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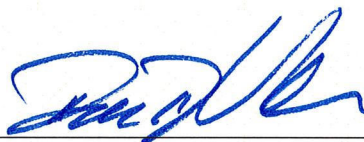
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I respectfully submit the itemized estimates of the annual financial needs of the Judiciary for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2025. Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution requires the submission of these estimates to the Governor and legislative leaders on or before December 1, 2024.

CHIEF JUDGE'S CERTIFICATION

ITEMIZED ESTIMATES OF THE
FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE JUDICIARY

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York, I certify that the attached schedules are the itemized estimates of the financial needs of the Judiciary for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, and that they have been approved by the Court of Appeals.



Honorable Rowan D. Wilson
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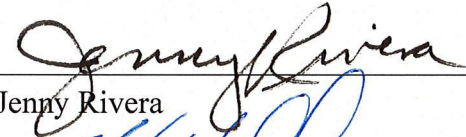
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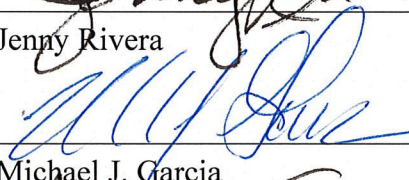


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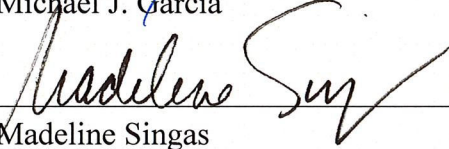
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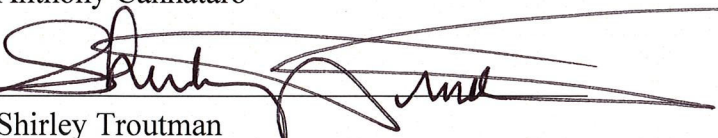
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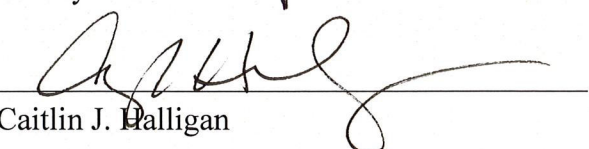
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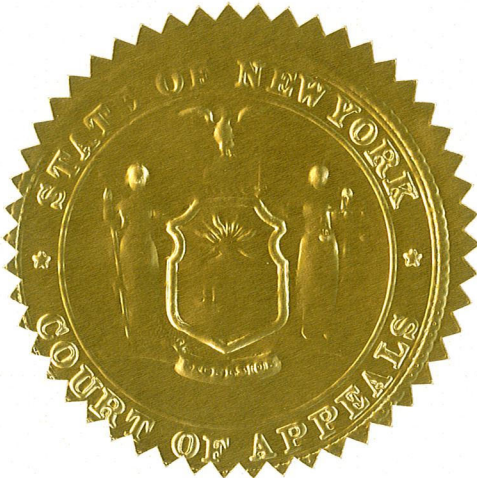
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STATE OF NEW YORK
JUDICIARY BUDGET

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Introduction

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JUDICIARY BUDGET FY 2026 BUDGET REQUEST

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the State Constitution, the Judiciary respectfully submits the following itemized estimate of its financial needs for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 2026). The FY 2026 State Operating Cash Estimate of \$3 billion reflects an increase of \$268.2 million (9.9%) over FY 2025. The increase consists of \$171.2 million (6.3%) to maintain the Judiciary's ongoing core operations, and an additional \$97 million (3.6%) to improve case processing, address backlogs, and continue expansion of access-to-justice programs statewide.

The FY 2026 All Funds Cash Estimate also includes \$1 billion for General State Charges for the Judiciary's employee and retiree fringe benefit costs. As a separate branch of government, the Judiciary is the only state agency required to fund these nondiscretionary obligations within its budget.

Judiciary Mission and Budget Summary

New York State's Unified Court System (UCS) is among the largest, busiest, and most complex in the country, consisting of 11 trial courts, the 4 Departments of the Appellate Division, 2 Appellate Terms, and the Court of Appeals. The UCS includes over 1,400 state-paid judges and 16,000 nonjudicial employees in more than 300 locations around the State. During calendar year 2023, the UCS disposed of over 2.9 million cases. Through the resources requested in its annual budget, the Judiciary works to fulfill its mission to deliver equal justice under the law and achieve the just, fair, and timely resolution of all matters that come before its courts.

Under the leadership of Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson, the UCS continues to work towards meeting its mission and creating a more effective, transparent, and collaborative justice system. The UCS seeks to build upon the advancements made in FY 2025 to fully staff its operations, reduce backlogs and improve case processing, augment resources in the most overburdened courts, enhance Civil Legal Services, Attorney for Child representation, and other professional court services, expand specialty courts and continue anti-bias and diversity initiatives.

