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# Agency

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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 unflinching 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

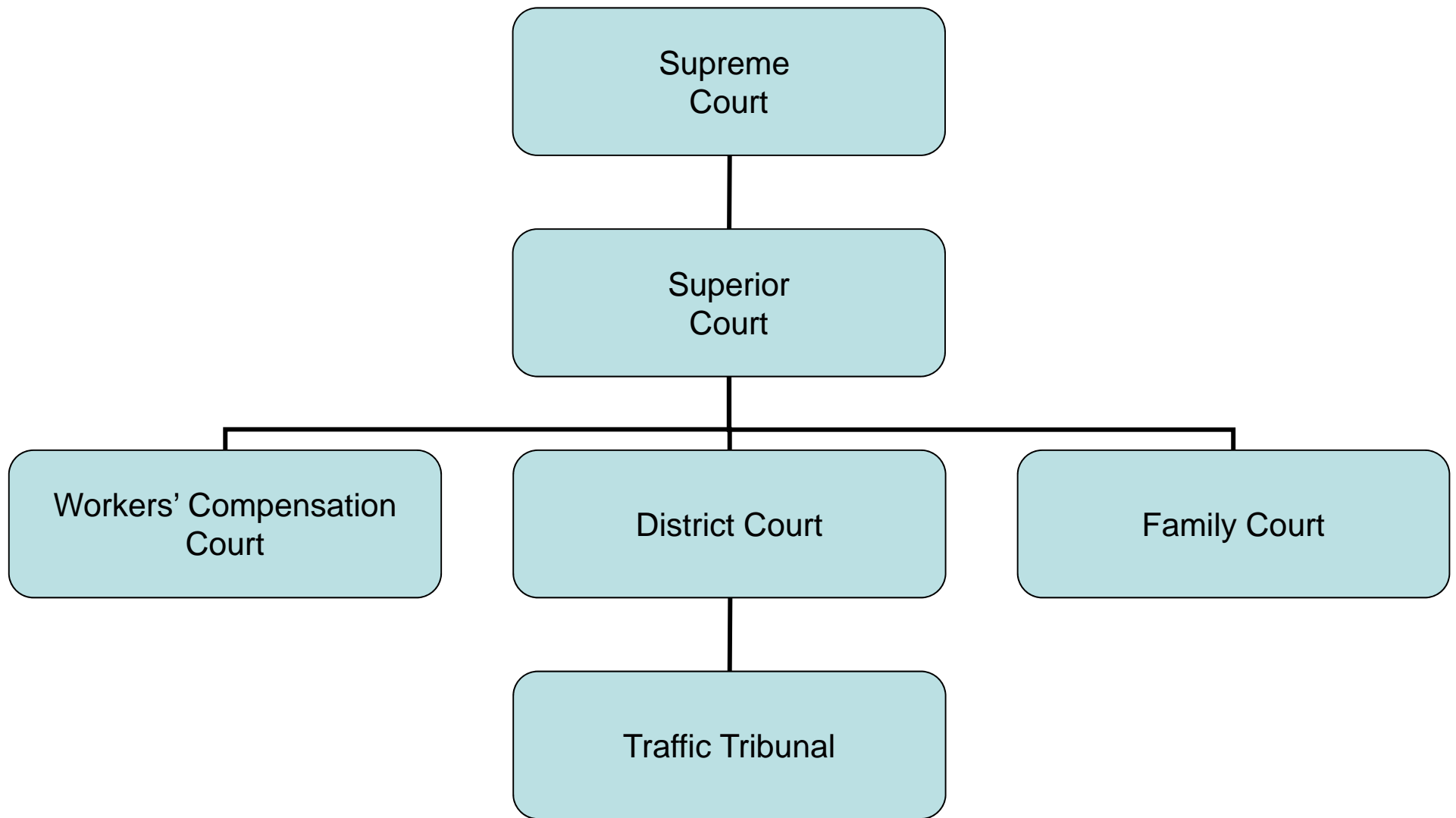
## Judicial Department - Constitution

	FY 2015 Audited	FY 2016 Audited	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2017 Revised	FY 2018 Recommend
<b>Expenditures By Program</b>					
Supreme Court	35,031,922	39,722,199	40,024,788	43,146,512	43,293,918
Superior Court	23,162,218	22,863,807	23,230,091	23,363,501	23,609,051
Family Court	23,229,664	23,287,467	24,266,324	23,716,552	23,370,443
District Court	12,452,031	12,383,240	12,307,104	12,946,870	13,031,531
Traffic Tribunal	8,430,828	8,358,877	9,018,180	8,942,992	9,468,420
Worker's Compensation Court	7,359,629	6,738,785	8,096,017	8,011,286	8,118,883
Judicial Tenure & Discipline	119,161	184,348	124,865	124,489	146,008
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$109,785,453</b>	<b>\$113,538,723</b>	<b>\$117,067,369</b>	<b>\$120,252,202</b>	<b>\$121,038,254</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	83,844,051	82,601,941	86,487,402	86,708,815	88,449,485
Operating Supplies and Expenses	11,930,117	13,641,137	12,257,041	13,944,108	13,165,472
Assistance and Grants	10,897,786	10,806,788	11,066,600	11,212,246	11,187,658
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>106,671,954</b>	<b>107,049,866</b>	<b>109,811,043</b>	<b>111,865,169</b>	<b>112,802,615</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	3,113,499	6,488,857	7,256,326	8,387,033	8,235,639
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$109,785,453</b>	<b>\$113,538,723</b>	<b>\$117,067,369</b>	<b>\$120,252,202</b>	<b>\$121,038,254</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	94,371,203	95,181,220	96,606,091	97,067,590	98,014,477
Federal Funds	3,142,537	3,595,600	3,254,091	3,948,329	3,411,144
Restricted Receipts	10,923,799	9,754,423	11,682,187	13,132,527	12,512,633
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	1,347,914	5,007,480	5,525,000	6,103,756	7,100,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$109,785,453</b>	<b>\$113,538,723</b>	<b>\$117,067,369</b>	<b>\$120,252,202</b>	<b>\$121,038,254</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>726.3</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>723.5</b>	<b>723.5</b>

# The Agency

Judicial Department

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# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Agency Summary

