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JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Agency Summary

Judiciary

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 Judiciary 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 R.I. General Laws § 8-1 - Supreme Court; § 8-2 - Superior Court; § 8-10 - Family Court; § 8-8 - District Court; § 28-30 - Workers' Compensation Court; and § 8-8.2 - Traffic Tribunal. The budgetary and finance controls of the Judiciary are identified as follows: RIGL § 8-15-4 - Appointment of Court Administrator and Assistants; § 35-3-1 - Budget Officer – General Powers and Duties; § 36-4-2.1 - Exemption from Merit System; § 36-4-16.4 - Salaries of Directors, Judges, and Workers' Compensation Judges; § 36-6-1 - Controller – Duties in General; and § 37-8-1 - State House – State Office Building – Courthouses.

Budget

Judiciary

	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Supreme Court	42,474,426	37,445,383	44,013,231	47,015,838	46,786,467
Superior Court	23,549,206	22,657,789	25,541,140	26,685,326	27,609,676
Family Court	25,485,724	24,594,492	26,614,395	28,304,750	28,505,856
District Court	14,143,447	13,948,786	15,074,578	15,640,439	16,492,557
Traffic Tribunal	8,858,948	8,924,131	9,716,034	10,303,354	10,728,771
Worker's Compensation Court	8,099,248	8,218,992	9,310,113	9,726,170	10,020,945
Judicial Tenure & Discipline	121,904	129,360	155,863	170,628	169,767
Total Expenditures	122,732,902	115,918,933	130,425,354	137,846,505	140,314,039
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	90,591,274	89,053,338	96,574,291	103,239,871	105,747,251
Contract Professional Services	1,982,260	1,607,519	2,838,591	2,497,441	2,537,971
Operating Supplies And Expenses	12,519,304	11,796,659	13,291,803	14,335,548	14,630,397
Assistance And Grants	10,330,905	9,460,663	11,111,030	10,653,664	10,653,664
Subtotal: Operating	115,423,743	111,918,179	123,815,715	130,726,524	133,569,283
Capital Purchases And Equipment	7,309,159	4,000,754	6,609,639	7,119,981	6,744,756
Subtotal: Other	7,309,159	4,000,754	6,609,639	7,119,981	6,744,756
Total Expenditures	122,732,902	115,918,933	130,425,354	137,846,505	140,314,039
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	101,864,392	99,677,774	107,908,680	114,094,038	115,267,766
Federal Funds	4,277,604	3,005,704	3,928,259	4,438,932	5,274,283
Restricted Receipts	11,296,697	11,137,429	13,638,415	14,178,193	14,796,990
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	5,294,210	2,098,027	4,950,000	5,135,342	4,975,000
Total Expenditures	122,732,902	115,918,933	130,425,354	137,846,505	140,314,039
FTE Authorization	726.3	726.3	726.3	726.3	733.3

Personnel Agency Summary

Judiciary

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	726.3	64,775,490	733.3	67,501,812
Subtotal	726.3	64,775,490	733.3	67,501,812
Overtime		455,838		704,358
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		1,102,712		1,128,530
Turnover		(2,250,747)		(1,938,198)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment		1,405,478		0
Total Salaries		65,488,771		67,396,502
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		618,750		623,250
FICA		4,709,454		4,832,903
Health Benefits		9,163,499		9,752,078
Payroll Accrual		357,030		0
Retiree Health		2,713,118		2,367,793
Retirement		17,626,845		18,155,619
Subtotal		35,188,696		35,731,643
Total Salaries and Benefits	726.3	100,677,467	733.3	103,128,145
Cost Per FTE Position		138,617		140,636
Statewide Benefit Assessment		2,562,404		2,619,106
Payroll Costs	726.3	103,239,871	733.3	105,747,251
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		15,300		15,300
Design and Engineering Services		95,500		95,500
Information Technology		625,778		625,778
Legal Services		413,000		413,000
Management & Consultant Services		75,000		75,000
Medical Services		16,000		16,000
Other Contracts		1,196,500		1,241,500
Training and Educational Services		60,363		55,893
Subtotal		2,497,441		2,537,971
Total Personnel	726.3	105,737,312	733.3	108,285,222
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	657.5	93,364,827	657.5	94,028,660
Federal Funds	11.8	2,604,053	18.8	3,881,833
Restricted Receipts	57.0	9,768,432	57.0	10,374,729
Total All Funds	726.3	105,737,312	733.3	108,285,222

Performance Measures

Judiciary

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 (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of appeal cases. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	98.00%	109.00%	125.00%	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. Measuring time to disposition is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Actual	86.00%	82.00%	84.00%	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. Measuring time to disposition is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Actual	85.00%	84.00%	80.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Appellate Cases Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of Supreme Court cases disposed within 24 months of filing. Measuring time to disposition is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%
Actual	90.00%	89.00%	84.00%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Age of Active Pending Appellate Cases

The figures below represent the percentage of pending Supreme Court cases that have been pending for less than 24 months of filing. Measuring the time cases are pending is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Actual	91.00%	91.00%	90.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Criminal Cases (SC)

During a specified time period, if the Superior Court is able to dispose more criminal cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of criminal cases. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	78.00%	74.00%	107.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Wayward/Delinquent/Violation Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more wayward/delinquent/violation cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of wayward/delinquent/violation cases. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	94.00%	149.00%	109.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Child Protection (Dependent/Neglect/Abuse and Termination of Parental Rights) Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more child protection cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of child protection cases. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	108.00%	115.00%	140.00%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Disposition Rate of Domestic Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more domestic cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of domestic cases. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	116.00%	102.00%	121.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Civil Cases (DC)

