

# Public Safety Function Summary

<b>Expenditures by Agency</b>	<b>2017 Actuals</b>	<b>2018 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2019 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2020 Recommended</b>
Judicial Department - Constitution	116,364,696	116,192,558	124,433,984	125,531,201	126,730,281
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>116,364,696</b>	<b>116,192,558</b>	<b>124,433,984</b>	<b>125,531,201</b>	<b>126,730,281</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	82,979,456	83,700,550	89,296,597	88,208,363	93,298,795
Contract Professional Services	1,576,499	1,972,156	1,969,125	2,506,968	2,532,003
Operating Supplies and Expenses	13,337,674	13,430,605	12,959,644	13,079,297	13,228,366
Assistance And Grants	10,924,335	10,728,303	10,969,426	11,612,527	11,500,478
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>108,817,964</b>	<b>109,831,614</b>	<b>115,194,792</b>	<b>115,407,155</b>	<b>120,559,642</b>
Capital Purchases And Equipment	7,546,732	6,360,944	9,239,192	10,124,046	6,170,639
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>7,546,732</b>	<b>6,360,944</b>	<b>9,239,192</b>	<b>10,124,046</b>	<b>6,170,639</b>
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<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	97,047,499	97,037,829	101,994,888	102,049,154	106,127,755
Federal Funds	3,382,829	3,222,742	2,914,044	3,054,397	3,144,740
Restricted Receipts	12,327,663	11,023,981	12,085,986	12,238,243	13,007,786
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	3,606,705	4,908,006	7,439,066	8,189,407	4,450,000
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## Agency Summary

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### JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

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#### Agency Mission

In our mission to administer justice while maintaining our independence, we are duty bound to act with unfailing honor to serve and protect the ideals of democracy for the citizens of this state.

#### Agency Description

Rhode Island has a unified court system composed of six statewide courts. The Supreme Court is the court of last resort, the Superior Court is the court of general jurisdiction, and the Family, District, Traffic Tribunal, and Workers' Compensation Courts are courts of limited jurisdiction. The entire system in Rhode Island is state-funded with the exception of probate courts, which are the responsibility of cities and towns, and the municipal courts, which are local courts of limited jurisdiction. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is the executive head of the Rhode Island Judiciary and has authority over the judicial budget. The Chief Justice appoints the State Court Administrator and an administrative staff to handle budgetary and general administrative functions. Under the direction of the Chief Justice, the State Court Administrator has control of judicial appropriations for all state courts, except those as provided otherwise by law. Each court has responsibility over its own operations and has a chief judge who appoints an administrator to handle internal court management.

#### Statutory History

The Judicial is one of the three branches of government defined in the Rhode Island Constitution. The powers and jurisdictions of the six courts are identified in the Rhode Island General Laws as follows: Title 8 Chapter 1, Supreme Court; Title 8 Chapter 2, Superior Court; Title 8 Chapter 10, Family Court; Title 8 Chapter 8, District Court; Title 28 Chapter 30, Workers' Compensation Court; and, Title 8 Chapter 8.2, Traffic Tribunal. The budgetary and finance controls of the Judiciary are identified in the Rhode Island General Laws as follows: Title 8 Section 8-15-4, Appointment of Court Administrator and Assistants; Title 35 Section 35-3-1, Budget Officer – General Powers and Duties; Title 36 Section 36-4-2.1, Exemption from Merit System; Title 36 Section 36-4-16.4, Salaries of Directors, Judges, and Workers' Compensation Judges; Title 36 Section 36-6-1, Controller – Duties in General; and Title 37 Section 37-8-1, State House – State Office Building – Courthouses.

# Budget

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Enacted Budget	2019 Revised Budget	2020 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Program</b>					
Supreme Court	39,936,890	40,506,915	43,770,028	46,048,108	42,952,807
Superior Court	23,342,107	22,651,006	24,256,860	24,365,119	25,454,492
Family Court	23,349,622	23,619,952	24,214,203	24,789,229	25,935,545
District Court	12,738,112	13,130,936	13,968,666	13,364,588	14,006,310
Traffic Tribunal	8,942,992	8,401,233	9,763,589	8,797,302	9,283,407
Worker's Compensation Court	7,633,693	7,758,792	8,309,954	8,016,823	8,943,104
Judicial Tenure & Discipline	421,280	123,724	150,684	150,032	154,616
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>116,364,696</b>	<b>116,192,558</b>	<b>124,433,984</b>	<b>125,531,201</b>	<b>126,730,281</b>
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# Personnel Agency Summary

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	723.3	57,489,616	723.3	60,115,590
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>57,489,616</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>60,115,590</b>
Transfer Out		(45,882)		(47,615)
Overtime (1.5)		348,627		338,860
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		735,549		739,826
Turnover		(2,990,173)		(2,347,193)
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>55,537,737</b>		<b>58,799,468</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Contract Stipends		350		350
FICA		3,991,137		4,212,220
Health Benefits		9,107,810		9,331,967
Payroll Accrual		310,757		332,749
Retiree Health		2,537,427		3,003,766
Retirement		14,314,470		15,323,930
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>30,261,951</b>		<b>32,204,982</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>85,799,688</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>91,004,450</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>118,623</b>		<b>125,818</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		2,408,675		2,294,345
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>88,208,363</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>93,298,795</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		23,300		23,300
Design and Engineering Services		84,700		84,700
Information Technology		652,955		675,610
Legal Services		412,500		413,000
Management & Consultant Services		80,000		80,000
Medical Services		16,000		16,000
Other Contracts		1,176,620		1,178,500
Training and Educational Services		60,893		60,893
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,506,968</b>		<b>2,532,003</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>90,715,331</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>95,830,798</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue		80,642,163		84,697,685
Federal Funds		2,019,059		2,092,515
Restricted Receipts		8,054,109		9,040,598
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>90,715,331</b>		<b>95,830,798</b>

# Performance Measures

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Timeliness of Misdemeanor Cases Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of misdemeanor cases disposed by the District Court within 60 days of filing. [Notes: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 10/31/2016. Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 and 2018. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Target</b>	72.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
<b>Actual</b>	72.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

### Timeliness of Wayward/Delinquent Cases Suitable for Non-Judicial Processing Diversion

The Family Court has a Juvenile Services Unit that processes cases of juvenile, first-time offenders who have committed less serious offenses to be handled outside of court with no arraignment. The figures below represent the percentage of cases suitable for non-judicial processing that were diverted within 90 days of filing. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 and 2018. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Target</b>	44.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%
<b>Actual</b>	44.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

### Timeliness of Wayward/Delinquent Cases Requiring Court Involvement

The figures below represent the percentage of cases requiring Family Court involvement that are adjudicated within 180 days of filing. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 and 2018. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Target</b>	52.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%
<b>Actual</b>	52.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

### Timeliness of Child Protection Cases Adjudicated

The figures below represent the percentage of child protection cases that are adjudicated by the Family Court within 180 days of filing. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 and 2018. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Target</b>	28.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%
<b>Actual</b>	28.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