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified		723.5	55,236,190	723.5	55,827,592
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$55,236,190</b>	<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$55,827,592</b>
Overtime		-	778,846	-	387,998
Turnover		-	(\$3,440,322)	-	(\$3,006,754)
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>(\$2,661,476)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(\$2,618,756)</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$52,574,714</b>	<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$53,208,836</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Payroll Accrual			375,102		381,126
Retiree Health			2,576,960		2,623,497
Health Benefits			9,142,670		9,898,545
Workers Compensation			2,450		2,450
FICA			3,831,838		3,944,098
Retirement			13,682,090		14,112,602
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$29,611,110</b>		<b>\$30,962,318</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$82,185,824</b>	<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$84,171,154</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)</b>			<b>\$113,595</b>		<b>\$116,339</b>
<b>Statewide Benefit Assessment</b>			<b>\$2,392,015</b>		<b>\$2,336,799</b>
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$84,577,839</b>	<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$86,507,953</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Training and Educational Services			66,750		5,000
Legal Services			456,985		458,685
Other Contracts			673,000		673,000
Information Technology			692,810		563,416
Clerical and Temporary Services			30,706		30,706
Design and Engineering Services			97,225		97,225
Management & Consultant Services			80,000		80,000
Medical Services			33,500		33,500
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,130,976</b>		<b>\$1,941,532</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$86,708,815</b>	<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$88,449,485</b>
<b>Distribution By Source Of Funds</b>					
General Revenue		641.2	\$75,623,519	643.8	\$76,950,605
Federal Funds		21.3	\$2,309,581	18.7	\$1,936,952
Restricted Receipts		61.0	\$8,775,715	61.0	\$9,561,928
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$86,708,815</b>	<b>723.5</b>	<b>\$88,449,485</b>

# 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. [Note: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 9/30/2016.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	110%	109%	96%	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

### *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. [Note: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2015 and 2016 due to case management system conversion.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
<b>Actual</b>	152%	--	--	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

### *Timeliness of Felony Cases Disposed*

The figures below represent the percentage of felony cases disposed by the Superior Court within 180 days of arraignment. [Note: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 9/30/2016.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
<b>Actual</b>	59%	59%	58%	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

### *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. [Note: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 9/30/2016.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
<b>Actual</b>	52%	45%	45%	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

# Performance Measures

## Judicial Department - Constitution

### *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. [Note: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 9/30/2016.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
<b>Actual</b>	57%	55%	52%	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

### *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. [Note: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 9/30/2016.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	65%	65%	65%	65%	65%
<b>Actual</b>	34%	32%	22%	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

### *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. [Note: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2015 and 2016 due to case management system conversion.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
<b>Actual</b>	97%	--	--	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

### *Timeliness of Misdemeanor Cases Disposed*

The figures below represent the percentage of misdemeanor cases disposed by the District Court within 60 days of filing. [Note: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 9/30/2016.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
<b>Actual</b>	76%	73%	73%	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

# Performance Measures

## Judicial Department - Constitution

### *Timeliness of Summonses Disposed*

The figures below represent the percentage of traffic summonses disposed by the Traffic Tribunal within 60 days. [Note: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2015 and 2016 due to case management system conversion.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
<b>Actual</b>	96%	--	--	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

### *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. [Note: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 9/30/2016.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
<b>Actual</b>	86%	84%	84%	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

### *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. [Note: Calendar year 2016 data is as of 9/30/2016.]

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
<b>Actual</b>	88%	83%	85%	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by calendar year.

### *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. Performance data include both cases filed through the end of a fiscal year and cases that were pending at the beginning of the fiscal year.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	86%	69%	42%	--	--

Performance for this measure is reported by state fiscal year.



# The Program

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Supreme Court

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### **Program 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.

### **Program 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

# The Budget

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Supreme Court

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	2015 Audited	2016 Audited	2017 Enacted	2017 Revised	2018 Recommend
<b>Expenditures By Subprogram</b>					
Supreme Court Operations	31,175,820	35,857,553	36,240,382	39,343,346	39,490,752
Defense of Indigents	3,856,102	3,864,646	3,784,406	3,803,166	3,803,166
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$35,031,922</b>	<b>\$39,722,199</b>	<b>\$40,024,788</b>	<b>\$43,146,512</b>	<b>\$43,293,918</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	19,890,052	20,329,752	20,610,191	21,177,934	21,989,660
Operating Supplies and Expenses	7,496,111	8,733,885	7,901,658	9,405,367	8,982,319
Assistance and Grants	4,898,171	4,763,981	4,774,687	4,772,687	4,772,687
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>32,284,334</b>	<b>33,827,618</b>	<b>33,286,536</b>	<b>35,355,988</b>	<b>35,744,666</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,747,588	5,894,581	6,738,252	7,790,524	7,549,252
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$35,031,922</b>	<b>\$39,722,199</b>	<b>\$40,024,788</b>	<b>\$43,146,512</b>	<b>\$43,293,918</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	30,679,845	31,825,549	31,294,471	32,236,084	32,109,468
Federal Funds	115,873	147,332	128,933	122,343	121,481
Restricted Receipts	2,888,290	2,741,838	3,076,384	4,684,329	3,962,969
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	1,347,914	5,007,480	5,525,000	6,103,756	7,100,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$35,031,922</b>	<b>\$39,722,199</b>	<b>\$40,024,788</b>	<b>\$43,146,512</b>	<b>\$43,293,918</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Supreme Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
CHIEF JUSTICE (SUPREME COURT)	08809F	1.0	232,150	1.0	232,150
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	08808F	4.0	791,414	4.0	791,414
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR	08848A	1.0	175,231	1.0	175,231
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08844A	1.0	152,341	1.0	152,341
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT FOR POLICY AND	08843A	1.0	148,444	1.0	148,444
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	08844A	1.0	147,264	1.0	147,264
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/ASSOCIATE	08844A	1.0	146,835	1.0	146,835
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR (STATE COURTS)	08845A	1.0	144,887	1.0	144,887
CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK	08842A	1.0	140,895	1.0	140,895
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE	08841A	1.0	137,958	1.0	137,958
CLERK PRO-TEMPORE	08841A	1.0	118,275	1.0	118,275
DEPUTY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08837A	1.0	111,759	1.0	111,759
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	04437A	1.0	111,470	1.0	111,470
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	110,135	1.0	110,135
CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	08835A	1.0	107,771	1.0	107,771
LAW LIBRARIAN	08836A	1.0	107,266	1.0	110,564
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	8.0	853,689	8.0	969,939
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	04435A	1.0	103,661	1.0	103,661
PRINCIPAL COURT FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	04436A	1.0	103,132	1.0	103,132
STAFF ATTORNEY IV	00834A	1.0	100,330	1.0	100,330
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	04433A	4.0	380,076	4.0	380,076
ASSISTANT DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08831A	2.0	180,297	2.0	180,297
SENIOR DEVELOPER (JUDICIAL)	08835A	1.0	87,447	1.0	87,447
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE	08831A	1.0	86,267	1.0	86,267
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	1.0	85,915	1.0	85,915
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND	08834A	1.0	84,433	1.0	84,433
PROJECT MANAGER	04430A	5.0	418,816	5.0	504,951
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	04430A	1.0	82,103	1.0	82,604
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	08829A	2.0	161,992	2.0	161,992
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04429A	3.0	242,828	3.0	242,828
DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER	08835A	1.0	78,972	1.0	81,856
SENIOR FISCAL OFFICER (JUDICIAL)	04432A	1.0	78,796	1.0	79,952
STAFF ATTORNEY	08829A	4.7	363,579	4.7	363,579
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	08830A	2.0	151,797	2.0	154,224
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES	04427A	1.0	74,784	1.0	74,784
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	2.0	148,930	3.0	221,579
STAFF ATTORNEY II	08830A	3.0	216,425	3.0	221,216
COORDINATOR, SPECIAL PROJECTS	08827A	5.0	360,432	5.0	360,432
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08829A	2.0	143,334	2.0	143,334
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	08831A	2.0	142,214	2.0	142,214
DEPUTY CLERK	04420A	2.0	141,315	2.0	145,315
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	08825A	1.0	70,158	1.0	70,158
BAR ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08829A	1.0	69,919	1.0	69,919
SECOND ASSISTANT LAW LIBRARIAN	04411A	0.5	33,406	0.5	33,406
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	04425A	2.0	132,459	2.0	132,459

