

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST For Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027

Submitted to the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy and the Legislative Budget Board

by
Ninth Court of Appeals
Beaumont

Chief Justice W. Scott Golemon

Justice Leanne Johnson Justice Jay Wright Justice Kent Chambers

Submitted August 16, 2024

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Administrator's Statement

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The core function of Texas intermediate appellate courts is to process, review, and decide by written opinion appeals from trial courts in civil and criminal cases. The courts of appeals are also tasked with resolving numerous original proceedings in the form of petitions seeking mandamus and habeas corpus relief, many of which involve voluminous records, that must be decided on an expedited basis.

Since 1983 until August 2024, the work of the courts of appeals has been accomplished by 80 justices statewide. Effective September 1, 2024, the Fifteenth Court of Appeals will become operational, increasing the total number of intermediate appellate court justices to 83 for the next biennium.

Since 1983, the population of Texas has nearly doubled. Population growth across the State and the magnitude of annual case filings, in concert with an ever-increasing number of case types requiring expedited review, make clear that the courts of appeals need sufficient resources to manage their busy dockets and provide the high quality of justice to which the citizens of Texas are entitled. In that regard, case filings in the Texas intermediate courts of appeals have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Adequate funding for the intermediate courts of appeals is essential for maintaining and providing cost-effective service to the citizens of Texas.

A key component to handling the ever-increasing workload without additional justices has been the employment of a highly skilled and trained professional workforce, including appellate lawyers and clerical staff, who assist the justices in processing complex cases, researching and drafting orders and opinions, disposing of voluminous motions, and managing accelerated and emergency matters. Appellate work requires specialized knowledge and significant experience, and the courts constantly face competition from higher-paying private practice and government legal jobs for skilled attorneys and staff. Specialized technological skills are also necessary to understand and operate the complex case management system currently used by the courts. Hiring and retaining qualified support staff is critical to the courts' ability to manage their dockets and efficiently resolve the cases before them.

The courts of appeals, collectively, began in the 79th and 80th Legislative Sessions to work toward a zero-based budget model referred to as "Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts." This budget model quantified the funding required to meet the personnel and operational needs of the courts, thus enabling the courts to accomplish their core function and meet their performance measures. The Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts initiative was fully funded for the first time in 2015, and the courts had been operating under the same zero-based budget model and funding levels until the 88th Legislative Session when the Legislature increased the budgets for the intermediate appellate courts. The intermediate appellate courts are appreciative of the increased funding received last session.

Even with the increase in funding for the intermediate appellate courts from the 88th Legislative Session, the courts continue to lag behind in funding. With the growth in Texas population and the expansion of the Texas business environment, the demands of the core function of the courts have required higher-skilled and higher-salary positions in order to adequately serve the citizens of Texas. Further, the intermediate appellate courts have seen an increase in case activity that is a direct result of Operation Lone Star. Additionally, operating costs for necessary resources such as Westlaw/LexisNexis and other administrative needs have increased dramatically.

Funding for all courts of appeals (including the new Fifteenth Court of Appeals) comprises less than 0.04% of the State budget as a whole. Yet, on average, 96.5% of each appellate court's budget is dedicated to salaries and benefits. Without additional funding, appellate courts will be unable to attract and retain the highly trained and skilled support staff with the specialized knowledge and relevant experience critical to the courts' function. Without sufficient qualified staff, courts cannot comply with Legislative mandates to give accelerated and preferential treatment to certain appeals, such as parental-termination and juvenile-certification appeals under the Family Code, mental-health appeals under the Health and Safety Code, and interlocutory appeals under the Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Respectfully, additional funding is now necessary to ensure the efficient administration of justice going forward.

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EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #1: ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION

Even after the increased funding received in the 88th Legislative Session, attorneys and staff of the intermediate appellate courts remain impacted in many ways by increasing costs due to inflation. Their buying power for goods and services has diminished and, at some courts, has resulted in attrition by those seeking higher-paying jobs that are often paid by other governmental entities that can pay more than the intermediate appellate courts. If salaries are not increased, the courts risk losing more personnel that will be costly to replace. Training takes time and will impact the ability of the courts to meet the current and expected demands as we navigate continued population growth and increased case filings attributed to a booming business environment and state efforts to secure the Texas border.

Respectfully, the intermediate appellate courts join with the Texas Supreme Court and the other Article IV Courts and Agencies in requesting a six percent (6%) increase in general revenue appropriations to help absorb the continuing impact of inflation and the increased demands placed on the courts, as well as maintaining and recruiting a strong, experience, and efficient judicial workforce. Thus, the Ninth Court of Appeals requests this additional 6% to foster the business model adopted by the courts of appeals of equal funding for the same sized courts. Deviating from that model risks reversion to historic and potentially detrimental modes of individualized court funding focused less on the needs of Texas and the appellate judiciary as a whole.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #2: ADDITIONAL FTE, STAFF ATTORNEY

Due to accelerated civil and criminal appeals, including writs of habeas corpus, mandamus petitions, terminations, and emergency filings, as well as the resulting delay such filings cause to other appeals now pending in the Ninth Court of Appeals, our Court is requesting funding for one additional full-time staff attorney. The above referenced appeals require expedited review and may cause other pending appeals to have a delayed resolution. To assist the Justices with their prompt resolution of pending matters, the Court requests one additional full-time staff attorney.