During a specified time period, if the District Court is able to dispose more civil cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of civil cases. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	79.00%	104.00%	94.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Small Claims Cases

During a specified time period, if the District Court is able to dispose more small claims cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of small claims cases. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	94.00%	91.00%	92.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Criminal Cases (DC)

During a specified time period, if the District Court is able to dispose more criminal cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of criminal cases. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	101.00%	79.00%	78.00%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Disposition Rate of Workers' Compensation Court (WCC) Cases

During a specified time period, if the Workers' Compensation Court (WCC) is able to dispose more cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of WCC cases. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal (RITT) Summonses

During a specified time period, if the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal (RITT) is able to dispose more cases/summonses than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of RITT cases/summonses. This PM is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Notes: Calendar year 2021 data is as of 7/31/21. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	102.00%	101.00%	96.00%	0.00%	

Program Summary

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

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 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 R.I. General Laws § 8-1 and the administrative authority of the court is established by RIGL § 8-15. Other statutes relating to the Supreme Court include RIGL § 8-3 through §8-7.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Defense of Indigents	4,513,639	3,657,647	5,075,432	5,075,485	5,075,432
Supreme Court Operations	37,960,788	33,787,736	38,937,799	41,940,353	41,711,035
Total Expenditures	42,474,426	37,445,383	44,013,231	47,015,838	46,786,467
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	21,102,279	20,196,065	21,900,008	23,943,073	23,910,935
Contract Professional Services	774,149	646,062	861,861	901,861	861,861
Operating Supplies and Expenses	8,838,643	8,484,964	9,248,878	9,658,078	9,885,736
Assistance and Grants	5,037,413	4,477,654	5,807,332	5,807,332	5,807,332
Subtotal: Operating	35,752,483	33,804,745	37,818,079	40,310,344	40,465,864
Capital Purchases and Equipment	6,721,943	3,640,638	6,195,152	6,705,494	6,320,603
Subtotal: Other	6,721,943	3,640,638	6,195,152	6,705,494	6,320,603
Total Expenditures	42,474,426	37,445,383	44,013,231	47,015,838	46,786,467
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	33,191,086	32,396,943	35,063,782	37,196,796	37,314,120
Federal Funds	1,218,455	349,428	138,354	616,694	446,302
Restricted Receipts	2,770,676	2,600,985	3,861,095	4,067,006	4,051,045
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	5,294,210	2,098,027	4,950,000	5,135,342	4,975,000
Total Expenditures	42,474,426	37,445,383	44,013,231	47,015,838	46,786,467

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04429A	1.0	71,046	1.0	75,472
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	08822A	4.0	248,905	4.0	255,126
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	04415A	1.0	52,938	1.0	54,236
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	1.0	96,724	1.0	99,048
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	08834A	1.0	95,543	1.0	97,931
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	04437A	1.0	129,064	1.0	132,240
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	124,295	1.0	127,339
ASSISTANT BUILDING & GROUNDS OFFICER	0J322A	4.0	248,573	4.0	257,313
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	6.0	756,596	6.0	781,578
ASSISTANT DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08831A	2.0	177,235	2.0	184,540
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PR	08842A	1.0	139,503	1.0	142,991
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	08846A	1.0	154,448	1.0	158,309
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FACILITIES, OPS & SECUR	08844A	1.0	174,396	1.0	178,616
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCE & BUDGET	08846A	1.0	178,457	1.0	182,897
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, JUDICIAL TECHNOLOGY	08846A	1.0	187,158	1.0	191,791
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	04422A	2.0	112,788	2.0	117,349
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	3.0	208,292	3.0	215,852
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08827A	1.0	76,835	1.0	78,756
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8808JA	4.0	884,980	4.0	917,001
BAR ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08829A	1.0	79,118	1.0	81,096
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	08823A	9.0	558,963	9.0	574,551
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08844A	1.0	156,629	1.0	166,956
CHIEF JUSTICE (SUPREME COURT)	8809JA	1.0	262,693	1.0	269,261
CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	08835A	1.0	121,578	1.0	124,546
CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK (JUD)	08838A	1.0	111,279	1.0	114,061
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04434A	1.0	100,320	1.0	102,828
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT	08844A	1.0	150,837	1.0	154,608
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	08831A	1.0	89,786	1.0	92,030
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	08827A	4.0	310,998	4.0	318,775
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, STATE COURTS	08847A	1.0	175,829	1.0	180,225
DEPUTY CLERK INTERPRETER I (JUDICIAL)	04423A	2.0	137,022	2.0	140,448
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	3.0	157,739	3.0	165,452