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Supreme Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY CLERK (SYSTEMS)	08825A	1.0	65,680	1.0	65,680
STAFF ATTORNEY I	08828A	1.0	64,579	1.0	67,199
OFFICE MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08824A	1.0	63,090	1.0	63,090
OFFICE MANAGER	04424A	3.0	188,146	3.0	188,146
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	08825A	2.0	125,390	2.0	125,390
ASSISTANT BUILDING & GROUNDS OFFICER	00322A	4.0	237,870	4.0	239,359
SENIOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION	08825A	2.0	117,601	2.0	119,621
SEASONAL LABORER (JUDICIAL)	00420H	1.0	58,500	-	58,500
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	04423A	1.0	57,961	1.0	57,961
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	04423A	2.0	115,897	2.0	115,897
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST	04423A	5.0	287,842	5.0	287,842
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	1.0	56,907	1.0	58,957
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04425A	1.0	56,829	1.0	59,864
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	04422A	2.0	113,444	2.0	113,444
MONITORING & EVALUATION SPECIALIST	00823A	1.0	55,040	1.0	55,040
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08823A	17.0	935,108	17.0	936,693
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	08822A	4.0	219,962	4.0	219,962
DEPUTY CLERK INTERPRETER I (JUDICIAL)	04423A	3.0	164,084	3.0	165,966
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	08823A	11.0	572,416	11.0	572,416
MONITORING & EVALUATION SPECIALIST	08823A	2.0	103,692	2.0	216,083
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II (JUDICIAL)	08820A	1.0	51,515	1.0	51,515
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04416A	1.0	50,487	1.0	50,487
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS OFFICER	00320A	3.0	149,868	3.0	151,852
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	08815A	1.0	49,907	1.0	49,907
RECORDS CUSTODIAN-DOCUMENTS DIST.(STATE	04418A	3.0	149,487	3.0	149,487
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	08823A	1.0	49,031	1.0	202,432
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	08817A	1.0	48,775	1.0	48,775
RECORDS CUSTODIAN DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION	04418A	1.0	47,739	1.0	47,739
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04421A	2.5	115,149	0.5	30,691
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	08810A	0.5	21,923	0.5	21,923
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	04415A	2.0	82,393	2.0	82,393
JANITOR (JUDICIAL)	00307A	3.0	102,552	3.0	102,552
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	08816A	-	-	2.0	88,504
SEASONAL EDITOR III (JUDICIAL)	10287H	-	18,600	-	18,600
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$12,659,065</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$13,239,659</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Supreme Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Overtime		-	381,500	-	266,800
Turnover		-	(513,219)	-	(442,208)
<b>Subtotal</b>		-	<b>(\$131,719)</b>	-	<b>(\$175,408)</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$12,527,346</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$13,064,251</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Payroll Accrual			71,691		78,829
FICA			905,679		952,403
Retiree Health			676,977		713,354
Health Benefits			2,234,643		2,429,786
Retirement			3,265,222		3,390,748
Workers Compensation			650		650
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$7,154,862</b>		<b>\$7,565,770</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$19,682,208</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$20,630,021</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)</b>			<b>\$118,425</b>		<b>\$124,128</b>
<b>Statewide Benefit Assessment</b>			<b>\$558,450</b>		<b>\$551,757</b>
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$20,240,658</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$21,181,778</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Information Technology			660,810		531,416
Clerical and Temporary Services			3,781		3,781
Legal Services			87,185		87,185
Other Contracts			113,000		113,000
Training and Educational Services			5,000		5,000
Design and Engineering Services			57,000		57,000
Medical Services			10,500		10,500
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$937,276</b>		<b>\$807,882</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$21,177,934</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$21,989,660</b>
<b>Distribution By Source Of Funds</b>					
General Revenue		155.2	\$19,190,791	155.2	\$19,439,945
Federal Funds		1.0	\$120,626	1.0	\$121,414
Restricted Receipts		10.0	\$1,866,517	10.0	\$2,428,301
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$21,177,934</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>\$21,989,660</b>

# The Program

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Superior Court

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### **Program 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.