In addition, our Chief Staff Attorney has been with the Ninth Court of Appeals for 35 years, and she has expressed a desire to retire within the next three years. Since 2020, our Chief Staff Attorney's duties have almost exclusively been limited to handling mandamus petitions, accelerated appeals, and emergency motions. It is imperative that we hire an additional experienced attorney now so that we can train others and prepare for the transition.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #3: JUDICIAL PAY INCREASE DUE TO CHANGE IN TENURE

3 Justices will merit an increase in judicial pay due to reaching the next tier as provided in Texas Government Code section 659.012.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS/RIDER EXCEPTION REQUESTS:

The courts of appeals also request the following with regard to the SPECIAL PROVISIONS – JUDICIARY found in Article IV (beginning at p. IV-42 of the General Appropriations Act for the 2024-25 Biennium) concerning across-the-board riders:

- 1. Retain Special Provisions Judiciary, Sec. 3, Appellate Court Exemptions pertaining to the following Article IX riders: Section 6.10, Limitations on State Employment Levels, Section 6.13, Performance Standards, Section 14.03, Transfers Capital Budget, and Section 3.04, Scheduled Exempt Positions.
- 2. Retain Special Provisions Judiciary, Sec. 5, Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts

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3. Retain Special Provisions – Judiciary, Sec. 6, Appellate Court Transfer Authority

Historically, the Legislature has granted the courts exemption from certain limitations in the General Appropriations Act. The Legislature has also granted the courts the authority to carry over unexpended budget balances between years within the biennium. The flexibility afforded by these measures enhances the courts' management ability, and we seek continuation of these budget features.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT:

In order for the courts of appeals to function efficiently, it is vital that the Office of Court Administration (OCA) be adequately funded. The courts of appeals rely on many of the services provided by OCA and, therefore, the courts of appeals fully support the exceptional items the OCA requests as part of its funding. More specifically, the courts of appeals strongly support the request for funding related to the acquisition of a new appellate case management system to replace the current system known as TAMES as well as a case-level data system.

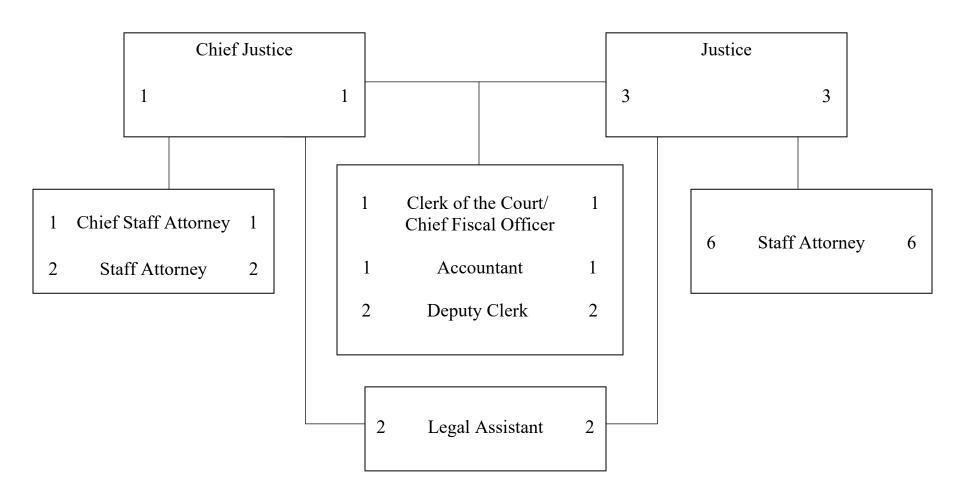
If the Legislature appropriates a cost-of-living increase to state employees, the courts of appeals request that all court employees be included in any such cost-of-living increase.

Finally, the courts of appeals wish to express appreciation to and support for the Judicial Compensation Commission and the Legislature's efforts to strengthen the justice system by increasing judicial salaries to attract and retain a strong judiciary. The courts of appeals request the Legislature implement the Judicial Compensation Commission's recommendations for an increase in judicial compensation.

Note: on Appropriated Receipts – At the direction of the LBB & Governor's Office, this Court has included appropriated receipts in the amount of \$8,000 reflecting reimbursement for copies of opinions and other court documents. These amounts are merely an offset for additional expenses incurred by the Court and do not constitute additional funds available for general expenditures for the Court. The amount can vary significantly from year to year.

Ninth Court of Appeals Organizational Chart

2026-2027





CERTIFICATE

Agency Name NTNTH OF THET	COUNT OF APPEALS
This is to certify that the information contained in the a with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Offic accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the elect Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and Submission application are identical.	ce of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division, is tronic submission to the LBB via the Automated
Additionally, should it become likely at any time that use the LBB and the Office of the Governor will be notified IX, Section 7.01, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Section 7.01, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Sec	d in writing in accordance with House Bill 1, Article
Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge	Board or Commission Chair
Signature W. SCOTT GOLEMON	Signature
Printed Name	Printed Name
CHOST JUSTER 9TH DEST. COA	Title
Date AUGUST 16, 2024	Date
Chief Financial Officer	
Signature	
Printed Name	
CLERK OF THE COUNT	

Budget Overview - Biennial Amounts

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229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont											
	Appropriation Years: 2026-27 E GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS GR DEDICATED FEDERAL FUNDS OTHER FUNDS ALL FUNDS						EXCEPTIONAL ITEM				
	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	FUNDS 2026-27
Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations 1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	3,776,250	3,860,996					16,000	16,000	3,792,250	3,876,996	498,460
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	1,164,060	1,164,060					245,200	245,200	1,409,260	1,409,260	25,666
Total, Goal	4,940,310	5,025,056					261,200	261,200	5,201,510	5,286,256	524,126
Total, Agency	4,940,310	5,025,056					261,200	261,200	5,201,510	5,286,256	524,126

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Total FTEs

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	1,584,087	1,714,897	2,077,353	1,938,498	1,938,498
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	709,334	699,380	709,880	704,630	704,630
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	2,161,585	2,283,677	2,656,633	2,512,528	2,512,528
SUBTOTAL	\$2,161,585	\$2,283,677	\$2,656,633	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528
Other Funds:					
573 Judicial Fund	122,600	122,600	122,600	122,600	122,600
666 Appropriated Receipts	9,236	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
SUBTOTAL	\$131,836	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$130,600
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2.787.233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128

^{*}Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

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Agency code: 229 Agen	cy name: Ninth Court	of Appeals District, Bo	eaumont		
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
GENERAL REVENUE					
1 General Revenue Fund					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$2,433,677	\$2,506,633	\$0	\$0
Comments: General Revenue Fund FY 24-25					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$2,082,635	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: General Revenue Fund FY23 plus \$10,727 only FY24				**	**
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528
TRANSFERS					
SB 30, 88th Leg, Regular Session	\$10,727	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: House Bill 1, General Appropriations Act (17.16, 88th Legislature, Regular Session.	GAA), Article IX, Section				

Senate Bill 30, Section 9.01, 88th Legislature, Regular Session.