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
DEPUTY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08837A	1.0	95,011	1.0	100,989
DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER PROTECTION/ EDUCATION PROGRAMS	08835A	1.0	98,953	1.0	101,427
DIVERSITY COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	95,543	1.0	97,931
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER III (JUDICIAL)	08835A	1.0	105,171	1.0	112,892
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER II (JUDICIAL)	08833A	1.0	90,758	1.0	97,550
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	08829A	2.0	156,298	2.0	164,495
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	04423A	1.0	68,511	1.0	70,224
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS OFFICER	0J320A	2.0	110,328	2.0	114,696
GENERAL COUNSEL	08846A	1.0	154,448	1.0	158,309
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	04419A	1.0	48,487	1.0	50,971
JOB CLASS NAME NEEDED	0J322A	1.0	55,741	1.0	59,046
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08823A	18.0	1,122,579	18.0	1,155,486
LAW LIBRARIAN (JUDICIAL)	08836A	1.0	123,647	1.0	126,716
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	0J312A	4.0	170,894	4.0	176,745
MONITORING & EVALUATION SPECIALIST	08823A	3.0	178,986	3.0	185,614
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR/CYBER SECURITY SPECIALIST	04433A	1.0	96,719	1.0	99,137
OFFICE MANAGER	04424A	1.6	113,334	1.6	120,236
OFFICE MANAGER	08827A	1.0	76,835	1.0	78,756
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	04421A	1.0	57,783	1.0	59,228
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	08821A	1.0	57,782	1.0	59,227
OPINION ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	04431A	1.0	85,510	1.0	87,648
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	04425A	3.0	188,392	3.0	204,117
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08825A	1.0	67,565	1.0	69,254
PRINCIPAL COURT FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	04436A	1.0	91,770	1.0	97,503
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY CLERK (SYSTEMS)	08825A	1.0	74,321	1.0	76,179
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	08830A	1.0	82,208	1.0	84,263
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	04425A	1.0	70,944	1.0	72,718
PROJECT COORDINATOR	04426A	1.0	67,479	1.0	72,076
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	00223H	0.0	81,398	0.0	83,433
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	04430A	5.0	482,848	5.0	494,722
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08330A	1.0	72,399	1.0	76,922
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	2.0	154,745	2.0	165,213
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	08835A	1.0	116,660	1.0	119,567
RECORDS CUSTODIAN DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION (JUDICIAL)	04418A	1.0	56,944	1.0	58,367

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
RECORDS CUSTODIAN-DOCUMENTS DIST.(STATE LIBRARY)	04418A	3.0	163,318	3.0	169,103
SECOND ASSISTANT LAW LIBRARIAN	04411A	0.6	50,373	0.6	51,633
SECR. TO DEPUTY GENERAL TREASURER	08817A	1.0	55,193	1.0	56,573
SENIOR DEVELOPER (JUDICIAL)	08836A	1.0	102,358	1.0	104,916
SENIOR FISCAL OFFICER	08827A	1.0	65,769	1.0	69,840
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST	04423A	3.0	195,756	3.0	202,517
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	04423A	1.0	68,511	1.0	70,224
SENIOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST	05325A	1.0	27,682	1.0	62,415
SENIOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST	08825A	1.0	67,565	1.0	69,254
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK	04418A	1.0	62,256	1.0	63,777
SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08833A	1.0	92,113	1.0	94,416
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	04433A	4.0	426,252	4.0	436,730
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	08829A	1.0	87,030	1.0	89,206
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08829A	5.0	407,600	5.0	420,988
SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR	08827A	3.0	212,388	3.0	220,130
SR CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUD)	08827A	1.0	73,176	1.0	75,006
STAFF ATTORNEY	08829A	4.5	427,078	4.5	440,403
STAFF ATTORNEY II	08830A	4.0	317,934	4.0	333,080
STAFF ATTORNEY IV	08834A	1.0	113,106	1.0	115,853
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR	08850A	1.0	211,238	1.0	216,520
ZFTE RECONCILIATION TO AUTHORIZATION (UNCLASSIFIED)	00000A	(1.0)	0	0.0	0
Subtotal Unclassified		166.7	14,528,254	167.7	15,047,463
Subtotal		166.7	14,528,254	167.7	15,047,463
Transfer Out			(78,832)		(84,262)
Overtime			407,959		385,950
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			338,052		346,379
Turnover			(299,985)		(463,146)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			311,026		0
Total Salaries			15,206,474		15,232,384

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		79,500		82,500
FICA		1,097,899		1,101,900
Health Benefits		2,108,790		2,215,043
Payroll Accrual		81,920		0
Retiree Health		708,009		602,425
Retirement		4,084,163		4,100,474
Subtotal		8,160,281		8,102,342
Total Salaries and Benefits	166.7	23,366,755	167.7	23,334,726
Cost Per FTE Position		140,172		139,146
Statewide Benefit Assessment		576,318		576,209
Payroll Costs	166.7	23,943,073	167.7	23,910,935
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		7,300		7,300
Design and Engineering Services		42,000		42,000
Information Technology		578,668		578,668
Legal Services		38,000		38,000
Medical Services		4,000		4,000
Other Contracts		226,000		186,000
Training and Educational Services		5,893		5,893
Subtotal		901,861		861,861
Total Personnel	166.7	24,844,934	167.7	24,772,796
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	158.7	23,396,198	158.7	23,290,864
Federal Funds	1.0	256,658	2.0	310,815
Restricted Receipts	7.0	1,192,078	7.0	1,171,117
Total All Funds	166.7	24,844,934	167.7	24,772,796

