

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

FOR FISCAL YEARS 2028 AND 2029

***Submitted to the
Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division,
and the Legislative Budget Board***

by

The Supreme Court of Texas

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ADMINISTRATOR'S STATEMENT

The Supreme Court of Texas is the state's highest court for civil matters and the administrative head of the judicial branch. The Court consists of one chief justice and eight justices. It has approximately 86 employees.

The Supreme Court is generally responsible for the fair and efficient administration of justice throughout the State of Texas. The Court's judicial duties include final appellate jurisdiction in most civil cases as well as a busy mandamus and emergency-motions docket. The Court's administrative duties include rulemaking power over civil procedure, appellate procedure, evidence, judicial administration, judicial ethics, and the practice of law. Both the Children's Commission and the Judicial Commission on Mental Health are housed internally at the Court. The Court also has supervisory authority, to varying degrees, over a host of judicial-branch entities, including the Office of Court Administration, the Texas Access to Justice Commission, the Texas Access to Justice Foundation, the Board of Law Examiners, and the State Bar of Texas. The Court appoints board members and commissioners to these and other judicial-branch entities, and the Chief Justice has a variety of case-assignment and judicial-administration duties assigned by statute.

The Justices are aided in these duties by excellent staff—permanent specialized attorneys who assist with legal research, writing, and court administration; a Clerk of the Court and his deputies, who receive and process electronic filings and interact with the public; law clerks who work for one-year terms to assist the Court with legal research and writing; executive assistants and administrative personnel; and personnel devoted to the two in-house judicial commissions. More than 88% of the Court's operating budget is devoted to salaries for these employees.

The Legislature has recognized the Court's role in our government in prior Sessions by giving the Court authority to manage limited resources, including exemptions for certain limitations in the General Appropriations Act and authority to carry over unexpended balances between years in the biennium. The Court requests the continuation of this authority.

The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker have asked each state agency to reduce its base appropriation request by 3%. For the Court, that means a reduction of \$1,593,437. The Court is not asking for that sum to be restored. The 89th Legislature funded the Court's request for \$1,453,500 to expand a pilot program coordinated by the Judicial Commission on Mental Health. This money was included in the Legislative Budget Board's calculation of the Court's base budget for the next biennium. Because this money has served its purpose, it should be cut from the Court's base budget. The remainder of the 3% reduction consists of \$139,937 from the \$30 million of general revenue set aside for Basic Civil Legal Services grants.

Subject to the availability of limited public resources, the Court respectfully offers two exceptional items for the Legislature's consideration.

Exceptional Item 1. Recruitment and Retention of Judicial-Branch Staff (\$253,503 in FY 28 and \$514,611 in FY 29 for a Total of \$768,114)

Recruiting and retaining excellent judicial-branch staff is essential to the fair and efficient administration of justice in Texas. The rising cost of living combined with the draw of more lucrative employment at other government agencies and the private sector continue to create staffing challenges for the courts. A 3% annual increase in staff pay throughout the Article IV courts and agencies would help maintain the judicial branch's position in the competitive market for talented, qualified, and experienced lawyers and staff. In conjunction with the rest of the judicial branch, the Supreme Court requests a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 28 and an additional 3% increase in Fiscal Year 29.

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Strategy A.1.1—Appellate Court Operations: FY 28 - \$188,055; FY 29 - \$381,752

Strategy B.1.3—Children's Commission: FY 28 - \$38,181; FY 29 - \$77,507

Strategy B.1.4—Judicial Commission on Mental Health: FY 28 - \$27,267; FY 29 - \$55,352

Exceptional Item 2. One Additional Staff Attorney (\$172,361 in FY 28 and \$166,649 in FY 29 for a Total of \$339,010)

The Supreme Court seeks funding for one additional full-time staff attorney to assist the Court with its growing emergency mandamus docket and its administrative responsibilities. Thanks to funding received from the 89th Legislature, the Court now has two full-time staff attorneys assigned to its emergency mandamus docket, but that docket continues to grow. In calendar year 2025, approximately 309 mandamus proceedings were filed—close to a 20% increase over the 250 mandamus proceedings filed in calendar year 2024. More than half of those 309 proceedings involved a request for emergency relief. The increase appears partially attributable to the widespread availability of artificial intelligence. In particular, the Court has seen an uptick in AI-generated filings by pro se litigants.

At the same time, the Court's vast administrative responsibilities, which are managed by the Chief Justice but frequently require considerable time and effort from the entire Court, are continually expanding. The Court's rulemaking workload is one such area. The 89th Legislature passed 17 bills that either directed the Court to make rules or made changes to existing law that necessitated rules updates. Much of the rulemaking directed by the Legislature must be completed on short deadlines. The Court has a single attorney devoted to rulemaking who manages these projects and dozens of other rulemaking projects initiated internally or by members of the profession. The need for excellence, precision, and timeliness in these rulemaking projects is paramount, and the Court needs an additional staff attorney to assist the Justices in this regard.

The Court therefore requests funding for an additional staff attorney to assist with the increasing workload in both the Court's judicial responsibilities and its administrative responsibilities.

Strategy A.1.1—Appellate Court Operations: FY 28 – \$172,361; FY 29 - \$166,649

OTHER JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET MATTERS

The Supreme Court supports the following items included in other agencies' budget requests:

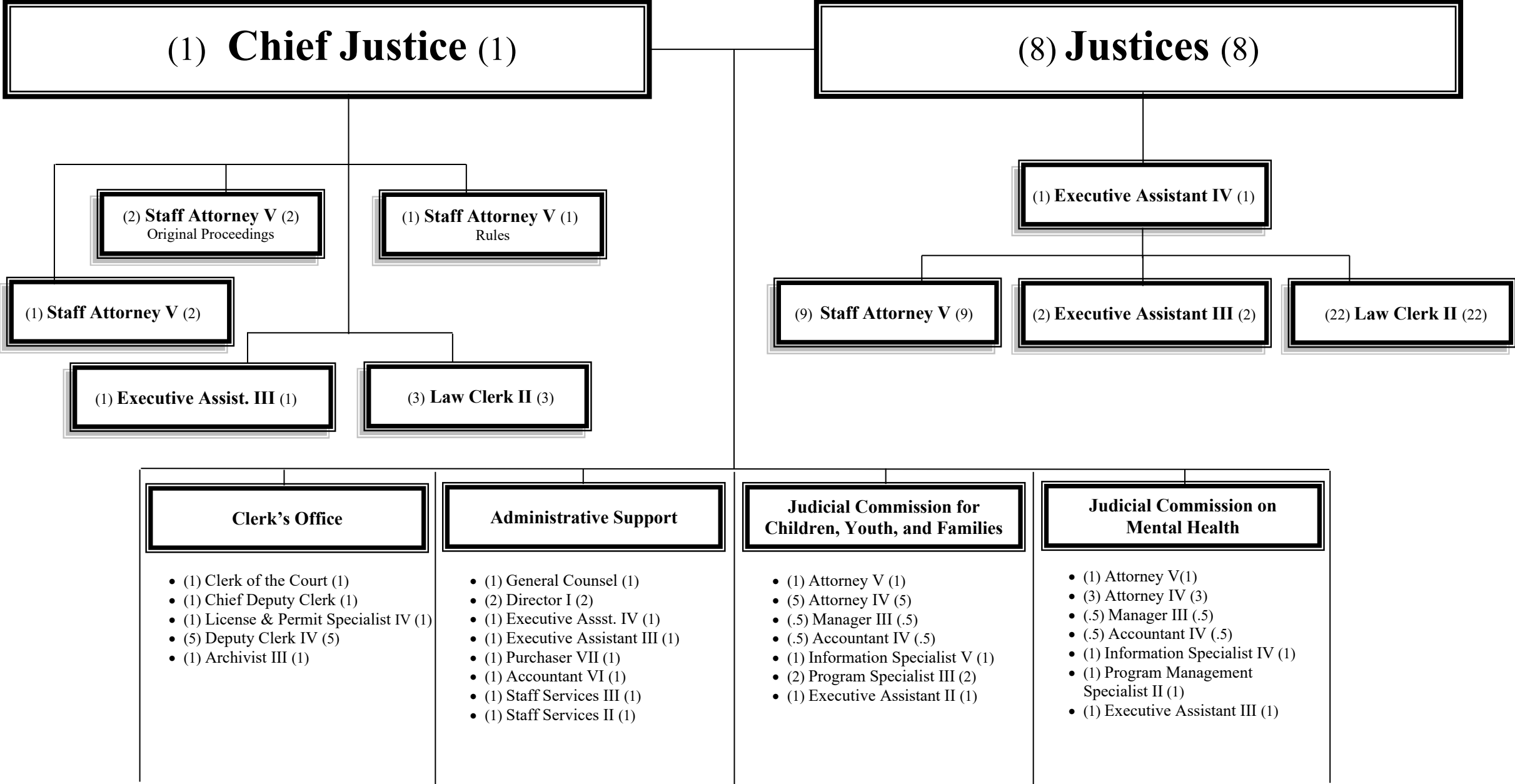
Courts of Appeals

Since 2020, Texas's population increased by more than 50%. Since 2022, when case filings returned to pre-COVID levels, filings in the regional courts of appeals have exploded. In FY 26 alone, filings have increased by more than 20% from FY 25 and by more than 30% from FY 24. The courts serving the I-35 corridor and the Houston metropolitan area have seen an even larger increase in filings. An efficient intermediate appellate court system is crucial to the efficiency of the judicial branch as a whole and to the public's confidence in it. Therefore, the Supreme Court supports the courts of appeals' requests to restore the 3% cut to their base budgets and their requests for increased staff funding.

Office of Court Administration

Adequate funding for the Office of Court Administration is vital to the judicial branch. The Supreme Court supports OCA's appropriation request, including its exceptional items.

The Supreme Court of
Texas Organization Chart
FY28-29





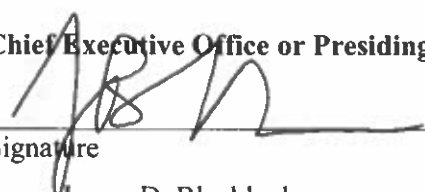
CERTIFICATE

Agency Name SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency Legislative Appropriations Request filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division, is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the electronic submission to the LBB via the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and the PDF file submitted via the LBB Document Submission application are identical.

Additionally, should it become likely at any time that unexpended balances will accrue for any account, the LBB and the Office of the Governor will be notified in writing in accordance with House Bill 1, Article IX, Section 7.01, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023.

Chief Executive Officer or Presiding Judge

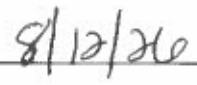

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James D. Blacklock

Printed Name

Chief Justice

Title


Date

Board or Commission Chair

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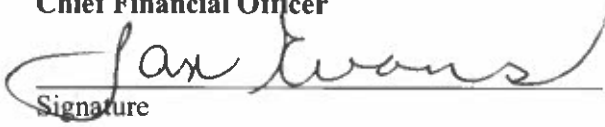
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Title

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Chief Financial Officer

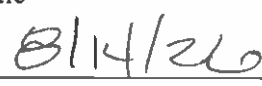

Signature

Jan Evans

Printed Name

Director of Finance

Title


Date

Budget Overview - Biennial Amounts
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201 Supreme Court of Texas											
Appropriation Years: 2028-29											
	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS		GR DEDICATED		FEDERAL FUNDS		OTHER FUNDS		ALL FUNDS		EXCEPTIONAL ITEM FUNDS
	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2028-29
Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations											
1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	13,003,148	13,003,148					765,579	765,579	13,768,727	13,768,727	908,817
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	3,791,069	3,791,069					666,502	666,502	4,457,571	4,457,571	
Total, Goal	16,794,217	16,794,217					1,432,081	1,432,081	18,226,298	18,226,298	908,817
Goal: 2. Court Programs											
2.1.1. Basic Civil Legal Services	30,780,784	30,640,847	10,000,000	9,700,000			104,537,970	39,288,000	145,318,754	79,628,847	
2.1.2. Multi-District Litigation	230,000	230,000							230,000	230,000	
2.1.3. Children'S Commission	666,154	666,154			3,958,062	3,958,062			4,624,216	4,624,216	115,688
2.1.4. Judicial Commission On Mental Hlth	4,643,426	3,189,926							4,643,426	3,189,926	82,619
Total, Goal	36,320,364	34,726,927	10,000,000	9,700,000	3,958,062	3,958,062	104,537,970	39,288,000	154,816,396	87,672,989	198,307
Total, Agency	53,114,581	51,521,144	10,000,000	9,700,000	3,958,062	3,958,062	105,970,051	40,720,081	173,042,694	105,899,287	1,107,124
Total FTEs									90.0	88.0	1.0

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
1 Appellate Court Operations					
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1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	6,003,115	6,155,159	7,613,568	6,884,363	6,884,364
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	1,816,433	2,202,441	2,255,130	2,228,785	2,228,786
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$7,819,548	\$8,357,600	\$9,868,698	\$9,113,148	\$9,113,150
2 Court Programs					
1 Court Programs					
1 BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES	48,828,849	70,284,362	75,034,392	44,594,455	35,034,392
2 MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
3 CHILDREN'S COMMISSION	1,283,182	2,322,108	2,302,108	2,322,108	2,302,108
4 JUDICIAL COMMISSION ON MENTAL HLTH	1,435,463	1,511,258	3,132,168	1,594,963	1,594,963
TOTAL, GOAL 2	\$51,662,494	\$74,232,728	\$80,583,668	\$48,626,526	\$39,046,463
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$59,482,042	\$82,590,328	\$90,452,366	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$59,482,042	\$82,590,328	\$90,452,366	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>METHOD OF FINANCING:</u>					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	24,379,877	24,993,265	28,121,316	25,690,603	25,830,541
SUBTOTAL	\$24,379,877	\$24,993,265	\$28,121,316	\$25,690,603	\$25,830,541
General Revenue Dedicated Funds:					
5010 Sexual Assault Prog Acct	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	9,700,000	0
SUBTOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$9,700,000	\$0
Federal Funds:					
555 Federal Funds	669,117	1,989,031	1,969,031	1,989,031	1,969,031
SUBTOTAL	\$669,117	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
Other Funds:					
573 Judicial Fund	26,188,813	48,010,421	52,764,408	17,762,429	17,762,430
666 Appropriated Receipts	230,638	97,611	97,611	97,611	97,611
777 Interagency Contracts	3,013,597	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
SUBTOTAL	\$29,433,048	\$50,608,032	\$55,362,019	\$20,360,040	\$20,360,041
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$59,482,042	\$82,590,328	\$90,452,366	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613