### **Program 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.

# The Budget

## Judicial Department - Constitution Superior Court

	2015 Audited	2016 Audited	2017 Enacted	2017 Revised	2018 Recommend
<b>Expenditures By Subprogram</b>					
Superior Court Operations	21,537,490	21,160,142	21,376,358	21,514,833	21,736,347
Jury Operations	1,624,728	1,703,665	1,853,733	1,848,668	1,872,704
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,162,218</b>	<b>\$22,863,807</b>	<b>\$23,230,091</b>	<b>\$23,363,501</b>	<b>\$23,609,051</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	19,235,455	18,645,877	19,228,868	19,357,094	19,584,404
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,375,299	1,582,590	1,309,994	1,295,380	1,275,820
Assistance and Grants	2,458,648	2,413,752	2,489,902	2,509,700	2,509,700
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>23,069,402</b>	<b>22,642,219</b>	<b>23,028,764</b>	<b>23,162,174</b>	<b>23,369,924</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	92,816	221,588	201,327	201,327	239,127
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,162,218</b>	<b>\$22,863,807</b>	<b>\$23,230,091</b>	<b>\$23,363,501</b>	<b>\$23,609,051</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	22,693,335	22,592,162	22,807,060	22,892,690	23,146,531
Federal Funds	92,432	57,845	51,290	100,258	91,739
Restricted Receipts	376,451	213,800	371,741	370,553	370,781
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,162,218</b>	<b>\$22,863,807</b>	<b>\$23,230,091</b>	<b>\$23,363,501</b>	<b>\$23,609,051</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Superior Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
PRESIDING JUSTICE (SUPERIOR COURT)	08807F	1.0	209,009	1.0	209,009
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	08805F	21.0	3,681,407	21.0	3,681,407
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE	08803F	1.0	174,441	1.0	174,441
MAGISTRATE	08803F	2.0	334,035	2.0	334,035
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	163,787	1.0	163,787
GENERAL MAGISTRATE	08803F	1.0	163,306	1.0	163,306
CLERK (PROVIDENCE COUNTY)	08839A	1.0	127,571	1.0	127,571
ADMINISTRATOR, ARBITRATION PROGRAM	08839A	1.0	103,109	1.0	103,109
GENERAL CHIEF CLERK	08835A	1.0	96,192	1.0	96,192
CLERK (NEWPORT COUNTY)	08832A	1.0	94,192	1.0	94,192
JURY COMMISSIONER	08837A	1.0	93,575	1.0	93,575
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	08834A	1.0	92,876	1.0	92,876
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	08831A	1.0	88,792	1.0	88,792
ASSOCIATE JURY COMMISSIONER	08833A	1.0	85,473	1.0	85,473
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND CLERK (KENT COUNTY)	08834A	1.0	84,433	1.0	84,433
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	2.0	166,322	2.0	166,322
CLERK (WASHINGTON COUNTY)	08832A	1.0	83,080	1.0	86,121
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08829A	1.0	82,155	1.0	82,155
PROJECT MANAGER	08830A	2.0	158,011	2.0	158,011
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	0.3	24,701	-	-
SUPERVISING CLERK	08826A	2.0	145,139	2.0	145,139
PROJECT COORDINATOR	04426A	1.0	71,752	1.0	71,752
ASST INTAKE SUPERVISOR (SUPERI COURT REPORTER	08828A	1.0	70,559	1.0	70,559
00127A	26.0	1,832,275	26.0	1,834,411	
SUPERVISING CLERK	04426A	1.0	70,257	1.0	70,257
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04425A	1.0	69,426	1.0	69,426
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	3.0	202,098	3.0	202,098
COORDINATOR, SPECIAL PROJECTS	08827A	1.0	64,668	1.0	64,668
COURT REPORTER	10127A	1.0	64,668	1.0	64,668
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	04424A	1.0	64,546	1.0	64,546
ASSISTANT MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES	04423A	1.0	64,483	1.0	64,483
ASSISTANT MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES	04423A	1.0	59,931	1.0	62,618
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04421A	1.0	58,621	1.0	58,621
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (OUT	04424A	1.0	57,680	1.0	57,680
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	04422A	2.0	115,241	2.0	115,241
PRODUCTION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	04420A	1.0	56,746	1.0	56,746
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	08821A	1.0	56,170	1.0	56,170
COURT SECRETARY/JUDICIAL, SUPERIOR COURT	08823A	1.0	55,040	1.0	55,040
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	08823A	2.0	109,862	2.0	112,235
DEPUTY CLERK	04420A	4.0	206,423	4.0	206,423
DEPUTY CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	04420A	22.0	1,094,397	22.0	1,099,206
ASSISTANT COURT SECRETARY/JUDICIAL	08821A	3.0	146,687	3.0	146,687
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	08817A	1.0	48,775	1.0	48,775
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	04419A	1.0	47,124	1.0	47,124



# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Superior Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	00119A	2.0	94,040	2.0	94,456
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	08822A	0.7	32,833	0.7	33,881
POLICY AIDE	04418A	4.0	182,532	4.0	182,532
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04417A	1.0	44,093	1.0	44,093
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	08815A	1.0	43,796	1.0	43,796
ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	04418A	9.0	371,995	9.0	378,108
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04415A	1.0	39,363	1.0	39,363
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	08814A	1.0	39,258	1.0	40,271
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT	04414A	8.0	293,442	8.0	298,795
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04416A	1.0	36,041	1.0	36,041
RECORDS CLERK/DATA ENTRY AIDE	04410A	11.0	362,500	11.0	366,241
DATA ENTRY AIDE (JUDICIAL)	04410A	1.0	32,188	1.0	32,188
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>164.0</b>	<b>\$12,595,549</b>	<b>163.7</b>	<b>\$12,603,578</b>
Overtime		-	167,950	-	46,950
Turnover		-	(788,541)	-	(744,368)
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>(\$620,591)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(\$697,418)</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>164.0</b>	<b>\$11,974,958</b>	<b>163.7</b>	<b>\$11,906,160</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Payroll Accrual			67,506		74,154
FICA			825,833		864,411
Retiree Health			504,630		529,435
Health Benefits			1,951,494		2,097,168
Retirement			3,103,788		3,201,626
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$6,453,251</b>		<b>\$6,766,794</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>164.0</b>	<b>\$18,428,209</b>	<b>163.7</b>	<b>\$18,672,954</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)</b>			<b>\$112,340</b>		<b>\$114,068</b>
<b>Statewide Benefit Assessment</b>			<b>\$535,235</b>		<b>\$521,550</b>
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>164.0</b>	<b>\$18,963,444</b>	<b>163.7</b>	<b>\$19,194,504</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Superior Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Clerical and Temporary Services			17,000		17,000
Legal Services			308,000		308,000
Other Contracts			37,000		37,000
Training and Educational Services			3,750		-
Design and Engineering Services			10,000		10,000
Medical Services			17,900		17,900
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$393,650</b>		<b>\$389,900</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>164.0</b>	<b>\$19,357,094</b>	<b>163.7</b>	<b>\$19,584,404</b>
<b>Distribution By Source Of Funds</b>					
General Revenue		162.3	\$18,914,798	162.0	\$19,143,139
Federal Funds		0.7	\$71,743	0.7	\$70,484
Restricted Receipts		1.0	\$370,553	1.0	\$370,781
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>164.0</b>	<b>\$19,357,094</b>	<b>163.7</b>	<b>\$19,584,404</b>

# The Program

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Family Court

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### **Program 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.