Program Summary

Agency: Judiciary

Superior Court

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 R.I. General Laws § 8-2 through § 8-7.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Superior Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Jury Operations	1,313,497	1,119,863	1,713,510	1,573,596	1,792,688
Superior Court Operations	22,235,709	21,537,926	23,827,630	25,111,730	25,816,988
Total Expenditures	23,549,206	22,657,789	25,541,140	26,685,326	27,609,676
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	19,906,510	19,692,292	22,146,546	23,448,978	24,005,929
Contract Professional Services	428,835	373,629	497,000	497,000	582,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,295,782	945,043	1,204,462	1,204,462	1,486,861
Assistance and Grants	1,655,117	1,544,086	1,560,545	1,402,299	1,402,299
Subtotal: Operating	23,286,245	22,555,050	25,408,553	26,552,739	27,477,089
Capital Purchases and Equipment	262,961	102,739	132,587	132,587	132,587
Subtotal: Other	262,961	102,739	132,587	132,587	132,587
Total Expenditures	23,549,206	22,657,789	25,541,140	26,685,326	27,609,676
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	23,065,702	22,203,039	25,022,380	26,234,058	26,708,059
Federal Funds	116,731	137,298	111,553	126,251	236,617
Restricted Receipts	366,773	317,452	407,207	325,017	665,000
Total Expenditures	23,549,206	22,657,789	25,541,140	26,685,326	27,609,676

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Superior Court

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04415A	1.0	47,199	1.0	48,379
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	2.0	162,519	2.0	169,243
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	178,886	1.0	183,326
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	08834A	1.0	90,769	1.0	97,931
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	08835A	1.0	103,901	1.0	106,498
ADMINISTRATOR- ARBITRATION PROGRAM	08839A	1.0	116,675	1.0	119,592
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (JUDICIAL)	08843A	1.0	132,313	1.0	141,405
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	08821A	1.0	63,560	1.0	65,150
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	08834A	1.0	95,543	1.0	97,931
ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	04418A	4.0	193,923	4.0	202,336
ASSISTANT MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	04423A	1.0	54,646	1.0	57,936
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	3.0	198,036	3.0	211,973
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08826A	1.0	70,317	1.0	72,075
ASSOCIATE JURY COMMISSIONER	08833A	1.0	96,719	1.0	99,137
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	08805F	1.0	179,174	1.0	183,653
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	20.0	4,099,419	20.0	4,238,403
CLERK (KENT COUNTY)	08834A	1.0	95,543	1.0	97,931
CLERK (NEWPORT COUNTY)	08832A	1.0	93,262	1.0	95,593
CLERK (PROVIDENCE COUNTY)	08839A	1.0	128,343	1.0	131,551
CLERK (WASHINGTON COUNTY)	08832A	1.0	88,821	1.0	91,041
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	08831A	1.0	100,474	1.0	102,986
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	04427A	1.0	87,811	1.0	90,007
COURT REPORTER	00127A	24.0	1,862,175	24.0	1,911,102
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK I	04420A	1.0	58,293	1.0	59,750
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	08834A	1.0	105,097	1.0	107,724
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	31.0	2,022,592	31.0	2,094,166
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	10.0	515,619	10.0	542,267
DEPUTY CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	04420A	1.0	50,493	1.0	53,111
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	00119A	4.0	197,934	4.0	206,869
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08823A	1.0	60,257	1.0	63,839
GENERAL CHIEF CLERK	08838A	1.0	120,677	1.0	129,511
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	00314A	2.0	85,188	2.0	89,040
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04414A	7.0	302,431	7.0	314,569
JURY COMMISSIONER	08837A	1.0	105,888	1.0	108,535
MAGISTRATE	08803F	1.0	167,993	1.0	172,193
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	2.0	389,457	2.0	402,072

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Superior Court

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
MAGISTRATE OF THE FAMILY COURT	08803F	1.0	167,993	1.0	172,193
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	04424A	1.0	56,667	1.0	60,118
MONITORING & EVALUATION SPECIALIST	08823A	1.0	58,196	1.0	61,982
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	08823A	1.0	62,282	1.0	63,839
OFFICE COORDINATOR/CLERK (JUD)	04428A	1.0	89,348	1.0	91,582
POLICY AIDE	04418A	2.0	101,205	2.0	104,963
POLICY ASSOCIATE	08833A	1.0	108,233	1.0	110,939
PRESIDING JUSTICE (SUPERIOR COURT)	8807JA	1.0	236,508	1.0	242,422
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04425A	1.0	77,701	1.0	79,643
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08825A	1.0	67,565	1.0	69,254
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST	04428A	1.0	69,854	1.0	74,280
PRODUCTION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	04420A	1.0	58,293	1.0	59,750
PROGRAM COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	04419A	1.0	49,188	1.0	51,652
PROGRAM COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	08819A	1.0	53,762	1.0	57,171
PROJECT COORDINATOR	04426A	1.0	73,834	1.0	75,680
PROJECT COORDINATOR	08826A	1.0	70,317	1.0	72,075
PROJECT MANAGER II (JUDICIAL)	08832A	1.0	88,821	1.0	91,041
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	82,208	1.0	84,263
SECR. TO DEPUTY GENERAL TREASURER	00119A	1.0	53,442	1.0	54,778
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04421A	2.0	125,493	2.0	131,118
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04426A	1.0	70,318	1.0	72,076
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	08822A	0.7	52,811	0.7	55,873
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08829A	2.0	171,345	2.0	179,749
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	201,592	1.0	206,632
SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR	08827A	1.0	71,544	1.0	76,579
SUPERVISING CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08826A	2.0	164,150	2.0	168,236
Subtotal Unclassified		163.7	15,004,617	163.7	15,526,713
Subtotal		163.7	15,004,617	163.7	15,526,713
Transfer In			39,416		42,131
Overtime			16,949		287,399
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			66,800		66,800
Turnover			(504,769)		(487,731)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			315,508		0
Total Salaries			14,938,521		15,435,312