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

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>					
<u>1</u> General Revenue Fund					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$23,932,101	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$26,599,800	\$25,146,302	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,690,603	\$25,830,541
RIDER APPROPRIATION					
Art. IX, Sec. 18.83(d) Contingency for SB 293	\$0	\$455,300	\$455,300	\$0	\$0
Comments: A.1.2 Appellate Judges Salary					
TRANSFERS					
Art. IX Sec. 17.15 Attorney Salary Increase	\$0	\$269,285	\$271,743	\$0	\$0

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>					
Comments: A.1.1-Appellate Courts B.1.3 Children's Commission B.1.4 - JCMH					
Art. IX, Sec. 14.01, Appropriation Transfer-In	\$0	\$162,303	\$164,913	\$0	\$0
Comments: A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations					
Art. IX, Sec. 14.01, Appropriation Transfer-Out	\$0	\$(100,000)	\$(100,000)	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services					
Art. IX, Sec. 14.01, Appropriation Transfer-Out	\$0	\$(41,078)	\$(41,078)	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.3 Children's Commission					
Art. IX, Sec. 14.01, Appropriation Transfer-Out	\$0	\$(21,225)	\$(23,835)	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.4 Judicial Commission on Mental Health					

LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(4,997)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.4 Judicial Commission on Mental Health					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(93,631)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: Unused COLA Funds					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$(67,919)	\$(15,230)	\$0	\$0
Comments: A.1.2 Appellate Judges Salary					
<i>UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY</i>					
Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the Same Biennium (2024-25 GAA)	\$27,055	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.4 Judicial Commission on Mental Health Art.IV, Special Provisions-Judiciary Section 9, Unexpended Balance Authority (2024-2025 GAA)					
Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the Same Biennium (2024-25 GAA)	\$236,719	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>						
Comments: A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations						
Art.IV, Special Provisions-Judiciary Section 9, Unexpended Balance Authority (2024-2025 GAA)						
Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the Same Biennium (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$264,290	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services						
ArtIV,Special Provisions-Judiciary Section 9, Unexpended Balance Authority (2026-27 GAA)						
		\$0	\$(724,691)	\$724,691	\$0	\$0
Comments: A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations						
ArtIV,Special Provisions-Judiciary Section 9, Unexpended Balance Authority (2026-27 GAA)						
		\$0	\$(1,538,510)	\$1,538,510	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.4 Judicial Commission on Mental Health						
<i>BASE ADJUSTMENT</i>						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$18,340	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>						
Comments: A.1.2 Appellate Judges Salary						
TOTAL,	General Revenue Fund					
		\$24,379,877	\$24,993,265	\$28,121,316	\$25,690,603	\$25,830,541
TOTAL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE					
		\$24,379,877	\$24,993,265	\$28,121,316	\$25,690,603	\$25,830,541

GENERAL REVENUE FUND - DEDICATED**5010** GR Dedicated - Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010*REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS*

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)

\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Comments: Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)

\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services (BCLS)

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)

\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,700,000	\$0
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UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY

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<u>GENERAL REVENUE FUND - DEDICATED</u>						
Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the Same Biennium (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services (BCLS)						
Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the Same Biennium (2026-27 GAA)						
		\$0	\$(5,000,000)	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal						
TOTAL,	GR Dedicated - Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$9,700,000	\$0
TOTAL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE FUND - DEDICATED	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$9,700,000	\$0
TOTAL,	GR & GR-DEDICATED FUNDS	\$29,379,877	\$29,993,265	\$33,121,316	\$35,390,603	\$25,830,541
<u>FEDERAL FUNDS</u>						
555	Federal Funds					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$2,108,858	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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<u>FEDERAL FUNDS</u>						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)		\$0	\$1,948,411	\$1,928,411	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>						
Art IX, Sec 13.01, Federal Funds/Block Grants (2024-25 GAA)		\$(1,439,741)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.2 Children's Commission - Utilized funds from one-time IAC with DFPS in place of Federal Funds.						
Art IX, Sec 13.01, Federal Funds/Block Grants (2026-27 GAA)		\$0	\$40,620	\$40,620	\$0	\$0
TOTAL,	Federal Funds	\$669,117	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
TOTAL, ALL	FEDERAL FUNDS	\$669,117	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
<u>573</u>	Judicial Fund No. 573					
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$17,838,839	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$17,763,688	\$17,763,687	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,762,429	\$17,762,430
	<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>					
	Rider 2, Basic Civil Legal Services (2024-25 GAA)	\$32,071,961	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comments: Add'l Funds Collected					
	Rider 2, Basic Civil Legal Services (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$33,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$0
	Comments: Add'l Funds Collected					

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
Rider 5, Appellate Court Operations SC Support Fees (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$(156,068)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: Under Collected Funds						
Rider 5, Appellate Court Operations SC Support Fees (2026-27 GAA)						
		\$0	\$(86,437)	\$(86,436)	\$0	\$0
Comments: Under Collected Funds						
<i>UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY</i>						
Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the Same Biennium (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$38,616,926	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services						
Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the Same Biennium (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$237,482	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations						
Rider 5, Appellate Court Operations SC Support Fees (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$(170,357)	\$170,357	\$0	\$0	\$0

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code:	201	Agency name:	Supreme Court of Texas			
METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
Comments: A.1.1 UB Authority Between Biennium						
Rider 2, Basic Civil Legal Services (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$(62,249,970)	\$62,249,970	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services - UB Authority Between Biennium						
Rider 2, Basic Civil Legal Services (2026-27 GAA)						
		\$0	\$(65,000,000)	\$65,000,000	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services						
Art IV Special Provisions-Judiciary Section 9, Unexpended Balance Authority						
		\$0	\$(87,157)	\$87,157	\$0	\$0
Comments: A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations						
Rider 2, Basic Civil Legal Services (2026-27 GAA)						
		\$0	\$0	\$(60,000,000)	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services UB Authority Between Biennium						
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573	\$26,188,813	\$48,010,421	\$52,764,408	\$17,762,429	\$17,762,430

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code:	201	Agency name:	Supreme Court of Texas			
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029	
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
<u>666</u> Appropriated Receipts						
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)						
	\$180,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Comments: A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)						
	\$0	\$180,299	\$180,300	\$0	\$0	
Comments: A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)						
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$97,611	\$97,611	
RIDER APPROPRIATION						
Art IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2024-25 GAA)						
	\$50,338	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Comments: A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations						
Art IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2026-27 GAA)						
	\$0	\$(82,688)	\$(82,689)	\$0	\$0	

