427
Total Nonpersonal Service	789,148,728	915,897,881	126,749,153
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>789,148,728</b>	<b>915,897,881</b>	<b>126,749,153</b>

JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	6,585,470	9,079,675	2,494,205
Social Security and Medicare	3,910,074	4,326,981	416,907
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	14,401,023	16,381,241	1,980,218
Employee Benefit Funds	967,585	993,398	25,813
Total Nonpersonal Service	25,864,152	30,781,295	4,917,143
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25,864,152</b>	<b>30,781,295</b>	<b>4,917,143</b>



NYC CO CLERKS' OPERATIONS OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	2,679,422	3,509,189	829,767
Social Security and Medicare	1,590,887	1,672,328	81,441
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	7,795,101	8,866,968	1,071,867
Employee Benefit Funds	523,742	537,714	13,972
Total Nonpersonal Service	12,589,152	14,586,199	1,997,047
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12,589,152</b>	<b>14,586,199</b>	<b>1,997,047</b>

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	2,236,109	3,113,938	877,829
Social Security and Medicare	1,327,673	1,483,968	156,295
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	3,754,125	4,270,337	516,212
Employee Benefit Funds	252,235	258,963	6,728
Total Nonpersonal Service	7,570,142	9,127,206	1,557,064
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,570,142</b>	<b>9,127,206</b>	<b>1,557,064</b>

COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	257,046	260,180	3,134
Social Security and Medicare	152,619	123,991	(28,628)
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	529,142	601,902	72,760
Employee Benefit Funds	35,552	36,501	949
Total Nonpersonal Service	974,359	1,022,574	48,215
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>974,359</b>	<b>1,022,574</b>	<b>48,215</b>

## LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	72,814	97,731	24,917
Social Security and Medicare	43,232	46,574	3,342
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	148,604	168,001	19,397
Total Nonpersonal Service	264,650	312,306	47,656
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>264,650</b>	<b>312,306</b>	<b>47,656</b>