

THE JUDICIARY

SUMMARY BY PROGRAM  
(amounts expressed in thousands)

-----Year Ending June 30, 1986-----						Year Ending -----June 30, 1988-----	
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Rec	Transfers (E) Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	1987 Adjusted Approp	Requested	Recom- mended
2,386	229	-24	2,591	2,574	Judicial Services		
7,047	302	92	7,441	7,425	Supreme Court	2,634	3,103
18,198	1,292	-841	18,649	17,571	Superior Court--Appellate Division	8,290	9,958
7,502	701	1,088	9,291	9,171	Civil Court	21,164	24,145
7,730	380	1,706	9,816	6,463	Criminal Courts	9,915	10,894
388	49	73	510	490	Family Courts	7,987	8,894
2,920	739	286	3,945	3,868	Municipal Courts	1,233	2,013
9,278	586	507	10,371	10,358	Probation Services	3,314	4,459
608	73	-152	529	528	Court Reporting	8,152	9,464
4,516	1,136	2,201	7,853	7,816	Legal and Professional Services	581	701
1,010	64	405	1,479	1,472	Information Services	6,371	11,237
3,818	1,040	-558	4,300	4,193	Field Operations	1,571	1,650
					Management and Administration	3,952	5,783
65,401	6,591	4,783	76,775	71,929	Total Appropriation, The Judiciary	75,164	92,301
							82,415

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**OBJECTIVES**

1. To determine in a fair and expeditious manner the cases of all kinds which are brought to court.
2. To assist the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in carrying out the constitutional responsibility vested in that office as the administrative head of the entire New Jersey court system.
3. To provide the services and direct support necessary for the effective operation of the Judicial system throughout the State.

Program Classifications

01. Supreme Court--The State Supreme Court consists of the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and is the State court of final appeal. Pursuant to Article VI, Section V of the New Jersey Constitution, appeals may be taken to the Supreme Court in causes determined by the Appellate Division of the Superior Court involving a question arising under the Constitution of the United States or of this State; in causes in which there is a dissent in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court; in capital causes; on certification by the Supreme Court itself to the Superior Court and, where provided by rules of the Supreme Court, to the inferior courts; and in such other causes as may be provided by law.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section II of the Constitution, the Supreme Court makes rules governing the administration of the courts in the State.

02. Superior Court, Appellate Division--The Superior Court, pursuant to Article VI, Section III of the Constitution, includes an Appellate Division. The Appellate Division hears appeals from the Law and Chancery Divisions of the Superior Court, the Tax Court, and State administrative agencies.

03. Civil Courts--The Civil Courts include the Civil Part of the Law Division of Superior Court, the General Equity Part of the Chancery Division, and the Tax Court.

The Tax Court is a special category within Civil Courts. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:4A, it has jurisdiction to hear tax appeals of taxpayers and taxing districts with regard to assessment, railroad assessments levied by the State, sales taxes, franchise taxes, gross receipts and all other taxes levied by the State. The Court also hears appeals on homestead rebate denials issued by the Director of the Division of Taxation and appeals by taxing districts from both the equalization tables promulgated by the Director of the Division of Taxation for the distribution of school aid and the equalization tables promulgated by the various counties for the purpose of distributing costs of county government.

04. Criminal Courts--The Criminal Part of the Law Division of the Superior Court hears and determines all serious criminal cases following grand jury indictment. It also hears appeals from municipal courts.

05. Family Courts--The Family Courts hear and determine all causes involving the family including those causes previously heard by the Matrimonial Part of the Superior Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts.

06. Municipal Courts--The municipal courts are funded directly by the municipalities, but the State supports a unit within the Administrative Office of the Courts to train municipal court judges and clerks, promulgate manuals of procedures, collect data on municipal court operations, conduct studies for the improvement of municipal courts, and works with other State agencies on matters involving the municipal courts.

07. Probation Services--Probation Services supervises probation operations around the State, fixes standards, recruits and trains probation personnel, conducts research and field review of probation programs, coordinates community services programs, and supervises volunteer programs and conducts training of volunteers, and operates the Intensive Supervision Program.

08. Court Reporting--Court proceedings are recorded verbatim either by court reporters or by sound recordings, as provided by Supreme Court rules.

09. Legal and Professional Services--The Supreme Court, pursuant to Article VI, Section II of the Constitution, is responsible for practice and procedure in the courts of New Jersey. The support to fulfill this function includes judicial conduct, continuing education of judges and staff, rules development, and legal research.

10. Information Services--The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on court operations, including statistical analysis and reporting, records management, and management information systems.

11. Field Operations--The State provides direct services to trial courts around the State. These services include trial court administrative offices and technical services in systems analysis, jury management, libraries, and others.