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code: 201		Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas				
METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
Comments: A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations						
TOTAL,	Appropriated Receipts					
		\$230,638	\$97,611	\$97,611	\$97,611	\$97,611
<u>777</u>	Interagency Contracts					
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)					
		\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services-IAC w/OAG-Crime Victims Civil Legal Services					
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)					
		\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0
	Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services-IAC w/OAG-Crime Victims Civil Legal Services					
	Art. IX, Sec.6.02-Interpretation of Estimates					
		\$522,347	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comments: B.1.3 Children's Commission-IAC w/DFPS-Family First Project					
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)					

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code: 201		Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas				
METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services-IAC w/OAG-Crime Victims Civil Legal Services						
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>						
Rider 2, Basic Civil Legal Services (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$(8,750)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: B.1.1 Basic Civil Legal Services-IAC w/OAG-Crime Victims Civil Legal Services						
TOTAL,	Interagency Contracts					
		\$3,013,597	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
TOTAL, ALL	OTHER FUNDS					
		\$29,433,048	\$50,608,032	\$55,362,019	\$20,360,040	\$20,360,041
GRAND TOTAL		\$59,482,042	\$82,590,328	\$90,452,366	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code: 201	Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas				
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	85.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	90.0	90.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.0	88.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP					
Unauthorized number over (below) cap	(5.4)	(9.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	79.6	80.6	90.0	88.0	88.0
NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTES					
	10.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0

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

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OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$8,387,129	\$9,855,422	\$10,949,305	\$10,830,881	\$10,830,881
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$697,387	\$299,916	\$759,910	\$268,748	\$328,914
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$4,500	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$27,218	\$44,275	\$46,532	\$47,048	\$47,048
2004 UTILITIES	\$28,926	\$26,516	\$26,516	\$28,000	\$28,000
2005 TRAVEL	\$74,654	\$124,400	\$126,517	\$122,400	\$122,400
2006 RENT - BUILDING	\$6,753	\$36,322	\$36,800	\$37,600	\$37,600
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$28,073	\$30,704	\$32,380	\$35,380	\$35,380
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$732,134	\$1,139,948	\$1,194,354	\$1,141,126	\$1,087,462
4000 GRANTS	\$49,495,268	\$71,032,225	\$77,279,452	\$45,227,891	\$35,641,328
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$59,482,042	\$82,590,328	\$90,452,366	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613
OOE Total (Riders)					
Grand Total	\$59,482,042	\$82,590,328	\$90,452,366	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613

2.C.1. Operating Costs Detail ~ Base Request

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Agency Code: 201 Agency: Supreme Court of Texas

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

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
2	Postage	\$2,113	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
3	Telephone	21,870	21,844	25,000	25,000	25,000
13	Furniture & Equipment (Expensed)	37,555	40,000	72,500	10,000	0
15	Printing & Reproduction	862	4,394	6,500	6,500	2,500
24	Freight/Delivery	900	502	1,000	1,000	1,000
46	Communication Services	61,377	65,165	73,400	75,000	75,000
51	Other Operating Expenses	3,172	52,229	65,967	36,289	10,124
61	Purchase of Contract Services	30,255	25,000	32,000	25,000	25,000
64	SORM Assessment	7,587	7,874	8,200	8,500	8,500
76	Maintenance & Repair - Building	54,336	10,000	27,500	5,000	0
101	Registrations/Membership Dues	16,052	14,001	15,000	15,000	15,000
125	Books - Npt Cap.	4,940	9,864	10,000	10,000	0
163	Pers Prop-Main & Rep (Exp)	20,043	8,000	20,000	5,000	2,000
213	ERS 1% & .5%	70,315	77,268	83,500	83,500	83,500
Total, Operating Costs		\$331,377	\$341,141	\$446,067	\$310,789	\$252,624

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Agency Code: 201 Agency: Supreme Court of Texas

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 2-1-1 Basic Civil Legal Services

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
11	Misc. Operating Costs	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Total, Operating Costs	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

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Agency Code: 201 Agency: Supreme Court of Texas

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 2-1-3 Children's Commission

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
2	Postage	\$316	\$316	\$316	\$500	\$500
3	Telephone	2,724	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
13	Furniture & Equipment (Expensed)	6,741	9,557	5,000	9,420	9,420
15	Printing & Reproduction	22,009	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
46	Communication Services	14,276	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
51	Other Operating Expenses	3,711	3,320	4,605	5,000	5,000
56	Computer Equipment - Expensed	3,221	5,000	5,000	6,362	6,362
61	Purchase of Contract Services	-360,164	37,906	35,000	31,728	31,728
64	SORM Assessment	1,035	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050
101	Registrations/Membership Dues	20,868	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
213	ERS 1% & .5%	14,014	18,576	18,576	18,576	18,576
Total, Operating Costs		-\$271,249	\$112,025	\$105,847	\$108,936	\$108,936

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Agency Code: 201 Agency: Supreme Court of Texas

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 2-1-4 Judicial Commission on Mental Health

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
2	Postage	\$3,221	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
3	Telephone	1,668	1,700	1,668	1,800	1,800
6	Registrations/Training	5,940	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
15	Printing & Reproduction	34,396	40,000	42,000	45,000	45,000
24	Freight/Delivery	21	21	21	100	100
27	Membership Dues	2,233	2,140	2,140	2,400	2,400
35	Computer Equip./Software, Non-cap	1,088	3,400	5,152	4,000	4,000
46	Communication Services	11,543	7,000	4,200	5,000	5,000
61	Purchase of Contract Services	482,708	564,930	541,551	516,800	521,300
64	SORM Assessment	731	750	750	893	893
67	Cleaning Services	644	500	650	700	700
76	Maintenance & Repair - Building	504	504	504	600	600
114	Reimbursement to TWC	0	1,000	1,061	0	0
176	Furniture and Equipment	286	6,737	4,500	4,000	4,000
209	Publications	19,890	20,000	0	0	0
213	ERS 1% & .5%	9,829	10,563	10,563	12,000	12,000
Total, Operating Costs		\$574,702	\$667,245	\$622,760	\$601,793	\$606,293

2.D. Summary of Base Request Objective Outcomes
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201 Supreme Court of Texas					
<i>Goal/ Objective / Outcome</i>	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 Appellate Court Operations					
KEY 1 Disposition Rate					
	96.60%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 2 Avg # of Days Since Filing of All Matters Pending in the Supreme Court					
	201.44	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00

2.E. Summary of Exceptional Items Request
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Agency code: **201**