## Performance Measures

### JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

#### Disposition Rate of Divorce Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more cases than those filed, the disposition rate will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of divorce cases. [Notes: Calendar year 2018 data is as of 8/31/18. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Target</b>	97.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>Actual</b>	97.00%	99.00%	89.00%	0.00%	

#### Timeliness of Verified Complaints Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of Judicial Tenure and Discipline cases closed during a fiscal year that were disposed within 90 days of docketing. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Target</b>	42.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>Actual</b>	42.00%	78.00%	83.00%	0.00%	

#### Timeliness of Felony Cases Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of felony cases disposed by the Superior Court within 180 days of arraignment. [Notes: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 10/31/2016. Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 and 2018. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Target</b>	58.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%
<b>Actual</b>	58.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

#### Disposition Rate of Assigned Civil Cases

During a specified time period, if the Superior Court is able to dispose more assigned civil cases than those added to the trial calendar, the disposition rate will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of civil cases assigned to the trial calendar. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Target</b>	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>Actual</b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

# Performance Measures

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Disposition Rate of Appeal Cases

During a specified time period, if the Supreme Court is able to dispose more cases than those docketed, the disposition rate will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of appeal cases. [Notes: Calendar year 2018 data is as of 8/31/18. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Frequency: Annual</b>					
<b>Target</b>	98.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>Actual</b>	98.00%	102.00%	110.00%	0.00%	

### Timeliness of Summonses Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of traffic summonses disposed by the Traffic Tribunal within 60 days. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Frequency: Annual</b>					
<b>Target</b>	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>Actual</b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

### Timeliness of Cases Disposed at Pretrial

The figures below represent the percentage of Workers' Compensation Court cases disposed at pretrial within 90 days of filing. [Notes: Calendar year 2018 data is as of 8/31/18. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Frequency: Annual</b>					
<b>Target</b>	84.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
<b>Actual</b>	84.00%	76.00%	76.00%	0.00%	

### Timeliness of Cases Disposed at Trial

The figures below represent the percentage of Workers' Compensation Court cases disposed at trial within 360 days of filing. [Notes: Calendar year 2018 data is as of 8/31/18. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Frequency: Annual</b>					
<b>Target</b>	87.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
<b>Actual</b>	87.00%	96.00%	95.00%	0.00%	

## Program Summary

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**Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION**

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### Supreme Court

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#### Mission

Provide timely review of all decisions appealed from the lower courts. Provide overall administrative direction to the unified court system. Regulate the admission, registration, and discipline of attorneys to the Rhode Island Bar.

#### Description

The Supreme Court Program includes the budget for the Court as well as the Administrative Office of State Courts, and the State Law Library. The Court portion of the budget covers the justices, their secretarial and legal staff, the law clerk department, and the Supreme Court Clerk's Office. Through this portion of the budget the Supreme Court fulfills its role as the court of last resort. The Court also renders advisory opinions to the legislative and executive branches of government; issues writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, certiorari and certain other prerogative writs; and regulates the admission, registration and discipline of members of the Rhode Island Bar. Administrative services include all budgetary, personnel and purchasing functions; technology services; facilities and operations, which includes the maintenance of courthouse and judicial buildings as well as security; programming for judicial education; the collection of court-ordered restitution, fines, fees and costs; judicial records center; and research and statistical analysis. The State Law Library is the only complete, public legal reference service in Rhode Island, and it operates under the Supreme Court. The Library has over 110,000 volumes and also provides access to computer aided legal research. Other major activities of the Supreme Court include domestic violence training and monitoring, mandatory continuing legal education, appellate screening, alternative dispute resolution, disciplinary counsel, community outreach and public relations, and the interpreter program.

#### Statutory History

The Supreme Court is the only constitutionally established court and is identified in Article X of the Rhode Island State Constitution. The organization, jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Court are described in Title 8 Chapter 1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, and the administrative authority of the court is established by Title 8 Chapter 15. Other statutes relating to the Supreme Court include Title 8 Chapters 3 through 7 of the Rhode Island General Laws



# Budget

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Supreme Court

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2017 Actuals</b>	<b>2018 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2019 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2020 Recommended</b>
Defense of Indigents	3,968,213	4,080,725	3,960,979	4,515,536	4,403,487
Supreme Court Operations	35,968,677	36,426,190	39,809,049	41,532,572	38,549,320
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>39,936,890</b>	<b>40,506,915</b>	<b>43,770,028</b>	<b>46,048,108</b>	<b>42,952,807</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	20,108,646	19,941,978	20,419,490	21,171,970	21,965,119
Contract Professional Services	231,654	774,529	807,882	858,893	890,693
Operating Supplies and Expenses	8,247,267	9,182,443	9,041,604	9,044,295	9,175,501
Assistance And Grants	4,869,287	4,952,147	4,937,734	5,509,291	5,397,242
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>33,456,854</b>	<b>34,851,097</b>	<b>35,206,710</b>	<b>36,584,449</b>	<b>37,428,555</b>
Capital Purchases And Equipment	6,480,036	5,655,818	8,563,318	9,463,659	5,524,252
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>6,480,036</b>	<b>5,655,818</b>	<b>8,563,318</b>	<b>9,463,659</b>	<b>5,524,252</b>
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General Revenue	31,919,202	32,598,752	32,874,011	33,950,632	34,765,349
Federal Funds	135,112	142,796	139,008	144,823	133,759
Restricted Receipts	4,275,871	2,857,361	3,317,943	3,763,246	3,603,699
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# Personnel

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Supreme Court

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
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<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04416A	1.0	49,071	1.0	50,877
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	08810A	0.6	38,298	0.6	39,744
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04429A	4.0	285,142	4.0	299,929
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	08822A	4.0	227,167	4.0	235,740
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	04415A	1.0	45,221	1.0	46,890
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	1.0	88,604	1.0	91,809
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	08834A	1.0	87,199	1.0	90,491
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	04437A	1.0	114,494	1.0	118,742
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	113,660	1.0	117,856
ASSISTANT BUILDING & GROUNDS OFFICER	00322A	5.0	284,189	5.0	296,512
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	6.0	684,715	6.0	710,242
ASSISTANT DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08831A	2.0	186,111	2.0	193,037
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PR	08842A	1.0	123,156	1.0	132,127
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	08846A	1.0	131,109	1.0	138,624
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FACILITIES, OPS & SECUR	08844A	1.0	154,999	1.0	165,471
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCE & BUDGET	08846A	1.0	162,945	1.0	169,065
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, JUDICIAL TECHNOLOGY	08846A	1.0	166,206	1.0	177,357
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	04422A	2.0	114,624	2.0	118,932
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	2.0	131,561	2.0	136,528
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8808JA	4.0	830,242	4.0	867,662
BAR ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08829A	1.0	72,208	1.0	74,935
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	08823A	10.0	562,937	10.0	586,531
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08844A	1.0	157,331	1.0	163,271
CHIEF JUSTICE (SUPREME COURT)	8809JA	1.0	239,753	1.0	248,804
CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	08835A	1.0	111,207	1.0	115,299
CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK (JUD)	08838A	1.0	98,939	1.0	105,395
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04434A	1.0	85,710	1.0	85,710
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT	08844A	1.0	132,497	1.0	137,500
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	08831A	1.0	81,944	1.0	85,038
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	08817A	1.0	50,372	1.0	52,274
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	08827A	7.0	517,446	7.0	536,921
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	70,125	1.0	72,772