### **Program 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.

# The Budget

## Judicial Department - Constitution Family Court

	2015 Audited	2016 Audited	2017 Enacted	2017 Revised	2018 Recommend
<b>Expenditures By Subprogram</b>					
Operations	23,229,664	23,287,467	24,266,324	23,716,552	23,370,443
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,229,664</b>	<b>\$23,287,467</b>	<b>\$24,266,324</b>	<b>\$23,716,552</b>	<b>\$23,370,443</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	20,311,441	20,123,944	21,167,428	20,317,657	20,115,714
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,725,119	1,798,116	1,563,466	1,701,921	1,552,517
Assistance and Grants	1,088,724	1,179,148	1,355,980	1,475,750	1,451,162
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>23,125,284</b>	<b>23,101,208</b>	<b>24,086,874</b>	<b>23,495,328</b>	<b>23,119,393</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	104,380	186,259	179,450	221,224	251,050
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,229,664</b>	<b>\$23,287,467</b>	<b>\$24,266,324</b>	<b>\$23,716,552</b>	<b>\$23,370,443</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	20,408,254	20,149,252	21,495,610	20,443,431	20,462,348
Federal Funds	2,821,410	3,138,215	2,770,714	3,273,121	2,908,095
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,229,664</b>	<b>\$23,287,467</b>	<b>\$24,266,324</b>	<b>\$23,716,552</b>	<b>\$23,370,443</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Family Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
CHIEF JUDGE, FAMILY COURT	08807F	1.0	209,009	1.0	209,009
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	08805F	10.0	1,689,268	10.0	1,689,268
MAGISTRATE	08803F	9.0	1,473,941	9.0	1,473,941
MAGISTRATE OF THE FAMILY COURT	08803F	1.0	163,306	1.0	163,306
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	163,058	1.0	163,058
ADMINISTRATOR/DIRECTOR (CASA)(JUDICIAL)	08843A	1.0	143,569	1.0	143,569
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (FAMILY COURT)	08843A	1.0	141,743	1.0	141,743
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE	08841A	1.0	132,914	1.0	132,914
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	08840A	1.0	132,425	1.0	132,425
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	08838A	1.0	118,764	1.0	118,764
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	105,160	1.0	105,160
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	08834A	2.0	205,856	2.0	205,856
STAFF ATTORNEY V (JUDICIAL)	08836A	4.0	406,472	4.0	406,472
STAFF ATTORNEY V	08836A	1.0	99,502	1.0	99,502
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	08834A	2.0	196,384	2.0	196,384
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	08834A	1.0	96,774	1.0	96,774
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	08836A	1.0	94,979	1.0	94,979
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE	08831A	1.0	90,682	1.0	90,682
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	08830A	1.0	87,712	1.0	87,712
STAFF ATTORNEY III	08832A	9.0	758,161	9.0	759,419
SEASONAL PROGRAM COORD(JUDICIA	00421H	1.0	83,720	1.0	41,860
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.3	107,520	1.0	83,546
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE	08831A	1.0	79,346	1.0	79,346
SR MANAGER-CALENDAR SERVICES (JUD)	0J328A	1.0	75,256	1.0	78,926
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST	05728A	1.0	73,919	1.0	73,919
COURT REPORTER	00127A	14.0	1,015,001	14.0	1,015,001
ASSISTANT INTAKE SUPERVISOR (FAMILY COURT)	08828A	5.0	353,138	5.0	353,138
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	1.0	68,321	1.0	68,321
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	67,901	1.0	67,901
CASA COORDINATOR	05722A	1.0	63,604	1.0	63,604
SUPERVISING DEPUTY CLERK (FAMILY COURT)	0J322A	6.0	373,587	6.0	373,587
SOCIAL CASEWORKER II (JUDICIAL)	05724A	7.0	433,409	7.0	435,798
SEASONAL SUPERVISING COORD(JUD	00417H	1.0	61,880	1.0	61,880
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	0J322A	1.0	58,103	1.0	58,103
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	0J320A	1.0	56,421	1.0	56,421
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08823A	2.0	112,832	2.0	112,832
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	0J320A	1.0	55,224	1.0	56,421
DEPUTY CLERK	0J320A	19.0	1,037,842	19.0	1,043,463
MEDIATION COUNSELOR	0J320A	5.0	265,213	5.0	265,934
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	0J322A	1.0	52,821	1.0	52,821
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	0J320A	3.0	156,998	3.0	156,998
DEPUTY CLERK	00120A	2.0	103,415	2.0	103,415
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	0J317A	2.0	102,779	2.0	102,779
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0J315A	1.0	49,011	1.0	49,011
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	00119A	11.0	525,179	11.0	526,427

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Family Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	0J310A	1.0	47,486	1.0	47,486
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0J320A	1.0	44,214	1.0	45,432
SENIOR DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	0J312A	12.0	516,034	12.0	516,374
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08814A	1.0	42,651	1.0	42,651
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	08815A	0.6	25,027	0.6	25,027
SEASONAL COURT LIAISON (JUDICI	00419H	3.0	109,200	3.0	109,200
DATA ENTRY AIDE	0J310A	3.0	108,771	3.0	109,542
DATA ENTRY AIDE (JUDICIAL)	0J310A	6.0	214,594	6.0	217,864
DATA ENTRY SEASONAL (JUDICIAL)	00420H	1.0	31,200	1.0	31,200
SEASONAL LABORER (JUDICIAL)	00420H	1.0	27,300	1.0	27,300
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	00420H	-	81,900	-	81,900
SEASONAL CASA VOLUNTEER COORD (JUD)	00284H	-	34,580	-	34,580
SEASONAL OPERATIONS CLERK	00273H	-	27,300	-	27,300
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>169.9</b>	<b>\$13,252,376</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>\$13,208,245</b>
Overtime		-	111,396	-	39,748
Turnover		-	(896,036)	-	(1,008,819)
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>(\$784,640)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(\$969,071)</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>169.9</b>	<b>\$12,467,736</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>\$12,239,174</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Payroll Accrual			145,981		128,397
FICA			975,330		954,850
Retiree Health			652,870		611,794
Health Benefits			2,071,067		2,247,111
Retirement			3,099,832		3,112,716
Workers Compensation			1,800		1,800
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$6,946,880</b>		<b>\$7,056,668</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>169.9</b>	<b>\$19,414,616</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>\$19,295,842</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)</b>			<b>\$114,251</b>		<b>\$113,773</b>
<b>Statewide Benefit Assessment</b>			<b>\$568,749</b>		<b>\$543,580</b>
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>169.9</b>	<b>\$19,983,365</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>\$19,839,422</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Family Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Clerical and Temporary Services			9,192		9,192
Management & Consultant Services			80,000		80,000
Other Contracts			152,000		152,000
Training and Educational Services			58,000		-
Design and Engineering Services			30,000		30,000
Medical Services			5,100		5,100
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$334,292</b>		<b>\$276,292</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>169.9</b>	<b>\$20,317,657</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>\$20,115,714</b>
<b>Distribution By Source Of Funds</b>					
General Revenue		151.4	\$18,470,267	153.6	\$18,477,704
Federal Funds		18.6	\$1,847,390	16.0	\$1,638,010
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>169.9</b>	<b>\$20,317,657</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>\$20,115,714</b>

# The Program

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## Judicial Department - Constitution District Court

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### **Program 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.