After years of enduring austere budgets, in FY 2025, the Governor and Legislature made significant overdue restorations to the Judiciary Budget, authorized a measurable and much-needed increase in judgeships and also increased judicial salaries to ensure competitiveness with the federal courts and with the private sector. The Enacted Budget also allowed the Judiciary to begin to increase a persistent and historically low fill level for nonjudicial staff and begin implementation of case processing improvements and new access-to-justice initiatives.

Core Operations Funding Summary

The FY 2026 State Operating Budget Request of \$3 billion includes an increase of \$171.2 million (6.3%) to maintain operations, meet required obligations, and continue the advances in the FY 2025 Budget including:

- The annualization of 43 new judgeships authorized by Chapter 749 of the Laws of 2023 and Chapter 204 of the Laws of 2024;
- Contractual raises and benefits for nonjudicial staff;
- Technology infrastructure and services necessary to meet efficiency, security, and accessibility needs; and
- Cost-of-living adjustments and targeted enhancements for professional and legal service providers including Civil Legal Services, Attorney for Child, Children's Centers, Community Dispute Resolution Centers, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and Center for Justice Innovation.

Enhanced Funding Summary

Enhanced funding of \$97 million (3.6%) supports the following initiatives:

Court Operations

- 10 new New York City Criminal Court judgeships (\$17.7 million): to address backlogs and other case processing needs in the State's busiest criminal court.
- Juror *per diem* rate increase (\$14.2 million): supports immediate passage of legislation to increase the juror *per diem* rate from \$40 to \$72. The most recent increase to the *per diem* rate for jurors was in February 1998.
- Establish 75 court attorney positions for the trial courts (\$9.5 million): to provide legal support needs in Family, City and District, Multi-Bench, and Supreme Court programs.
- Establish 90 trial court operation positions (\$9.5 million): to address operational needs and improve case processing in Family, City and District, Multi-Bench, and Problem-Solving Courts.
- Establish 10 Support Magistrate positions in New York City Family Court (\$6.7 million): to address backlogs and other case processing needs in the State's busiest Family Court.
- Artificial Intelligence Legal Research Platform (\$5.0 million): to improve efficiencies and enhance decision-making for court attorneys and judges.
- Establish 22 positions for the Appellate Departments (\$3 million): to provide additional support for Appellate Court and auxiliary agency operations.
- Reallocate court operations titles (\$1 million): to attract and retain nonjudicial staff in court operations.

Access to Justice

- Civil Legal Services Enhancements (\$45.5 million including \$23.1 million base and \$22.4 million enhanced funding): The UCS is committed to meeting the critical needs of low-income and underrepresented New Yorkers. The FY 2026 Budget includes an increase of \$45.5 million, for a total budget of \$150 million.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Program expansion (\$3 million): to strengthen and expand existing mediation and arbitration services.
- Enhanced funding for Attorney for Child (AFC) providers (\$6.5 million including \$2.1 million enhanced funding and \$4.4 million from UCS IV-E base funds): to support \$113 million for AFC contractual providers, reflecting a 35% increase in funding since FY 2023.
- Support an Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) Program in Bronx Supreme Court (\$2 million): ATI parts, which are dependent on collaboration from District Attorneys' offices and the defense bar, aim to divert defendants (many of whom are charged with serious felony offenses) into mental health and substance abuse programs, among other interventions, in an effort to address the root causes of behavior that lead to criminal justice system involvement.
- Expansion of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program (\$0.3 million): The CASA network recruits and trains volunteers to advocate for children in Family Court.
- Expand the UCS Civic Engagement Unit (\$0.3 million): to promote connections between the courts and the communities they serve by enhancing public understanding of the workings of New York's State courts.
- Behavioral Health Services (\$0.3 million): to engage psychological experts and consultants for developing best practices in support of the Judiciary's programs that address mental health challenges.

Court Operational Improvements and Case Processing Initiatives

The Judiciary's top priority is to improve court operations to reduce unnecessary delays in case processing and for the efficient delivery of justice for all court participants. The FY 2026 Budget Request supports this priority as highlighted in the following initiatives:

Criminal Case Management Innovations

Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas has launched an effort to fundamentally change the way the court system handles felony cases to minimize unnecessary delays and to effectively manage cases with the tools and resources at hand. The UCS is collaborating with the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI) to implement protocols that manage the discovery process more efficiently and effectively in criminal cases. Judges will issue scheduling orders at the outset of cases, set firm deadlines for discovery compliance, and schedule mandatory off-calendar conferences to resolve discovery disputes. Courts will consistently conduct pre-trial suppression

hearings early in the proceedings so that both sides can realistically assess the strengths and weaknesses of their cases. Court attorneys will conduct late-stage case conferencing to ensure that cases are trial-ready, and cases will be closely monitored via a calendaring system. These innovative programs to address delays and improve case management will be supported through the additional judicial and nonjudicial resources in the FY 2026 Budget Request.

The FY 2026 Budget Request includes funding for legislative authorization of 10 additional judgeships in NYC Criminal Court to continue improvements in backlog reduction and efficient case processing.