Agency name: **Supreme Court of Texas**

Priority	Item	2028			2029			Biennium	
		GR and GR/GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds
1	Recruitment & Retention	\$253,503	\$253,503		\$514,611	\$514,611		\$768,114	\$768,114
2	Staff Attorney	\$172,361	\$172,361	1.0	\$166,649	\$166,649	1.0	\$339,010	\$339,010
Total, Exceptional Items Request		\$425,864	\$425,864	1.0	\$681,260	\$681,260	1.0	\$1,107,124	\$1,107,124
Method of Financing									
	General Revenue	\$425,864	\$425,864		\$681,260	\$681,260		\$1,107,124	\$1,107,124
	General Revenue - Dedicated								
	Federal Funds								
	Other Funds								
		\$425,864	\$425,864		\$681,260	\$681,260		\$1,107,124	\$1,107,124
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: 201	Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas					
Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	Base 2028	Base 2029	Exceptional 2028	Exceptional 2029	Total Request 2028	Total Request 2029
1 Appellate Court Operations						
1 <i>Appellate Court Operations</i>						
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$6,884,363	\$6,884,364	\$360,416	\$548,401	\$7,244,779	\$7,432,765
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	2,228,785	2,228,786	0	0	2,228,785	2,228,786
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$9,113,148	\$9,113,150	\$360,416	\$548,401	\$9,473,564	\$9,661,551
2 Court Programs						
1 <i>Court Programs</i>						
1 BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES	44,594,455	35,034,392	0	0	44,594,455	35,034,392
2 MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION	115,000	115,000	0	0	115,000	115,000
3 CHILDREN'S COMMISSION	2,322,108	2,302,108	38,181	77,507	2,360,289	2,379,615
4 JUDICIAL COMMISSION ON MENTAL HLTH	1,594,963	1,594,963	27,267	55,352	1,622,230	1,650,315
TOTAL, GOAL 2	\$48,626,526	\$39,046,463	\$65,448	\$132,859	\$48,691,974	\$39,179,322
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613	\$425,864	\$681,260	\$58,165,538	\$48,840,873
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST						
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613	\$425,864	\$681,260	\$58,165,538	\$48,840,873

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
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Agency code: 201		Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas					
Goal/Objective/STRATEGY		Base 2028	Base 2029	Exceptional 2028	Exceptional 2029	Total Request 2028	Total Request 2029
General Revenue Funds:							
1	General Revenue Fund	\$25,690,603	\$25,830,541	\$425,864	\$681,260	\$26,116,467	\$26,511,801
		\$25,690,603	\$25,830,541	\$425,864	\$681,260	\$26,116,467	\$26,511,801
General Revenue Dedicated Funds:							
5010	Sexual Assault Prog Acct	9,700,000	0	0	0	9,700,000	0
		\$9,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,700,000	\$0
Federal Funds:							
555	Federal Funds	1,989,031	1,969,031	0	0	1,989,031	1,969,031
		\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$0	\$0	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
Other Funds:							
573	Judicial Fund	17,762,429	17,762,430	0	0	17,762,429	17,762,430
666	Appropriated Receipts	97,611	97,611	0	0	97,611	97,611
777	Interagency Contracts	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
		\$20,360,040	\$20,360,041	\$0	\$0	\$20,360,040	\$20,360,041
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613	\$425,864	\$681,260	\$58,165,538	\$48,840,873
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS		88.0	88.0	1.0	1.0	89.0	89.0

2.G. Summary of Total Request Objective Outcomes
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Agency code: **201** Agency name: **Supreme Court of Texas**

Goal/ Objective / Outcome

		BL	BL	Excp	Excp	Total	Total
		2028	2029	2028	2029	Request	Request
						2028	2029
1	Appellate Court Operations						
1	Appellate Court Operations						
KEY	1 Disposition Rate						
		100.00%	100.00%			100.00%	100.00%
KEY	2 Avg # of Days Since Filing of All Matters Pending in the Supreme Court						
		200.00	200.00			200.00	200.00

3.A. Strategy Request
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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 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Output Measures:						
1	Number of Cases Disposed of by the Court	1,169.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Efficiency Measures:						
1	Avg Number of Days Since Filing of Causes Pending in the Supreme Court	113.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00
2	Avg Number of Days Since Petition was Granted in Causes Pending	106.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00
3	Avg # of Days Since Submission of Causes Pending in the Supreme Court	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Avg # of Days Since Filing of Petitions of Review Pending in Sup Ct	164.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
5	Avg # of Days Since Filing of Extraordinary Writs Pending in Sup Ct	176.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$5,021,524	\$5,484,203	\$6,384,000	\$6,288,174	\$6,288,174
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$579,418	\$209,368	\$659,101	\$160,000	\$218,166
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$3,578	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$24,348	\$41,027	\$43,484	\$44,000	\$44,000
2004	UTILITIES	\$15,934	\$13,516	\$13,516	\$15,000	\$15,000

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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 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
2005	TRAVEL	\$2,689	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$3,360	\$3,390	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$20,887	\$23,514	\$25,000	\$28,000	\$28,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$331,377	\$341,141	\$446,067	\$310,789	\$252,624
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$6,003,115	\$6,155,159	\$7,613,568	\$6,884,363	\$6,884,364
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$5,499,832	\$5,774,348	\$7,228,800	\$6,501,574	\$6,501,574
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$5,499,832	\$5,774,348	\$7,228,800	\$6,501,574	\$6,501,574
Method of Financing:						
573	Judicial Fund	\$272,645	\$283,200	\$287,157	\$285,178	\$285,179
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$230,638	\$97,611	\$97,611	\$97,611	\$97,611
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$503,283	\$380,811	\$384,768	\$382,789	\$382,790

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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 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$6,884,363	\$6,884,364
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$6,003,115	\$6,155,159	\$7,613,568	\$6,884,363	\$6,884,364
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		53.0	54.0	61.0	61.0	61.0
STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:						

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)</u>		<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$13,768,727	\$13,768,727	\$0		
			\$0	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

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GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations
OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations
STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

Service Categories:

Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,741,959	\$2,132,504	\$2,177,700	\$2,155,102	\$2,155,102
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$57,170	\$50,400	\$57,750	\$54,075	\$54,075
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$17,304	\$19,537	\$19,680	\$19,608	\$19,609
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,816,433	\$2,202,441	\$2,255,130	\$2,228,785	\$2,228,786
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,483,182	\$1,869,190	\$1,921,879	\$1,895,534	\$1,895,535
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,483,182	\$1,869,190	\$1,921,879	\$1,895,534	\$1,895,535
Method of Financing:						
573	Judicial Fund	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$2,228,785	\$2,228,786
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$1,816,433	\$2,202,441	\$2,255,130	\$2,228,785	\$2,228,786
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations
OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations
STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

Service Categories:
Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
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STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$4,457,571	\$4,457,571	\$0		
			\$0	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 1 Basic Civil Legal Services