### **Program 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.



# The Budget

## Judicial Department - Constitution District Court

	2015 Audited	2016 Audited	2017 Enacted	2017 Revised	2018 Recommend
<b>Expenditures By Subprogram</b>					
Operations	12,452,031	12,383,240	12,307,104	12,946,870	13,031,531
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,452,031</b>	<b>\$12,383,240</b>	<b>\$12,307,104</b>	<b>\$12,946,870</b>	<b>\$13,031,531</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	10,746,505	10,409,592	10,495,559	11,172,393	11,282,254
Operating Supplies and Expenses	329,232	440,812	350,691	300,045	264,045
Assistance and Grants	1,355,584	1,417,821	1,410,056	1,423,634	1,423,634
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>12,431,321</b>	<b>12,268,225</b>	<b>12,256,306</b>	<b>12,896,072</b>	<b>12,969,933</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	20,710	115,015	50,798	50,798	61,598
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,452,031</b>	<b>\$12,383,240</b>	<b>\$12,307,104</b>	<b>\$12,946,870</b>	<b>\$13,031,531</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	12,039,780	12,071,032	11,865,905	12,427,904	12,681,702
Federal Funds	112,822	252,208	303,154	452,607	289,829
Restricted Receipts	299,429	60,000	138,045	66,359	60,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,452,031</b>	<b>\$12,383,240</b>	<b>\$12,307,104</b>	<b>\$12,946,870</b>	<b>\$13,031,531</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution District Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
CHIEF JUDGE DISTRICT COURT	08807F	1.0	191,591	1.0	191,591
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	08805F	1.0	186,050	1.0	186,050
ASSOCIATE JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT	08810F	12.0	1,965,836	12.0	1,965,836
MAGISTRATE	08803F	2.0	318,049	2.0	318,049
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	140,855	1.0	146,098
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	1.0	121,153	1.0	121,153
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE	08841A	1.0	112,643	1.0	112,643
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04434A	1.0	99,207	1.0	99,207
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (DISTRICT COURT)	04433A	2.0	187,756	2.0	187,756
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	93,575	1.0	93,575
CHIEF CLERK OF DISTRICT COURTS	08840A	1.0	91,740	1.0	91,740
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	04437A	1.0	87,280	1.0	90,643
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	04432A	1.0	83,760	1.0	83,760
PROJECT MANAGER	04430A	1.0	83,092	1.0	83,092
COURT AIDE	00277H	1.0	74,620	1.0	50,960
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	0.3	23,974	-	-
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	08823A	1.0	72,573	1.0	74,172
SUPERVISING CLERK	04426A	5.0	357,713	5.0	357,713
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	1.0	69,367	1.0	69,919
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES	04427A	1.0	68,552	1.0	68,552
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	04426A	1.0	65,772	1.0	65,772
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	04426A	2.0	130,050	2.0	130,050
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CHIEF	08826A	1.0	62,141	1.0	62,141
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	3.0	186,065	3.0	186,423
OFFICE MANAGER	04424A	2.0	120,028	2.0	120,675
SUPERVISING DEPUTY CLERK-TRAINING OFFICER	04423A	17.0	1,000,796	17.0	1,005,119
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	57,177	1.0	57,177
ASSISTANT CLERK/RESEARCH	04418A	1.0	52,079	1.0	52,079
DEPUTY CLERK	04420A	6.0	275,497	6.0	282,075
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT	04414A	8.0	317,309	8.0	318,721
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK	04416A	4.0	156,877	4.0	160,033
RECORDS AIDE (JUDICIARY)	04410A	1.0	34,735	1.0	34,735
RECORDS CLERK/DATA ENTRY AIDE	04410A	11.0	375,920	11.0	379,289
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>94.3</b>	<b>\$7,263,832</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>\$7,246,798</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution District Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Overtime		-	100,500	-	17,000
Turnover		-	(495,519)	-	(458,019)
<b>Subtotal</b>		-	<b>(\$395,019)</b>	-	<b>(\$441,019)</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>94.3</b>	<b>\$6,868,813</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>\$6,805,779</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Payroll Accrual			39,057		42,835
FICA			482,283		501,039
Retiree Health			298,039		309,378
Health Benefits			1,254,626		1,352,247
Retirement			1,815,522		1,886,739
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$3,889,527</b>		<b>\$4,092,238</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>94.3</b>	<b>\$10,758,340</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>\$10,898,017</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)</b>			<b>\$114,050</b>		<b>\$115,936</b>
<b>Statewide Benefit Assessment</b>			<b>\$308,820</b>		<b>\$299,004</b>
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>94.3</b>	<b>\$11,067,160</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>\$11,197,021</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Clerical and Temporary Services			233		233
Legal Services			20,000		-
Other Contracts			85,000		85,000
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$105,233</b>		<b>\$85,233</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>94.3</b>	<b>\$11,172,393</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>\$11,282,254</b>
<b>Distribution By Source Of Funds</b>					
General Revenue		93.3	\$10,896,212	93.0	\$11,175,210
Federal Funds		1.0	\$269,822	1.0	\$107,044
Restricted Receipts		-	\$6,359	-	-
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>94.3</b>	<b>\$11,172,393</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>\$11,282,254</b>

# The Program

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Traffic Tribunal

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### **Program 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.

