

# **JUDICIAL COMMISSIONS**

## **MISSION**

New York State's three Judicial Commissions play important roles in maintaining the integrity of the court system. The Commission on Judicial Nomination and the Judicial Screening Committees screen potential nominees for high-level judicial appointments by the Governor. The Commission on Judicial Conduct investigates and acts upon allegations of judicial misconduct.

## **COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

The State Constitution established the Commission on Judicial Conduct, which is responsible for investigating complaints of misconduct against State judges and local justices. The Commission has disciplinary powers which include the authority to remove judges and justices from office for serious misconduct, subject to review by the Court of Appeals.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct has 11 members, four of whom are appointed by the Governor, three by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the remaining four by the Legislature. Commission members serve without pay and meet periodically to consider complaints, hear testimony and determine the disposition of cases. The Commission will have 26 staff in fiscal year 2001-02. Its main office is in New York City, with branches in Albany and Rochester. Its budget of \$2.1 million is supported entirely by State tax dollars from the General Fund.

## **COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL NOMINATION**

The State Constitution established the Commission on Judicial Nomination to evaluate candidates and make recommendations to the Governor for appointment to the Court of Appeals, the State's highest court. No vacancies are anticipated during 2001-02.

The Commission on Judicial Nomination has 12 members appointed by the Governor, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the Legislature. These members serve without pay and conduct the search for qualified candidates upon formal notification of a vacancy on the Court of Appeals. They are supported by volunteer legal staff also serving without pay.

## **GOVERNOR'S JUDICIAL SCREENING COMMITTEES**

The Governor's Judicial Screening Committees are established by Executive Order to evaluate the qualifications of candidates and make recommendations to the Governor for appointment to judgeships other than those on the Court of Appeals. The Committees are located throughout the State. In fiscal year 2001-02, a total of \$150,000 in State tax dollars will support the Committees.

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## ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>
State Operations	2,264,500	2,280,000	15,500	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>2,264,500</u>	<u>2,280,000</u>	<u>15,500</u>	<u>0</u>

## ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

### Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

<u>Program</u>	<u>2000-01 Estimated FTEs 03/31/01</u>	<u>2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02</u>	<u>FTE Change</u>
Judicial Conduct			
General Fund	26	26	0
Total	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>0</u>

## STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	2,264,500	2,280,000	15,500
Total	<u>2,264,500</u>	<u>2,280,000</u>	<u>15,500</u>

Adjustments:  
Transfer(s) From  
    Special Pay Bill  
    General Fund  
Appropriated 2000-01

(137,000)  
2,127,500

## STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
Judicial Conduct			
General Fund	2,084,500	2,120,000	35,500
Judicial Nomination, Commission on General Fund	30,000	10,000	(20,000)
Judicial Screening Committees General Fund	150,000	150,000	0
Total	<u>2,264,500</u>	<u>2,280,000</u>	<u>15,500</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2001-02 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total Personal Service</b>		<b>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Judicial Conduct	1,702,000	6,900	1,674,000	(3,400)
Total	1,702,000	6,900	1,674,000	(3,400)

<b>Program</b>	<b>Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Judicial Conduct	28,000	10,300
Total	28,000	10,300

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2001-02 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total Nonpersonal Service</b>		<b>Supplies and Materials</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Judicial Conduct	418,000	28,600	31,000	1,400
Judicial Nomination, Commission on	10,000	(20,000)	0	0
Judicial Screening Committees	150,000	0	0	0
Total	578,000	8,600	31,000	1,400

<b>Program</b>	<b>Travel</b>		<b>Contractual Services</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Judicial Conduct	31,000	1,400	342,000	24,700
Total	31,000	1,400	342,000	24,700

<b>Program</b>	<b>Equipment</b>		<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Judicial Conduct	14,000	1,100	0	0
Judicial Nomination, Commission on	0	0	10,000	(20,000)
Judicial Screening Committees	0	0	150,000	0
Total	14,000	1,100	160,000	(20,000)