Effectively Serving Families

One of the UCS' top priorities is ensuring that Family Court, which has been long neglected, can promptly and thoughtfully resolve the great variety of legal challenges faced by our many New York families in distress. The FY 2026 Budget Request includes funding for 10 Support Magistrates and staff to address growth in more complex support and custody matters. A reallocation of the Support Magistrate title is also funded to address retention and hiring for this critical quasi-judicial role.

Additionally, Hon. Richard Rivera, the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Court Matters, is spearheading the Family Court Justice Initiative (the Initiative), a partnership between the Judiciary, the Governor's Office, the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI), and other stakeholders. The Initiative is focused on solutions that use analytical data to prioritize areas for improvement, identify promising initiatives for potential scaling, and explore and test innovative new ideas to reduce or prevent unnecessary system involvement. The principal goals of the Initiative are to more effectively serve individuals and families, interrupt cross-system and intergenerational cycles of trauma and system involvement, and forge a sustainable, equitable, and inclusive path forward for Family Court. The FY 2026 Budget Request includes funding for three key recommendations: expanding on-site legal programs and adding nonjudicial resources to family courts statewide, enhancing the CASA Program, and initiating a paid Attorney for Child mentorship program. The UCS also supports the Initiative's recommendation for additional funding to the Office of Indigent Legal Services for its parental representation program; the lack of attorneys is a principal cause of delays in the Family Courts.

Meeting Civil Court Workload Demands

The UCS continues to work diligently to address delays in NYC Civil Court, particularly in Housing Court. In 2023, increased staffing and overtime use in NYC Civil Court allowed the court to dispose of over 650,000 cases across the five boroughs. In 2023, dispositions outpaced new filings in NYC Civil Court by over 400,000. This allowed the court to make a substantial reduction in its backlogs. UCS leadership also worked with our government partners to create five additional Housing Court judgeships in New York City. These five new judges are now on the bench and, in collaboration with additional court attorneys, are more efficiently disposing of cases. The UCS' core operation and enhanced funding requests will support the work of judges in NYC Civil Court and help to attract and retain much needed staff for this high-volume court.

Expand Alternative Dispute Resolution Services for Case Resolution

The Judiciary's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program provides funding to Community Dispute Resolution Centers and other court-connected mediation and arbitration services. These mediation services assist litigants in a wide range of civil and family matters. In 2024, the UCS demonstrated its commitment to ADR by establishing a new division within the Office of Court Administration dedicated to this discipline. ADR is an integral part of how the UCS provides fair, durable, holistic, and timely resolution of disputes. It enhances the quality of justice by providing litigants an opportunity to resolve their cases without trial, saving time, improving the courts' case processing outcomes, and reducing costs for litigants and the courts. ADR also allows courts to focus on matters that require more intensive judicial intervention. Every county in New York State offers ADR services through either court-operated or court-funded community programs. The FY 2026 Budget Request includes funding to expand mediation services statewide with a focus on Family Court based on the Family Court Justice Initiative's recommendations.

Technology Solutions for Court Operations

The Budget Request includes \$112 million for technology needs, reflecting an increase of \$15.6 million to meet a growing demand for technology solutions to improve the efficiency, accessibility, security, and transparency of court operations. Some of the UCS' most recent technology projects designed to improve court operations and delivery of equal justice, some of which are legislatively mandated, include:

- **Virtual Court Appearance Platform:** The Virtual Court Appearance Platform (VCAP) will greatly improve remote court appearances by creating a virtual experience that permits judges, lawyers, and litigants to communicate seamlessly in virtual courtrooms and private breakout space while fully integrating the UCS' case management systems.
- **Clean Slate Act:** The UCS has been diligently working to fully implement technical changes to effectuate the sealing of millions of eligible convictions under the Clean Slate Act (L 2023, Ch 631) by the required date of November 2027. Funding for additional nonjudicial staffing resources to support this legislative requirement is included in the FY 2026 Budget Request.
- **Creation of Target (Standards and Goals) in Local Civil Courts:** "Target" dates for local Civil Court case processing are currently available to assist court managers to ensure that litigants have their day in court in a timely manner and to track progress and areas needing improvement.
- **Online E-plea System:** In October 2024, a new platform (my.nycourts.gov) was implemented to facilitate the capture of defendant plea information for traffic infractions statewide, starting with pilot courts in the Third, Fourth, and Ninth Judicial Districts. This platform allows courts to adjudicate traffic infractions entirely online without the defendant having to appear personally in court. The platform also includes the capability to pay court-issued fines and fees online and fully integrates with both the case management database (UCMS-Criminal) and new statewide cashiering applications.

- Jury Initiatives: The Division of Technology and Court Research created and released an updated jury orientation film and 17 recruitment-style public service announcement videos encouraging jury service and volunteering. The UCS also checks with the United States Post Office's National Change of Address database prior to sending out jury mailings, the first State in the country to do so. This significantly reduces the amount of undeliverable mail, saving time, and resources.