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METHOD OF FIR	NANCING		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
GENERAL RI	<u>EVENUE</u>						
LAF	PSED APPRO	PRIATIONS					
R	Regular Appro	priations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$(46,260)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comment	s: Return of unused funds 13001 FY23					
R	degular Appro	priations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$(52,605)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comment	s: Return of Judges Salary FY23					
R	Regular Appro	priations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$(57,493)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comment	s: Expenditures purchases for FY23					
S	B 30, 88th Le	eg, Regular Session	\$(475)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comment	s: SB 30, 88th Leg, Regular Session					
	5% estima	ted Return of unused funds for FY23					
UNI	EXPENDED .	BALANCES AUTHORITY					

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METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
GENERAL REVENUE Art IV, Special Provisions - Judiciary GAA)	y Section, Unexpended Balances			CO	¢o.	£0
Comments: Estimated of UB fro	om FY24 to FY25	\$0	\$(150,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Art IV, Special Provisions - Judiciar GAA)	y Section, Unexpended Balances	Authority (2024-2	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
Comments: Estimated of UB fro	om FY24 to FY25					
A.1.1. Appellate Court Operations (2	022-23 GAA)".	\$225,056	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: UB from FY22 to F	Y23					
TOTAL, General Revenue Fund		\$2,161,585	\$2,283,677	\$2,656,633	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528
TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE		\$2,161,585	\$2,283,677	\$2,656,633	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528

OTHER FUNDS

573 Judicial Fund No. 573

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

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METHOD OF I	FINANCING		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
OTHER FU	NDS						
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (20	24-25 GAA)	\$0	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (20	22-23 GAA)	\$122,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (20	26-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$122,600	\$122,600
OTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573		\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600
	ppropriated Receipts EGULAR APPROPRIATIONS						
	Appropriate Receipts		\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (20	22-23 GAA)	\$9,236	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)

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Agency code: 229	Agency name: Ninth Court	of Appeals District, Be	eaumont		
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
OTHER FUNDS					
<u>OTHER PURBS</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL, Appropriated Receipts					
	\$9,236	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS	\$131,836	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$130,600
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	0.0	19.0	19.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	19.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0

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Agency code:	229	Agency name:	Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont					
METHOD OF FINA	ANCING		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027	
NUMBER OF 100	% FEDERALLY FUNDED							
FTEs			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

2.C. Summary of Base Request by Object of Expense

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OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,966,667	\$2,214,246	\$2,308,737	\$2,295,987	\$2,294,393
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$257,498	\$153,017	\$386,096	\$257,941	\$259,481
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$7,684	\$0	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$61,572	\$47,014	\$79,400	\$79,200	\$79,254
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
OOE Total (Riders) Grand Total	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128

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Agency Code: 229 Agency: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
1	Community Counties	\$7.69A	¢Λ	¢12.000	\$10,000	¢10,000
1	Consumable Supplies	\$7,684	\$0	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
35	Computer Equip./Software, Non-cap	21,059	0	20,000	0	0
64	SORM Assessment	1,883	2,278	2,300	2,300	2,300
123	Furniture & Equip., Not Captialize	34,881	4,333	0	0	0
213	ERS 1% & .5%	18,314	20,871	24,089	24,089	24,089
	Total, Operating Costs	\$83,821	\$27,482	\$59,389	\$36,389	\$36,389

2.D. Summary of Base Request Objective Outcomes

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Goal/ Obje	ective / Outcome	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
	llate Court Operations Appellate Court Operations					
KEY	1 Clearance Rate					
		98.36%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
KEY	2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Les	s Than One Year				
		99.78%	98.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%
KEY	3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Tw	o Years				
		98.90%	98.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%

2.E. Summary of Exceptional Items Request

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Agency code: 229 Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

		2026			2027		Bien	nium
Priority Item	GR and GR/GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds
1 Adjustment for Inflation	\$117,567	\$117,567		\$117,567	\$117,567		\$235,134	\$235,134
2 New FTE	\$131,663	\$131,663	1.0	\$131,663	\$131,663	1.0	\$263,326	\$263,326
3 Judicial Tenure Increase	\$12,833	\$12,833		\$12,833	\$12,833		\$25,666	\$25,666
Total, Exceptional Items Request	\$262,063	\$262,063	1.0	\$262,063	\$262,063	1.0	\$524,126	\$524,126
Method of Financing General Revenue General Revenue - Dedicated Federal Funds Other Funds	\$262,063	\$262,063		\$262,063	\$262,063		\$524,126	\$524,126
	\$262,063	\$262,063		\$262,063	\$262,063		\$524,126	\$524,126
Full Time Equivalent Positions			1.0			1.0		
Number of 100% Federally Funded FTEs			0.0			0.0		

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy

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Agency code: 229	Agency name:	Ninth Court of Appeals Distric	et, Beaumont				
Goal/Objective/STRATEGY		Base 2026	Base 2027	Exceptional 2026	Exceptional 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027
1 Appellate Court Operations							
1 Appellate Court Operations							
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		\$1,938,498	\$1,938,498	\$249,230	\$249,230	\$2,187,728	\$2,187,728
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES		704,630	704,630	12,833	12,833	717,463	717,463
TOTAL, GOAL 1		\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,905,191	\$2,905,191
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST		\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,905,191	\$2,905,191
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST							
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST		\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,905,191	\$2,905,191

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy

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Agency code: 229 Agency name:	Ninth Court of Appeals Dist	rict, Beaumont				_
Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	Base 2026	Base 2027	Exceptional 2026	Exceptional 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027
General Revenue Funds:						
1 General Revenue Fund	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,774,591	\$2,774,591
	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,774,591	\$2,774,591
Other Funds:						
573 Judicial Fund	122,600	122,600	0	0	122,600	122,600
666 Appropriated Receipts	8,000	8,000	0	0	8,000	8,000
	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$0	\$0	\$130,600	\$130,600
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,905,191	\$2,905,191
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	19.0	19.0	1.0	1.0	20.0	20.0