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### Supreme Court

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, STATE COURTS	08847A	1.0	160,474	1.0	166,532
DEPUTY CLERK INTERPRETER I (JUDICIAL)	04423A	2.0	118,691	2.0	123,171
DEPUTY CLERK (Judicial)	04420A	3.0	142,306	3.0	148,971
DEPUTY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08837A	1.0	115,284	1.0	119,480
DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER PROTECTION/ EDUCATION PROGRAMS	08835A	1.0	85,581	1.0	88,812
DIVERSITY COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	79,068	1.0	79,068
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR	08831A	1.0	88,989	1.0	92,231
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	04423A	1.0	59,345	1.0	61,586
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS OFFICER	00320A	1.0	53,202	1.0	55,211
GENERAL COUNSEL	08846A	1.0	131,109	1.0	136,059
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08823A	17.0	946,735	17.0	1,005,941
LAW LIBRARIAN (JUDICIAL)	08836A	1.0	112,679	1.0	116,911
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	00312A	3.0	111,337	3.0	115,541
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	0J312A	1.0	38,274	1.0	40,440
MONITORING & EVALUATION SPECIALIST	08823A	2.0	105,884	2.0	111,711
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR/CYBER SECURITY SPECIALIST	04433A	1.0	85,235	1.0	88,453
OFFICE MANAGER	04424A	3.0	182,861	3.0	189,764
OFFICE MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08824A	1.0	65,060	1.0	67,406
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	04421A	2.0	91,764	2.0	95,230
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	08821A	1.0	48,775	1.0	50,617
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	04425A	1.0	64,649	1.0	67,090
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08825A	2.0	119,422	2.0	126,790
PRINCIPAL COURT FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	04436A	1.0	105,913	1.0	109,843
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY CLERK (SYSTEMS)	08825A	1.0	67,830	1.0	70,391
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	08830A	2.0	163,186	2.0	169,348
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	04425A	1.0	61,711	1.0	64,041
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	04430A	6.0	502,633	6.0	521,241
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	2.0	147,578	2.0	155,722
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	08735A	1.0	84,411	1.0	92,725
RECORDS CUSTODIAN DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION (JUDICIAL)	04418A	1.0	47,769	1.0	49,573
RECORDS CUSTODIAN-DOCUMENTS DIST. (STATE LIBRARY)	04418A	3.0	135,444	3.0	141,624
SECOND ASSISTANT LAW LIBRARIAN	04411A	0.8	42,575	0.8	44,182

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## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Supreme Court

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04421A	0.6	52,335	0.6	54,311
SENIOR DEVELOPER (JUDICIAL)	08835A	1.0	90,311	1.0	93,721
SENIOR FISCAL OFFICER	08827A	1.0	61,162	1.0	63,471
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST	04423A	4.0	230,314	4.0	241,100
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	04423A	1.0	59,345	1.0	61,586
SENIOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST	08825A	4.0	249,739	4.0	259,168
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	04433A	4.0	371,121	4.0	389,576
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	08829A	2.0	167,257	2.0	173,528
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08829A	2.0	148,026	2.0	153,617
STAFF ATTORNEY	08829A	4.7	390,144	4.7	408,681
STAFF ATTORNEY II	08830A	3.0	235,019	3.0	247,209
STAFF ATTORNEY I (JUDICIAL)	08828A	1.0	69,400	1.0	72,020
STAFF ATTORNEY IV	08834A	1.0	103,511	1.0	107,297
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR	08850A	1.0	192,790	1.0	200,069
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>164.7</b>	<b>12,985,430</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>13,553,144</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>164.7</b>	<b>12,985,430</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>13,553,144</b>
Overtime (1.5)			260,285		251,747
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			173,759		174,981
Turnover			(101,750)		(174,578)
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>13,317,724</b>		<b>13,805,294</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
FICA			969,867		1,003,507
Health Benefits			2,070,966		2,118,264
Payroll Accrual			74,195		77,820
Retiree Health			696,416		803,670
Retirement			3,479,333		3,630,576
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>7,290,777</b>		<b>7,633,837</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>164.7</b>	<b>20,608,501</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>21,439,131</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>			<b>125,128</b>		<b>130,171</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment			563,469		525,988
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>164.7</b>	<b>21,171,970</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>21,965,119</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Clerical and Temporary Services			11,300		11,300
Design and Engineering Services			35,000		35,000

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	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Information Technology		598,700		628,500
Legal Services		37,500		38,000
Medical Services		4,000		4,000
Other Contracts		166,500		168,000
Training and Educational Services		5,893		5,893
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>858,893</b>		<b>890,693</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>22,030,863</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>22,855,812</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue		20,742,804		21,536,418
Federal Funds		144,787		133,723
Restricted Receipts		1,143,272		1,185,671
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>22,030,863</b>		<b>22,855,812</b>

## Program Summary

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**Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION**

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### Superior Court

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#### **Mission**

Provide timely and fair adjudication of all cases within the jurisdiction of the Superior Court. Maintain a complete and accurate record for all cases that are filed with the Superior Court. Provide a written transcript of any proceeding or appeal.

#### **Description**

The program budget for Superior Court includes the operation of the Court itself, administrative services, and the operation of the clerks' offices. Superior Court has four locations: Providence/Bristol, Kent, Washington, and Newport Counties. It has jurisdiction over all felony cases and misdemeanor cases which have been appealed or waived from the District Court. The Court also hears all civil cases where the amount at issue exceeds \$10,000, equity cases wherein injunctive relief is sought, civil cases that are appealed from the District Court, and all probate and zoning appeals. The Superior Court has concurrent original jurisdiction with the District Court in all other actions at law in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000 yet does not exceed \$10,000. The administrative office of the Court handles all case scheduling, supervises the court secretaries and stenographers, and provides other administrative services. Each Court location has a clerk's office which is responsible for maintaining the records of the court. This includes creating files for each case, filing all papers that are received, updating the record in each case to reflect court proceedings and the papers that have been filed, and maintaining and marking all exhibits of evidence. Other major programs include jury selection, court-annexed arbitration, court ordered restitution, and administration of jurors' fees and expenses. In FY 1995, a Gun Court was established to adjudicate offenses where guns are involved and the planning process began for the Adult Drug Court. In FY 2002, the Adult Drug Court was established preceded by the FY 2001 establishment of the Business Calendar.