The technology budget also supports improved case processing through the UCS' Division of Court Modernization (DCM). Funding supports installation of new or upgraded audio systems, videoconferencing equipment, evidence presentation, and assistive listening device systems for every courtroom in the State. Also, the UCS has partnered with local District Attorneys' offices to fund the modernization of 36 criminal courtrooms, with plans to modernize an additional 14 criminal courtrooms in 2025, partly funded through federal asset forfeiture funds secured by the DAs' offices.

UCS Employee Training and Trial Court Support Services

UCS staff can benefit from the operational expertise and guidance from OCA's Office of Trial Court Support (TCS). As new court operational staff are onboarded, it is essential that they are provided proper training in court procedures, best practices, and appropriate standards. TCS conducted in-person training seminars for 250 court staff in 6 different judicial districts, trained approximately 500 attendees at the annual Court Clerks' association conferences, conducted 6 statewide virtual trainings on critical operational topics, and produced more than 50 plain language court forms.

UCS employees are also able to boost operational efficiency by making use of vital tools such as the integration of the NYSCEF (New York State Courts Electronic Filing) system with UCS' case management system. The widespread embrace of E-filing in courts throughout the State has improved the user experience for attorneys, litigants, the public, and court staff. E-filing reduces the courts' reliance on paper and provides a service for the public, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In the last 4 years alone, 3.4 million cases have been E-filed. New E-filing initiatives are soon to be rolled out for seven additional Family Courts, in Superior Criminal Courts for the first time, and for additional case types in the NYC Civil Court. The UCS strongly supports the Governor signing legislation that will provide the Chief Administrative Judge the authority to significantly expand E-filing to even more courts and case types.

Access to Justice Initiatives

Civil Legal Services

- The Judiciary's Civil Legal Services Program provides for the delivery of Civil Legal Services to promote meaningful access to the courts for low-income and underserved New Yorkers. As one of the Judiciary's top priorities, an increase of \$45.5 million brings total funding to \$150 million in FY 2026.

- Based on the Permanent Commission on Access to Justice’s Funding Working Group report released in 2023, it is estimated that nearly \$1 billion in annual funding is necessary to close the justice gap for low-income New Yorkers facing civil legal problems that impact the essentials of life.
- Combined with the Civil Legal Services grants provided for through the Interest on Lawyer Account Fund (IOLA), this funding can only partially mitigate the chronically and consistently underfunded services for the neediest population. For these reasons, the UCS strongly supports IOLA’s proposed plan for a phased-in growth in grant awards beginning in FY 2026.

Attorney for Child Representation

The FY 2026 Budget Request includes \$113 million to support the Attorney for Child contractual providers. The request supports a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for all contractual providers as well as other contractual enhancements. Additional enhanced funding will also be distributed to the providers through the UCS IV-E Fund for a total contractual increase of \$9.6 million (9.2%).

Children’s Centers

Every day, hundreds of young children accompany caregivers to court. The UCS-supported Children’s Centers provide a safe, literacy-rich environment and an opportunity for positive interventions in the lives of vulnerable children. The FY 2025 Enacted Budget included funding for expansion of services and center hours. The FY 2026 Budget Request supports continued expansion and enhanced services to support families.

Office for Justice Initiatives

The Office for Justice Initiatives (OJI) provides leadership and oversight to the UCS’ justice-based initiatives. OJI comprises various divisions including the Justice Coordinators, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Division of Access to Justice, the Division of Policy and Planning, the Division of Judiciary Civil Legal Services, the Division of Child Welfare and Family Justice, the Division of Youth and Emerging Adult Justice, and the Guardianship and Elder Justice Program. Below is a limited overview of selected programs and projects that are supported by the FY 2026 Budget Request:

- Help Centers: Each year, thousands of people navigate courts throughout the UCS without the benefit of legal representation. With a population of over 19 million, New York State is densely populated with people of diverse and complex legal needs. The UCS advances equal access to justice for people of all backgrounds, incomes, and abilities by developing, implementing, and supporting pro bono programs, self-help services, technological tools, and more. The UCS’ enhanced funding request includes attorney positions for help center locations not currently staffed by attorneys. Over 125,000 court users were assisted by help centers across New York State in 2023, and even more will be served with these additional resources.

- Civic Engagement Office: The FY 2026 Budget includes funding to expand the newly established Civic Engagement Office to educate school and local communities on the role of the courts and the law, and to help create a better-informed and involved future generation of citizens.
- Problem-Solving Courts Support: The UCS continues to be a national leader in the development of Problem-Solving court parts that focus on treatment and accountability for individuals in the criminal, family, and juvenile justice systems. Each model has specially trained judges and staff, dedicated dockets, intensive judicial monitoring, and relationships with outside services and agencies. OJI oversees and supports over 330 Problem-Solving parts statewide by ensuring their adherence to best practices, promoting evidence-based standards, and offering continuing training and education. The FY 2026 Budget Request continues the enhanced support of the Problem-Solving Program received in the FY 2025 Enacted Budget.
- Bolstering Juvenile Justice Systems: OJI is also committed to helping families and youth through its training of judges sitting in Family Court and in Youth Parts. The Raise the Age legislation (RTA) ushered in a new paradigm that required fundamental restructuring of New York State's juvenile and criminal justice systems. OJI continues its oversight of statewide implementation of this complex legislation by providing ongoing training to judges and court personnel, answering inquiries on substantive RTA legal issues, and by hosting regular meetings with stakeholders to ensure efficient management of RTA and Youth Part court operations. As five years have passed since full implementation of the RTA legislation, OJI is developing new mandatory training and planning a statewide conference for RTA judges.

