

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget



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Agency Summary

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Agency Mission

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

Agency Description

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

Statutory History

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

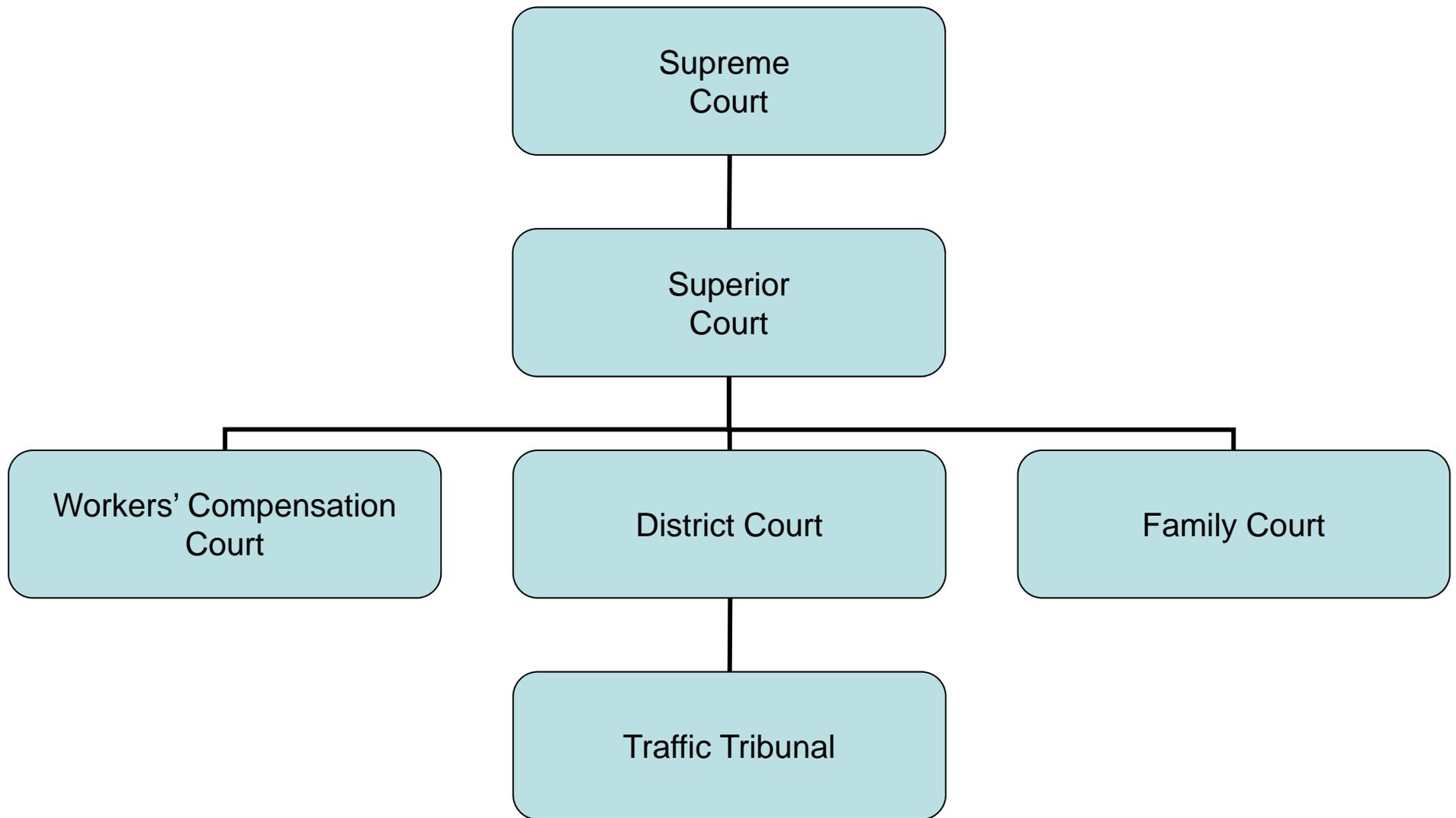
Budget

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	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Supreme Court	39,722,199	39,936,890	43,311,918	43,533,585	41,889,742
Superior Court	22,863,807	23,342,107	23,842,384	23,734,709	24,021,716
Family Court	23,287,467	23,349,622	23,603,777	23,440,459	23,474,761
District Court	12,383,240	12,738,112	13,514,864	13,317,912	13,481,052
Traffic Tribunal	8,358,877	8,942,992	9,468,420	8,889,233	9,571,159
Worker's Compensation Court	6,738,785	7,633,693	8,118,883	8,100,685	8,309,954
Judicial Tenure & Discipline	184,348	421,280	146,008	147,025	147,386
Total Expenditures	113,538,723	116,364,697	122,006,254	121,163,608	120,895,770
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	80,781,791	82,979,512	87,457,953	86,007,803	87,173,659
Contract Professional Services	1,820,150	1,576,488	1,959,532	2,170,838	1,969,125
Operating Supplies And Expenses	13,641,137	13,337,638	13,165,472	12,985,475	12,959,644
Assistance And Grants	10,806,788	10,924,326	11,187,658	10,914,298	11,154,150
Subtotal: Operating	107,049,866	108,817,964	113,770,615	112,078,414	113,256,578
Capital Purchases And Equipment	6,488,857	7,546,733	8,235,639	9,085,194	7,639,192
Subtotal: Other	6,488,857	7,546,733	8,235,639	9,085,194	7,639,192
Total Expenditures	113,538,723	116,364,697	122,006,254	121,163,608	120,895,770
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	95,181,220	97,047,499	98,964,477	98,820,554	100,183,074
Federal Funds	3,595,600	3,382,830	3,411,144	3,155,538	2,787,644
Restricted Receipts	9,754,423	12,327,663	12,530,633	11,929,169	12,085,986
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	5,007,480	3,606,705	7,100,000	7,258,347	5,839,066
Total Expenditures	113,538,723	116,364,697	122,006,254	121,163,608	120,895,770
FTE Authorization	724.3	723.3	723.3	723.3	723.3