#### **Statutory History**

The Superior Court is a statutorily authorized court. The jurisdiction and sessions of the court, and the role and responsibilities of the clerks, secretaries and stenographers of the court are outlined in Title 8 Chapters 2 through 7 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

# Budget

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Superior Court

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2017 Actuals</b>	<b>2018 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2019 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2020 Recommended</b>
Jury Operations	1,613,566	1,507,891	1,746,998	1,696,020	1,764,155
Superior Court Operations	21,728,541	21,143,115	22,509,862	22,669,099	23,690,337
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>23,342,107</b>	<b>22,651,006</b>	<b>24,256,860</b>	<b>24,365,119</b>	<b>25,454,492</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	18,871,112	18,855,616	20,010,156	20,016,037	21,089,259
Contract Professional Services	339,668	384,634	414,900	546,145	539,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,570,875	1,163,620	1,256,004	1,227,137	1,250,433
Assistance And Grants	2,367,673	2,083,466	2,336,673	2,336,673	2,336,673
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>23,149,328</b>	<b>22,487,336</b>	<b>24,017,733</b>	<b>24,125,992</b>	<b>25,215,365</b>
Capital Purchases And Equipment	192,779	163,670	239,127	239,127	239,127
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>192,779</b>	<b>163,670</b>	<b>239,127</b>	<b>239,127</b>	<b>239,127</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>23,342,107</b>	<b>22,651,006</b>	<b>24,256,860</b>	<b>24,365,119</b>	<b>25,454,492</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	22,892,690	22,227,278	23,787,395	23,949,800	25,020,009
Federal Funds	91,318	75,900	71,376	17,145	33,500
Restricted Receipts	358,099	347,828	398,089	398,174	400,983
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>23,342,107</b>	<b>22,651,006</b>	<b>24,256,860</b>	<b>24,365,119</b>	<b>25,454,492</b>

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## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Superior Court

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04415A	1.0	40,184	1.0	41,701
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04416A	2.0	74,431	2.0	78,137
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	08815A	1.0	45,231	1.0	46,938
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	2.0	171,643	2.0	177,984
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	163,374	1.0	169,494
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK/TRAINING OFFICER	08833A	1.0	83,739	1.0	86,900
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	08835A	1.0	75,876	1.0	75,876
ADMINISTRATOR- ARBITRATION PROGRAM	08839A	1.0	106,486	1.0	110,506
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	08821A	1.0	58,010	1.0	60,200
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	08834A	1.0	87,199	1.0	90,491
ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	04418A	2.0	84,110	2.0	87,287
ASSISTANT MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (OUT COUNTIES)	04423A	1.0	46,149	1.0	47,891
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	1.0	60,911	1.0	65,454
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08826A	1.0	60,970	1.0	63,272
ASSOCIATE JURY COMMISSIONER	08833A	1.0	88,272	1.0	91,605
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	20.0	3,680,901	20.0	3,832,985
CLERK (KENT COUNTY)	08834A	1.0	87,199	1.0	90,491
CLERK (NEWPORT COUNTY)	08832A	2.0	173,965	2.0	183,424
CLERK (PROVIDENCE COUNTY)	08839A	1.0	131,623	1.0	136,447
CLERK (WASHINGTON COUNTY)	08832A	1.0	73,036	1.0	78,548
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	08831A	1.0	91,699	1.0	95,162
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	08817A	1.0	41,227	1.0	43,805
COURT REPORTER	00127A	27.0	1,930,664	27.0	2,005,682
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	08834A	1.0	95,919	1.0	99,540
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	31.0	1,755,081	31.0	1,871,951
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	8.0	348,987	8.0	371,878
DEPUTY CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	04420A	1.0	41,723	1.0	44,591
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	00119A	2.0	97,550	2.0	101,232
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	04419A	1.0	40,478	1.0	43,297
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08823A	2.0	103,128	2.0	111,493
GENERAL CHIEF CLERK	08838A	1.0	111,717	1.0	115,935
GENERAL MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	171,185	1.0	177,647
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04414A	16.0	580,262	16.0	608,671
JURY COMMISSIONER	08837A	1.0	96,640	1.0	100,289
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	3.0	545,046	3.0	571,387



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### Superior Court

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (OUT COUNTIES)	04424A	1.0	59,078	1.0	61,308
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	04424A	1.0	66,111	1.0	68,607
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	08823A	2.0	105,884	2.0	111,711
POLICY AIDE	04418A	4.0	182,967	4.0	188,379
POLICY ASSOCIATE	08833A	1.0	90,409	1.0	93,823
PRESIDING JUSTICE (SUPERIOR COURT)	8807JA	1.0	215,854	1.0	224,003
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04425A	1.0	69,762	1.0	72,369
PRODUCTION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	04420A	1.0	49,122	1.0	50,976
PROJECT COORDINATOR	04426A	1.0	72,030	1.0	74,749
PROJECT COORDINATOR	08826A	1.0	58,010	1.0	62,337
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	3.0	225,084	3.0	233,584
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04417A	1.0	38,334	1.0	40,803
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04421A	1.0	59,945	1.0	62,156
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	08822A	0.7	49,041	0.7	50,893
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08829A	1.0	84,844	1.0	88,049
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	182,857	1.0	189,759
SUPERVISING CLERK (Judiciary)	04426A	1.0	84,293	1.0	84,293
SUPERVISING CLERK (Judiciary)	08826A	2.0	173,575	2.0	173,575
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>164.7</b>	<b>13,311,815</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>13,909,565</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>164.7</b>	<b>13,311,815</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>13,909,565</b>
Transfer Out			(37,514)		(38,931)
Overtime (1.5)			34,488		36,259
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			93,354		95,778
Turnover			(710,337)		(617,330)
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>12,691,806</b>		<b>13,385,341</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Contract Stipends			175		175
FICA			896,257		941,311
Health Benefits			2,043,094		2,090,169
Payroll Accrual			71,265		75,393
Retiree Health			518,302		611,562
Retirement			3,239,658		3,461,394
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>6,768,751</b>		<b>7,180,004</b>

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## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Superior Court

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>19,460,557</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>20,565,345</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>118,158</b>		<b>124,865</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		555,480		523,914
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>20,016,037</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>21,089,259</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		7,000		7,000
Design and Engineering Services		18,000		18,000
Information Technology		7,145		0
Legal Services		325,000		325,000
Medical Services		12,000		12,000
Other Contracts		177,000		177,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>546,145</b>		<b>539,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>20,562,182</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>21,628,259</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue		20,156,863		21,227,276
Federal Funds		7,145		0
Restricted Receipts		398,174		400,983
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>20,562,182</b>		<b>21,628,259</b>

## Program Summary

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**Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION**

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### Family Court

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#### **Mission**

Adjudicate the cases within the jurisdiction of the Family Court in a timely and fair manner. Provide assistance to families involved in litigation before the court.

#### **Description**

The program budget for Family Court includes the operation of the Court itself, the administrative office of the Court, the clerks' offices, and the operation of several ancillary programs, including juvenile intake services, the Family Services Unit, the Collections Unit and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Unit. The Family Court handles all criminal cases involving juveniles; juvenile status offenses, such as truancy and disobedience; all cases where parents have been charged with neglect, abandonment or abuse of their children; and other miscellaneous cases involving children, such as child marriages and paternity issues. The Court also hears all divorces and issues stemming from a divorce, such as orders for child support and temporary allowances. The Court has offices in Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties. There are clerks' offices in each of these locations, and the office staff is responsible for preparing all court calendars and maintaining records of the Court. All papers are filed with the clerk's office, and this office sets up a file for each case and maintains an up-to-date record of court proceedings and the papers that have been filed. Because of the special nature of the Family Court, it provides a variety of services to families. For example, the Family Services Unit provides alcohol and drug screens and supervises visitation, in addition to providing investigative services to the court. The Child Support Collections Unit handles the collection and disbursement of child support payments. Specialty courts include the Juvenile Drug Court, the Family Treatment Drug Court, the Domestic Violence Court, the Truancy Court, and the Mental Health Court Clinic.

