

Judiciary - Supreme Court

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 ESTIMATE	FY 2015 BASELINE
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	169.1	172.0	172.0
Personal Services	5,330,600	5,833,200	5,833,200
Employee Related Expenditures	1,827,000	2,228,700	2,228,700
Professional and Outside Services	294,700	499,700	499,700
Travel - In State	133,800	83,400	83,400
Travel - Out of State	19,800	32,600	32,600
Other Operating Expenditures	5,350,200	5,395,000	5,395,000
Equipment	380,400	0	0
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	13,336,500	14,072,600	14,072,600
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
State Aid	4,786,700	5,949,100	5,949,100
County Reimbursements	187,900	187,900	187,900
Automation	10,362,700	11,344,600	11,344,600
Case and Cash Management System	2,750,900	3,326,500	3,326,500
Foster Care Review Board	3,357,000	3,617,100	3,617,100
Court Appointed Special Advocate	2,540,000	3,042,900	3,042,900
Model Court	443,200	447,600	447,600
Domestic Relations	644,600	655,400	655,400
Judicial Nominations and Performance Review	417,200	428,400	428,400
Commission on Judicial Conduct	508,600	522,300	522,300
AGENCY TOTAL	39,335,300	43,594,400	43,594,400
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	15,762,000	16,020,000	16,020,000
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Confidential Intermediary and Fiduciary Fund	275,400	488,000	488,000
Court Appointed Special Advocate Fund	2,438,000	2,940,900	2,940,900
Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund	2,197,300	3,004,500	3,004,500
Defensive Driving School Fund	3,646,900	4,194,400	4,194,400
Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund	12,426,300	14,002,000	14,002,000
State Aid to the Courts Fund	2,589,400	2,944,600	2,944,600
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	23,573,300	27,574,400	27,574,400
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	39,335,300	43,594,400	43,594,400
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	15,597,000	25,647,000	25,241,900
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	54,932,300	69,241,400	68,836,300

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Supreme Court consists of 5 Supreme Court Justices, judicial support staff and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The Supreme Court, as the state's highest court, has the responsibility to review appeals and to provide rules of procedure for all the courts in Arizona. Under the direction of the Chief Justice, the AOC provides administrative supervision over the Arizona court system.

Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$14,072,600 and 100.7 FTE Positions in FY 2015 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2015
General Fund	\$10,059,300
Confidential Intermediary and Fiduciary Fund	488,000
Defensive Driving School Fund	702,200
Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund (JCEF)	2,823,100

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2014.

State Aid

The Baseline includes \$5,949,100 and 3.3 FTE Positions in FY 2015 for State Aid. These amounts consist of:

Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF)	3,004,500
State Aid to the Courts Fund	2,944,600

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2014.

The State Aid line item provides state aid to counties for the payment of judges pro tempore salaries, and for projects designed to improve the processing of criminal cases in the Superior Court and Justice Courts. The State Aid to the Courts Fund receives: 1) 40.97% of a 7% penalty assessment on fines, penalties, and forfeitures imposed by the courts for criminal and civil motor vehicle violations, and 2) a portion of the monies collected by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The AOC distributes the monies appropriated from court fines and collections to the Superior Court and the Justice Courts based on a composite index formula using Superior Court felony filings and county population. Monies appropriated from the State Aid to the Courts Fund in the State Aid line item are distributed to all counties.

County Reimbursements

The Baseline includes \$187,900 from the General Fund in FY 2015 for County Reimbursements. This amount is unchanged from FY 2014.

The County Reimbursements line item provides reimbursement to counties for grand jury expenses and for state-funded representation of indigent defendants in first-time capital post conviction relief proceedings. A.R.S. § 13-4041 and 21-428 require the state to pay 50% of these expenses.

The FY 2014 Criminal Justice Budget Reconciliation Bill (Laws 2013, 1st Special Session, Chapter 5) continued to suspend the requirement of this 50% reimbursement, however, and required that reimbursement not exceed the level in the General Appropriation Act. The Baseline assumes the suspension is continued in FY 2015 and made permanent law.

Automation

The Baseline includes \$11,344,600 and 13 FTE Positions in FY 2015 for Automation. These amounts consist of:

Defensive Driving School Fund	3,352,800
JCEF	7,991,800

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2014.

The Automation line item provides funding for court automation projects throughout the state.

Case and Cash Management System

The Baseline includes \$3,326,500 in FY 2015 for the Case and Cash Management System. This amount consists of:

Defensive Driving School Fund	139,400
JCEF	3,187,100

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2014.