The Agency

Judicial Department



Personnel Agency Summary

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	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	723.3	55,522,651	723.3	61,263,332
Subtotal	723.3	55,522,651	723.3	61,263,332
Transfer Out		0		0
Transfer In		0		0
Salaries Adjustment		212,942		424,717
Overtime (1.5)		407,125		380,525
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		0		(5,216,590)
Turnover		(2,694,265)		(3,526,573)
Total Salaries		53,448,453		53,325,414
Benefits				
FICA		3,894,544		3,861,426
Health Benefits		9,405,964		10,021,448
Payroll Accrual		313,060		389,773
Retiree Health		2,572,162		2,734,845
Retirement		14,073,014		14,363,289
Workers Compensation		2,450		0
Subtotal		30,261,194		31,370,781
Total Salaries and Benefits	723.3	83,709,647	723.3	84,696,195
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)		115,733		117,097
Statewide Benefit Assessment		2,298,156		2,477,464
Payroll Costs	723.3	86,007,803	723.3	87,173,659
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		30,738		31,553
Design and Engineering Services		97,225		107,600
Information Technology		676,090		597,594
Legal Services		423,685		412,185
Management & Consultant Services		131,600		80,000
Medical Services		33,500		21,100
Other Contracts		703,000		713,200
Training and Educational Services		75,000		5,893
Subtotal		2,170,838		1,969,125
Total Personnel	723.3	88,178,641	723.3	89,142,784
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		77,917,494		78,790,730
Federal Funds		1,983,103		1,852,011
Restricted Receipts		8,278,044		8,500,043
Total All Funds		88,178,641		89,142,784

Performance Measures

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Timeliness of Misdemeanor Cases Disposed

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

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	73.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Actual	73.00%	72.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

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

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

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	45.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%
Actual	45.00%	44.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Wayward/Delinquent Cases Requiring Court Involvement

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

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	55.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%
Actual	55.00%	52.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Child Protection Cases Adjudicated

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

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	32.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%
Actual	32.00%	28.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

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Disposition Rate of Divorce Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more cases than those filed, the disposition rate will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of divorce cases. [Notes: Calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017 figures are calculated from data generated by operational reports in Odyssey. Calendar year 2017 data is as of 9/30/17. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	91.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	91.00%	97.00%	93.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Verified Complaints Disposed

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

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	69.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	69.00%	42.00%	78.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Felony Cases Disposed

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

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	59.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%
Actual	59.00%	58.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Assigned Civil Cases

During a specified time period, if the Superior Court is able to dispose more assigned civil cases than those added to the trial calendar, the disposition rate will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of civil cases assigned to the trial calendar. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

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Disposition Rate of Appeal Cases

During a specified time period, if the Supreme Court is able to dispose more cases than those docketed, the disposition rate will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of appeal cases. [Notes: Calendar year 2016 and 2017 figures were calculated from data generated by operational reports in Odyssey. Calendar year 2017 data is as of 9/30/17. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	109.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	109.00%	98.00%	111.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Summonses Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of traffic summonses disposed by the Traffic Tribunal within 60 days. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Cases Disposed at Pretrial

The figures below represent the percentage of Workers' Compensation Court cases disposed at pretrial within 90 days of filing. [Notes: Calendar year 2017 data is as of 9/30/17. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	84.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Actual	84.00%	84.00%	85.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Cases Disposed at Trial

The figures below represent the percentage of Workers' Compensation Court cases disposed at trial within 360 days of filing. [Notes: Calendar year 2017 data is as of 9/30/17. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	83.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Actual	83.00%	87.00%	88.00%	0.00%	

Program Summary

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

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 also provides access to computer aided legal research. Other major activities of the Supreme Court include domestic violence training and monitoring, mandatory continuing legal education, appellate screening, alternative dispute resolution, disciplinary counsel, community outreach and public relations, and the interpreter program.

Statutory History

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

Budget

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Supreme Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Defense of Indigents	3,864,646	3,968,213	3,803,166	3,803,166	3,960,979
Supreme Court Operations	35,857,553	35,968,677	39,508,752	39,730,419	37,928,763
Total Expenditures	39,722,199	39,936,890	43,311,918	43,533,585	41,889,742
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	19,626,676	20,108,654	21,181,778	20,478,641	20,139,204
Contract Professional Services	703,076	231,653	825,882	958,556	807,882
Operating supplies and Expenses	8,733,885	8,247,261	8,982,319	8,926,660	9,041,604
Assistance And Grants	4,763,981	4,869,286	4,772,687	4,770,921	4,937,734
Subtotal: Operating	33,827,618	33,456,854	35,762,666	35,134,778	34,926,424
Capital Purchases And Equipment	5,894,581	6,480,036	7,549,252	8,398,807	6,963,318
Subtotal: Other	5,894,581	6,480,036	7,549,252	8,398,807	6,963,318
Total Expenditures	39,722,199	39,936,890	43,311,918	43,533,585	41,889,742
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	31,825,549	31,919,203	32,109,468	32,750,954	32,593,725
Federal Funds	147,332	135,112	121,481	141,751	139,008
Restricted Receipts	2,741,838	4,275,871	3,980,969	3,382,533	3,317,943
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	5,007,480	3,606,705	7,100,000	7,258,347	5,839,066
Total Expenditures	39,722,199	39,936,890	43,311,918	43,533,585	41,889,742