#### **Statutory History**

The Family Court is authorized by statute. The composition and jurisdiction of the Family Court is identified in Title 8 Chapter 10 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

# Budget

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Family Court

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2017 Actuals</b>	<b>2018 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2019 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2020 Recommended</b>
Operations	23,349,622	23,619,952	24,214,203	24,789,229	25,935,545
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>23,349,622</b>	<b>23,619,952</b>	<b>24,214,203</b>	<b>24,789,229</b>	<b>25,935,545</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	19,767,820	20,073,778	21,022,324	21,294,754	22,446,859
Contract Professional Services	334,021	403,852	274,300	489,120	489,500
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,742,394	1,465,481	1,321,598	1,343,702	1,337,533
Assistance And Grants	1,273,427	1,428,780	1,355,444	1,425,603	1,425,603
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>23,117,662</b>	<b>23,371,891</b>	<b>23,973,666</b>	<b>24,553,179</b>	<b>25,699,495</b>
Capital Purchases And Equipment	231,960	248,061	240,537	236,050	236,050
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>231,960</b>	<b>248,061</b>	<b>240,537</b>	<b>236,050</b>	<b>236,050</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>23,349,622</b>	<b>23,619,952</b>	<b>24,214,203</b>	<b>24,789,229</b>	<b>25,935,545</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	20,443,431	20,755,261	21,510,608	21,896,800	22,958,064
Federal Funds	2,906,191	2,864,691	2,703,595	2,892,429	2,977,481
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>23,349,622</b>	<b>23,619,952</b>	<b>24,214,203</b>	<b>24,789,229</b>	<b>25,935,545</b>

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### Family Court

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0J315A	1.0	50,615	1.0	52,526
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0J320A	1.0	46,414	1.0	49,427
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	08815A	0.7	43,077	0.7	44,703
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08814A	1.0	44,047	1.0	45,711
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	0J320A	1.0	58,269	1.0	60,469
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8806JA	1.0	199,703	1.0	210,351
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	168,311	1.0	174,564
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	0J320A	1.0	58,269	1.0	60,469
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	08834A	1.0	91,559	1.0	95,016
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	0J324A	2.0	105,442	2.0	112,780
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (FAMILY COURT)	08843A	1.0	146,345	1.0	151,824
ASSISTANT INTAKE SUPERVISOR (FAMILY COURT)	08828A	6.0	423,420	6.0	446,221
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	10.0	1,793,613	10.0	1,876,922
CASA COORDINATOR	05722A	2.0	114,312	2.0	120,219
CHIEF JUDGE- FAMILY COURT	8807JA	1.0	215,854	1.0	224,003
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	70,125	1.0	72,772
COURT LIAISON (JUDICIAL)	0J313A	2.0	76,292	2.0	80,729
COURT REPORTER	00127A	15.0	1,093,622	15.0	1,134,902
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	91,039	1.0	94,331
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	08834A	3.0	313,238	3.0	324,719
DEPUTY CLERK I	0J324A	24.0	1,406,436	24.0	1,498,398
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	08834A	2.0	202,746	2.0	210,318
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ COMMUNICATIONS	08841A	1.0	131,353	1.0	138,037
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	08840A	2.0	271,329	2.0	281,321
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON	0J318A	1.0	42,234	1.0	44,981
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	00119A	9.0	457,659	9.0	475,929
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	78,779	1.0	81,754
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08836A	1.0	92,655	1.0	99,646
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	08836A	1.0	98,089	1.0	101,792
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR	08831A	1.0	74,026	1.0	76,821
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINSTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08831A	1.0	93,650	1.0	97,187
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08823A	1.0	59,685	1.0	61,938
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT	0J314A	19.0	813,339	19.0	846,432

# Personnel

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Family Court

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
MAGISTRATE	08803F	1.0	153,322	1.0	159,111
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	8.0	1,350,876	8.0	1,412,370
MEDIATION COUNSELOR II (JUDICIAL)	0J324A	5.0	304,969	5.0	316,414
OPERATIONS CLERK (JUDICIAL)	0J302A	1.0	32,450	1.0	33,675
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08825A	1.0	61,664	1.0	63,992
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST	05728A	1.0	68,725	1.0	73,877
PROGRAM COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	0J319A	1.0	43,370	1.0	46,299
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	86,282	1.0	89,540
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST	08841A	1.0	109,351	1.0	119,649
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	0J317A	1.0	50,372	1.0	52,274
SENIOR DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	0J312A	1.0	36,836	1.0	39,068
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	08838A	1.0	122,629	1.0	127,230
SOCIAL CASEWORKER II (JUDICIAL)	05724A	6.0	332,062	6.0	352,255
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	0J322A	4.0	207,544	4.0	218,553
SR MANAGER-CALENDAR SERVICES (JUD)	0J328A	1.0	82,126	1.0	85,226
STAFF ATTORNEY III	08832A	10.0	851,548	10.0	886,461
STAFF ATTORNEY V (JUDICIAL)	08836A	4.0	535,505	4.0	547,056
SUPERVISING CLERK (Judiciary)	0J326A	1.0	68,668	1.0	71,261
SUPERVISING COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	08829A	2.0	134,776	2.0	142,442
SUPERVISORY CLERK	0J326A	3.0	202,762	3.0	217,697
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	0J322A	1.0	60,006	1.0	62,271
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>171.7</b>	<b>13,921,389</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>14,563,933</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>171.7</b>	<b>13,921,389</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>14,563,933</b>
Transfer In			37,514		38,931
Overtime (1.5)			30,306		28,306
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			349,536		350,167
Turnover			(731,906)		(636,074)
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>13,606,839</b>		<b>14,345,263</b>

# Personnel

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Family Court

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Benefits</b>				
Contract Stipends		175		175
FICA		975,461		1,025,670
Health Benefits		2,050,551		2,097,284
Payroll Accrual		75,041		80,832
Retiree Health		658,267		774,399
Retirement		3,343,505		3,568,571
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>7,103,000</b>		<b>7,546,931</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>20,709,839</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>21,892,194</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>120,616</b>		<b>127,503</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		584,915		554,665
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>21,294,754</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>22,446,859</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Design and Engineering Services		30,000		30,000
Management & Consultant Services		80,000		80,000
Other Contracts		324,120		324,500
Training and Educational Services		55,000		55,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>489,120</b>		<b>489,500</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>21,783,874</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>22,936,359</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue		19,916,747		20,977,567
Federal Funds		1,867,127		1,958,792
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>21,783,874</b>		<b>22,936,359</b>

## **Program Summary**

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**Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION**

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### **District Court**

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#### **Mission**

Adjudicate the cases within the jurisdiction of the District Court in a timely and fair manner. Maintain a complete and accurate record for every case.