The Case and Cash Management System line item funds the replacement of the computer systems in the larger volume Superior and Limited Jurisdiction Courts in Pima and Maricopa Counties, as well as the case and financial management system that is provided to approximately 156 of the 180 courts at the state, county and municipal level located throughout the state.

Foster Care Review Board

The Baseline includes \$3,617,100 and 37 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2015 for the Foster Care Review Board. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2014.

The Foster Care Review Board line item coordinates local volunteer review boards for foster care children in out-of-home placement.

Court Appointed Special Advocate

The Baseline includes \$3,042,900 and 5.5 FTE Positions in FY 2015 for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). These amounts consist of:

General Fund	102,000
CASA Fund	2,940,900

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2014.

The CASA line item administers and monitors a community-based volunteer advocacy program for abused and neglected children in the Juvenile Court System. In FY 2013, 1,087 individuals volunteered for this program.

Model Court

The Baseline includes \$447,600 from the General Fund in FY 2015 for Model Court. This amount is unchanged from FY 2014.

Monies in this line item represent a pass-through to counties to improve processing of dependency cases.

Domestic Relations

The Baseline includes \$655,400 and 4.9 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2015 for Domestic Relations. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2014.

The Domestic Relations line item provides coordination and technical support for groups formed to develop and review policies and programs related to domestic relations and child support.

Judicial Nominations and Performance Review

The Baseline includes \$428,400 and 3.6 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2015 for Judicial Nominations and Performance Review. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2014.

This line item funds administrative costs to oversee the nominations for the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Superior Court in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal Counties, as well as evaluating the performance of all merit retention justices and judges. The results of the performance evaluations are provided to the voters before each retention election.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

The Baseline includes \$522,300 and 4 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2015 for Commission on Judicial Conduct. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2014.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct investigates and resolves all complaints of judicial misconduct.

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FORMAT — Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency

FOOTNOTES

Standard Footnotes

Included in the appropriation for the Supreme Court program is \$1,000 for the purchase of mementos and items for visiting officials.

Of the \$187,900 appropriated for County Reimbursements, State Grand Jury is limited to \$97,900 and Capital Post Conviction Relief is limited to \$90,000.

On or before September 1, 2014, the Supreme Court shall report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on current and future automation projects coordinated by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The report shall include a list of court automation projects receiving or anticipated to receive state monies in the current or next 2 fiscal years as well as a description of each project, number of FTE Positions, the entities involved, and the goals and anticipated results for each automation project. The report shall be submitted in 1 summary document. The report shall indicate each project's total multi-year cost by fund source and budget line item, including any prior year, current year and future year expenditures.

STATUTORY CHANGES

The Baseline would, as permanent law, continue the FY 2014 suspension of the requirement of 50% reimbursement to counties for grand jury expenses and for state-funded representation of indigent defendants in first-time capital post conviction relief proceedings, and require that reimbursement not exceed the level in the General Appropriation Act. This provision was first suspended in FY 2012.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Estimate
Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund (SPA3245/A.R.S. § 12-135)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: The fund consists of 0.35% of notary bond fees, 0.35% of fee collections on civil filings in the Superior Court, and 2.42% of civil filings in Justice of the Peace Courts.		
Purpose of Fund: To supplement local courts' funding for alternative dispute resolution programs.		
Funds Expended	149,100	229,800
Year-End Fund Balance	555,400	448,800
Arizona Lengthy Trial Fund (SPA2382/A.R.S. § 21-222)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: The fund consists of fees established by the Supreme Court on court filings paid to the clerk of the Superior Court.		
Purpose of Fund: To pay juror expenses in cases that last longer than 5 days. Monies in the fund are used to reimburse counties for these juror costs. Statute specifies that not more than 3% of the fund is to be used on administration of the fund.		
Funds Expended	522,500	867,700
Year-End Fund Balance	1,344,100	764,000