Personnel

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Supreme Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	1.5	72,410	1.6	82,186
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	7.0	462,790	7.0	524,568
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	3.0	132,300	1.0	49,634
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II (JUDICIAL)	1.0	51,515	0.0	0
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	1.0	85,915	1.0	103,489
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	1.0	74,784	1.0	89,401
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	1.0	84,433	1.0	86,472
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	2.0	221,605	2.0	263,139
ASSISTANT BUILDING & GROUNDS OFFICER	4.0	239,359	5.0	331,271
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	8.0	969,939	7.0	823,276
ASSISTANT DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	2.0	180,297	2.0	217,179
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	2.0	113,444	2.0	126,643
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1.0	58,957	1.0	62,022
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	4.0	791,414	4.0	909,964
BAR ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	1.0	69,919	1.0	71,607
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	11.0	572,416	11.0	620,059
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	1.0	152,341	1.0	182,809
CHIEF JUSTICE (SUPREME COURT)	1.0	232,150	1.0	278,580
CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	1.0	107,771	1.0	129,325
CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK	1.0	140,895	2.0	287,895
CLERK PRO-TEMPORE	1.0	118,275	1.0	127,188
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	2.0	142,214	1.0	85,325
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	1.0	48,775	1.0	54,948
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	5.0	360,432	5.0	401,140
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR (STATE COURTS)	1.0	144,887	1.0	163,223
DEPUTY CLERK INTERPRETER I (JUDICIAL)	3.0	165,966	3.0	182,635
DEPUTY CLERK (Judicial)	2.0	145,315	2.0	110,075
DEPUTY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	1.0	111,759	1.0	131,627
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/COMMUNICATIONS	1.0	137,958	1.0	166,178
DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER PROTECTION/ EDUCATION PROGRAMS	1.0	81,856	1.0	85,862
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR	1.0	146,835	1.0	172,937
DIVERSITY COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	1.0	79,068
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT FOR POLICY AND PROGRAM REVIEW	1.0	148,444	1.0	178,133

Personnel

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Supreme Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR	1.0	86,267	1.0	97,185
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	1.0	147,264	1.0	173,443
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1.0	57,961	1.0	65,005
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS OFFICER	3.0	151,852	2.0	101,429
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	2.0	88,504	0.0	0
JANITOR (JUDICIAL)	3.0	102,552	3.0	102,511
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	17.0	936,693	17.0	957,058
LAW LIBRARIAN (JUDICIAL)	1.0	110,564	1.0	132,677
MONITORING & EVALUATION SPECIALIST	3.0	271,123	3.0	166,449
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	1.0	202,432	1.0	52,263
OFFICE MANAGER	3.0	188,146	3.0	217,939
OFFICE MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	1.0	63,090	1.0	67,844
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	3.0	137,057
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	2.0	132,459	3.0	190,634
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	2.0	125,390	2.0	134,839
PRINCIPAL COURT FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	1.0	103,132	1.0	121,144
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY CLERK (SYSTEMS)	1.0	65,680	1.0	73,993
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	2.0	154,224	2.0	175,330
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	2.0	130,022	2.0	148,617
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	9.0	809,134	8.0	746,888
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1.0	103,661	1.0	124,531
RECORDS CUSTODIAN DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION (JUDICIAL)	1.0	47,739	1.0	53,488
RECORDS CUSTODIAN-DOCUMENTS DIST.(STATE LIBRARY)	3.0	149,487	3.0	171,446
SEASONAL EDITOR III (JUDICIAL)	0.0	18,600	0.0	0
SEASONAL LABORER (JUDICIAL)	0.0	58,500	0.0	0
SECOND ASSISTANT LAW LIBRARIAN	0.5	33,406	0.8	39,972
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	0.5	30,691	0.6	31,284
SENIOR DEVELOPER (JUDICIAL)	1.0	87,447	1.0	89,558
SENIOR FISCAL OFFICER (JUDICIAL)	1.0	79,952	1.0	85,710
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST	5.0	287,842	4.0	259,804
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	2.0	115,897	2.0	127,040
SENIOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST	2.0	119,621	2.0	127,128
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4.0	380,076	4.0	445,828
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	2.0	161,992	2.0	188,742

Personnel

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Supreme Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	2.0	143,334	2.0	150,554
STAFF ATTORNEY	4.7	363,579	4.7	412,839
STAFF ATTORNEY II	3.0	221,216	3.0	244,995
STAFF ATTORNEY I (JUDICIAL)	1.0	67,199	1.0	68,821
STAFF ATTORNEY IV	1.0	100,330	1.0	118,165
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR	1.0	175,231	1.0	210,277
Subtotal Unclassified	166.2	13,239,659	163.7	13,990,344
Subtotal	166.2	13,239,659	163.7	13,990,344
Transfer In		0		107,238
Salaries Adjustment		(495,873)		101,063
Overtime (1.5)		286,227		260,024
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		0		(1,217,199)
Turnover		(140,373)		(1,140,652)
Total Salaries		12,889,640		12,100,820
Benefits				
FICA		895,172		916,805
Health Benefits		2,153,875		2,340,187
Payroll Accrual		71,016		91,033
Retiree Health		681,122		742,153
Retirement		3,266,570		3,377,267
Workers Compensation		650		0
Subtotal		7,068,405		7,467,445
Total Salaries and Benefits	166.2	19,958,045	163.7	19,568,265
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temp. and Seasonal)		120,085		119,537.35
Statewide Benefit Assessment		520,596		570,939
Payroll Costs	166.2	20,478,641	163.7	20,139,204
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		5,781		8,320
Design and Engineering Services		57,000		52,000
Information Technology		644,090		550,484
Legal Services		37,185		37,185
Management & Consultant Services		36,000		0
Medical Services		10,500		4,000
Other Contracts		143,000		150,000