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Superior Court

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		150,000		150,000
FICA		1,057,686		1,074,327
Health Benefits		2,063,652		2,174,652
Payroll Accrual		82,830		0
Retiree Health		555,387		479,280
Retirement		4,003,761		4,088,084
Subtotal		7,913,316		7,966,343
Total Salaries and Benefits	163.7	22,851,837	163.7	23,401,655
Cost Per FTE Position		139,596		142,955
Statewide Benefit Assessment		597,141		604,274
Payroll Costs	163.7	23,448,978	163.7	24,005,929
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		7,000		7,000
Design and Engineering Services		18,000		18,000
Legal Services		325,000		325,000
Medical Services		12,000		12,000
Other Contracts		135,000		220,000
Subtotal		497,000		582,000
Total Personnel	163.7	23,945,978	163.7	24,587,929
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	162.0	23,514,710	162.0	23,720,312
Federal Funds	1.7	106,251	1.7	202,617
Restricted Receipts	0.0	325,017	0.0	665,000
Total All Funds	163.7	23,945,978	163.7	24,587,929

Program Summary

Agency: Judiciary

Family Court

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 R.I. General Laws § 8-10.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Family Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	25,485,724	24,594,492	26,614,395	28,304,750	28,505,856
Total Expenditures	25,485,724	24,594,492	26,614,395	28,304,750	28,505,856
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	22,241,836	21,886,295	23,344,244	24,574,303	25,019,565
Contract Professional Services	373,608	261,110	487,500	487,500	487,500
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,228,613	981,211	1,160,135	1,762,431	1,518,275
Assistance and Grants	1,489,574	1,379,433	1,493,066	1,351,066	1,351,066
Subtotal: Operating	25,333,631	24,508,051	26,484,945	28,175,300	28,376,406
Capital Purchases and Equipment	152,092	86,442	129,450	129,450	129,450
Subtotal: Other	152,092	86,442	129,450	129,450	129,450
Total Expenditures	25,485,724	24,594,492	26,614,395	28,304,750	28,505,856
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	22,543,306	22,191,524	23,507,538	24,976,482	25,131,666
Federal Funds	2,942,418	2,402,969	3,106,857	3,328,268	3,374,190
Total Expenditures	25,485,724	24,594,492	26,614,395	28,304,750	28,505,856

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Family Court

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0J320A	1.0	50,609	1.0	53,335
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	08815A	0.6	47,199	0.6	48,379
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	0J320A	1.0	62,290	1.0	63,847
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8806JA	1.0	186,073	1.0	193,586
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	184,160	1.0	188,697
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	0J320A	1.0	62,290	1.0	63,847
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	08834A	1.0	100,320	1.0	102,828
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	00324A	1.0	56,628	1.0	59,983
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	0J324A	1.0	62,777	1.0	64,346
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (FAMILY COURT)	08843A	1.0	160,231	1.0	164,206
ASSISTANT INTAKE SUPERVISOR (FAMILY COURT)	08828A	6.0	446,502	6.0	463,990
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	08805F	1.0	179,174	1.0	183,653
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	9.0	1,799,035	9.0	1,864,870
CASA COORDINATOR	05722A	1.0	59,218	1.0	61,476
CHIEF JUDGE- FAMILY COURT	8807JA	1.0	236,508	1.0	242,422
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	76,835	1.0	78,756
COURT REPORTER	00127A	15.0	1,182,744	15.0	1,215,447
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR (JUDICIAL)	0J312A	1.0	40,290	1.0	41,990
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	08834A	3.0	329,191	3.0	342,182
DEPUTY CLERK I	0J324A	25.0	1,646,008	25.0	1,702,696
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	08834A	2.0	221,936	2.0	227,430
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ COMMUNICATIONS	08841A	1.0	145,450	1.0	148,956
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	08840A	2.0	292,889	2.0	300,137
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	00119A	9.0	475,442	9.0	490,064
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	86,318	1.0	88,476
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08836A	1.0	112,594	1.0	115,408
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	08836A	2.0	230,097	2.0	235,789
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR	08831A	1.0	85,510	1.0	87,648
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINSTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08831A	2.0	179,708	2.0	187,667
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08823A	1.0	65,396	1.0	67,031
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT	00314A	1.0	40,780	1.0	42,629
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT	0J314A	20.0	902,440	20.0	932,382
JOB CLASS NAME NEEDED	0J324A	3.0	177,088	3.0	188,599
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	8.0	1,474,237	8.0	1,524,860