#### **Description**

The District Court consists of a chief judge, an administrative judge and associate judges. The court is also served by two magistrates. The program budget for the District Court includes the cost of operation for the Court itself and the operation of the clerk's offices. The District Court handles all misdemeanor cases, all civil cases where the amount in dispute is under \$5,000, trespass and ejection cases between landlords and tenants, and all small claims, which includes certain civil cases where the amount in dispute is under \$2,500. The District Court also has concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court over all matters in which the amount in dispute is greater than \$5,000 but less than \$10,000. The District Court handles most felony bail hearings in capital and other serious cases. The District Court also holds hearings on commitments under the mental health and drug abuse laws and handles certain agency appeals. The Court has four locations, in Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties, with a clerk's office at each location. The clerks' offices maintain all the records for the Court. As with the other courts, all papers are filed in the clerk's office. The office creates a file for every case and maintains an up-to-date record on what has happened in the case. In addition, the Pretrial Services Unit was established in FY 2002 to provide pre-arraignment and post-arraignment services to defendants.

#### **Statutory History**

The District Court is a statutorily authorized court. The powers and jurisdiction of the Court are defined in Title 8 Chapter 8 of the Rhode Island General Laws.



# Budget

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### District Court

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2017 Actuals</b>	<b>2018 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2019 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2020 Recommended</b>
Operations	12,738,112	13,130,936	13,968,666	13,364,588	14,006,310
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,738,112</b>	<b>13,130,936</b>	<b>13,968,666</b>	<b>13,364,588</b>	<b>14,006,310</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	10,846,025	11,195,329	12,257,470	11,515,912	12,156,539
Contract Professional Services	106,995	144,007	85,233	214,000	214,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	337,395	412,759	249,466	243,679	244,274
Assistance And Grants	1,393,152	1,286,358	1,314,899	1,314,899	1,314,899
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>12,683,567</b>	<b>13,038,453</b>	<b>13,907,068</b>	<b>13,288,490</b>	<b>13,929,712</b>
Capital Purchases And Equipment	54,545	92,483	61,598	76,098	76,598
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>54,545</b>	<b>92,483</b>	<b>61,598</b>	<b>76,098</b>	<b>76,598</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,738,112</b>	<b>13,130,936</b>	<b>13,968,666</b>	<b>13,364,588</b>	<b>14,006,310</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	12,427,904	12,931,581	13,908,601	13,304,588	13,946,310
Federal Funds	250,208	139,355	65	0	0
Restricted Receipts	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,738,112</b>	<b>13,130,936</b>	<b>13,968,666</b>	<b>13,364,588</b>	<b>14,006,310</b>

# Personnel

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### District Court

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04429A	1.0	76,248	1.0	79,126
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK	08826A	1.0	64,176	1.0	66,599
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	1.0	72,208	1.0	74,935
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	155,055	1.0	160,909
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (DISTRICT COURT)	04433A	2.0	192,793	2.0	200,072
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	195,024	1.0	202,388
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	04437A	1.0	98,434	1.0	102,151
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	96,640	1.0	100,289
ASSISTANT CLERK	04418A	10.0	416,014	10.0	438,711
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	1.0	125,121	1.0	129,845
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	6.0	370,477	6.0	391,735
ASSOCIATE JUDGE- DISTRICT COURT	8810JA	12.0	2,068,558	12.0	2,167,122
CHIEF CLERK OF DISTRICT COURTS	08840A	1.0	96,640	1.0	105,278
CHIEF JUDGE DISTRICT COURT	8807JA	1.0	200,835	1.0	208,417
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04434A	1.0	101,817	1.0	105,557
CLERK/MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	175,552	1.0	185,722
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	04426A	3.0	196,582	3.0	204,003
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	24.0	1,419,494	24.0	1,493,976
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	04432A	1.0	85,988	1.0	89,234
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04414A	15.0	542,580	15.0	574,411
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	183,986	1.0	190,932
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	08823A	1.0	50,846	1.0	52,765
OFFICE MANAGER	04424A	1.0	56,265	1.0	58,389
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	04430A	1.0	83,510	1.0	86,578
SUPERVISING CLERK (Judiciary)	04426A	6.0	500,392	6.0	500,392
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>95.0</b>	<b>7,625,235</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>7,969,536</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>95.0</b>	<b>7,625,235</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>7,969,536</b>
Overtime (1.5)			12,557		12,557
Turnover			(514,046)		(446,740)
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>7,123,746</b>		<b>7,535,353</b>

# Personnel

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### District Court

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Benefits</b>				
FICA		511,255		537,434
Health Benefits		1,318,934		1,349,519
Payroll Accrual		40,669		43,128
Retiree Health		277,873		328,828
Retirement		1,929,078		2,064,923
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4,077,809</b>		<b>4,323,832</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>11,201,555</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>11,859,185</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>117,911</b>		<b>124,834</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		314,357		297,354
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>11,515,912</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>12,156,539</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		4,000		4,000
Other Contracts		210,000		210,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>214,000</b>		<b>214,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>11,729,912</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>12,370,539</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue		11,729,912		12,370,539
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>11,729,912</b>		<b>12,370,539</b>

## Program Summary

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**Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION**

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### Traffic Tribunal

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#### Mission

Adjudicate the cases within the jurisdiction of the Traffic Tribunal in a timely and fair manner. Maintain a complete and accurate record for every case.

#### Description

The Traffic Tribunal was created effective July 1, 1999. It is the successor to the Administrative Adjudication Court. It consists of associate judges and magistrates. It is under the supervision of the Chief Magistrate, who is the administrative head of the Traffic Tribunal with the power to make rules for regulating practice, procedure and business within the Traffic Tribunal. The Traffic Tribunal hears and determines civil traffic violations. It has exclusive jurisdiction over certain offenses and concurrent jurisdiction with the Municipal Courts over others. The Traffic Tribunal hears certain administrative appeals for the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The Appeals Panel of the Traffic Tribunal hears appeals from the Traffic Tribunal and the Municipal Courts. The Traffic Tribunal does not hear those offenses committed in places within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, or criminal motor vehicle offenses such as driving so as to endanger resulting in death, and driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs, which state law specifies will be heard under the jurisdiction of other courts. In 2013 the Traffic Tribunal received exclusive jurisdiction over civil offenses related to possession of marijuana violations of one ounce (1 oz.) or less. The Traffic Tribunal currently sits at its main courthouse in the John O. Pastore Center, 670 New London Avenue in Cranston; Traffic Tribunal also sits in Wakefield.

#### Statutory History

The powers and jurisdiction of the Traffic Tribunal are defined in Title 8 Chapter 8.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The 1999 session of the General Assembly passed Senate Bill S932 entitled the Rhode Island Traffic Safety and Accountability Act of 1999. This act abolished the Administrative Adjudication Court effective July 1, 1999 and created the Traffic Tribunal.