Personnel

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Supreme Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Training and Educational Services		25,000		5,893
Subtotal		958,556		807,882
Total Personnel	166.2	21,437,197	163.7	20,947,086
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		20,151,325		19,663,349
Federal Funds		141,689		138,962
Restricted Receipts		1,144,183		1,144,775
Total All Funds		21,437,197		20,947,086

Program Summary

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

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 Title 8 Chapters 2 through 7 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Budget

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Superior Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Jury Operations	1,703,665	1,613,563	1,872,704	1,689,477	1,723,403
Superior Court Operations	21,160,142	21,728,544	21,969,680	22,045,232	22,298,313
Total Expenditures	22,863,807	23,342,107	23,842,384	23,734,709	24,021,716
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	18,357,039	18,871,130	19,427,837	19,497,373	19,601,985
Contract Professional Services	288,838	339,665	389,900	404,900	414,900
Operating supplies and Expenses	1,582,590	1,570,866	1,275,820	1,292,050	1,256,004
Assistance And Grants	2,413,752	2,367,669	2,509,700	2,301,259	2,509,700
Subtotal: Operating	22,642,219	23,149,329	23,603,257	23,495,582	23,782,589
Capital Purchases And Equipment	221,588	192,778	239,127	239,127	239,127
Subtotal: Other	221,588	192,778	239,127	239,127	239,127
Total Expenditures	22,863,807	23,342,107	23,842,384	23,734,709	24,021,716
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	22,592,162	22,892,690	23,379,864	23,257,504	23,552,251
Federal Funds	57,845	91,318	91,739	91,254	71,376
Restricted Receipts	213,800	358,099	370,781	385,951	398,089
Total Expenditures	22,863,807	23,342,107	23,842,384	23,734,709	24,021,716

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Superior Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	2.0	75,404	2.0	76,421
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	1.0	40,271	1.0	40,620
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1.0	43,796	1.0	47,096
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	3.0	330,109	3.0	394,734
ADMINISTRATOR- ARBITRATION PROGRAM	1.0	103,109	1.0	105,598
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	1.0	56,170	1.0	63,279
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	1.0	84,433	1.0	86,472
ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	9.0	378,108	9.0	384,918
ASSISTANT COURT SECRETARY/JUDICIAL	3.0	146,687	2.0	109,955
ASSISTANT MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (OUT COUNTIES)	1.0	64,483	1.0	44,902
ASSISTANT MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	1.0	62,618	1.0	75,093
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	2.0	115,241	2.0	133,840
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0.0	0	1.0	56,369
ASSOCIATE JURY COMMISSIONER	1.0	85,473	1.0	91,914
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	21.0	3,641,407	21.0	4,226,081
ASST INTAKE SUPERVISOR (SUPERVISOR)	1.0	70,559	1.0	75,876
CLERK (KENT COUNTY)	1.0	84,433	1.0	86,472
CLERK (NEWPORT COUNTY)	1.0	94,192	1.0	113,030
CLERK (PROVIDENCE COUNTY)	1.0	127,571	1.0	153,085
CLERK (WASHINGTON COUNTY)	1.0	86,121	1.0	83,245
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	1.0	88,792	1.0	106,956
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	1.0	48,775	1.0	54,948
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	1.0	64,668	1.0	66,229
COURT REPORTER	27.0	1,899,079	27.0	2,126,756
COURT SECRETARY/JUDICIAL- SUPERIOR COURT	1.0	55,040	0.0	0
DATA ENTRY AIDE (JUDICIAL)	1.0	32,188	1.0	31,731
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	1.0	92,876	1.0	104,630
DEPUTY CLERK I	3.0	202,098	3.0	242,438
DEPUTY CLERK (Judicial)	4.0	206,423	4.0	224,055
DEPUTY CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	22.0	1,099,206	22.0	1,172,132
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	3.0	141,580	3.0	147,144
GENERAL CHIEF CLERK	1.0	96,192	1.0	108,365
GENERAL MAGISTRATE	1.0	163,306	1.0	179,637
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8.0	298,795	9.0	336,195
JURY COMMISSIONER	1.0	93,575	1.0	95,834