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Family Court

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
MAGISTRATE OF THE FAMILY COURT	8803JA	1.0	193,861	1.0	201,677
MEDIATION COUNSELOR II (JUDICIAL)	OJ324A	5.0	345,509	5.0	354,100
OPERATIONS CLERK (JUDICIAL)	OJ302A	0.5	34,027	0.5	35,331
PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	OJ314A	0.6	41,556	0.6	43,435
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08825A	1.0	67,565	1.0	69,254
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST	05728A	1.0	83,645	1.0	85,736
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	94,539	1.0	96,902
PROJECT SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	OJ321A	1.0	51,980	1.0	54,925
PSYCHOLOGIST (JUD)	08841A	1.0	127,464	1.0	130,651
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	OJ317A	1.0	44,900	1.0	47,044
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	08838A	1.0	134,291	1.0	137,629
SOCIAL CASEWORKER II (JUDICIAL)	05724A	4.0	263,926	4.0	272,400
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	OJ322A	2.0	116,628	2.0	119,544
SR MANAGER-CALENDAR SERVICES (JUD)	OJ328A	1.0	87,792	1.0	89,987
STAFF ATTORNEY III	08832A	10.0	913,269	10.0	943,161
STAFF ATTORNEY V (JUDICIAL)	08836A	5.0	573,575	5.0	587,771
SUPERVISING COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	08829A	3.0	231,886	3.0	243,288
SUPERVISORY CLERK	OJ326A	6.0	399,912	6.0	418,432
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	OJ322A	1.0	64,145	1.0	65,749
Subtotal Unclassified		172.7	15,328,437	172.7	15,834,628
Subtotal		172.7	15,328,437	172.7	15,834,628
Transfer In			39,416		42,131
Overtime			6,550		6,726
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			471,290		483,714
Turnover			(639,567)		(485,084)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			348,676		0
Total Salaries			15,554,802		15,882,115
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			155,250		155,250
FICA			1,135,154		1,159,896
Health Benefits			2,156,729		2,302,890
Payroll Accrual			83,736		0
Retiree Health			676,226		586,257
Retirement			4,207,774		4,318,103
Subtotal			8,414,869		8,522,396

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Family Court

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Salaries and Benefits	172.7	23,969,671	172.7	24,404,511
Cost Per FTE Position		138,794		141,312
Statewide Benefit Assessment		604,632		615,054
Payroll Costs	172.7	24,574,303	172.7	25,019,565
Purchased Services				
Design and Engineering Services		28,000		28,000
Management & Consultant Services		75,000		75,000
Other Contracts		334,500		334,500
Training and Educational Services		50,000		50,000
Subtotal		487,500		487,500
Total Personnel	172.7	25,061,803	172.7	25,507,065
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	164.6	22,968,260	164.6	23,106,054
Federal Funds	8.1	2,093,543	8.1	2,401,011
Total All Funds	172.7	25,061,803	172.7	25,507,065

Program Summary

Agency: Judiciary

District Court

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 ejectment 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 R.I. General Laws § 8-8.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

District Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	14,143,447	13,948,786	15,074,578	15,640,439	16,492,557
Total Expenditures	14,143,447	13,948,786	15,074,578	15,640,439	16,492,557
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	12,441,156	12,185,110	12,693,014	13,666,049	14,492,185
Contract Professional Services	144,164	112,676	565,620	184,470	180,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	306,208	421,867	451,576	475,819	496,605
Assistance and Grants	1,194,568	1,189,931	1,306,530	1,256,263	1,256,263
Subtotal: Operating	14,086,096	13,909,584	15,016,740	15,582,601	16,425,053
Capital Purchases and Equipment	57,351	39,202	57,838	57,838	67,504
Subtotal: Other	57,351	39,202	57,838	57,838	67,504
Total Expenditures	14,143,447	13,948,786	15,074,578	15,640,439	16,492,557
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	14,083,447	13,832,777	14,443,083	15,212,720	15,215,383
Federal Funds	0	116,009	571,495	367,719	1,217,174
Restricted Receipts	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
Total Expenditures	14,143,447	13,948,786	15,074,578	15,640,439	16,492,557

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

District Court

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04429A	1.0	87,031	1.0	89,207
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK	08826A	1.0	70,317	1.0	72,075
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (DISTRICT COURT)	04433A	2.0	218,769	2.0	224,238
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	215,008	1.0	220,384
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	04437A	1.0	111,182	1.0	113,962
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	105,888	1.0	108,535
ASSISTANT CLERK	04418A	11.0	567,175	11.0	586,883
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	7.0	476,693	10.0	694,177
ASSOCIATE JUDGE- DISTRICT COURT	08810F	1.0	173,516	1.0	177,854
ASSOCIATE JUDGE- DISTRICT COURT	8810JA	11.0	2,135,339	11.0	2,215,063
CHIEF JUDGE DISTRICT COURT	8807JA	1.0	229,973	1.0	239,258
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04434A	1.0	115,020	1.0	117,826
CLERK/MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	201,592	1.0	206,632
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	04426A	3.0	209,061	3.0	216,228
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	20.0	1,410,136	20.0	1,449,972
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	08832A	1.0	88,821	1.0	91,041
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	00314A	3.0	127,782	3.0	133,560
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04414A	11.0	504,128	11.0	520,045
JOB CLASS NAME NEEDED	08841A	1.0	146,844	1.0	153,515
JOB CLASS NAME NEEDED	08844A	1.0	158,019	1.0	161,971
MAGISTRATE	08803F	0.0	0	1.0	172,193
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	201,592	1.0	206,632
OFFICE MANAGER	04424A	0.0	0	1.0	58,084
OPERATIONS MANAGER (JUD)	04428A	1.0	83,645	1.0	85,736
OPERATIONS MANAGER (JUD)	08828A	2.0	152,082	2.0	155,884
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	04430A	2.0	177,603	2.0	185,879
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08330A	0.0	0	1.0	74,209
RECORDS AIDE (JUDICIARY)	04414A	1.0	45,964	1.0	47,113
RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST	04424A	1.0	57,928	1.0	61,306
SUPERVISING CLERK (JUDICIARY)	04426A	7.0	545,612	7.0	562,525
Subtotal Unclassified		95.0	8,616,720	101.0	9,401,987
Subtotal		95.0	8,616,720	101.0	9,401,987
Overtime			13,493		13,524