2.G. Summary of Total Request Objective Outcomes

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Agency code: 229	Agency	name: Ninth Court of Appea	ls District, Beaumont			
Goal/ <i>Objective</i> / O u	BL 2026	BL 2027	Excp 2026	Excp 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027
	te Court Operations te Court Operations					
KEY 1 CI	earance Rate					
	95.00%	95.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 2 Pe	rcentage of Cases Under Subr	nission for Less Than One Yea	ır			
	97.00%	97.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 3 Pe	rcentage of Cases Pending for	Less Than Two Years				
	97.00%	97.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Service Categories:

3.A. Strategy Request

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229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
Output Mea	sures:					
1 Nu	imber of Civil Cases Disposed	252.00	205.00	235.00	247.00	259.00
2 Nu	umber of Criminal Cases Disposed	168.00	199.00	202.00	212.00	222.00
Explanatory	//Input Measures:					
1 Nu	umber of Civil Cases Filed	253.00	219.00	243.00	255.00	268.00
2 Nu	umber of Criminal Cases Filed	180.00	197.00	217.00	228.00	239.00
3 Nu	umber of Cases Transferred in	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Nu	umber of Cases Transferred out	10.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Objects of E	expense:					
1001 S	ALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,276,300	\$1,529,483	\$1,605,957	\$1,605,957	\$1,605,957
1002 C	THER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$245,178	\$145,317	\$386,096	\$250,241	\$250,241
2003 C	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$7,684	\$0	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2009 C	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$54,925	\$40,097	\$72,300	\$72,300	\$72,300
TOTAL, OI	BJECT OF EXPENSE	\$1,584,087	\$1,714,897	\$2,077,353	\$1,938,498	\$1,938,498
Method of F	inancing:					
1 0	General Revenue Fund	\$1,574,851	\$1,706,897	\$2,069,353	\$1,930,498	\$1,930,498

3.A. Strategy Request

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:

Service: 01

Income: A.2

Age: B.3

CODE DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$1,574,851	\$1,706,897	\$2,069,353	\$1,930,498	\$1,930,498
Method of Financing: 666 Appropriated Receipts	\$9,236	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)	\$9,236	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$1,938,498	\$1,938,498
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	\$1,584,087	\$1,714,897	\$2,077,353	\$1,938,498	\$1,938,498
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Ninth Court of Appeals was established by the 34th Texas Legislature on March 11, 1915. Our Court has intermediate appellate jurisdiction in civil cases when the judgment exceeds \$100 exclusive of cost and effective September 1, 1981 in criminal cases excluding those in which the death penalty has been assessed. Located in Beaumont, Texas, it is composed of the following ten counties: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto and Tyler. Effective January 1, 2005 our Court became a four-justice court pursuant to H.B. 2261 and H.B. 3306, 78th Regular Session.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

Service Categories:

3.A. Strategy Request

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE DESCRIPTION Exp 2023 Est 2024 Bud 2025 BL 2026 BL 2027

Courts of Appeals are by nature, constitutional components of the Judicial Branch of the government with highly specialized staffs. The primary factor which drives this strategy is the need to attract and retain highly trained and knowledgeable staff to maintain the Court's ability to dispose of cases in as effective and efficient manner as possible in order to meet the Legislature's performance measures and the expectations of Texas citizens. Effective January 1, 2005, our Court became a four-justice court pursuant to H.B. 2261 and H.B. 3306, 78th Regular Session.

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

_		L TOTAL - ALL FUNDS Baseline Request (BL 2026 + BL 2027)	BIENNIAL CHANGE		NATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
	\$3,792,250	\$3,876,996	\$84,746	\$84,746	Fund 0001 difference is attributed to the 5% salary adjustment funding between bienniums.
				\$84,746	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

3.A. Strategy Request

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations Service Categories:

STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransfera	ble		Service: NA	Income: NA	Age: NA
CODE DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
Objects of Expense:					
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$690,367	\$684,763	\$702,780	\$690,030	\$688,436
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$12,320	\$7,700	\$0	\$7,700	\$9,240
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$6,647	\$6,917	\$7,100	\$6,900	\$6,954
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$709,334	\$699,380	\$709,880	\$704,630	\$704,630
Method of Financing:					
1 General Revenue Fund	\$586,734	\$576,780	\$587,280	\$582,030	\$582,030
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$586,734	\$576,780	\$587,280	\$582,030	\$582,030
Method of Financing:					
573 Judicial Fund	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$704,630	\$704,630
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	\$709,334	\$699,380	\$709,880	\$704,630	\$704,630
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

3.A. Strategy Request

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			229 Ninth Co	urt of Appeals District	, Beaumont			
GOAL:	1 .	Appellate Court Operat	ions					
OBJECTIVE:	1 .	Appellate Court Operat	ions			Service Categori	es:	
STRATEGY:	2 .	Appellate Justice Salari	es. Estimated and Nontransferable			Service: NA	Income: NA	Age: NA
CODE	DESCRI	IPTION		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 202'
STRATEGY DI		ION AND JUSTIFICA	TION:	•				
STRATEGY DE			TION:	•				
	SCRIPT			•				
EXTERNAL/IN	SCRIPTI TERNAL	ION AND JUSTIFICA	ING STRATEGY:	•				
XTERNAL/IN	ESCRIPTI TERNAL	ION AND JUSTIFICA L FACTORS IMPACT	ING STRATEGY: ludes Rider amounts):	BIENNIAL	<u>EXPLA</u>	NATION OF BIENNI	AL CHANGE	
EXTERNAL/IN EXPLANATION	ESCRIPTI TERNAL N OF BIE	ION AND JUSTIFICA FACTORS IMPACT NNIAL CHANGE (inc	ING STRATEGY: ludes Rider amounts):	BIENNIAL	EXPLA! \$ Amount		AL CHANGE mount (must specify M	OFs and FTEs)

3.A. Strategy Request

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SUMMARY TOTALS:					
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0

3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request

Agency Code:	Agency Name:		Prepared By:	Date:	Request Level:
Court of Appeals, District,			Jennifer Henry	8/16/2024	Baseline
Current Rider Number	Page Number in 2024-25 GAA	Proposed Rider Language			
5	IV-43	Sec. 5. Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts. Out of funds appropriated in this Article to Strategies A.1.1., Appellate Court Operations, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals, or any of the 15 Courts of Appeals may enter into a contract with the Office of the Comptroller for fiscal years 20242026 and 20252027, for the purpose of reimbursing the Comptroller for amounts expended for judges assigned under Chapter 74, Government Code to hear cases of the appellate courts. It is the intent of the Legislature that any amounts reimbursed under this contract for judges assigned to the appellate courts are in addition to amounts appropriated for the use of assigned judges in Strategy A.1.3. Visiting Judges – Appellate in the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department.			