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Superior Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
MAGISTRATE	2.0	334,035	2.0	384,072
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (OUT COUNTIES)	1.0	57,680	1.0	61,760
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	1.0	64,546	1.0	77,416
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	2.0	112,235	2.0	117,186
POLICY AIDE	4.0	182,532	4.0	199,559
PRESIDING JUSTICE (SUPERIOR COURT)	1.0	209,009	1.0	250,811
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	1.0	69,426	1.0	50,419
PRODUCTION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	1.0	56,746	1.0	51,242
PROJECT COORDINATOR	1.0	71,752	1.0	85,762
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	2.0	158,011	3.0	251,629
RECORDS CLERK/DATA ENTRY AIDE	11.0	366,241	10.0	330,792
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	2.0	102,714	2.0	109,551
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	0.7	33,881	0.7	34,944
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	1.0	82,155	1.0	98,961
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE	1.0	174,441	1.0	210,092
SUPERVISING CLERK (Judiciary)	3.0	215,396	3.0	257,206
Subtotal Unclassified	163.7	12,563,578	163.7	14,017,453
Subtotal	163.7	12,563,578	163.7	14,017,453
Transfer Out		0		(107,238)
Salaries Adjustment		76,468		32,845
Overtime (1.5)		46,950		46,950
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		0		(1,177,868)
Turnover		(548,675)		(573,549)
Total Salaries		12,138,321		12,238,594
Benefits				
FICA		884,747		839,204
Health Benefits		2,081,413		2,192,191
Payroll Accrual		71,309		86,307
Retiree Health		528,701		511,571
Retirement		3,261,998		3,181,350
Subtotal		6,828,168		6,810,623
Total Salaries and Benefits	163.7	18,966,489	163.7	19,049,217
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temp. and Seasonal)		115,861		116,366.63
Statewide Benefit Assessment		530,884		552,768

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Superior Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Payroll Costs	163.7	19,497,373	163.7	19,601,985
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		17,000		17,000
Design and Engineering Services		10,000		23,900
Legal Services		323,000		325,000
Medical Services		17,900		12,000
Other Contracts		37,000		37,000
Subtotal		404,900		414,900
Total Personnel	163.7	19,902,273	163.7	20,016,885
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		19,447,317		19,547,420
Federal Funds		69,005		71,376
Restricted Receipts		385,951		398,089
Total All Funds		19,902,273		20,016,885

Program Summary

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

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 Title 8 Chapter 10 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Budget

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Family Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	23,287,467	23,349,622	23,603,777	23,440,459	23,474,761
Total Expenditures	23,287,467	23,349,622	23,603,777	23,440,459	23,474,761
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	19,790,790	19,767,835	20,072,756	20,005,287	20,279,027
Contract Professional Services	333,154	334,019	276,292	339,924	274,300
Operating supplies and Expenses	1,798,116	1,742,383	1,552,517	1,392,355	1,321,598
Assistance And Grants	1,179,148	1,273,425	1,451,162	1,451,843	1,359,299
Subtotal: Operating	23,101,208	23,117,662	23,352,727	23,189,409	23,234,224
Capital Purchases And Equipment	186,259	231,961	251,050	251,050	240,537
Subtotal: Other	186,259	231,961	251,050	251,050	240,537
Total Expenditures	23,287,467	23,349,622	23,603,777	23,440,459	23,474,761
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	20,149,252	20,443,431	20,695,682	20,662,316	20,897,566
Federal Funds	3,138,215	2,906,191	2,908,095	2,778,143	2,577,195
Total Expenditures	23,287,467	23,349,622	23,603,777	23,440,459	23,474,761

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Family Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	2.0	94,443	2.0	104,784
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1.6	25,027	0.7	25,631
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	2.0	180,972	2.0	93,970
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	1.0	163,058	1.0	196,413
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1.0	56,421	1.0	66,450
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	1.0	96,774	1.0	95,335
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	0.0	0	1.0	56,863
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (FAMILY COURT)	1.0	141,743	1.0	166,940
ADMINISTRATOR/DIRECTOR (CASA)(JUDICIAL)	1.0	143,569	0.0	0
ASSISTANT INTAKE SUPERVISOR (FAMILY COURT)	6.0	353,138	6.0	421,985
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1.0	68,321	0.0	0
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	11.0	1,825,318	11.0	2,075,630
CASA COORDINATOR	1.0	63,604	1.0	76,325
CHIEF JUDGE- FAMILY COURT	1.0	209,009	1.0	250,811
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	1.0	67,901	1.0	73,017
COURT LIAISON (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	3.0	113,947
COURT REPORTER	15.0	1,015,001	15.0	1,209,754
DATA ENTRY AIDE	3.0	109,542	3.0	111,397
DATA ENTRY AIDE (JUDICIAL)	7.0	217,864	7.0	260,896
DATA ENTRY SEASONAL (JUDICIAL)	1.0	31,200	0.0	0
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (JUDICIAL)	1.0	105,160	1.0	126,192
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	3.0	205,856	4.0	489,831
DEPUTY CLERK (Judicial)	21.0	1,146,878	21.0	1,279,428
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	3.0	156,998	3.0	172,094
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	2.0	196,384	2.0	231,294
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/COMMUNICATIONS	1.0	132,914	1.0	160,103
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	1.0	132,425	2.0	308,022
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON	0.0	0	1.0	40,895
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	11.0	526,427	9.0	478,248
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	1.0	81,056
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	1.0	116,485
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1.0	94,979	1.0	102,136
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR	1.0	79,346	1.0	72,725
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINSTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	1.0	90,682	1.0	108,818
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	2.0	112,832	2.0	118,515
MAGISTRATE	8.0	1,287,891	8.0	1,450,568