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

District Court

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		80,664		82,570
Turnover		(232,813)		(303,117)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment		191,272		0
Total Salaries		8,669,336		9,194,964
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		97,500		99,000
FICA		617,742		656,177
Health Benefits		1,282,604		1,436,866
Payroll Accrual		47,193		0
Retiree Health		309,711		284,473
Retirement		2,298,151		2,457,212
Subtotal		4,652,901		4,933,728
Total Salaries and Benefits	95.0	13,322,237	101.0	14,128,692
Cost Per FTE Position		140,234		139,888
Statewide Benefit Assessment		343,812		363,493
Payroll Costs	95.0	13,666,049	101.0	14,492,185
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		180,000		180,000
Training and Educational Services		4,470		0
Subtotal		184,470		180,000
Total Personnel	95.0	13,850,519	101.0	14,672,185
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	94.0	13,702,918	94.0	13,704,795
Federal Funds	1.0	147,601	7.0	967,390
Total All Funds	95.0	13,850,519	101.0	14,672,185

Program Summary

Agency: Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

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 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 R.I. General Laws § 8-8.2. 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: Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	8,858,948	8,924,131	9,716,034	10,303,354	10,728,771
Total Expenditures	8,858,948	8,924,131	9,716,034	10,303,354	10,728,771
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	7,986,736	8,165,553	8,761,690	9,364,826	9,789,581
Contract Professional Services	165,392	138,161	250,000	250,000	250,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	369,722	321,473	383,798	383,798	384,460
Assistance and Grants	273,919	257,704	257,647	241,831	241,831
Subtotal: Operating	8,795,769	8,882,892	9,653,135	10,240,455	10,665,872
Capital Purchases and Equipment	63,179	41,239	62,899	62,899	62,899
Subtotal: Other	63,179	41,239	62,899	62,899	62,899
Total Expenditures	8,858,948	8,924,131	9,716,034	10,303,354	10,728,771
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	8,858,948	8,924,131	9,716,034	10,303,354	10,728,771
Total Expenditures	8,858,948	8,924,131	9,716,034	10,303,354	10,728,771

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK I	04429A	3.6	308,341	3.6	325,020
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	04427A	4.0	271,731	4.0	288,276
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	08846A	1.0	162,170	1.0	166,224
ADMINISTRATIVE MAGISTRATE (JUDICIAL)	8811JA	1.0	192,516	1.0	200,278
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	1.0	124,006	1.0	133,542
CHIEF MAGISTRATE	8805JA	1.0	215,008	1.0	220,384
CLERK/TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (JUDICIAL)	08838A	1.0	127,971	1.0	131,170
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	04427A	3.0	235,248	3.0	241,104
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	85,982	1.0	88,132
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	04418A	7.0	382,599	7.0	394,584
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK I	04420A	3.0	194,309	3.0	199,167
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	1.0	56,667	1.0	60,118
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	8.0	470,813	8.0	486,127
FISCAL OFFICER (JUDICIAL)	04420A	1.0	58,293	1.0	59,750
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04414A	19.6	933,470	19.6	962,157
JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION COURT	8803JA	2.0	405,268	2.0	415,348
MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL	8803JA	4.0	767,002	4.0	794,864
POLICY ASSOCIATE (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	105,466	1.0	111,921
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04425A	2.0	153,713	2.0	157,556
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	08830A	1.0	96,594	1.0	99,009
SECURITY OFFICER	04419A	8.0	421,103	8.0	434,829
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK I	04418A	1.0	56,944	1.0	58,367
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	08838A	1.0	113,795	1.0	119,764
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	08829A	1.0	90,986	1.0	93,260
Subtotal Unclassified		77.2	6,029,995	77.2	6,240,951
Subtotal		77.2	6,029,995	77.2	6,240,951
Overtime			8,070		8,067
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			57,362		58,796
Turnover			(434,981)		(199,120)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			126,180		0
Total Salaries			5,786,626		6,108,694

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		93,000		93,000
FICA		422,460		447,152
Health Benefits		863,487		902,417
Payroll Accrual		32,965		0
Retiree Health		285,261		256,228
Retirement		1,650,640		1,739,770
Subtotal		3,347,813		3,438,567
Total Salaries and Benefits	77.2	9,134,439	77.2	9,547,261
Cost Per FTE Position		118,322		123,669
Statewide Benefit Assessment		230,387		242,320
Payroll Costs	77.2	9,364,826	77.2	9,789,581
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		250,000		250,000
Subtotal		250,000		250,000
Total Personnel	77.2	9,614,826	77.2	10,039,581
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	77.2	9,614,826	77.2	10,039,581
Total All Funds	77.2	9,614,826	77.2	10,039,581

Program Summary

Agency: Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

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 cannot 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