# Budget

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Traffic Tribunal

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2017 Actuals</b>	<b>2018 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2019 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2020 Recommended</b>
Operations	8,942,992	8,401,233	9,763,589	8,797,302	9,283,407
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,942,992</b>	<b>8,401,233</b>	<b>9,763,589</b>	<b>8,797,302</b>	<b>9,283,407</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	7,648,958	7,410,465	8,608,819	7,688,466	8,173,929
Contract Professional Services	239,090	197,022	260,000	260,000	260,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	615,730	352,096	453,020	447,586	447,728
Assistance And Grants	341,503	301,038	338,851	338,851	338,851
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>8,845,281</b>	<b>8,260,621</b>	<b>9,660,690</b>	<b>8,734,903</b>	<b>9,220,508</b>
Capital Purchases And Equipment	97,711	140,612	102,899	62,399	62,899
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>97,711</b>	<b>140,612</b>	<b>102,899</b>	<b>62,399</b>	<b>62,899</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,942,992</b>	<b>8,401,233</b>	<b>9,763,589</b>	<b>8,797,302</b>	<b>9,283,407</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	8,942,992	8,401,233	9,763,589	8,797,302	9,283,407
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,942,992</b>	<b>8,401,233</b>	<b>9,763,589</b>	<b>8,797,302</b>	<b>9,283,407</b>

# Personnel

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Traffic Tribunal

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK I	04429A	1.0	84,001	1.0	87,142
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	04427A	3.0	227,042	3.0	235,424
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	08846A	1.0	148,007	1.0	153,595
ADMINSTRATIVE MAGISTRATE (JUDICIAL)	8811JA	1.0	168,031	1.0	176,968
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	1.0	91,706	1.0	100,171
ASSISTANT LEGAL COUNSEL (TRANSPORTATION)	08822A	0.6	47,477	0.6	49,270
CHIEF MAGISTRATE	8805JA	1.0	188,055	1.0	195,155
CLERK/TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (JUDICIAL)	08838A	1.0	105,462	1.0	109,444
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	04427A	1.6	124,811	1.6	134,320
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	78,473	1.0	81,436
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	04418A	7.0	323,547	7.0	341,996
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK I	04420A	3.0	163,740	3.0	169,921
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	04412A	1.0	36,889	1.0	38,522
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	2.0	105,517	2.0	115,164
DEPUTY CLERK (Judicial)	04420A	1.0	40,876	1.0	42,419
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	7.0	330,945	7.0	350,362
FISCAL OFFICER (JUDICIAL)	04420A	1.0	52,479	1.0	52,479
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04414A	20.0	777,683	20.0	812,055
JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION COURT	8803JA	2.0	370,056	2.0	383,948
MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL	8803JA	4.0	678,549	4.0	706,496
POLICY ASSOCIATE (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	76,944	1.0	82,695
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04425A	2.0	127,089	2.0	134,046
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	04425A	1.0	54,438	1.0	56,494
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	08830A	1.0	88,158	1.0	91,487
SECURITY OFFICER	04419A	7.0	360,645	7.0	377,255
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK I	04418A	1.0	47,769	1.0	49,573
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04416A	1.0	42,760	1.0	44,374
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	08838A	1.0	95,102	1.0	103,431
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	08829A	1.0	83,039	1.0	86,175
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>76.2</b>	<b>5,119,290</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>5,361,817</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>76.2</b>	<b>5,119,290</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>5,361,817</b>
Transfer Out			(45,882)		(47,615)

# Personnel

## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Traffic Tribunal

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Overtime (1.5)		8,491		7,491
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		113,500		113,500
Turnover		(543,654)		(472,471)
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>4,651,745</b>		<b>4,962,722</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
FICA		344,122		365,722
Health Benefits		914,970		935,981
Payroll Accrual		26,448		28,802
Retiree Health		239,582		285,706
Retirement		1,311,354		1,402,193
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,836,476</b>		<b>3,018,404</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>7,488,221</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>7,981,126</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>98,271</b>		<b>104,739</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		200,245		192,803
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>7,688,466</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>8,173,929</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Other Contracts		260,000		260,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>260,000</b>		<b>260,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>7,948,466</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>8,433,929</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue		7,948,466		8,433,929
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>7,948,466</b>		<b>8,433,929</b>

## Program Summary

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**Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION**

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### Worker's Compensation Court

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#### **Mission**

Hear all disputes regarding workers' compensation claims. Decide all controversies efficiently, effectively, and economically.

#### **Description**

The Workers' Compensation Court is a member of the unified judicial system and has the same authority and power to subpoena and to cite and punish for civil contempt as exists in the Superior Court. It hears and decides all controversies as they pertain to Workers' Compensation in an efficient, effective, and economical manner. Presently, it has nine judges and one chief judge as well as support staff which includes administrators, hearing reporters, and clerical staff. It is supported from the Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund. Upon the filing of a petition for benefits arising out of a work-related injury case, a case file is set up and notices are sent to all parties. Before proceeding to a full evidentiary hearing, a judge conducts a pretrial conference, with a view of expediting the case and reducing the issues in dispute to a minimum. If the matter can not be resolved informally the judge must enter a pretrial order as to the right of the employee to receive benefits (approximately 70 percent of all litigation is concluded at this point). Those cases not resolved at pretrial are heard by the same judge for trial. At the trial, a judge will hear all questions. The judge will then decide the merits of the controversy pursuant to the law and a fair preponderance of the evidence. From this decision a decree is entered. At this stage either party may appeal to the Appellate Division. The Appellate Division consists of three judges assigned by the Chief Judge, none of whom is the Trial Judge. The Appellate Division judges review the transcript and the record of the case along with the appellant's reasons for appeal and memoranda of law. The Appellate Division then decides the matter and a final decree of the Appellate Division is entered. If either party is aggrieved by the decision of the Appellate Division, they may petition the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. Upon petition, the Supreme Court may review any decree of the Workers' Compensation Court.

#### **Statutory History**

Title 28, Chapters 29 through 38 of the Rhode Island General Laws includes provisions relating to the Workers' Compensation Court.