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Family Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
MAGISTRATE OF THE FAMILY COURT	1.0	163,306	1.0	186,894
MEDIATION COUNSELOR	5.0	265,934	0.0	0
MEDIATION COUNSELOR II (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	5.0	329,600
OPERATIONS CLERK (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	3.0	100,715
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1.0	73,919	1.0	83,274
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	1.0	87,712	0.0	0
PROGRAM COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	1.0	41,995
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	1.0	83,546	1.0	98,397
SEASONAL CASA VOLUNTEER COORD (JUD)	0.0	34,580	0.0	0
SEASONAL LABORER (JUDICIAL)	0.8	27,300	0.0	0
SEASONAL OPERATIONS CLERK	0.0	27,300	0.0	0
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	2.0	102,779	4.0	204,014
SENIOR DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	12.0	516,374	9.0	424,463
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	1.0	118,764	1.0	142,517
SOCIAL CASEWORKER II (JUDICIAL)	7.0	435,798	7.0	471,457
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	2.0	100,307	2.0	106,645
SR MANAGER-CALENDAR SERVICES (JUD)	1.0	78,926	1.0	95,426
STAFF ATTORNEY III	9.0	759,419	10.0	938,005
STAFF ATTORNEY V	1.0	99,502	0.0	0
STAFF ATTORNEY V (JUDICIAL)	4.0	406,473	4.0	457,370
SUPERVISING COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	1.0	67,157
SUPERVISING DEPUTY CLERK (FAMILY COURT)	6.0	373,587	4.0	291,040
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	1.0	58,103	1.0	65,457
Subtotal Unclassified	169.4	12,945,305	172.7	14,840,984
Subtotal	169.4	12,945,305	172.7	14,840,984
Salaries Adjustment		637,966		132,868
Overtime (1.5)		39,448		39,051
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		0		(1,299,662)
Turnover		(1,173,760)		(1,230,274)
Total Salaries		12,448,959		12,482,966

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Family Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		925,411		913,823
Health Benefits		2,183,318		2,283,633
Payroll Accrual		76,557		91,961
Retiree Health		634,360		684,223
Retirement		3,190,627		3,239,149
Workers Compensation		1,800		0
Subtotal		7,012,073		7,212,789
Total Salaries and Benefits	169.4	19,461,032	172.7	19,695,755
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temp. and Seasonal)		114,882		114,046.06
Statewide Benefit Assessment		544,255		583,272
Payroll Costs	169.4	20,005,287	172.7	20,279,027
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		7,224		5,000
Design and Engineering Services		30,000		30,000
Management & Consultant Services		95,600		80,000
Medical Services		5,100		5,100
Other Contracts		152,000		154,200
Training and Educational Services		50,000		0
Subtotal		339,924		274,300
Total Personnel	169.4	20,345,211	172.7	20,553,327
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		18,652,416		18,911,719
Federal Funds		1,692,795		1,641,608
Total All Funds		20,345,211		20,553,327

Program Summary

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

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

Statutory History

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

Budget

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

District Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	12,383,240	12,738,112	13,514,864	13,317,912	13,481,052
Total Expenditures	12,383,240	12,738,112	13,514,864	13,317,912	13,481,052
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	10,329,611	10,846,037	11,680,354	11,511,558	11,764,551
Contract Professional Services	79,981	106,994	85,233	85,233	85,233
Operating supplies and Expenses	440,812	337,387	264,045	268,924	249,466
Assistance And Grants	1,417,821	1,393,150	1,423,634	1,365,599	1,320,204
Subtotal: Operating	12,268,225	12,683,568	13,453,266	13,231,314	13,419,454
Capital Purchases And Equipment	115,015	54,544	61,598	86,598	61,598
Subtotal: Other	115,015	54,544	61,598	86,598	61,598
Total Expenditures	12,383,240	12,738,112	13,514,864	13,317,912	13,481,052
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	12,071,032	12,427,904	13,165,035	13,113,522	13,420,987
Federal Funds	252,208	250,208	289,829	144,390	65
Restricted Receipts	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Total Expenditures	12,383,240	12,738,112	13,514,864	13,317,912	13,481,052

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

District Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0.0	0	1.0	83,443
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK	1.0	62,141	1.0	63,641
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	2.0	216,017	2.0	236,759
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (DISTRICT COURT)	2.0	187,756	2.0	225,056
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	1.0	68,552	0.0	0
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	1.0	186,050	1.0	224,074
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	2.0	184,218	2.0	195,948
ASSISTANT CLERK/RESEARCH	1.0	52,079	0.0	0
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	1.0	121,153	1.0	145,936
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	3.0	186,423	4.0	231,106
ASSOCIATE JUDGE- DISTRICT COURT	12.0	1,965,836	12.0	2,198,824
CHIEF CLERK OF DISTRICT COURTS	1.0	91,740	1.0	93,575
CHIEF JUDGE DISTRICT COURT	1.0	191,591	1.0	219,264
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	1.0	99,207	1.0	119,166
CLERK/MAGISTRATE	1.0	139,897	0.0	0
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	1.0	57,177	1.0	57,177
COURT AIDE	1.0	50,960	0.0	0
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	0.0	0	1.0	33,084
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	3.0	195,822	3.0	219,093
DEPUTY CLERK (Judicial)	6.0	282,075	6.0	302,897
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	1.0	83,760	1.0	94,068
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/COMMUNICATIONS	1.0	112,643	1.0	98,340
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8.0	318,721	7.0	300,561
MAGISTRATE	1.0	178,152	1.0	213,782
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	1.0	74,172	1.0	52,070
OFFICE MANAGER	2.0	120,675	2.0	134,875
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	1.0	83,092	1.0	97,544
RECORDS AIDE (JUDICIARY)	1.0	34,735	1.0	35,332
RECORDS CLERK/DATA ENTRY AIDE	11.0	379,289	14.0	487,603
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK	4.0	160,033	3.0	118,330
SUPERVISING CLERK (Judiciary)	5.0	357,713	6.0	499,943
SUPERVISING DEPUTY CLERK-TRAINING OFFICER	17.0	1,005,119	17.0	1,145,284
Subtotal Unclassified	94.0	7,246,798	95.0	7,926,775
Subtotal	94.0	7,246,798	95.0	7,926,775
Salaries Adjustment		(20,285)		50,430