R.I. General Laws § 28-29 through § 28-38 includes provisions relating to the Workers' Compensation Court.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	8,099,248	8,218,992	9,310,113	9,726,170	10,020,945
Total Expenditures	8,099,248	8,218,992	9,310,113	9,726,170	10,020,945
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	6,791,126	6,801,298	7,605,639	8,104,727	8,392,002
Contract Professional Services	96,112	75,881	146,610	146,610	146,610
Operating Supplies and Expenses	480,064	639,464	840,241	848,247	855,747
Assistance and Grants	680,314	611,855	685,910	594,873	594,873
Subtotal: Operating	8,047,615	8,128,498	9,278,400	9,694,457	9,989,232
Capital Purchases and Equipment	51,633	90,494	31,713	31,713	31,713
Subtotal: Other	51,633	90,494	31,713	31,713	31,713
Total Expenditures	8,099,248	8,218,992	9,310,113	9,726,170	10,020,945
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
Restricted Receipts	8,099,248	8,218,992	9,310,113	9,726,170	10,020,945
Total Expenditures	8,099,248	8,218,992	9,310,113	9,726,170	10,020,945

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04429A	2.0	169,186	2.0	175,487
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES	0J327A	1.0	84,918	1.0	87,042
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	189,087	1.0	196,711
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	08846A	1.0	162,170	1.0	166,224
ADMINISTRATOR- WORKERS' COMPENSATION	08841A	1.0	127,464	1.0	130,651
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	128,178	1.0	131,289
CHIEF JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8807JA	1.0	213,058	1.0	221,647
COURT REPORTER	05727A	2.0	131,538	2.0	139,680
COURT REPORTER	0J327A	5.0	421,186	5.0	431,488
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION	08837A	1.0	115,529	1.0	118,309
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	1.0	56,667	1.0	60,118
DEPUTY CLERK I	0J324A	10.0	659,525	10.0	676,019
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	0.4	49,620	0.4	52,330
DPTY ADMSTR MEDCL ADVSRY BD(JU	08837A	1.0	95,011	1.0	100,989
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	0J336A	1.0	117,420	1.0	120,356
JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8810JA	8.0	1,482,596	8.0	1,542,415
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08823A	3.0	186,846	3.0	191,517
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD ADMINISTRATOR	08840A	1.0	122,069	1.0	125,121
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD COORDINATOR	04422A	2.0	114,048	2.0	122,486
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	04425A	1.0	67,304	1.0	69,255
PROJECT COORDINATOR	0J326A	2.0	147,709	2.0	154,148
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	99,122	1.0	101,588
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	0J326A	1.0	80,848	1.0	82,848
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY (JUD)	08827A	0.6	73,176	0.6	75,006
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIARY)	08829A	1.0	86,057	1.0	88,134
Subtotal Unclassified		50.0	5,180,332	50.0	5,360,858
Subtotal		50.0	5,180,332	50.0	5,360,858
Overtime			2,817		2,692
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			88,544		90,271
Turnover			(138,632)		0
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			110,766		0
Total Salaries			5,243,827		5,453,821

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		43,500		43,500
FICA		371,694		386,626
Health Benefits		681,170		712,817
Payroll Accrual		27,877		0
Retiree Health		173,811		155,133
Retirement		1,356,269		1,425,873
Subtotal		2,654,321		2,723,949
Total Salaries and Benefits	50.0	7,898,148	50.0	8,177,770
Cost Per FTE Position		157,963		163,555
Statewide Benefit Assessment		206,579		214,232
Payroll Costs	50.0	8,104,727	50.0	8,392,002
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		1,000		1,000
Design and Engineering Services		7,500		7,500
Information Technology		47,110		47,110
Legal Services		20,000		20,000
Other Contracts		71,000		71,000
Subtotal		146,610		146,610
Total Personnel	50.0	8,251,337	50.0	8,538,612
Distribution by Source of Funds				
Restricted Receipts	50.0	8,251,337	50.0	8,538,612
Total All Funds	50.0	8,251,337	50.0	8,538,612

Program Summary

Agency: Judiciary

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

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.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	121,904	129,360	155,863	170,628	169,767
Total Expenditures	121,904	129,360	155,863	170,628	169,767
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	121,632	126,724	123,150	137,915	137,054
Contract Professional Services	0	0	30,000	30,000	30,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	271	2,637	2,713	2,713	2,713
Subtotal: Operating	121,904	129,360	155,863	170,628	169,767
Total Expenditures	121,904	129,360	155,863	170,628	169,767
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	121,904	129,360	155,863	170,628	169,767
Total Expenditures	121,904	129,360	155,863	170,628	169,767

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

	FY 2022		FY 2023		
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
Unclassified					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRPERSON	08829A	1.0	87,135	1.0	89,212
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	87,135	1.0	89,212
Subtotal		1.0	87,135	1.0	89,212
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			2,050		0
Total Salaries			89,185		89,212
Benefits					
FICA			6,819		6,825
Health Benefits			7,067		7,393
Payroll Accrual			509		0
Retiree Health			4,713		3,997
Retirement			26,087		26,103
Subtotal			45,195		44,318
Total Salaries and Benefits		1.0	134,380	1.0	133,530
Cost Per FTE Position			134,380		133,530
Statewide Benefit Assessment			3,535		3,524
Payroll Costs		1.0	137,915	1.0	137,054
Purchased Services					
Legal Services			30,000		30,000
Subtotal			30,000		30,000
Total Personnel		1.0	167,915	1.0	167,054
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		1.0	167,915	1.0	167,054
Total All Funds		1.0	167,915	1.0	167,054