Updating rider to include the 15th Court of Appeals and adjust the years for the 2026-2027 biennium.

7 IV-43 Sec. 7. Schedule of Exempt Positions 1,2,3,4

No change to sections (a), (b), and (c).

(d) Information Listing – Judicial and Prosecutor Compensation. Government Code §659.012, Judicial Salaries, and Section 46.003, Compensation of State Prosecutors, establish a tiered, tenure-based compensation structure for certain judges and professional prosecutor positions that is linked to the base salary of a district judge as set by the General Appropriations Act and adjusts depending on the judge's or professional prosecutor's tenure. Consistent with Government Code Section 46.003 and Section 659.012, for their first four years of service, district judges earn a base salary set by the General Appropriations Act and certain other judgees or theand professional prosecutors earns a base salary that is a certain percentage of the base salary of a district judge, subject to certain other statutory limitations. The base salary for justices on the 1st through the 14th Court of Appeals is 110% of a district judge's base salary and the base salary for a justice on the 15th Court of Appeals is \$5,000 less than 120% of the state base salary of a district judge. The base salary for justices on the Supreme Court and judges on the Court of Criminal Appeals is 120% of the base salary of a district judge. When their tenure is between 4-8 years of service, the judge or professional prosecutor earns 110 percent of the judge or prosecutor's base salary. With 8 or more years of tenure, the judge or professional prosecutor's salary is 120 percent of the judge or professional prosecutor's base salary. County prosecutors receive a supplement from the state that is provided to the county in an amount based on a formula that includes the base salary of a district judge with comparable years of service and the number of counties served by the state prosecutor in the county. The table below shows the base salary amounts for each state judge and prosecutor position that are dependent on years of service within each tier.

Amending language to provide clarification on judicial and prosecutor compensation.

7 IV-44

Judge / Prosecutor	Court / Judicial District / State Agency	Base Salary (0-4 years)	(4-8 years)	(8+ years)
Chief Justice Presiding Judge	Supreme Court Court of Criminal Appeals	\$170,500	\$187,300	\$204,100
Justice Judge	Supreme Court Court of Criminal Appeals	\$168,000	\$184,800	\$201,600
Chief Justice	151st – 14th Court of Appeals	\$156,500	\$172,150	\$187,800
Justice Judge	151st – 14th Court of Appeals	\$154,000	\$169,400	\$184,800
Chief Justice	15th Court of Appeals	<u>\$165,500</u>	<u>\$181,800</u>	<u>\$198,100</u>
Justice Judge	15th Court of Appeals	<u>\$163,000</u>	<u>\$179,300</u>	<u>\$195,600</u>
Associate Judge	Child Protection Court Child Support Court	\$126,000	\$138,600	\$151,200
Business Court Judge	Business Court	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
District Judge	District Court	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
State Prosecuting Attorney	Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
Professional Prosecutors	Judicial Districts	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
District Attorneys	Judicial Districts	\$112,000	\$123,200	\$134,400
County Prosecutors	Constitutional County Court	\$23,334 to \$70,000	\$25,667 to \$77,000	\$28,001 to \$84,000

The schedule in Rider 7. Schedule of Exempt Positions needs to be amended to break out the judge salaries for the 15th Court of Appeals, which differs from the other intermediate appellate courts.

9 IV-44

Sec. 9. Unexpended Balance Authority. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in non-estimated strategies at the Supreme Court of Texas, Court of Criminal Appeals, 1415 Courts of Appeals, Office of Court Administration, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney, and State Commission on Judicial Conduct as of August 31, 202426, are appropriated to the respective court or agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 202426, for the same purpose.

Updating the rider to include the 15th Court of Appeals and to adjust the year for the 2026-2027 biennium.

10 IV-44

Sec. 10. Contingency for SB 1045 5,6

- (a) Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1045, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, relating to the creation of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals with jurisdiction over certain civil cases, the compensation of the justices of that court, and the jurisdiction of the courts of appeals in this state, General Revenue funds in the amount of \$2,397,807 and 17.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,327,569 and 17.0 FTEs in the fiscal year 2025 are appropriated for the purpose of implementing the legislation.
- (b) Upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1045, appropriations and FTEs identified above in subsection (a) shall be provided to the Fifteenth Court of Appeals in a new bill pattern for that purpose in Article IV, The Judiciary, of this Act. The bill pattern shall include:
 - (1) a Method of Financing with General Revenue appropriations in fiscal year 2025;
 - (2) a Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) in fiscal year 2025;
 - (3) a Schedule of Exempt Positions including one Chief Justice and two Justices with salary caps in fiscal year 2025;
 - (4) a strategy for Appellate Court Operations with amounts for that purpose in fiscal year 2025;
 - (5) a strategy for Appellate Justice Salaries with amounts for that purpose that are estimated and nontransferable in fiscal year 2025;

(6) a Performance Measure Targets rider including the following performance measures with targets of 100% attainment in fiscal year 2025;

- (A) Clearance Rate;
- B) Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year; and
- (C) Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years.

Rider is no longer needed. Bill pattern for the 15th Court of Appeals is in place in the 2024-2025 GAA.

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) DATE: 8/16/2024 TIME:

3:30:05PM

Agency code:	Agency name: Ninth	Court of Appeals District, Beaumont		
CODE DES	CRIPTION		Excp 2026	Excp 2027
	Item Name:	Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment in Stra	itegy A.1.1	
	Item Priority:	1		
	IT Component:	No		
	Anticipated Out-year Costs:	No		
	Involve Contracts > \$50,000:	No		
Includ	es Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies:	01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTS OF E	XPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES		115,830	115,830
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS		1,737	1,737
1	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$117,567	\$117,567
METHOD OF F	NANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund		117,567	117,567
7	OTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$117,567	\$117,567

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Even after the increased funding received in the 88th Legislative Session, attorneys and staff of the Article IV Courts and Agencies remain impacted by increasing costs due to inflation and the draw of more lucrative employment opportunities in other state governmental entities, both inside and outside the judicial branch, the federal courts, and the private legal sector.