Capital Appropriation

The Judiciary Budget request seeks \$50 million in capital funds, identical to its request in FY 2025. The requested funding is necessary to address growing demands for technology infrastructure and products, in addition to addressing critical public safety measures.

Conclusion

The total FY 2026 State Operating Cash Estimate increase is \$268.2 million (9.9%) over FY 2025. This includes an increase of \$171.2 million (6.3%) to maintain the Judiciary's core operations, including the cost for new judgeships created by the Legislature in 2023 and 2024, negotiated raises and benefits for nonjudicial staff, annualization of FY 2025 contractual increases for Attorney for Child providers, cost-of-living adjustments for all legal and professional service providers, and costs associated with growing technology demands.

The State Operating Cash Estimate also includes an additional \$97 million (3.6%) increase to allow the Judiciary to address funding gaps related to court operations, especially in the courts that serve the most vulnerable populations and to meet access to justice goals that will allow the Judiciary to fulfill its mission to deliver a fair and equitable justice system.

Judiciary All Funds Disbursement Requirements
(In Millions)

	FY 2025	FY 2026	
<u>State Operations</u>	<u>Available</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	\$2,260.3	\$2,494.2	\$233.9
Special Revenue Other (SR-O) Funds:			
NYC County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund	25.4	26.5	1.1
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund	50.0	42.1	(7.9)
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	35.4	43.9	8.5
Indigent Legal Services Fund	25.0	25.0	0.0
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund	1.9	2.2	0.3
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	10.8	10.8	0.0
SR-O Funds Subtotal:	<u>\$148.5</u>	<u>\$150.5</u>	<u>\$2.0</u>
State Operations Total:	<u>\$2,408.8</u>	<u>\$2,644.7</u>	<u>\$235.9</u>
<u>Aid to Localities (ATL)</u>			
General Fund	\$172.4	\$200.0	\$27.6
Court Facilities Incentive Aid	122.9	127.6	4.7
ATL Total:	<u>\$295.3</u>	<u>\$327.6</u>	<u>\$32.3</u>
State Operating Funds Excluding GSC Total:	<u>\$2,704.1</u>	<u>\$2,972.3</u>	<u>\$268.2</u>
<u>General State Charges (GSC)</u>			
General Fund	\$923.6	\$995.1	\$71.5
All SR-O Funds	48.1	48.7	0.6
GSC Total:	<u>\$971.7</u>	<u>\$1,043.8</u>	<u>\$72.1</u>
State Operating Funds Including GSC Total:	<u>\$3,675.8</u>	<u>\$4,016.1</u>	<u>\$340.3</u>
<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>\$50.0</u>	<u>\$43.7</u>	<u>(\$6.3)</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$11.8</u>	<u>\$12.8</u>	<u>\$1.0</u>
All Funds Total:	<u>\$3,737.6</u>	<u>\$4,072.6</u>	<u>\$335.0</u>

Judiciary All Funds Appropriation Requirements

	FY 2025 Available	FY 2026 Requested	Change
<u>State Operations</u>			
General Fund	\$2,274,158,000	\$2,501,786,000	\$227,628,000
Special Revenue Other (SR-O) Funds:			
NYC County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund	25,544,000	26,573,000	1,029,000
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund	40,903,000	42,273,000	1,370,000
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	13,125,000	13,125,000	0
Attorney Licensing Fund	29,651,000	31,012,000	1,361,000
Indigent Legal Services Fund	25,000,000	25,000,000	0
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund	1,958,000	2,166,000	208,000
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	10,826,000	10,861,000	35,000
SR-O Funds Subtotal:	<u>\$147,007,000</u>	<u>\$151,010,000</u>	<u>\$4,003,000</u>
State Operations Total:	<u>\$2,421,165,000</u>	<u>\$2,652,796,000</u>	<u>\$231,631,000</u>
 <u>Aid to Localities (ATL)</u>			
General Fund	\$172,432,000	\$200,000,000	\$27,568,000
Court Facilities Incentive Aid	122,903,000	127,590,000	4,687,000
ATL Total:	<u>\$295,335,000</u>	<u>\$327,590,000</u>	<u>\$32,255,000</u>
 State Operating Funds Excluding GSC Total:	<u>\$2,716,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,980,386,000</u>	<u>\$263,886,000</u>
 <u>General State Charges (GSC)</u>			
General Fund	\$926,791,929	\$995,119,000	\$68,327,071
All SR-O Funds	44,930,000	48,666,000	3,736,000
GSC Total:	<u>\$971,721,929</u>	<u>\$1,043,785,000</u>	<u>\$72,063,071</u>
 State Operating Funds Including GSC Total:	<u>\$3,688,221,929</u>	<u>\$4,024,171,000</u>	<u>\$335,949,071</u>
 <u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>\$50,000,000</u>	<u>\$50,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
 <u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$19,000,000</u>	<u>\$19,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
 All Funds Total:	<u>\$3,757,221,929</u>	<u>\$4,093,171,000</u>	<u>\$335,949,071</u>