12. Management and Administration--Provides overhead services in such areas as budgeting and accounting, purchasing, property maintenance, and personnel. Also administers programs that are wholly or partially reimbursable by special fees, such as Clients' Security Fund, attorney discipline, and the Board of Bar Examiners.

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	Actual FY 1985(a)	Actual FY 1986	Budgeted FY 1987	Budget Estimate FY 1988
<b>EVALUATION DATA</b>				
Court Year--July 1 to June 30				
<b>Supreme Court</b>				
Appeals				
Added.....	265	293	300	310
Disposed.....	276	251	285	300
Pending June 30.....	169	211	226	236
Certifications added.....	1,053	1,369	1,400	1,425
Motions added.....	1,113	1,221	1,400	1,425
Disciplinary proceedings added.....	117	125	130	130
<b>Superior Court--Appellate Division</b>				
Appeals				
Added.....	6,121	6,121	6,427	6,748
Disposed.....	6,099	6,945	6,239	6,230
Pending June 30.....	6,128	5,304	5,492	6,010
Motions added.....	5,596	5,640	5,929	6,218
<b>Civil Courts</b>				
Civil Cases				
Added.....	61,150	72,276	78,058	81,961
Disposed.....	63,985	66,270	78,058	81,961
Pending June 30.....	57,368	66,222	66,222	66,222
Special Civil Component				
Added.....	398,734	398,802	410,766	423,089
Disposed.....	395,087	400,262	412,270	424,638
Pending June 30.....	42,034	40,574	39,070	37,521
Surrogate Courts				
Accounts disposed of.....	137,100	144,240	148,567	153,024
Probate Section				
Wills, administration and Inventories Indexed(b)...	24,792	6,463	52,000	60,000
Accounts audited.....	96	90	110	150
Adoption judgments.....	1,535	2,009	2,500	3,000
Microfilm and Vaults Section				
Papers processed and filmed.....	4,326,754	4,253,033	4,500,000	4,500,000
Lower courts and agency judgments.....	54,642	61,500	70,000	70,000
Files returned from counties for storage.....	1,350,000	1,661,044	2,100,000	2,100,000
Taxed Costs and Execution Section				
Execution and writs used.....	18,158	18,370	18,500	19,000
Bills of costs prepared.....	2,551	2,480	3,000	3,500
Records Section				
Cases processed				
Complaints.....	133,288	125,319	148,800	153,800
Letters of administration, etc.....	201	190	250	275
Certificates issued.....	508	419	460	500
Copies sent to attorneys.....	429,350	431,000	450,000	475,000
Finance Section				
Vouchers prepared.....	360,595	402,665	440,000	480,000
Deposits for security costs.....	1,775	1,636	1,800	2,000
Attorneys' accounts maintained.....	1,250	1,094	1,210	1,350
Judgment and Search Section				
Indexing and Docketing				
Judgments.....	78,880	105,503	116,000	135,000
Warrants of satisfactions, assignments, releases, etc.....	30,229	35,106	39,000	45,000
<b>Tax Court</b>				
Local Appeals				
Filed.....	3,345	2,696	2,700	3,500
Closed.....	4,781	3,984	3,785	3,500
Pending June 30.....	4,060	2,772	1,687	1,687
State Appeals				
Filed.....	249	259	280	280
Disposed of.....	267	266	290	300
Pending June 30.....	244	237	227	207
Foreclosure				
Matrimonial actions.....	29,564	29,832	30,500	31,500
Foreclosures.....	7,287	7,302	8,500	9,000
Payments out of court.....	1,872	2,022	2,350	2,500
<b>Criminal Courts</b>				
Criminal Cases				
Added.....	38,017	38,442	39,596	40,784
Disposed.....	37,326	37,281	39,596	41,102
Pending June 30.....	30,087	31,248	31,248	30,930

