

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, 4 of whom are appointed by the Governor, 3 by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the remaining 4 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 a staff of 28 in fiscal year 2006-07. Its main office is in New York City, with branches in Albany and Rochester. Its budget of over \$2.7 million is supported entirely by State tax dollars. The Commission continues to work with the Temporary State Commission of Investigation to identify opportunities for sharing resources and reducing costs.

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.

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.

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 2006-07, a total of \$150,000 in State tax dollars will support the Committees.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available	Appropriations	Change	Reappropriations
	2005-06	Recommended 2006-07		Recommended 2006-07
State Operations	2,769,000	2,933,000	164,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	2,769,000	2,933,000	164,000	0

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2005-06 Estimated FTEs 03/31/06	2006-07 Estimated FTEs 03/31/07	FTE Change
Judicial Conduct			
General Fund	28	28	0
Total	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>0</u>

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

Fund Type	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
General Fund	2,769,000	2,933,000	164,000
Total	<u>2,769,000</u>	<u>2,933,000</u>	<u>164,000</u>

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

Program	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
Judicial Conduct			
General Fund	2,609,000	2,773,000	164,000
Judicial Nomination, Commission on			
General Fund	10,000	10,000	0
Judicial Screening Committees			
General Fund	150,000	150,000	0
Total	<u>2,769,000</u>	<u>2,933,000</u>	<u>164,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2006-07 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Judicial Conduct	2,101,000	110,000	2,081,000	110,000
Total	<u>2,101,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>	<u>2,081,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Judicial Conduct	20,000	0
Total	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2006-07 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Judicial Conduct	672,000	54,000	40,000	6,000
Judicial Nomination, Commission on	10,000	0	0	0
Judicial Screening Committees	150,000	0	0	0
Total	832,000	54,000	40,000	6,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Judicial Conduct	73,000	40,000	477,000	(59,000)
Judicial Nomination, Commission on	0	0	0	0
Judicial Screening Committees	0	0	0	0
Total	73,000	40,000	477,000	(59,000)

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Judicial Conduct	82,000	67,000	0	0
Judicial Nomination, Commission on	0	0	10,000	0
Judicial Screening Committees	0	0	150,000	0
Total	82,000	67,000	160,000	0