

**JUDICIARY - SUPREME COURT -
JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

Honorable Thomas A. Zlaket, Chief Justice

Arizona Constitution Article VI

A.R.S. § 12-101

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General Fund and Other Appropriated Funds	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Estimate	FY 2001 Approved
FTE Positions	138.8	138.8	138.8 ^{1/}
Personal Services	5,355,800	5,684,900	5,808,100 ^{2/}
Employee Related Expenditures	855,200	931,000	974,000 ^{2/}
Professional and Outside Services	58,100	301,000	271,000
Travel	111,700	61,800	574,200
Other Operating Expenditures	3,785,500	3,803,500	3,804,000
Equipment	210,600	161,500	161,500
Operating Subtotal	10,376,900	10,943,700	11,592,800
Judicial Assistance	83,900	87,400	87,400
Judicial Education	239,800	242,700	242,700
State Grand Jury	183,600	440,000	440,000
Judicial Performance Review	341,400	338,500	362,900
Commission on Judicial Conduct	364,900	325,100	330,200
Post Conviction Relief	25,100	150,000	150,000
Judicial Collection Enhancement	177,900	953,100	964,600
JCEF - Assistance to Courts	2,451,000	7,936,100	7,936,100
JCEF - AZ Court Automation Project	3,956,700	3,362,000	3,720,800 ^{3/}
Private Fiduciary	36,100	199,000	199,000
Criminal Case Processing and Enforcement Improvement Fund	187,200	0	0
State Aid to the Courts - General Fund	0	1,147,400	1,721,100
State Aid to the Courts Fund - Total Appropriation	0	2,699,000	3,559,400 ^{4/5/}
Total Appropriations	18,424,500	28,824,000	31,307,000 ^{6/7/}
Fund Summary			
General Fund	11,802,800	13,674,800	14,910,500
General Fund Set-Aside	0	0	16,600 ^{2/}
General Fund Total	11,802,800	13,674,800	14,927,100
Confidential Intermediary and Private Fiduciary Fund	36,100	199,000	199,000
Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund	6,585,600	12,251,200	12,621,500
State Aid to the Courts Fund	0	2,699,000	3,559,400
Total Appropriations	18,424,500	28,824,000	31,307,000

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.*

^{1/} Includes 14 FTE Positions funded from Special Line Items FY 2001.

^{2/} The General Fund Set-Aside includes \$15,200 for Personal Services and \$1,400 for Employee Related Expenditures to provide half-year funding for a Supreme Court Justices' salary adjustment, effective January 1, 2001. The set-aside is not formally appropriated to the budget but reflects the current estimate of a potential FY 2001 supplemental.

^{3/} All Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund (JCEF) receipts received by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) in excess of \$12,621,500 in FY 2001 are appropriated to the Supreme Court. Before the expenditure of JCEF receipts in excess of \$12,621,500 in FY 2001, the AOC shall submit the intended use of the monies for review by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. (General Appropriation Act footnote, as added by Laws 2000, Chapter 3 and adjusted for Arizona Department of Administration motor pool cost increase).

^{4/} All monies deposited in the fund are subject to legislative appropriation. As a result, the Special Line Item appropriation includes General Fund monies appropriated to the fund that are then reappropriated out of the fund.

^{5/} Includes \$1,721,100 appropriated by Laws 1999, Chapter 346.

^{6/} Included in the lump sum appropriation is \$1,000 for the purchase of mementos and items for visiting officials. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{7/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

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Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund — The approved supplemental appropriation adds \$358,800 in FY 2001 to the amount appropriated from the Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund (JCEF). These funds will be used to improve collection and management of monies owed the court, and to improve case processing through automation projects.

The JCEF monies include a fee on each person paying a court-ordered penalty, fine or sanction on a time-payment basis, a surcharge on persons attending a court-ordered diversion program, and a portion of civil filing fees. JCEF was created in 1989 to improve, maintain and enhance the ability to collect and manage monies received by the courts.

A new General Appropriation Act footnote was added for FY 2001 to enable the Supreme Court to expend the full receipt of JCEF monies received by the Administrative Office of the Courts upon review of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. (*See footnote #3 for additional information.*)

State Aid to the Courts - General Fund — Consists of \$1,721,100 in General Fund monies appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts to deposit in the State Aid to the Courts Fund for FY 2001. (*See the discussion below for additional information.*)

State Aid to the Courts Fund - Total Appropriation — The State Aid to the Courts Fund receives: 1) General Fund appropriations, 2) 40.97% of a 7% penalty assessment on fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed by the courts for criminal and civil motor vehicle violations and 3) a portion of the monies collected by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. The Administrative Office of the Courts is required to distribute the monies to the Superior Court, including the Clerk of the Court, and the Justice Courts in each county based on a composite index formula using Superior Court felony filings and county population. The monies are to be used to improve the processing of criminal cases in the Superior and Justice Courts.

The fund is subject to appropriation. As a result, the General Fund deposit of \$1,721,100 must be reappropriated before being expended. The total appropriation, from the fund, of \$3,559,400 includes the reappropriation of the \$1,721,100 from the original General Fund deposit.

Other Issues: Elected Official Salary Adjustments — With the exception of legislators, elected official salaries are determined by the recommendation of the Governor and the Commission on Salaries for Elective State Officers. As part of the Executive supplemental budget recommendations, the Governor recommended that the salary for the Supreme Court Chief Justice be increased from \$123,000 to \$129,150 and the salary for Supreme

Court Associate Justices be increased from \$120,500 to \$126,525 on January 1, 2001. The FY 2001 set-aside estimate includes \$16,600 in General Fund monies to provide half-year funding for the judicial salary adjustments. This set-aside amount is not formally added to the Judiciary's budget but reflects the current estimate of a potential FY 2001 supplemental. (*See the salary adjustment discussion in the General Provisions section of this report for additional information.*)

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