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

District Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Overtime (1.5)		17,000		17,000
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		0		(596,506)
Turnover		(164,674)		(288,446)
Total Salaries		7,078,839		7,109,254
Benefits				
FICA		512,126		513,872
Health Benefits		1,370,068		1,460,798
Payroll Accrual		40,956		51,937
Retiree Health		294,737		313,414
Retirement		1,911,317		1,982,491
Subtotal		4,129,204		4,322,512
Total Salaries and Benefits	94.0	11,208,043	95.0	11,431,766
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temp. and Seasonal)		119,235		120,334.38
Statewide Benefit Assessment		303,515		332,785
Payroll Costs	94.0	11,511,558	95.0	11,764,551
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		233		233
Other Contracts		85,000		85,000
Subtotal		85,233		85,233
Total Personnel	94.0	11,596,791	95.0	11,849,784
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		11,517,177		11,849,719
Federal Funds		79,614		65
Total All Funds		11,596,791		11,849,784

Program Summary

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

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

Statutory History

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

Budget

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Traffic Tribunal

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	8,358,877	8,942,992	9,468,420	8,889,233	9,571,159
Total Expenditures	8,358,877	8,942,992	9,468,420	8,889,233	9,571,159
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	7,164,302	7,648,960	8,311,314	7,744,949	8,413,852
Contract Professional Services	276,656	239,089	260,000	260,000	260,000
Operating supplies and Expenses	531,644	615,727	452,819	467,534	453,020
Assistance And Grants	345,191	341,504	341,388	338,851	341,388
Subtotal: Operating	8,317,793	8,845,281	9,365,521	8,811,334	9,468,260
Capital Purchases And Equipment	41,084	97,711	102,899	77,899	102,899
Subtotal: Other	41,084	97,711	102,899	77,899	102,899
Total Expenditures	8,358,877	8,942,992	9,468,420	8,889,233	9,571,159
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	8,358,877	8,942,992	9,468,420	8,889,233	9,571,159
Total Expenditures	8,358,877	8,942,992	9,468,420	8,889,233	9,571,159

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Traffic Tribunal

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	6.0	230,921	5.0	214,230
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	4.0	156,787	4.0	167,724
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	0.6	58,411	0.6	35,500
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK I	1.0	81,907	1.0	97,949
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	3.0	219,576	3.0	260,116
ADMINISTRATOR/ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION COURT	1.0	81,781	1.0	83,004
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	1.0	165,152
ADMINISTRATIVE MAGISTRATE (JUDICIAL)	1.0	175,258	1.0	209,689
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	1.0	40,036	1.0	44,810
ASSISTANT CLERK-TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (JUDICIAL)	5.0	211,619	5.0	224,846
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	1.0	124,236	1.0	149,649
ASSISTANT LEGAL COUNSEL (TRANSPORTATION)	0.6	45,972	0.6	27,583
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	1.6	86,710	1.6	95,831
CHIEF MAGISTRATE	1.0	186,050	1.0	224,074
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	1.0	75,985	1.0	91,528
COURT AIDE	0.0	23,660	0.0	0
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	5.0	189,941	5.0	197,554
DEPUTY CLERK I	1.2	63,237	1.0	46,649
DEPUTY CLERK (Judicial)	4.0	215,603	4.4	238,116
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	3.0	154,849	3.0	178,175
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	1.0	139,646	0.0	0
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	6.0	249,647	6.0	280,838
JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION COURT	2.0	358,388	2.0	430,066
MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC TRIB (JUDICIAL)	1.0	155,883	1.0	170,290
MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL	3.0	501,053	3.0	583,881
POLICY ASSOCIATE (JUDICIAL)	1.0	97,098	1.0	114,358
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	2.0	127,628	2.0	145,273
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	1.0	85,362	1.0	102,823
RECORDS CLERK/DATA ENTRY AIDE	6.0	198,635	7.0	232,289
SEASONAL LABORER (JUDICIAL)	1.0	48,347	0.0	0
SECURITY OFFICER	7.0	330,712	7.0	354,339
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK (JUDICIAL)	5.0	225,733	5.0	254,364
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	1.0	103,257	1.0	111,037
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	1.0	79,930	1.0	93,578
Subtotal Unclassified	79.0	5,123,858	78.2	5,625,316

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Traffic Tribunal

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Subtotal	79.0	5,123,858	78.2	5,625,316
Salaries Adjustment		13,121		107,514
Overtime (1.5)		15,000		15,000
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		0		(533,116)
Turnover		(643,990)		(293,345)
Total Salaries		4,507,989		4,921,369
Benefits				
FICA		367,608		363,516
Health Benefits		972,061		1,061,221
Payroll Accrual		28,894		38,056
Retiree Health		270,609		308,414
Retirement		1,382,506		1,488,789
Subtotal		3,021,678		3,259,996
Total Salaries and Benefits	79.0	7,529,667	78.2	8,181,365
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temp. and Seasonal)		95,312		104,621.04
Statewide Benefit Assessment		215,282		232,487
Payroll Costs	79.0	7,744,949	78.2	8,413,852
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		260,000		260,000
Subtotal		260,000		260,000
Total Personnel	79.0	8,004,949	78.2	8,673,852
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		8,004,949		8,673,852
Total All Funds		8,004,949		8,673,852

Program Summary

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

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 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.