THE JUDICIARY

§2. The several amounts named in this section, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated by the appropriations, are hereby appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the respective public officers and for the several purposes specified, which amounts shall be available for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all moneys paid into the state treasury pursuant to subdivision 1 of section 465 of the judiciary law shall thereupon be transferred to the attorney licensing fund.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the unified court system may enter into one or more contracts with the center for justice innovation for services in relation to various judiciary programs and, with the approval of the chief administrator of the courts filed with the comptroller, may expend up to \$15 million of the funds provided by this section for such services pursuant to such contract or contracts.

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2025, in accordance with the following schedule:

STATE OPERATIONS 2025-26

	APPROPRIATIONS	REAPPROPRIATIONS
General Fund - State and Local	2,501,786,000	33,036,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	19,000,000	41,800,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	151,010,000	17,116,000
All Funds	2,671,796,000	91,952,000

SCHEDULE

Notwithstanding any provision of law, the amount appropriated for any program or fund within a major purpose within this schedule may be increased or decreased in any amount by interchange with any other program or fund in any other major purpose, or with any appropriation in section three of this act, with the approval of the chief administrator of the courts.

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION **2,226,791,000**

General Fund / State Operations State Purposes Account

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	1,843,234,000
Personal service - temporary	4,692,000
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	55,835,000
Amount available for personal service	1,903,761,000

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	17,863,000
Travel	4,156,000
Contractual Services	205,398,000
Equipment	2,500,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	229,917,000

Program account subtotal **2,133,678,000**

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
New York City County Clerks Operations Offset Fund

For services and expenses as provided by section 94-a of the state finance law.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	25,468,000
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	1,000
Amount available for personal service	25,469,000

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	172,000
Travel	9,000
Contractual Services	923,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	1,104,000
Program fund subtotal	26,573,000

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund

For services and expenses as provided by section 94-b of the state finance law.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	41,888,000
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	220,000
Amount available for personal service	42,108,000

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Travel	165,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	165,000
Program fund subtotal	42,273,000

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	469,000
Amount available for personal service	469,000
Program fund subtotal	469,000

Special Revenue Funds - Federal / State Operations
Federal Operating Grants Fund

Federal Miscellaneous Grants (Operating) Account

MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2025	9,500,000
Program account subtotal	<u>9,500,000</u>

**Special Revenue Funds - Federal / State Operations
Federal Grants - Health and Human Services**

MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2025	9,500,000
Program account subtotal	<u>9,500,000</u>

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	1,565,000
Amount available for personal service	<u>1,565,000</u>

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	4,000
Travel	1,000
Contractual Services	2,978,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	<u>2,983,000</u>
Program fund subtotal	<u>4,548,000</u>

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / Asset Forfeiture
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund**

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	10,000
Contractual Services	120,000
Equipment	120,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	<u>250,000</u>
Program fund subtotal	<u>250,000</u>

COURT OF APPEALS	<u>18,088,000</u>
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General Fund / State Operations

State Purposes Account

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	16,727,000
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	156,000
	<u>16,883,000</u>
Amount available for personal service	<u>16,883,000</u>

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	394,000
Travel	393,000
Contractual Services	418,000
	<u>1,205,000</u>
Amount available for nonpersonal service	<u>1,205,000</u>
Program account subtotal	<u>18,088,000</u>

APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS 109,302,000

**General Fund / State Operations
State Purposes Account**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	104,686,000
Personal service - temporary	1,945,000
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	218,000
	<u>106,849,000</u>
Amount available for personal service	<u>106,849,000</u>

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	1,206,000
Travel	323,000
Contractual Services	924,000
	<u>2,453,000</u>
Amount available for nonpersonal service	<u>2,453,000</u>
Program account subtotal	<u>109,302,000</u>

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS 279,963,000

**General Fund / State Operations
State Purposes Account**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	33,247,000
	<u>33,247,000</u>
Amount available for personal service	<u>33,247,000</u>

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	285,000
Travel	286,000

Contractual Services	181,806,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	182,377,000
Program account subtotal	215,624,000

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Attorney Licensing Fund

For services and expenses funded from fees required pursuant to section 468-a of the judiciary law.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	23,542,000
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	22,000
Amount available for personal service	23,564,000

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	155,000
Travel	62,000
Contractual Services	5,558,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	5,775,000
Program fund subtotal	29,339,000

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Indigent Legal Services Fund

For services and expenses as provided by section 98-b of the state finance law.