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Output Measures:						
KEY 1	Number of BCLS Grantees Provided State Funds	25.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
1	Number of Eligible Clients Whose Cases Were Closed	103,550.00	104,586.00	106,677.00	109,344.00	112,624.00
2	Percent of BCLS Funding Provided by State Funds	22.77 %	23.54 %	24.98 %	24.94 %	24.94 %
Objects of Expense:						
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
4000	GRANTS	\$48,748,849	\$70,284,362	\$75,034,392	\$44,494,455	\$34,934,392
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$48,828,849	\$70,284,362	\$75,034,392	\$44,594,455	\$35,034,392
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$15,754,682	\$15,390,392	\$15,390,392	\$15,250,455	\$15,390,392
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$15,754,682	\$15,390,392	\$15,390,392	\$15,250,455	\$15,390,392
Method of Financing:						
5010	Sexual Assault Prog Acct	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$9,700,000	\$0
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS - DEDICATED)		\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$9,700,000	\$0
Method of Financing:						

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 1 Basic Civil Legal Services

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
573	Judicial Fund	\$25,582,917	\$47,393,970	\$52,144,000	\$17,144,000	\$17,144,000
777	Interagency Contracts	\$2,491,250	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$28,074,167	\$49,893,970	\$54,644,000	\$19,644,000	\$19,644,000

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS) **\$44,594,455** **\$35,034,392**

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS) **\$48,828,849** **\$70,284,362** **\$75,034,392** **\$44,594,455** **\$35,034,392**

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 1 Basic Civil Legal Services

Service Categories:
Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
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EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)</u>		<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$145,318,754	\$79,628,847	\$(65,689,907)	\$(65,249,970)	Judicial fees in Est 2026 & Budgeted 2027 is over the budgeted appropriation amount. GAA 89th Leg. R. S. Art. IV-2(a) Rider Basic Civil Legal Services.
			\$(139,937)	Reduction in GR funding to contribute to requested 3% reduction
			\$(300,000)	3% Reduction in GR-Dedicated Funding
			<u>\$(65,689,907)</u>	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 2 Multi-District Litigation

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$8,450	\$8,450	\$8,450	\$8,450	\$8,450
4000	GRANTS	\$106,550	\$106,550	\$106,550	\$106,550	\$106,550
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$115,000	\$115,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:						
STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:						

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 2 Multi-District Litigation

Service Categories:
Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
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EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		BIENNIAL CHANGE	EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE	
Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)	Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)		\$ Amount	Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
\$230,000	\$230,000	\$0		
			\$0	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 3 Children's Commission

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Efficiency Measures:						
1	Average Value of Grants Provided by the Children's Commission	96,248.00	109,264.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
1	Number of Grants Provided by the Children's Commission	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$940,901	\$1,483,685	\$1,483,685	\$1,483,685	\$1,483,685
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$49,417	\$25,148	\$25,148	\$36,673	\$36,673
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$542	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$2,565	\$2,048	\$2,048	\$2,048	\$2,048
2004	UTILITIES	\$8,290	\$8,300	\$8,300	\$8,300	\$8,300
2005	TRAVEL	\$30,364	\$42,400	\$42,400	\$42,400	\$42,400
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$3,393	\$30,200	\$30,200	\$30,200	\$30,200
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$3,877	\$3,880	\$3,880	\$3,880	\$3,880
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$(271,249)	\$112,025	\$105,847	\$108,936	\$108,936
4000	GRANTS	\$515,082	\$613,822	\$600,000	\$605,386	\$585,386
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,283,182	\$2,322,108	\$2,302,108	\$2,322,108	\$2,302,108

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 3 Children's Commission

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$91,718	\$333,077	\$333,077	\$333,077	\$333,077
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$91,718	\$333,077	\$333,077	\$333,077	\$333,077
Method of Financing:						
555	Federal Funds					
	93.586.000 State Court Improvement P	\$669,117	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
CFDA Subtotal, Fund	555	\$669,117	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
SUBTOTAL, MOF (FEDERAL FUNDS)		\$669,117	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
Method of Financing:						
777	Interagency Contracts	\$522,347	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$522,347	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$2,322,108	\$2,302,108
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$1,283,182	\$2,322,108	\$2,302,108	\$2,322,108	\$2,302,108
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		11.0	11.0	12.0	11.0	11.0

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 3 Children's Commission

Service Categories:
Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
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STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)</u>		<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$4,624,216	\$4,624,216	\$0		
			\$0	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL:	2	Court Programs	
OBJECTIVE:	1	Court Programs	Service Categories:
STRATEGY:	4	Judicial Commission on Mental Health	Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Efficiency Measures:						
1	Average Value of Grants by the Judicial Commission on Mental Health	55,328.00	0.00	165,000.00	0.00	115,500.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
1	Number of Grants Provided by the Judicial Commission on Mental Health	2.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$674,295	\$746,580	\$895,470	\$895,470	\$895,470
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$11,382	\$15,000	\$17,911	\$18,000	\$20,000
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$380	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$305	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
2004	UTILITIES	\$4,702	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,700	\$4,700
2005	TRAVEL	\$41,601	\$43,000	\$45,117	\$45,000	\$45,000
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$0	\$2,732	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,000
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$3,309	\$3,310	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$574,702	\$667,245	\$622,760	\$601,793	\$606,293
4000	GRANTS	\$124,787	\$27,491	\$1,538,510	\$21,500	\$15,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,435,463	\$1,511,258	\$3,132,168	\$1,594,963	\$1,594,963

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 4 Judicial Commission on Mental Health

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,435,463	\$1,511,258	\$3,132,168	\$1,594,963	\$1,594,963
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,435,463	\$1,511,258	\$3,132,168	\$1,594,963	\$1,594,963
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$1,594,963	\$1,594,963
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$1,435,463	\$1,511,258	\$3,132,168	\$1,594,963	\$1,594,963
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		6.6	6.6	8.0	7.0	7.0
STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:						

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

201 Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 4 Judicial Commission on Mental Health

Service Categories:
Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
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EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)</u>		<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$4,643,426	\$3,189,926	\$(1,453,500)	\$(1,453,500)	Funding in 89th leg. R.S.to expand pilot program by JCMH served purpose and is no longer needed for next biennium. This funding is being used to meet 3% reduction in GR funding for FY28/FY29 biennium.
			\$(1,453,500)	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$59,482,042	\$82,590,328	\$90,452,366	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$59,482,042	\$82,590,328	\$90,452,366	\$57,739,674	\$48,159,613
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	79.6	80.6	90.0	88.0	88.0