### **Program 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.

# The Budget

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Traffic Tribunal

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	2015 Audited	2016 Audited	2017 Enacted	2017 Revised	2018 Recommend
<b>Expenditures By Subprogram</b>					
Operations	8,430,828	8,358,877	9,018,180	8,942,992	9,468,420
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,430,828</b>	<b>\$8,358,877</b>	<b>\$9,018,180</b>	<b>\$8,942,992</b>	<b>\$9,468,420</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	7,481,843	7,440,958	8,100,109	8,029,677	8,571,314
Operating Supplies and Expenses	483,663	531,644	492,884	490,628	452,819
Assistance and Grants	411,678	345,191	343,888	341,388	341,388
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>8,377,184</b>	<b>8,317,793</b>	<b>8,936,881</b>	<b>8,861,693</b>	<b>9,365,521</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	53,644	41,084	81,299	81,299	102,899
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,430,828</b>	<b>\$8,358,877</b>	<b>\$9,018,180</b>	<b>\$8,942,992</b>	<b>\$9,468,420</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	8,430,828	8,358,877	9,018,180	8,942,992	9,468,420
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,430,828</b>	<b>\$8,358,877</b>	<b>\$9,018,180</b>	<b>\$8,942,992</b>	<b>\$9,468,420</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Traffic Tribunal

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
CHIEF MAGISTRATE	08805F	1.0	186,050	1.0	186,050
JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION COURT	08803F	2.0	358,388	2.0	358,388
ADMINSTRATIVE MAGISTRATE (JUDICIAL)	08810F	1.0	175,258	1.0	175,258
MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL	08803F	2.0	337,747	2.0	337,747
CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK	08842A	1.0	163,306	1.0	163,306
MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC TRIB (JUDIC	08803F	1.0	155,883	1.0	155,883
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	08844A	1.0	136,824	1.0	139,646
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	1.0	124,236	1.0	124,236
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	08838A	1.0	103,257	1.0	103,257
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	04429A	0.6	58,411	0.6	58,411
POLICY ASSOCIATE (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	96,322	1.0	97,098
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	08830A	1.0	85,362	1.0	85,362
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK I	04429A	1.0	81,907	1.0	81,907
ADMINISTRATOR/ADMINISTRATIVE	04438A	1.0	81,781	1.0	81,781
ASSISTANT LEGAL COUNSEL (TRANSPORTATION)	08822A	0.6	45,972	0.6	45,972
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	75,985	1.0	75,985
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	08829A	1.0	75,967	1.0	79,930
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES	04427A	3.0	221,576	3.0	221,576
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04425A	2.0	127,628	2.0	127,628
DEPUTY CLERK	04420A	4.0	215,603	4.0	215,603
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	04422A	1.6	85,055	1.6	86,710
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	1.2	63,237	1.2	63,237
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	3.0	151,075	3.0	154,849
SEASONAL LABORER (JUDICIAL)	00420H	1.0	48,347	1.0	48,347
SECURITY OFFICER	04419A	7.0	327,208	7.0	330,712
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04416A	5.0	225,559	5.0	225,733
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT	04414A	6.0	249,418	6.0	249,647
ASSISTANT CLERK-TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (JUDICIAL)	04418A	5.0	206,366	5.0	211,619
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	04412A	1.0	40,036	1.0	40,036
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04413A	4.0	156,666	4.0	156,787
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04413A	6.0	229,792	6.0	230,921
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	04412A	5.0	189,278	5.0	189,941
RECORDS CLERK/DATA ENTRY AIDE	04410A	5.0	163,611	6.0	198,636
COURT AIDE	00277H	-	23,660	-	23,660
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>78.0</b>	<b>\$5,066,771</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>\$5,125,859</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Traffic Tribunal

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Overtime		-	15,000	-	15,000
Turnover		-	(478,672)	-	(235,705)
<b>Subtotal</b>		-	<b>(\$463,672)</b>	-	<b>(\$220,705)</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>78.0</b>	<b>\$4,603,099</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>\$4,905,154</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Payroll Accrual			27,900		31,380
FICA			341,527		367,608
Retiree Health			282,869		288,295
Health Benefits			942,157		1,047,180
Retirement			1,356,974		1,456,415
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,951,427</b>		<b>\$3,190,878</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>78.0</b>	<b>\$7,554,526</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>\$8,096,032</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)</b>			<b>\$96,853</b>		<b>\$102,481</b>
<b>Statewide Benefit Assessment</b>			<b>\$215,151</b>		<b>\$215,282</b>
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>78.0</b>	<b>\$7,769,677</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>\$8,311,314</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>78.0</b>	<b>\$8,029,677</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>\$8,571,314</b>
<b>Distribution By Source Of Funds</b>					
General Revenue		78.0	\$8,029,677	79.0	\$8,571,314
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>78.0</b>	<b>\$8,029,677</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>\$8,571,314</b>

# The Program

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Worker's Compensation Court

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### **Program Mission**

Hear all disputes regarding workers' compensation claims.

Decide all controversies efficiently, effectively, and economically.

### **Program 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.



# The Budget

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Worker's Compensation Court

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	2015 Audited	2016 Audited	2017 Enacted	2017 Revised	2018 Recommend
<b>Expenditures By Subprogram</b>					
Operations	7,359,629	6,738,785	8,096,017	8,011,286	8,118,883
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,359,629</b>	<b>\$6,738,785</b>	<b>\$8,096,017</b>	<b>\$8,011,286</b>	<b>\$8,118,883</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	6,062,506	5,469,662	6,763,332	6,532,286	6,762,846
Operating Supplies and Expenses	517,781	551,898	635,398	748,052	635,237
Assistance and Grants	684,981	686,895	692,087	689,087	689,087
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>7,265,268</b>	<b>6,708,455</b>	<b>8,090,817</b>	<b>7,969,425</b>	<b>8,087,170</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	94,361	30,330	5,200	41,861	31,713
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,359,629</b>	<b>\$6,738,785</b>	<b>\$8,096,017</b>	<b>\$8,011,286</b>	<b>\$8,118,883</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
Restricted Receipts	7,359,629	6,738,785	8,096,017	8,011,286	8,118,883
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,359,629</b>	<b>\$6,738,785</b>	<b>\$8,096,017</b>	<b>\$8,011,286</b>	<b>\$8,118,883</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Worker's Compensation Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
CHIEF JUDGE, WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	08807F	1.0	192,956	1.0	192,956
JUDGE, WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	08810F	9.0	1,492,418	9.0	1,492,418
ADMINISTRATOR, WORKERS' COMPENSATION	08841A	1.0	132,355	1.0	132,355
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	113,711	1.0	113,711
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WORKERS'	08837A	1.0	112,290	1.0	112,290
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD ADMINISTRATOR	04440A	2.0	219,522	2.0	219,522
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	00336A	1.0	103,768	1.0	103,768
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	87,650	1.0	87,650
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	00326A	1.0	72,231	1.0	72,231
COURT REPORTER	00327A	8.0	532,436	8.0	532,436
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CHIEF JUDGE	08825A	1.0	65,678	1.0	65,678
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/CONFIDENTIAL	04424A	3.0	188,013	3.0	188,013
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08823A	2.0	110,080	2.0	110,080
DEPUTY CLERK	00320A	12.0	611,756	12.0	614,885
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD COORDINATOR	04418A	3.0	116,276	3.0	117,323
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	00312A	3.0	108,042	3.0	108,722
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	00515D	-	66,000	-	66,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$4,325,182</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$4,330,038</b>
Overtime		-	2,500	-	2,500
Turnover		-	(268,335)	-	(117,635)
<b>Subtotal</b>		-	<b>(\$265,835)</b>	-	<b>(\$115,135)</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$4,059,347</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$4,214,903</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Payroll Accrual			22,541		25,084
FICA			295,569		298,170
Retiree Health			157,192		166,851
Health Benefits			681,870		717,984
Retirement			1,021,231		1,045,086
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,178,403</b>		<b>\$2,253,175</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$6,237,750</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$6,468,078</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)</b>			<b>\$124,755</b>		<b>\$129,362</b>
<b>Statewide Benefit Assessment</b>			<b>\$202,311</b>		<b>\$202,543</b>
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$6,440,061</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$6,670,621</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Worker's Compensation Court