The Ninth Court of Appeals is acutely aware of the need to adequately compensate its highly skilled and specialized staff to efficiently and accurately decide matters of the highest importance to the jurisprudence of the State of Texas — for citizens, candidates, and the business community alike. In concert with the rest of the judicial branch, the Court is therefore seeking a modest 6% increase in staff salaries this biennium.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Retention and recruiting of highly skilled candidates are of utmost importance and training of new staff is costly, not only because of the caliber and complexity of the cases the Court and its staff handle, but also because of the added pressures of high ethical and confidentiality standards and risk to personal security and privacy that accompany working in the judicial branch.

The Ninth Court of Appeals along with the Article IV Courts and Agencies therefore collectively request a 6% salary increase for staff to maintain and recruit a strong, experienced, and efficient judicial workforce.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule

DATE:

TIME:

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Agency code: 229 Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) DATE: TIME:

\$131,663

1.00

8/16/2024

\$131,663

1.00

3:30:05PM

Agency code:	Agency name: Ninth Court of A	Appeals District, Beaumont	
CODE DESC	CRIPTION	Excp 2026	Excp 2027_
	Item Name: New Ful	ll-Time Equivalent Staff Attorney Position	
	Item Priority: 2		
	IT Component: No		
	Anticipated Out-year Costs: No		
	Involve Contracts > \$50,000: No		
Include	s Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01	Appellate Court Operations	
OBJECTS OF EX	PENSE:		
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	125,000	125,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	6,663	6,663
TO	OTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$131,663	\$131,663
METHOD OF FIR	NANCING:		
1	General Revenue Fund	131,663	131,663

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING

Due to accelerated civil and criminal appeals, including writs of habeas corpus, mandamus petitions, terminations, and emergency filings, as well as the resulting delay such filings cause to other appeals now pending in the Ninth Court of Appeals, our Court is requesting funding for one additional full-time staff attorney. The above referenced appeals require expedited review and may cause other pending appeals to have a delayed resolution. To assist the Justices with their prompt resolution of pending matters, the Court requests one additional full-time staff attorney.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Our Chief Staff Attorney has been with the Ninth Court of Appeals for 35 years, and she has expressed a desire to retire within the next three years. Since 2020, our Chief Staff Attorney's duties have almost exclusively been limited to handling mandamus petitions, accelerated appeals, and emergency motions. It is imperative that we hire an additional experienced attorney now so that we can train others and prepare for the transition.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) DATE: **8/16/2024**TIME: **3:30:05PM**

Agency code: 229

Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

Item Name: Judicial pay increase due to change in tenure (as provided by Texas Government Code section 659.012)

Item Priority: 3
IT Component: No
Anticipated Out-year Costs: No

Involve Contracts > \$50,000: No

Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-02 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	12,833	12,833
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$12,833	\$12,833
METHOD OF FINANCING:		
1 General Revenue Fund	12,833	12,833
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$12,833	\$12,833

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

3 Justices will merit an increase in judicial pay due to reaching the next tier as provided in Texas Government Code section 659.012.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Texas Government Code section 659.012 establishes the pay for the Justices.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

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\$117,567

DATE: **8/16/2024**TIME: **4:24:22PM**

\$117,567

Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont Agency code: 229 Agency name: Code Description Excp 2026 Excp 2027 **Item Name:** Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment in Strategy A.1.1 Allocation to Strategy: 1-1-1 **Appellate Court Operations OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:** 115,830 115,830 1001 SALARIES AND WAGES 1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS 1,737 1,737 TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE \$117,567 \$117,567 **METHOD OF FINANCING:** 1 General Revenue Fund 117,567 117,567 TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

DATE: 8/16/2024

TIME: 4:24:22PM

\$131,663

1.0

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\$131,663

1.0

229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont Agency code: Agency name: Code Description Excp 2026 Excp 2027 **Item Name:** New Full-Time Equivalent Staff Attorney Position Allocation to Strategy: 1-1-1 **Appellate Court Operations** STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES: 1 Clearance Rate 100.00% 100.00%2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year 100.00% 100.00% <u>3</u> Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years 100.00% 100.00% **OUTPUT MEASURES:** 1 Number of Civil Cases Disposed 22.00 22.00 2 Number of Criminal Cases Disposed 18.00 18.00 **OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:** 1001 SALARIES AND WAGES 125,000 125,000 2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE 6,663 6,663 TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE \$131,663 \$131,663 **METHOD OF FINANCING:** 1 General Revenue Fund 131,663 131,663 TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) DATE: **8/16/2024**TIME: **4:24:22PM**

Agency code:	229	Agency name: Nint	n Court of Appeals District, Beaumont	
Code Description	1		Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name:		Judicial pay incre	ase due to change in tenure (as provided by Texas Government Code section 659.012)	
Allocation to	Strategy:	1-1-2	Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable	
OBJECTS OF E	XPENSE: 1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	12,833	12,833
TOTAL, OBJEC	CT OF EXI	PENSE	\$12,833	\$12,833
METHOD OF F	INANCIN	G:		
	1	General Revenue Fund	12,833	12,833
TOTAL, METH	OD OF FI	NANCING	\$12,833	\$12,833

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request

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Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont **DATE:**

TIME:

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GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

229

Agency Code:

1 Appellate Court Operations OBJECTIVE: Service Categories:

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STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations	Service: 01 Income: A.2	Age: B.3
CODE DESCRIPTION	Ехер 2026	Excp 2027
STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES:		
1 Clearance Rate	100.00 %	100.00 %
2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00 %	100.00 %
<u>3</u> Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100.00 %	100.00 %
OUTPUT MEASURES:		
1 Number of Civil Cases Disposed	22.00	22.00
2 Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	18.00	18.00
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:		
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	240,830	240,830
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	1,737	1,737
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	6,663	6,663
Total, Objects of Expense	\$249,230	\$249,230
METHOD OF FINANCING:		
1 General Revenue Fund	249,230	249,230
Total, Method of Finance	\$249,230	\$249,230
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):	1.0	1.0

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment in Strategy A.1.1

New Full-Time Equivalent Staff Attorney Position

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request

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DATE: TIME:

\$12,833

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\$12,833

Agency Code: 229 Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations Service Categories: OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable Service: NA Income: NA NA Age: **CODE DESCRIPTION** Excp 2026 Excp 2027 **OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:** 12,833 12,833 1001 SALARIES AND WAGES \$12,833 \$12,833 **Total, Objects of Expense METHOD OF FINANCING:** 1 General Revenue Fund 12,833 12,833

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Total, Method of Finance

Judicial pay increase due to change in tenure (as provided by Texas Government Code section 659.012)

General Revenue (GR) & General Revenue Dedicated (GR-D) Baseline

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Agency code: 229

Strategy/Strategy Option/Rider

Agency name:

Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

GR Baseline Request Limit = \$5,025,056

GR-D Baseline Request Limit = \$0

DATE: 8/16/2024

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2026 Funds					2027	Funds	Biennial	Biennial		
FTEs	Total	GR	Ded	FTEs	Total	GR	Ded	Cumulative GR	Cumulative Ded	Page #
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 1	Appellate	Court Operations								
15.0	1,938,498	1,930,498	0	15.0	1,938,498	1,930,498	0	3,860,996	0	
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 2	Appellate	Justice Salaries. Estima	ted and Nontra	nsferable						
4.0	704,630	582,030	0	4.0	704,630	582,030	0	5,025,056	0 _	
19.0				19.0			*****G	GR Baseline Request I	Limit=\$5,025,056****	1
Excp Item: 1	Judiciary-	Wide Inflation Relief ar	ıd Staff Retenti	on and Recrui	itment in Strategy A	A.1.1				_
0.0	117,567	117,567	0	0.0	117,567	117,567	0	5,260,190	0	
Strategy Detail fo	or Excp Item: 1									
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 1	-	Court Operations								
0.0	117,567	117,567	0	0.0	117,567	117,567	0			
Excp Item: 2	New Full-	Time Equivalent Staff A	ttorney Position	n						
1.0	131,663	131,663	0	1.0	131,663	131,663	0	5,523,516	0	
Strategy Detail fo	or Excp Item: 2									
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 1	Appellate	Court Operations								
1.0	131,663	131,663	0	1.0	131,663	131,663	0			
Excp Item: 3	Judicial pa	ay increase due to chang	ge in tenure (as	provided by T	exas Government (Code section 659.012)				
0.0	12,833	12,833	0	0.0	12,833	12,833	0	5,549,182	0	
Strategy Detail fo	or Excp Item: 3									
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 2	Appellate	Justice Salaries. Estima	ted and Nontra	nsferable						
0.0	12,833	12,833	0	0.0	12,833	12,833	0			
20.0	\$2,905,191	\$2,774,591	\$0	20.0	\$2,905,191	\$2,774,591	0			

6.A. Historically Underutilized Business Supporting Schedule

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Date: 8/16/2024 Time:

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Agency Code: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont Agency: 229

COMPARISON TO STATEWIDE HUB PROCUREMENT GOALS

A. Fiscal Year - HUB Expenditure Information

						Total					Total	
Statewide	ide Procurement HUB Expenditures FY 2				FY 2022	22 Expenditures			HUB Expenditures FY 2023			
HUB Goal	s Category	% Goal	% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	FY 2022	% Goal	% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	FY 2023	
21.1%	Commodities	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	100.0 %	100.0%	0.0%	\$25,310	\$25,310	
	Total Expenditures		0.0%		\$0	\$0		100.0%		\$25,310	\$25,310	

B. Assessment of Attainment of HUB Procurement Goals

Attainment:

Applicability:

Factors Affecting Attainment:

C. Good-Faith Efforts to Increase HUB Participation

Outreach Efforts and Mentor-Protégé Programs:

HUB Program Staffing:

Current and Future Good-Faith Efforts:

The Ninth Court of Appeals makes good faith efforts to comply with Statewide HUB procurement goals when at all possible.

6.E. Estimated Revenue Collections Supporting Schedule

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1

Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

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Act 2023	Exp 2024	Est 2025	Est 2026	Est 2027
\$9,236	\$8.000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
\$9,236	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
	Act 2023 \$9,236	Act 2023 Exp 2024 \$9,236 \$8.000	Act 2023 Exp 2024 Est 2025 \$9,236 \$8,000 \$8,000	Act 2023 Exp 2024 Est 2025 Est 2026 \$9,236 \$8,000 \$8,000 \$8,000

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6.H. Estimated Total of All Agency Funds Outside the GAA Bill Pattern <u>Agency Name</u>

\$

24,500

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Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2024	\$ 31,601
Estimated Revenues FY 2024	\$ 24,500
Estimated Revenues FY 2025	\$ 24,500
FY 2024-25 Tota	\$ 80,601
Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2026	\$ 60,000
Estimated Revenues FY 2026	\$ 24,500

Constitutional or Statutory Creation and Use of Funds:

Estimated Revenues FY 2027

ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL OF AGENCY FUNDS OUTSIDE THE 2026-27 GAA BILL PATTERN

Our Court's four judges are each paid a supplemental salary and benefits from Jefferson County. Chapter 22 funds, collected by the ten counties in our district, are used to fund these supplemental salaries and benefits. So, over 70% of the funds are spent on judge's supplemental salaries and benefits reimbursement. The remaining revenue is spent on operating expenses. Subchapter C. Sec.22.041 & Sec. 659.021 Gov Code.

FY 2026-27 Total \$

Method of Calculation and Revenue Assumptions:

The supplemental salary amount is \$9,000 plus benefits per judge per fiscal year, which totaled approximately \$76,000 for FY24. The remaining estimated revenue above is for operating expenses. The Chapter 22 funds are \$5 filing fee per civil case filed in the District Clerk and County Clerk's offices in our 10 county district.