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Contractual Services	25,000,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	25,000,000
Program fund subtotal	25,000,000

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Misc Spec Revenue Fund IV-E

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	500,000
Amount available for personal service	500,000

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	100,000
Travel	100,000
Contractual Services	9,200,000

Equipment	100,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	9,500,000
Program fund subtotal	10,000,000

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL SUPPORT 26,791,000

**General Fund / State Operations
State Purposes Account**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	20,988,000
Personal service - temporary	580,000
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	46,000
Amount available for personal service	21,614,000

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	122,000
Travel	539,000
Contractual Services	2,819,000

Amount available for nonpersonal service 3,480,000

Program account subtotal **25,094,000**

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund**

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	1,481,000
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	200,000

Amount available for personal service 1,681,000

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	1,000
Travel	3,000
Contractual Services	12,000

Amount available for nonpersonal service 16,000

Program fund subtotal **1,697,000**

LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION 10,861,000

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the State of New York**

For expenses associated with the operation of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the State of New York; provided that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and in accordance with section 4 of the state finance law, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, upon the request of the chief administrator of the courts, up to \$3,750,000 from the Special Revenue Funds - Other/State Operations Attorney Licensing Fund to the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the State of New York on or before March 31, 2026.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Personal service - regular	716,000
Amount available for personal service	716,000

NONPERSONAL SERVICE

Supplies and Materials	19,000
Travel	20,000
Contractual Services	10,106,000
Amount available for nonpersonal service	10,145,000
Program fund subtotal	10,861,000

AID TO LOCALITIES 2025-26

For payment according to the following schedule:

	APPROPRIATIONS	REAPPROPRIATIONS
General Fund.....	200,000,000	141,000,000
Special Revenue funds - Other.....	127,590,000	20,000,000
All Funds	327,590,000	161,000,000

SCHEDULE

AID TO LOCALITIES	327,590,000
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General Fund / Aid to Localities Local Assistance Account

For services and expenses associated with the civil legal services program	150,000,000
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For services and expenses associated with the justice court assistance program	3,000,000
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For suballocation to the office of indigent legal services, at the direction of the chief administrator of the courts, for payment pursuant to law to New York city, pursuant to an agreement with such city, for services and expenses related to implementation of caseload standards for institutional providers representing indigent clients in criminal cases in such city. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, monies received by the office of indigent legal services pursuant to this suballocation may be distributed to New York city only to the extent necessary to enable compliance with section 127.7 of the rules of the chief administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR §127.7)

For services and expenses associated with the criminal caseload reduction program	47,000,000
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Program account subtotal 200,000,000

**Special Revenue Funds - Other / Aid to Localities
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund**

For expenses necessary to implement the provisions of law relating to the furnishing of court facilities and the provisions of section 219-a of the judiciary law; provided that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and in accordance with section 4 of the state finance law, where monies in the court facilities incentive aid fund, including such monies as may be transferred thereto pursuant to subdivision 6 of section 94 of the state finance law, are insufficient to meet vouchers presented for payment charged to this appropriation or for transfers made pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of such section, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, upon the request of the chief administrator of the courts, sufficient monies to meet such vouchers or to permit such transfers from the General Fund to the Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund on or before March 31, 2026.

For services and expenses associated with the court facilities
incentive aid program 127,590,000

Program fund subtotal 127,590,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS 2025-26

For the comprehensive construction programs, purposes and projects as herein specified in accordance with the following schedule:

	APPROPRIATIONS	REAPPROPRIATIONS
Capital Projects Fund - Other.....	<u>50,000,000</u>	<u>50,600,000</u>
All Funds	<u>50,000,000</u>	<u>50,600,000</u>

SCHEDULE

**IT, FACILITY RENOVATION, AND SECURITY INITIATIVE
PROGRAM (CCP)**

50,000,000

**Capital Projects Fund - Other
Capital Projects Fund
Program Improvement/Change Purpose**

For services and expenses related to the acquisition and development of technology, including but not limited to equipment, software and services (52012501) 42,000,000

For services and expenses related to alterations and improvements for health and safety in courthouses (52022501) 5,000,000

For expenses related to the acquisition of equipment required upon general facility renovation or upgrade (52032501) 3,000,000

THE JUDICIARY

GENERAL STATE CHARGES 2025-26

For payment according to the following schedule:

	APPROPRIATIONS	REAPPROPRIATIONS
General Fund	995,119,000	145,700,000
Special Revenue Funds	48,666,000	9,300,000
All Funds	1,043,785,000	155,000,000

SCHEDULE

GENERAL STATE CHARGES 1,043,785,000

General Fund / State Operations
State Purposes Account

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits 995,119,000

Program account subtotal 995,119,000

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Attorney Licensing Fund

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits 11,433,000

Program fund subtotal 11,433,000

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits 985,000

Program fund subtotal 985,000

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits	350,000
Program fund subtotal	<u>350,000</u>

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
New York City County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits	14,780,000
Program fund subtotal	<u>14,780,000</u>

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits	20,945,000
Program fund subtotal	<u>20,945,000</u>

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Misc Spec Revenue Fund IV-E

FRINGE BENEFITS

For Fringe Benefits	173,000
Program fund subtotal	<u>173,000</u>

REAPPROPRIATIONS

§3. The several amounts named in this section, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated being the unexpended balances of a prior year's appropriation, are hereby reappropriated from the same funds and made available for the same purposes as the prior year's appropriation, unless amended herein, for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025.