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Information Technology			32,000		32,000
Clerical and Temporary Services			500		500
Legal Services			33,500		33,500
Other Contracts			26,000		26,000
Design and Engineering Services			225		225
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$92,225</b>		<b>\$92,225</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$6,532,286</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$6,762,846</b>
<b>Distribution By Source Of Funds</b>					
Restricted Receipts		50.0	\$6,532,286	50.0	\$6,762,846
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$6,532,286</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>\$6,762,846</b>

# The Program

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Judicial Tenure & Discipline

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### **Program 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.

### **Program 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.

# The Budget

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## Judicial Department - Constitution Judicial Tenure & Discipline

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	2015 Audited	2016 Audited	2017 Enacted	2017 Revised	2018 Recommend
<b>Expenditures By Subprogram</b>					
Operations	119,161	184,348	124,865	124,489	146,008
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$119,161</b>	<b>\$184,348</b>	<b>\$124,865</b>	<b>\$124,489</b>	<b>\$146,008</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>					
Personnel	116,249	182,156	121,915	121,774	143,293
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,912	2,192	2,950	2,715	2,715
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>119,161</b>	<b>184,348</b>	<b>124,865</b>	<b>124,489</b>	<b>146,008</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$119,161</b>	<b>\$184,348</b>	<b>\$124,865</b>	<b>\$124,489</b>	<b>\$146,008</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>					
General Revenue	119,161	184,348	124,865	124,489	146,008
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$119,161</b>	<b>\$184,348</b>	<b>\$124,865</b>	<b>\$124,489</b>	<b>\$146,008</b>

# Personnel

## Judicial Department - Constitution Judicial Tenure & Discipline

	Grade	FY 2017		FY 2018	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRPERSON	08829A	1.0	73,415	1.0	73,415
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$73,415</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$73,415</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$73,415</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$73,415</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Payroll Accrual			426		447
FICA			5,617		5,617
Retiree Health			4,383		4,390
Health Benefits			6,813		7,069
Retirement			19,521		19,272
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$36,760</b>		<b>\$36,795</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$110,175</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$110,210</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)</b>			-		-
<b>Statewide Benefit Assessment</b>			<b>\$3,299</b>		<b>\$3,083</b>
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$113,474</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$113,293</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Legal Services			8,300		30,000
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$8,300</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$121,774</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$143,293</b>
<b>Distribution By Source Of Funds</b>					
General Revenue		1.0	\$121,774	1.0	\$143,293
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$121,774</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$143,293</b>

# Agency

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## Military Staff

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### Agency Mission

The mission of the Executive Military Staff is to prepare for immediate mobilization in the event of war or national emergency; to maintain peace, order, and public safety in the State in time of man-made or natural disaster or, when otherwise directed by the Governor; and to participate in the development and establishment of local, regional, and nationwide initiatives and programs.

Other mission objectives include: maintaining the Rhode Island National Guard as an organization capable of responding to statewide civil emergencies or natural catastrophes, as well as supporting the defense of the nation and national security interests; staffing of the Joint Operations Center as the Guard's focal point for disaster response and federal mobilization of military forces; to train, mobilize and deploy Rhode Island Air and Army National Guard personnel for operational deployment in support of their Federal mission; to actively participate in counter-drug efforts, and; to ensure the needs of Rhode Island Veteran and National Guard families are supported.

### Agency Description

The agency is directed by the Adjutant General who is appointed by the Governor. The Adjutant General is nominated as a Major General by the President, and confirmed by the United States Senate. The Adjutant General directs the establishment, operation, organization and maintenance of the military forces of the State, composed of reserve units of the United States Army and Air Force, the Rhode Island National Guard and State Historic Militia.

The National Guard Program budget is financed with approximately 26 percent general revenue and state capital funds and 74 percent federal funds, as well as direct federal funding for active duty guardsmen, services, and construction costs. Additionally, there exists between the State of Rhode Island and National Guard Bureau (NGB) a legal contract referred to as the Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA). The MCA provides for State support for the Federal mission in the form of employment of State personnel, the purchase of goods and services through State vendors, and provides a readied, state-of-the-art trained military force. The State is obligated through the MCA to match the federal funds with general revenues as a condition of the grant. Military training is 100% federally financed. The Rhode Island National Guard is authorized in excess of 3,300 members (2,178 in the Army National Guard, 1,136 in the Air National Guard). National Guard installations located in Rhode Island include fourteen armories, three air bases, two training sites, and ten support buildings and shops including one Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF), four Organizational Maintenance Shops (OMS) and one Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS). Federal equipment housed and secured at these facilities is valued in excess of \$500 million dollars. The estimated annual economic impact on the State attributed to National Guard programs exceeds \$238 million dollars.

### Statutory History

The Executive Military Staff was established in 1856 and is governed by the statutory authority of the Military Code of Rhode Island and other laws relating to the military as enacted by the provisions of the R.I.G.L. 30-1-14 and 28-30 and the Military Code. In FY 2015, the executive duties of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency were changed from the Adjutant General to the Executive Director. The National Guard remains as a single program within the Military Staff.