RIDER REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS REQUEST

	Supreme Court of Texas		08/14/26	Baseline
Current Rider Number	Page Number in 2026-27 GAA	Proposed Rider Language Requested Level: Baseline Request		
2.(a)	IV-2	(a) Appropriation: Basic Civil Legal Services. All unobligated and unexpended balances remaining in the Basic Civil Legal Services account of the Judicial Fund at the end of fiscal year 2025-2027 (estimated to be \$0) and all fees deposited into the Account in Judicial Fund No. 573 are appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Basic Civil Legal Services, in fiscal year 2026 <u>2028</u>. Any fees deposited and any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining in excess of \$17,144,000 each fiscal year (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Supreme Court for the same purpose. Supreme Court of Texas shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor within 90 days following February 28 and August 31 of each fiscal year showing disbursements from all funding sources for the Basic Civil Legal Services, the purpose for each disbursement, and compliance with grant conditions.		
3.(a) (b)	IV-2	Court Improvement Projects (a) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Children’s Commission and Strategy B.1.4 Judicial Commission on Mental Health include Federal Funds from the State Court Improvement Program (CFDA 93.586) in the amount of \$1,948,411 in fiscal year 2026-2028 and \$1,928,411 in fiscal year 2027-2029. Out of these funds, the Supreme Court is allocated an amount estimated to be \$1,311,415 in fiscal year 2026 <u>2028</u> and \$1,311,415 in fiscal year 2027 <u>2029</u> to administer the grant. Additionally, the Supreme Court shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by November 29th of each fiscal year showing disbursements, the purpose of each disbursement, and compliance with grant conditions. (b) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Judicial Commission on Mental Health, include \$1,350,000 from the General Revenue Funds each fiscal year for the Judicial Commission on Mental Health. The Supreme Court shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by November 29th of each fiscal year showing disbursements, the purpose of each disbursement, and compliance with grant conditions.		
5.	IV-3	Supreme Court Support Fee. Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1 Appellate Court Operations, include an amount estimated to be \$200,000 in each fiscal year from the Supreme Court Support Account in the Judicial Fund No. 573. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining from funds appropriated to the Supreme Court in Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations out of the Supreme Court Support Account in the Judicial Fund No. 573 as of August 31, <u>2027</u> (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning September 1, <u>2027</u> for the same purpose.		

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule
90th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: 8/14/2026
TIME: 1:16:43PM

Agency code: 201 Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas

CODE	DESCRIPTION		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
	Item Name:	Recruitment & Retention of Judicial Branch		
	Item Priority:	1		
	IT Component:	No		
	Anticipated Out-year Costs:	Yes		
	Involve Contracts > \$50,000:	No		
	Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies:	01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations		
		02-01-03 Children's Commission		
		02-01-04 Judicial Commission on Mental Health		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES		249,757	507,006
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE		3,746	7,605
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$253,503	\$514,611
METHOD OF FINANCING:				
1	General Revenue Fund		253,503	514,611
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$253,503	\$514,611

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Recruiting and retaining excellent judicial-branch staff is essential to the fair and efficient administration of justice in Texas. The rising cost of living combined with the draw of more lucrative employment at other government agencies and the private sector continue to create staffing challenges for the courts.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

A 3% annual increase in staff pay throughout the Article IV courts and agencies would help maintain the judicial branch's position in the competitive market for talented, qualified, and experienced lawyers and staff. In conjunction with the rest of the judicial branch, the Supreme Court requests a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 28 and an additional 3% increase in Fiscal Year 29.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule
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DATE: 8/14/2026
TIME: 1:16:43PM

Agency code: 201 Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
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DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

Continuation of salary increase awarded in FY28/FY29 for salary and additional other operating expenses for 1.5% ERS fees.

ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

	2030	2031	2032
OUT-YEAR ALL FUNDS:	\$514,611	\$514,611	\$514,611
OUT-YEAR GR ONLY COSTS FOR ITEM:			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$514,611	\$514,611	\$514,611
TOTAL OUT-YEAR GR ONLY:	\$514,611	\$514,611	\$514,611

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule
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DATE: **8/14/2026**
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Agency code: **201** Agency name: **Supreme Court of Texas**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name: One Add'l Staff Attorney Item Priority: 2 IT Component: No Anticipated Out-year Costs: Yes Involve Contracts > \$50,000: No Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations			
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	163,607	163,607
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	8,754	3,042
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$172,361	\$166,649
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	172,361	166,649
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$172,361	\$166,649
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		1.00	1.00

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

The Supreme Court seeks funding for one additional full-time staff attorney to assist the Court with its growing emergency mandamus docket and its administrative responsibilities. Thanks to funding received from the 89th Legislature, the Court now has two full-time staff attorneys assigned to its emergency mandamus docket, but that docket continues to grow.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

In calendar year 2025, approximately 309 mandamus proceedings were filed—close to a 20% increase over the 250 mandamus proceedings filed in calendar year 2024. More than half of those 309 proceedings involved a request for emergency relief. The increase appears partially attributable to the widespread availability of artificial intelligence.

In particular, the Court has seen an uptick in AI-generated filings by pro se litigants.

At the same time, the Court's vast administrative responsibilities, which are managed by the Chief Justice but frequently require considerable time and effort from the entire Court, are continually expanding. The Court's rulemaking workload is one such area. The 89th Legislature passed 17 bills that either directed the Court to make rules or made changes to existing law that necessitated rules updates. Much of the rulemaking directed by the legislature must be completed on short deadlines. The Court has a single attorney devoted to rulemaking who manages these projects and dozens of other rulemaking projects initiated internally or by members of the profession. The need for excellence, precision, and timeliness in these rulemaking projects is paramount, and the Court needs an additional staff attorney to assist the Justices in this regard.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule
90th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
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DATE: 8/14/2026
TIME: 1:16:43PM

Agency code: 201 Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
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DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

Staff Attorney ongoing salary for future years along with 1.5% ERS fees.

ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

	2030	2031	2032
OUT-YEAR ALL FUNDS:	\$166,649	\$166,649	\$166,649
OUT-YEAR GR ONLY COSTS FOR ITEM:			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$166,649	\$166,649	\$166,649
TOTAL OUT-YEAR GR ONLY:	\$166,649	\$166,649	\$166,649

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule
 90th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: **8/14/2026**
 TIME: **1:16:43PM**

Agency code: 201		Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas	
Code	Description	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:		Recruitment & Retention of Judicial Branch	
Allocation to Strategy:		1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	185,276	376,110
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	2,779	5,642
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$188,055	\$381,752
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	188,055	381,752
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$188,055	\$381,752

Agency code: 201		Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas	
Code	Description	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:		Recruitment & Retention of Judicial Branch	
Allocation to Strategy:		2-1-3 Children's Commission	
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	37,617	76,362
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	564	1,145
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$38,181	\$77,507
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	38,181	77,507
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$38,181	\$77,507

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

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DATE: 8/14/2026

TIME: 1:16:43PM

Agency code:	201	Agency name:	Supreme Court of Texas		
Code	Description			Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:	Recruitment & Retention of Judicial Branch				
Allocation to Strategy:	2-1-4	Judicial Commission on Mental Health			
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:					
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES			26,864	54,534
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE			403	818
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE				\$27,267	\$55,352
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
1	General Revenue Fund			27,267	55,352
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING				\$27,267	\$55,352

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

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Agency code:	201	Agency name:	Supreme Court of Texas		
Code	Description			Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:	One Add'l Staff Attorney				
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations			
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:					
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES			163,607	163,607
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE			8,754	3,042
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE				\$172,361	\$166,649
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
1	General Revenue Fund			172,361	166,649
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING				\$172,361	\$166,649
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):				1.0	1.0

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request
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Agency Code: 201 Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas

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	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
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OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	348,883	539,717
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	11,533	8,684
Total, Objects of Expense		\$360,416	\$548,401

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1	General Revenue Fund	360,416	548,401
Total, Method of Finance		\$360,416	\$548,401

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):	1.0	1.0
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EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Recruitment & Retention of Judicial Branch