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Certified Reporters Fund (SPA2440/A.R.S. § 32-4007)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Fees, costs and penalties relating to reporter certification.		
Purpose of Fund: For reporter certification.		
Funds Expended	115,700	120,000
Year-End Fund Balance	51,800	111,700
Confidential Intermediary and Fiduciary Fund (SPA2276/A.R.S. § 8-135)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: A portion of Superior Court fees; fees received by state and local registrars for certified copies of birth certificates; and fees collected through fiduciary registration with the Supreme Court.		
Purpose of Fund: To train and certify confidential intermediaries, who facilitate contact between adoptees/adoptive parents and birth parents while protecting court and agency records. Monies are also used to train and certify private fiduciaries, who serve as court appointed guardians or representatives, and to establish the Sibling Information Exchange Program, which facilitates contact between a former dependent child of biological parents, adoptive parents, guardians, and the child's sibling or siblings.		
Funds Expended	275,400	488,000
Year-End Fund Balance	415,500	231,300
Court Appointed Special Advocate Fund (SPA2275/A.R.S. § 8-524)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Revenues consist of 30% of the state lottery unclaimed prize monies.		
Purpose of Fund: For operating the Court Appointed Special Advocate program, which trains volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in Juvenile Court proceedings.		
Funds Expended	2,438,000	2,940,900
Year-End Fund Balance	2,450,500	1,976,300
Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (SPA2075/A.R.S. § 41-2401)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Includes allocations of the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF). CJEF consists of a 47% penalty assessment on fines, violations, forfeitures, and penalties imposed by the courts for criminal offenses and civil motor vehicle statute violations.		
Purpose of Fund: 9.35% of CJEF monies allocated to the courts are used to reduce juvenile crime, 6.02% is used to enhance the court's ability to process criminal and delinquency cases and salaries of Superior Court judges, and 2.13% is used to provide drug treatment services to adult probationers. The portions of the fund dedicated to juvenile crime reduction and drug treatment are included in the Superior Court's budget, while the case processing portion is part of the Supreme Court's budget.		
Funds Expended	2,197,300	3,004,500
Year-End Fund Balance	2,312,600	1,287,100
Defensive Driving School Fund (SPA2247/A.R.S. § 28-3398)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: A fee, not to exceed \$15, imposed on each person who attends a defensive driving school, and \$500 initial certification and \$50-\$250 recertification fees paid by defensive driving schools. The fees are set by the Supreme Court.		
Purpose of Fund: To monitor defensive driving schools for compliance with claims and court policy, to supervise their use by the courts in Arizona, and to expedite the processing of highway traffic offenses. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has also used these monies to fund court automation projects throughout the state. In FY 2013, the AOC spent approximately \$3,118,100 for court automation projects.		
Funds Expended	3,646,900	4,194,400
Year-End Fund Balance	913,400	837,000
Grants and Special Revenue (SPA2084/A.R.S. § 35-142)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Monies provided from various sources, private and public, for specific programs and projects.		
Purpose of Fund: To expend grants as required by the contribution.		
Funds Expended	14,206,500	23,754,500
Year-End Fund Balance	17,241,500	8,505,800

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Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund (SPA2246/A.R.S. § 12-113)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Electronic case filing and access fees; 27.78% of Supreme Court fees, 17.07% of Superior Court fees, 19.42% of Court of Appeals fees, 19.18% of Municipal Court fees, and 14.02% to 15.58% of Justice of the Peace fees; time payment fees assessed for late court payments; fees paid for court-ordered diversion programs, and a \$20 probation surcharge on fines, penalties, and forfeitures imposed by the courts for criminal offenses and civil motor vehicle statute violations. <i>(See Supreme Court for information regarding non-Maricopa Counties.)</i>		
Purpose of Fund: To train court personnel, improve and enhance the court's ability to collect and manage monies assessed or received by the court, to fund court automation projects likely to improve case processing or the administration of justice, and for probation services. Funds represented here reflect the shift from the Supreme Court budget to the Superior Court budget of monies for probation officer salaries and programs.		
Funds Expended	12,426,300	14,002,000
Year-End Fund Balance	2,931,800	1,000,000
Public Defender Training Fund (SPA3013/A.R.S. § 12-117)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Two dollars of the \$20 surcharge on each person paying a court order penalty, fine, or sanction on a time-payment basis.		
Purpose of Fund: For training of public defenders. Allocation of monies is made to each county Public Defender Office in proportion to the number of felony cases assigned to that office in the last fiscal year.		
Funds Expended	603,200	675,000
Year-End Fund Balance	29,100	19,200
State Aid to the Courts Fund (SPA2446/A.R.S. § 12-102.02)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Legislative appropriations, a portion of court filing fees, and a portion of fees, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected on criminal offenses and civil motor vehicle violations.		
Purpose of Fund: To provide state aid to the Superior Court, including the clerk of the Superior Court, and Justice Courts for the processing of criminal cases. Monies are distributed to each county based on a formula using Superior Court felony filings and county population.		
Funds Expended	2,589,400	2,944,600
Year-End Fund Balance	190,100	363,000