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	Actual FY 1985(a)	Actual FY 1986	Budgeted FY 1987	Budget Estimate FY 1988
<b>Family Courts</b>				
<b>Matrimonial</b>				
Added.....	30,653	30,646	31,565	32,512
Disposed.....	30,908	30,217	31,565	32,512
Pending June 30.....	15,113	15,542	15,542	15,542
<b>Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts</b>				
Added.....	212,244	224,017	230,738	237,660
Disposed.....	211,240	222,778	230,738	237,660
Pending June 30.....	19,946	21,185	21,185	21,185
<b>General Equity</b>				
Added.....	6,712	7,045	7,256	7,474
Disposed.....	6,695	6,805	7,256	7,474
Pending June 30.....	3,658	3,898	3,898	3,898
<b>Municipal Courts</b>				
<b>Non-Traffic Violations</b>				
Indictables.....	81,254	88,331	91,864	95,539
Disorderly Person.....	222,560	231,467	240,726	250,365
Other Non-Traffic.....	108,297	110,899	115,335	119,948
<b>Traffic Violations</b>				
Drunk Driving.....	37,453	37,131	38,616	40,161
Moving Violations.....	1,560,021	1,589,629	1,652,629	1,718,734
Parking.....	3,274,298	3,395,568	3,531,391	3,672,647
Municipal court clerks.....	531	531	531	531
<b>Probation Services</b>				
Probation officers.....	1,439	1,507	1,576	1,648
Probation support staff.....	1,344	1,491	1,559	1,630
<b>Intensive Supervision Program</b>				
Applications.....	1,522	1,487	1,750	1,925
Assessment Reports.....	351	376	444	488
Resentencing Panel Hearings.....	269	319	376	413
Participants.....	286	382	450	495
Revocations.....	55	90	106	117
<b>Community Services</b>				
Persons Sentenced.....	15,949	16,637	17,300	17,800
Hours Ordered.....	2,217,386	2,297,096	2,266,300	2,331,800
Persons Discharged.....	11,733	12,397	12,900	13,400
Total Hours Served.....	1,194,070	1,244,287	1,300,000	1,400,000
Active Cases as of June 30.....	15,464	18,131	21,900	25,800
<b>Court Reporting</b>				
Official Court Reporters.....	215	215	215	215
Per diem reporters.....	35	35	20	20
<b>Sound Recording Installations</b>				
Civil Courts.....	45	57	85	100
Family Courts.....	50	63	75	90
Municipal Courts.....	531	531	531	531
Supreme Court.....	1	1	1	1
Appellate Courts.....	2	2	3	3
Tax Courts.....	9	8	8	8
<b>Management and Administration</b>				
Candidates for Bar admission examined.....	3,675	3,750	3,800	3,900
<b>AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DATA</b>				
Male Minority.....	37	44	61	67
Male Minority %.....	2.3	3.6	4.9	5.2
Female Minority.....	173	186	210	231
Female Minority %.....	10.9	15.3	16.9	18.0
Total Minority.....	210	230	271	298
Total Minority %.....	13.3	18.9	21.8	23.2
<b>POSITION DATA</b>				
Budgeted Positions.....	1,348	1,475	1,503	1,556
Supreme Court.....	55	55	55	55
Superior Court-Appellate Division.....	184	209	213	228
Civil Courts.....	432	443	448	458
Criminal Courts.....	120	130	130	133
Family Courts.....	43	114	114	113
Municipal Courts.....	12	12	12	14

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	Actual FY 1985(a)	Actual FY 1986	Budgeted FY 1987	Budget Estimate FY 1988
Probation Services.....	42	35	35	33
Court Reporting.....	233	227	227	225
Legal and Professional Services.....	18	15	15	19
Information Services.....	96	92	109	132
Field Operations.....	20	34	34	35
Management and Administration.....	93	109	111	111
Authorized Positions--Federal.....	42	44	47	47
Authorized Positions--All Other.....	---	47	50	50
Positions Budgeted in Lump Sum Appropriations.....	190	73	67	67
Total Positions.....	1,580	1,639	1,667	1,720

(a) Some actual FY1985 Evaluation Data have been adjusted to reflect county recounts.

(b) Decrease in FY1986 due to suspension of indexing during conversion from manual to automated system; large increases in FY1987 and FY1988 are due to increased productivity after conversion.

APPROPRIATION DATA (amounts expressed in thousands)

Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Year Ending June 30, 1986			Expended	PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS	Ref Key	1987 Adjusted Approp	Year Ending June 30, 1988	
	Reapp. & (R)Rec	Transfers (E) Emer- gencies	Total Available					Requested	Recom- mended
2,386	229	-24	2,591	2,574	Supreme Court	01	2,634	3,103	2,628
7,047	302	92	7,441	7,425	Superior Court--Appellate Division	02	8,290	9,958	9,010
18,198	1,292	-841	18,649	17,571	Civil Courts	03	21,164	24,145	22,115
7,502	701	1,088	9,291	9,171	Criminal Courts	04	9,915	10,894	10,727
7,730	380	1,706	9,816	6,463	Family Courts	05	7,987	8,894	8,096
388	49	73	510	490	Municipal Courts	06	1,233	2,013	1,397
2,920	739	286	3,945	3,868	Probation Services	07	3,314	4,459	4,199
9,278	586	507	10,371	10,358	Court Reporting	08	8,152	9,464	8,791
608	73	-152	529	528	Legal and Professional Services	09	581	701	616
4,516	1,136	2,201	7,853	7,816	Information Services	10	6,371	11,237	8,653
1,010	64	405	1,479	1,472	Field Operations	11	1,571	1,650	1,639
3,818	1,040	-558	4,300	4,193	Management and Administration	12	3,952	5,783	4,544
65,401	6,591	4,783	76,775	71,929	Total Appropriation		75,164	92,301	82,415
<b>Distribution by Object</b>									
80	---	---	80	80	Personal Services--				
468	12	-9	471	470	Chief Justice		95	95	95
10,307	130	-947	9,490	9,490	Associate Justices (6 @ \$93,000)		558	558	558
13,550	210	2,866	16,626	13,434	Judicial positions converted		410	935	935
25,969	1,450	1,428	28,847	28,770	Judges		28,090	30,056	29,546
---	---	---	---	---	Salaries and wages		29,267	31,809	29,793
---	---	---	---	---	Positions converted		244	---	---
---	---	---	---	---	New positions		106	3,013	993
50,374	1,802	3,338	55,514	52,244	Total Personal Services		58,770(a)	66,466	61,920
1,658	553	29	2,240	2,167	Materials and Supplies		1,659	2,403	2,307
6,400	1,714	2,510	10,624	10,546	Services Other Than Personal		5,550	9,522	7,890
302	130	-130	302	286	Maintenance and Fixed Charges		315	386	356
<b>Special Purpose--</b>									
150	42	---	192	180	Rules development	01	150	150	150
---	6	67	73	72	Administrative support services	03	---	---	---
1,100	645	---	1,745	704	Automobile arbitration	03	1,100	1,488	1,100
---	---	63	63	58	Alternate dispute resolution program	03	800	800	800
---	---	---	---	---	Direct filing	03	---	250	---
190	55	-115	130	99	Criminal Disposition Commission	04	190	190	190
201	203	-17	387	349	Computerized county jail information system	04	101	225	101
500	69	---	569	563	Speedy trial program, case processing improvement	04	500	500	500
---	65	-65	---	---	Burlington Comprehensive Justice Center project	04	---	---	---
225	71	-296	---	---	Family crisis intervention	05	225	225	225

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-----Year Ending June 30, 1986-----					-----Year Ending June 30, 1988-----			
Orig. & (S)Supple-mental	Reapp. & (R)Rec	Transfers (E) Emer-gencies	Total Avail-able	Expended	Ref Key	1987 Adjusted Approp	Requested	Recom-mended
277	23	63	363	363				
300	33	-100	233	144	05	277	544	277
---	44	-25	19	3	05	375	411	375
---	25	-25	---	---	05	---	---	---
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---	---	---	---	---	05	---	94	75
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1,100	382	-723	759	717	07	1,500	2,541	2,500
650	29	-673	6	---	07	650	650	650
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1,696 S	---	-1,696	---	---	08	---	---	---
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80	84	-37	127	127	12	---	---	---
59	2	-16	45	45	12	80	80	80
---	{ 371 47 R }	---	---	---	12	59	65	65
---	---	-338	80	---	12	---	---	---
6,528	2,196	-3,933	4,791	3,424		6,885	9,434	7,966
---	---	10	10	10				
---	---	296	296	267	03	---	---	---
---	---	85	85	85	05	---	---	---
---	---	673	673	673	06	---	---	---
---	---	1,696	1,696	1,696	07	---	---	---
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---	---	2,760	2,760	2,731		---	---	---
139	196	209	544	531		1,985	4,090	1,976
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OTHER RELATED APPROPRIATIONS								
Federal Funds								
---	106 R	---	106	106	04	3	---	---
---	20 R	17,374	17,394	17,374	05	19,199	19,158	19,158
---	---	4	4	4	07	---	---	---
---	---	60	60	60	12	---	---	---
---	126	17,438	17,564	17,544		19,202	19,158	19,158
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All Other Funds								
---	{ 39 309 R }	2	350	281	03	260	261	261
---	{ 89 1,424 R }	106	1,619	1,510	12	1,779	1,750	1,750
---	1,861	108	1,969	1,791		2,039	2,011	2,011
65,401	8,578	22,329	96,308	91,264		96,405	113,470	103,584

It is recommended that the unexpended balance as of June 30, 1987 in this account be appropriated.

It is further recommended that receipts from charges to the Superior Court trust fund, Clients' security fund, Ethics Financial Committee and the Board on Trial Attorney Certification be appropriated for services provided to those funds.

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It is further recommended that, notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of (C.2A:1A-b), the salaries of the following justices and judges are fixed and established as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court .....	\$95,000
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court .....	93,000
Judge of the Superior Court Appellate Division .....	90,000
Judge of the Superior Court Assignment Judge .....	88,000
Judge of the Superior Court .....	85,000

(a) The 1987 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of the salary program.

(b) Appropriation of \$5,310,000 has been distributed to applicable operating accounts.

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3,359,948	153,317	22,580	3,535,845	3,389,506	Grand Total, Direct State Services			
						3,730,414	4,308,225	4,153,036

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# NOTES