One Add'l Staff Attorney

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request
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Agency Code: 201 Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs
OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs
STRATEGY: 3 Children's Commission

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
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OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	37,617	76,362
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	564	1,145
Total, Objects of Expense		\$38,181	\$77,507

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1	General Revenue Fund	38,181	77,507
Total, Method of Finance		\$38,181	\$77,507

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Recruitment & Retention of Judicial Branch

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request
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Agency Code: 201 Agency name: Supreme Court of Texas

GOAL: 2 Court Programs

OBJECTIVE: 1 Court Programs

STRATEGY: 4 Judicial Commission on Mental Health

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
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OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	26,864	54,534
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	403	818
Total, Objects of Expense		\$27,267	\$55,352

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1	General Revenue Fund	27,267	55,352
Total, Method of Finance		\$27,267	\$55,352

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Recruitment & Retention of Judicial Branch

6.A. Historically Underutilized Business Supporting Schedule
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Agency Code: **201** Agency: **Supreme Court of Texas**

COMPARISON TO STATEWIDE HUB PROCUREMENT GOALS

A. Fiscal Year - HUB Expenditure Information

Statewide HUB Goals	Procurement Category	% Goal	<u>HUB Expenditures FY 2024</u>			Total Expenditures FY 2024	% Goal	<u>HUB Expenditures FY 2025</u>			Total Expenditures FY 2025
			% Actual	Diff	Actual \$			% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	
32.9%	Special Trade	32.9 %	0.0%	-32.9%	\$0	\$0	32.9 %	96.9%	64.0%	\$29,322	\$30,275
26.0%	Other Services	26.0 %	55.6%	29.6%	\$372,583	\$670,002	26.0 %	57.2%	31.2%	\$488,078	\$853,725
21.1%	Commodities	21.1 %	6.9%	-14.2%	\$6,359	\$92,328	21.1 %	10.4%	-10.7%	\$9,132	\$87,822
	Total Expenditures		49.7%		\$378,942	\$762,330		54.2%		\$526,532	\$971,822

B. Assessment of Attainment of HUB Procurement Goals

Attainment:

The Supreme Court's priority in procurement is to seek the best value for each expenditure of taxpayer funds without regard to race or sex . In so doing, the Court attained the state HUB goal in FY24 for Other Services and Commodities and in FY25 for Special Trade and Other Services.

Applicability:

The procurement categories of heavy construction, building construction, and professional services were not applicable to the Supreme Court operation in FY24/FY25.

Factors Affecting Attainment:

The Supreme Court's priority in procurement is to seek the best value for each expenditure of taxpayer funds without regard to race or sex.

C. Good-Faith Efforts to Increase HUB Participation

Outreach Efforts and Mentor-Protégé Programs:

N/A

HUB Program Staffing:

None

Current and Future Good-Faith Efforts:

The Supreme Court's priority in procurement is to seek the best value for each expenditure of taxpayer funds without regard to race or sex . To the extent possible in conformance with that priority, the Supreme Court made good faith efforts to comply with the statewide HUB goals per 34 TAC Section 20 13(d) in FY24/FY25. In future years, the Supreme Court will prioritize the best value for taxpayer funds and will not take into account race or sex in its purchasing decisions.

6.C. Federal Funds Supporting Schedule
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		201 Supreme Court of Texas				
CFDA/ALN NUMBER/ STRATEGY		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
93.586.000	State Court Improvement P					
2 - 1 - 3	CHILDREN'S COMMISSION	669,117	1,989,031	1,969,031	1,989,031	1,969,031
TOTAL, ALL STRATEGIES		\$669,117	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
ADDL FED FNDS FOR EMPL BENEFITS		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL, FEDERAL FUNDS		\$669,117	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
ADDL GR FOR EMPL BENEFITS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

		201 Supreme Court of Texas				
CFDA/ALN NUMBER/ STRATEGY		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
<u>SUMMARY LISTING OF FEDERAL PROGRAM AMOUNTS</u>						
93.586.000	State Court Improvement P	669,117	1,989,031	1,969,031	1,989,031	1,969,031
TOTAL, ALL STRATEGIES		\$669,117	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031	\$1,989,031	\$1,969,031
TOTAL, ADDL FED FUNDS FOR EMPL BENEFITS		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL, FEDERAL FUNDS		<u>\$669,117</u>	<u>\$1,989,031</u>	<u>\$1,969,031</u>	<u>\$1,989,031</u>	<u>\$1,969,031</u>
TOTAL, ADDL GR FOR EMPL BENEFITS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL CONCERNS/ISSUES

Assumptions and Methodology:

Potential Loss:

Strategy B.1.1 - Basic Civil Legal Services

6.H. Estimated Total of All Agency Funds Outside the GAA Bill Pattern Supreme Court of Texas

ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL OF AGENCY FUNDS OUTSIDE THE 2028-29 GAA BILL PATTERN	\$	419,401,269
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Fund Name

Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2026	\$	251,269,792
Estimated Revenues FY 2026	\$	89,582,500
Estimated Revenues FY 2027	\$	82,485,900
FY 2026-27 Total	\$	423,338,192
Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2028	\$	254,259,779
Estimated Revenues FY 2028	\$	82,545,400
Estimated Revenues FY 2029	\$	82,596,090
FY 2028-29 Total	\$	419,401,269

Constitutional or Statutory Creation and Use of Funds:

Supreme Court of Texas order dated May 9, 1984

Method of Calculation and Revenue Assumptions:

Projected funds include IOLTA revenue, private donations including those from the State Bar of Texas bar dues, management fees, court awards and interest generated on revenue. IOLTA revenue projections are based on the Federal Reserve's median federal funds rate projections, which have significantly influenced results, both positively and to the extreme detriment to the Foundation, over time. The IOLTA projections, particularly in the long term, have been inconsistent and, at times, volatile, thus making them a challenge in terms of reliance. These numbers do not include FY 28 and FY 29 expenses. The Board is engaged in substantive discussions regarding significant infrastructure investments over the course of the next three years, which will heavily impact the current projections.

ATTORNEY LICENSE FEE ACCOUNT - LOCAL

**6.H. Estimated Total of All Agency Funds Outside the GAA Bill Pattern
Supreme Court of Texas**

ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL OF AGENCY FUNDS OUTSIDE THE 2028-29 GAA BILL PATTERN	\$	1,496,441
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Fund Name

Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2026	\$	764,715
Estimated Revenues FY 2026	\$	270,000
Estimated Revenues FY 2027	\$	275,200
FY 2026-27 Total	\$	1,309,915
Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2028	\$	946,041
Estimated Revenues FY 2028	\$	275,200
Estimated Revenues FY 2029	\$	275,200
FY 2028-29 Total	\$	1,496,441

Constitutional or Statutory Creation and Use of Funds:

Govt. Code -Section 51.006

Method of Calculation and Revenue Assumptions:

It is estimated the Supreme Court will issue approximately 4,300 attorney licenses at \$25 per license, 110 replacement and license certificates at \$25 each and 6,600 letters of good standing at \$25 each.