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## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Worker's Compensation Court

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2017 Actuals</b>	<b>2018 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2019 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2020 Recommended</b>
Operations	7,633,693	7,758,792	8,309,954	8,016,823	8,943,104
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7,633,693</b>	<b>7,758,792</b>	<b>8,309,954</b>	<b>8,016,823</b>	<b>8,943,104</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	5,618,639	6,109,262	6,860,369	6,403,853	7,345,134
Contract Professional Services	27,835	62,404	96,810	108,810	108,810
Operating Supplies and Expenses	818,225	850,312	635,237	770,237	770,237
Assistance And Grants	679,293	676,514	685,825	687,210	687,210
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>7,143,992</b>	<b>7,698,492</b>	<b>8,278,241</b>	<b>7,970,110</b>	<b>8,911,391</b>
Capital Purchases And Equipment	489,701	60,300	31,713	46,713	31,713
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>489,701</b>	<b>60,300</b>	<b>31,713</b>	<b>46,713</b>	<b>31,713</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7,633,693</b>	<b>7,758,792</b>	<b>8,309,954</b>	<b>8,016,823</b>	<b>8,943,104</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
Restricted Receipts	7,633,693	7,758,792	8,309,954	8,016,823	8,943,104
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7,633,693</b>	<b>7,758,792</b>	<b>8,309,954</b>	<b>8,016,823</b>	<b>8,943,104</b>

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### Worker's Compensation Court

		FY 2019		FY 2020	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	04424A	3.0	168,657	3.0	179,495
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES	00327A	1.0	71,232	1.0	73,922
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	182,576	1.0	189,469
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	08846A	1.0	142,829	1.0	148,222
ADMINISTRATOR- WORKERS' COMPENSATION	08841A	1.0	112,942	1.0	120,724
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	117,312	1.0	121,600
CHIEF JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8807JA	1.0	185,964	1.0	195,853
COURT REPORTER	00327A	7.0	496,587	7.0	515,211
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION	08837A	1.0	115,968	1.0	120,347
DEPUTY CLERK I	00324A	11.0	592,853	11.0	631,634
DEPUTY CLERK (Judicial)	00320A	1.0	46,037	1.0	47,776
DPTY ADMSTR MEDCL ADVSRY BD(JU)	08837A	1.0	105,819	1.0	109,650
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	00336A	1.0	107,166	1.0	111,211
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CHIEF JUDGE	08825A	1.0	67,730	1.0	70,175
JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8810JA	8.0	1,311,487	8.0	1,370,711
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08823A	3.0	159,430	3.0	176,967
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD ADMINISTRATOR	08840A	1.0	107,827	1.0	115,615
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD COORDINATOR	04418A	2.0	80,594	2.0	84,696
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	0J321A	1.0	49,432	1.0	53,236
PROJECT COORDINATOR	00326A	1.0	67,064	1.0	71,876
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	90,506	1.0	93,905
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	00326A	1.0	70,627	1.0	76,618
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>50.0</b>	<b>4,450,639</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>4,678,913</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>50.0</b>	<b>4,450,639</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>4,678,913</b>
Overtime (1.5)			2,500		2,500
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			5,400		5,400
Turnover			(388,480)		0
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>4,070,059</b>		<b>4,686,813</b>

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## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Worker's Compensation Court

	FY 2019		FY 2020	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Benefits</b>				
FICA		288,375		332,557
Health Benefits		702,739		734,039
Payroll Accrual		22,701		26,318
Retiree Health		142,453		194,369
Retirement		990,669		1,174,525
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,146,937</b>		<b>2,461,808</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>6,216,996</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>7,148,621</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>124,340</b>		<b>142,972</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		186,857		196,513
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>6,403,853</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>7,345,134</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		1,000		1,000
Design and Engineering Services		1,700		1,700
Information Technology		47,110		47,110
Legal Services		20,000		20,000
Other Contracts		39,000		39,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>108,810</b>		<b>108,810</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>6,512,663</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>7,453,944</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
Restricted Receipts		6,512,663		7,453,944
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>6,512,663</b>		<b>7,453,944</b>

## Program Summary

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**Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION**

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### Judicial Tenure & Discipline

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#### Mission

Ensure the integrity of the Rhode Island Court System. Investigate reasonable allegations of wrongdoing by Rhode Island judges. Recommend, when appropriate, sanctions to be imposed against Rhode Island judges.

#### Description

The Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline, a program of the Rhode Island Judiciary, is responsible for conducting investigations of judges suspected of or charged with misconduct. The commission, upon receiving from any person a verified statement, not unfounded or frivolous, alleging facts indicating that a Justice of the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, the Family Court, the District Court, the Workers' Compensation Court, the Traffic Tribunal and the Probate Court judges or magistrates and judicial officers appointed pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws is guilty of a serious violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Ethics, or of a willful and persistent failure to perform his/her duties, or disabling substance abuse, or conduct that brings the judicial office into serious disrepute, or that such a judge has a physical or mental disability that seriously interferes and will continue to interfere with the performance of his/her duties, shall make a preliminary investigation to determine whether formal proceedings shall be instituted and a hearing held. The Commission may, on its own initiative, make such a preliminary investigation, without receiving a verified statement, to determine whether formal proceedings shall be instituted and a hearing held. When formal proceedings are ordered, the justice is given formal notice of the charges and of the time fixed for a public hearing. The justice is required to appear at the hearing, may be represented by counsel, offer evidence and otherwise participate in said hearing. Recommendation concerning the disciplining of any justice shall be made in a report to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is required to grant a review if requested by said justice. After the hearing, the Supreme Court may affirm, modify or reject the Commission's recommendation(s).

#### Statutory History

The Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline was established in 1974 under Rhode Island Public Law 1972, Ch. 136, Section 1 for the purpose of conducting investigations upon the filing of a verified complaint or upon its own initiative of the conduct of judges of the Supreme, Superior, Family and District Courts. Subsequent enactments in P.L. 1983, Ch. 26 and P.L. 1990, Ch. 332, Article 1, sec. 13 and P.L. 1991, Ch. 132, sec. 2 as well as P.L. 1991, Ch. 205, sec. 2 and P.L. 1996, Ch. 312 enlarged the jurisdiction to include the Workers' Compensation Court, the Traffic Tribunal as well as all judges of Probate Courts in any city or town in the State of Rhode Island. P.L. 2007, Ch. 178 altered the composition of the Commission.

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## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Judicial Tenure & Discipline

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2017 Actuals</b>	<b>2018 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2019 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2020 Recommended</b>
Operations	421,280	123,724	150,684	150,032	154,616
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>421,280</b>	<b>123,724</b>	<b>150,684</b>	<b>150,032</b>	<b>154,616</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	118,256	114,122	117,969	117,371	121,956
Contract Professional Services	297,236	5,708	30,000	30,000	30,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	5,788	3,894	2,715	2,661	2,660
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>421,280</b>	<b>123,724</b>	<b>150,684</b>	<b>150,032</b>	<b>154,616</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>421,280</b>	<b>123,724</b>	<b>150,684</b>	<b>150,032</b>	<b>154,616</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	421,280	123,724	150,684	150,032	154,616
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>421,280</b>	<b>123,724</b>	<b>150,684</b>	<b>150,032</b>	<b>154,616</b>

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## Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

### Judicial Tenure & Discipline

	FY 2019		FY 2020		
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
<b>Unclassified</b>					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRPERSON	08829A	1.0	75,818	1.0	78,682
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>75,818</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>78,682</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>75,818</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>78,682</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>75,818</b>		<b>78,682</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
FICA			5,800		6,019
Health Benefits			6,556		6,711
Payroll Accrual			438		456
Retiree Health			4,534		5,232
Retirement			20,873		21,748
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>38,201</b>		<b>40,166</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>114,019</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>118,848</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>			<b>114,019</b>		<b>118,848</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment			3,352		3,108
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>117,371</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>121,956</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Legal Services			30,000		30,000
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>30,000</b>		<b>30,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>147,371</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>151,956</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue			147,371		151,956
<b>Total All Funds</b>			<b>147,371</b>		<b>151,956</b>