Budget

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Worker's Compensation Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	6,738,785	7,633,693	8,118,883	8,100,685	8,309,954
Total Expenditures	6,738,785	7,633,693	8,118,883	8,100,685	8,309,954
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	5,402,413	5,618,641	6,670,621	6,655,685	6,860,369
Contract Professional Services	67,249	27,831	92,225	92,225	96,810
Operating supplies and Expenses	551,898	818,225	635,237	635,237	635,237
Assistance And Grants	686,895	679,293	689,087	685,825	685,825
Subtotal: Operating	6,708,455	7,143,990	8,087,170	8,068,972	8,278,241
Capital Purchases And Equipment	30,330	489,702	31,713	31,713	31,713
Subtotal: Other	30,330	489,702	31,713	31,713	31,713
Total Expenditures	6,738,785	7,633,693	8,118,883	8,100,685	8,309,954
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
Restricted Receipts	6,738,785	7,633,693	8,118,883	8,100,685	8,309,954
Total Expenditures	6,738,785	7,633,693	8,118,883	8,100,685	8,309,954

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Worker's Compensation Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	3.0	188,013	3.0	212,898
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	1.0	192,956	1.0	231,547
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	1.0	148,050
ADMINISTRATOR- WORKERS' COMPENSATION	1.0	132,355	1.0	159,430
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	1.0	113,711	1.0	136,972
CHIEF JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	1.0	174,174	1.0	181,211
COURT REPORTER	8.0	532,436	8.0	602,358
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	3.0	108,722	1.0	35,668
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION	1.0	112,290	1.0	134,748
DEPUTY CLERK (Judicial)	12.0	614,885	12.0	649,527
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	1.0	103,768	1.0	124,994
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CHIEF JUDGE	1.0	65,678	1.0	70,627
JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8.0	1,318,244	8.0	1,480,364
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	2.0	110,080	2.0	112,738
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD ADMINISTRATOR	2.0	219,522	1.0	104,392
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD COORDINATOR	3.0	117,323	2.0	79,050
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	0.0	66,000	0.0	36,000
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	0.0	0	1.0	47,857
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	1.0	87,650	1.0	105,180
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	1.0	72,231	1.0	54,747
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST	0.0	0	1.0	75,156
Subtotal Unclassified	50.0	4,330,038	49.0	4,783,514
Subtotal	50.0	4,330,038	49.0	4,783,514
Salaries Adjustment		664		(3)
Overtime (1.5)		2,500		2,500
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		0		(388,480)
Turnover		(22,793)		0
Total Salaries		4,310,409		4,397,531

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Worker's Compensation Court

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		303,797		308,893
Health Benefits		638,392		676,159
Payroll Accrual		23,900		29,966
Retiree Health		158,190		170,692
Retirement		1,040,493		1,075,110
Subtotal		2,164,772		2,260,820
Total Salaries and Benefits	50.0	6,475,181	49.0	6,658,351
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temp. and Seasonal)		129,504		135,884.71
Statewide Benefit Assessment		180,504		202,018
Payroll Costs	50.0	6,655,685	49.0	6,860,369
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		500		1,000
Design and Engineering Services		225		1,700
Information Technology		32,000		47,110
Legal Services		33,500		20,000
Other Contracts		26,000		27,000
Subtotal		92,225		96,810
Total Personnel	50.0	6,747,910	49.0	6,957,179
Distribution by Source of Funds				
Restricted Receipts		6,747,910		6,957,179
Total All Funds		6,747,910		6,957,179

Program Summary

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

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: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	184,348	421,280	146,008	147,025	147,386
Total Expenditures	184,348	421,280	146,008	147,025	147,386
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	110,960	118,254	113,293	114,310	114,671
Contract Professional Services	71,196	297,237	30,000	30,000	30,000
Operating supplies and Expenses	2,192	5,789	2,715	2,715	2,715
Subtotal: Operating	184,348	421,280	146,008	147,025	147,386
Total Expenditures	184,348	421,280	146,008	147,025	147,386
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	184,348	421,280	146,008	147,025	147,386
Total Expenditures	184,348	421,280	146,008	147,025	147,386

Personnel

Agency: JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT - CONSTITUTION

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

	FY 2018		FY 2019	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRPERSON	1.0	73,415	1.0	78,946
Subtotal Unclassified	1.0	73,415	1.0	78,946
Subtotal	1.0	73,415	1.0	78,946
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		0		(3,759)
Turnover		0		(307)
Total Salaries		74,296		74,880
Benefits				
FICA		5,683		5,313
Health Benefits		6,837		7,259
Payroll Accrual		428		513
Retiree Health		4,443		4,378
Retirement		19,503		19,133
Subtotal		36,894		36,596
Total Salaries and Benefits	1.0	111,190	1.0	111,476
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temp. and Seasonal)		111,190		111,476
Statewide Benefit Assessment		3,120		3,195
Payroll Costs	1.0	114,310	1.0	114,671
Purchased Services				
Legal Services		30,000		30,000
Subtotal		30,000		30,000
Total Personnel	1.0	144,310	1.0	144,671
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue		144,310		144,671
Total All Funds		144,310		144,671