Fiscal Year 2022 Assessment of HUB Related Activities

Agency/IHE Name: Ninth Court of Appeals

Agency/IHE Number: 229

Fiscal Year: 2022

NOTE: The following assessment is about HUB related activities during the above referenced period in your Agency/Institution

1-Your Agency/IHE HUB Goals:

Procurement Category	Goal	Performance
Heavy Construction	0.00%	0
Building Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Special Trade Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Professional Services	0.00%	0.00%
Other Services	0.00%	0.00%
Commodities	0.00%	0.00%
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2- Prime Contract Activities

2a-Prime Contract: Total expenditure during fiscal year 2022

					Non-minority	Disabled Veteran			
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
					Wollian	Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Trade Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commodities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

2b-Prime Contract: Number of HUB/non-HUB vendors (ongoing and new) utilized in fiscal year 2022

	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Non-minority Woman	Disabled	Veteran	Non-HUB	
Procurement Category						Included in HUB Groups	Not Included in HUB Groups		HUB Total
Heavy Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Trade Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commodities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3- Subcontract Activities

3a-Subcontract: Total expenditure during fiscal year 2022

					Non-minority	Disabled	Veteran		
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
						Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Trade Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commodities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

3b-Subcontract: Number of HUB/non-HUB vendors (ongoing and new) utilized in fiscal year 2022

Procurement Category	African American	Asian American H	Hispanic American	Native American	Non-minority Woman	Disabled Veteran			
						Included in HUB Groups	Not Included in HUB Groups	Non-HUB	HUB Total
Heavy Construction									0
Building Construction									0
Special Trade Construction									0
Professional Services									0
Other Services									0
Commodities									0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4-New Vendors: Number of vendors (prime and sub) utilized in fiscal year 2022 which were not used during the last 2 years.

					Non-minority	Disabled Veteran			
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
						Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction									0
Building Construction									0
Special Trade Construction									0
Professional Services									0
Other Services									0
Commodities									0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

5- Sponsored or participated in local and statewide settings to encourage HUB participation in state procurement activ
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	Number of Events Hosted or Attended			
Event/Activity				
	Hosted	Attended		
Economic Opportunity Forum				
Annual Meeting/Setting				
Advocacy Group Meeting (i.e., MOAs, TAAACC, TAMACC, etc.)				
Other (Training, Meet & Greets)				

6- Mentor-Protégé Program:

Active Mentor-Protégé Program	Ongoing	Added in Fiscal Year 2022
Number of Programs		

7- HUB program staffing:

HUB Staffing	Allocated	Current
Staff size		

8-Work Related Activities Conducted by HUB Program Staff:

HUB Program Personnel	% of Weekly Hrs. with HUB	% of Weekly Hrs. with Purchasing	% of Weekly Hrs. with Contract
Staff -1			
Staff -2			
Staff -3			
Staff -4			
Staff -5			
Staff -6			
Staff -7			
Staff -8			
Staff -9			
Staff -10			
Staff -11			
Staff -12			

9- Justification for not reaching the intended goals and other remarks.

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essional Services:	l
er Services:	l
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d Faith Effort:	l

Fiscal Year 2023 Assessment of HUB Related Activities

Ninth Court of Appeals

 Agency/IHE Name:
 229

 Fiscal Year:
 2023

NOTE: The following assessment is about HUB related activities during the above referenced period in your Agency/Institution

1-Your Agency/IHE HUB Goals:

Procurement Category	Goal	Performance
Heavy Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Building Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Special Trade Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Professional Services	0.00%	0.00%
Other Services	0.00%	0.00%
Commodities	100.00%	100.00%

2- Prime Contract Activities

2a-Prime Contract: Total expenditure during fiscal year 2023

					Non-minority	Disabled	Veteran		
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
						Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Trade Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commodities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,310.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,310.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,310.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,310.00

2b-Prime Contract: Number of HUB/non-HUB vendors (ongoing and new) utilized in fiscal year 2023

Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Non-minority Woman	Disabled Veteran			
						Included in HUB Groups	Not Included in HUB Groups	Non-HUB	HUB Total
Heavy Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Trade Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commodities	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

3- Subcontract Activities

3a-Subcontract: Total expenditure during fiscal year 2023

					Non-minority	Disabled	Veteran		
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
Heavy Construction						Groups	HUB Groups		\$ -
Building Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Trade Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commodities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

3b-Subcontract: Number of HUB/non-HUB vendors (ongoing and new) utilized in fiscal year 2023

Procurement Category	African American	Asian American Hispanic Amer		n Native American	Non-minority Woman	Disabled Veteran			
			Hispanic American			Included in HUB Groups	Not Included in HUB Groups	Non-HUB	HUB Total
Heavy Construction						0.000			0
Building Construction									0
Special Trade Construction									0
Professional Services									0
Other Services									0
Commodities									0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4-New Vendors: Number of vendors (prime and sub) utilized in fiscal year 2023 which were not used during the last 2 years.

					Non-minority Disabled Veteran	l Veteran			
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	an Hispanic American Native American Woman	Included in HUB Groups	Not Included in HUB Groups	Non-HUB	HUB Total		
Heavy Construction									0
Building Construction									0
Special Trade Construction									0
Professional Services									0
Other Services									0
Commodities			1						1
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

5-	Sponsored or pai	ticipated in loca	l and statewide setti	nas to encourage	HUB partici	ination in state	procurement activities.

Event/Activity	Number of Events Hosted or Attended			
, , , ,	Hosted	Attended		
Economic Opportunity Forum				
Annual Meeting/Setting				
Advocacy Group Meeting (i.e., MOAs, TAAACC, TAMACC, etc.)				
Other (Training, Meet & Greets)				

6- Mentor-Protégé Program:

Active Mentor-Protégé Program	Ongoing	Added in Fiscal Year 2023
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7- HUB program staffing:

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Staff -8			
Staff -9			
Staff -10			
Staff -11			
Staff -12			

9- Justification for not	reaching the inter	nded goals and ot	ther remarks.
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Heavy Construction:	
Building Construction:	
Special Trade:	
Professional Services:	
Other Services:	
Commodities:	
Good Faith Effort:	

HUB Plan for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024

Agency/IHE Name:		Ninth Court of Appeals
Agency/IHE Number:	229	

Agency-Specific HUB Goals	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024
Heavy Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Building Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Special Trade Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Professional Services	0.00%	0.00%
Other Services	0.00%	0.00%
Commodities	100.00%	100.00%

Describe good faith efforts to meet HUB goals in fiscal years 2023 and 2024. The agency should describe the agency's outreach efforts, HUB program staffing, and any other relevant information to describe efforts to meet HUB goals established under Section 2161.123, Government Code.

goals when at all possible.			