THE JUDICIARY

STATE OPERATIONS AND AID TO LOCALITIES REAPPROPRIATIONS 2025-26

SCHEDULE

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

General Fund / State Operations
State Purposes Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	1,638,645,205	(re.	28,812,000)
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Personal service - temporary	5,430,871	(re. 95,000)
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	38,316,734	(re. 670,000)

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
New York City County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	24,437,284	(re. 428,000)
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	2,161	(re. 1,000)

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	59,337,524	(re. 1,038,000)
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	594,664	(re. 10,000)

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	517,040	(re. 9,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Federal / State Operations
Federal Operating Grants Fund
Federal Miscellaneous Grants (Operating) Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2024	9,500,000	(re. 9,500,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023, as reappropriated

By chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2023	9,500,000	(re. 6,200,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2022, as reappropriated

by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2022	9,500,000	(re. 5,300,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated

by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2021	9,500,000	(re. 9,500,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2020, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024: For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2020	9,500,000	(re.	400,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2019, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024: For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2019	9,500,000	(re.	100,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Federal / State Operations
Federal Grants - Health and Human Services

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024: For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2024	9,500,000	(re.	9,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024: For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2023	9,500,000	(re.	600,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2022, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024: For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2022	9,500,000	(re.	500,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024: For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2021	9,500,000	(re.	100,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2020, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024: For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2020	9,500,000	(re.	500,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2019, as reappropriated by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024: For services and expenses including travel outside the state and the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2019	5,500,000	(re.	100,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Supplies and Materials	75,000	(re.	75,000)
Travel	75,000	(re.	75,000)
Contractual Services	2,500,000	(re.	2,300,000)
Equipment	225,000	(re.	225,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023, as reappropriated
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

Supplies and Materials	75,000	(re.	75,000)
Travel	75,000	(re.	75,000)
Contractual Services	2,500,000	(re.	2,400,000)
Equipment	225,000	(re.	225,000)

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2022, as reappropriated
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

Contractual Services	2,500,000	(re.	300,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2021, as reappropriated
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

Contractual Services	2,000,000	(re.	400,000)
Equipment	150,000	(re.	2,000)

COURT OF APPEALS

General Fund / State Operations State Purposes Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	16,824,781	(re.	294,000)
Personal service - holiday / overtime compensation	156,300	(re.	3,000)

APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS

General Fund / State Operations State Purposes Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	96,547,927	(re.	1,689,000)
Personal service - temporary	1,421,105	(re.	25,000)
Personal service - holiday/overtime compensation	168,820	(re.	3,000)

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS

General Fund / State Operations State Purposes Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	33,609,587	(re. 588,000)
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Special Revenue Funds / State Operations
Federal IV-E Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Supplies and Materials.....	1,000,000	(re. 1,000,000)
Travel.....	1,000,000	(re. 1,000,000)
Contractual Services.....	7,000,000	(re. 6,000,000)
Equipment.....	1,000,000	(re. 1,000,000)

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Attorney Licensing Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	20,179,014	(re. 353,000)
Personal service - holiday / overtime compensation	16,685	(re. 1,000)

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL SUPPORT

General Fund / State Operations
State Purposes Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	14,407,024	(re. 252,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Attorney Licensing Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	1,491,053	(re. 26,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	3,558,434	(re. 62,000)
Personal service - holiday / overtime compensation	19,000	(re. 1,000)

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	1,294,962	(re. 23,000)
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JUDICIARY-WIDE MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED

General Fund - State Operations

State Purpose Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	34,600,000	(re. 605,000)
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LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION

Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations

Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection of the State of New York

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

Personal service - regular	680,636	(re. 12,000)
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AID TO LOCALITIES REAPPROPRIATIONS 2025-26

Special Revenue Funds - Other / Aid to Localities

Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For expenses necessary to implement the provisions of law relating to the furnishing of court facilities and the provisions of section 219-a of the judiciary law; provided that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and in accordance with section 4 of the state finance law, where monies in the court facilities incentive aid fund, including such monies as may be transferred thereto pursuant to subdivision 6 of section 94 of the state finance law, are insufficient to meet vouchers presented for payment charged to this appropriation or for transfers made pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of such section, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, upon the request of the chief administrator of the courts, sufficient monies to meet such vouchers or to permit such transfers from the General Fund to the Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund on or before March 31, 2025.

For services and expenses associated with the court

facilities incentive aid program	122,902,889	(re. 20,000,000)
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General Fund / Aid to Localities

Local Assistance Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For suballocation to the office of indigent legal services, at the direction of the chief administrator of the courts, for payment pursuant to law to New York city, pursuant to an agreement with such city, for services and expenses related to implementation of caseload standards for institutional providers representing indigent clients in criminal cases in such city. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, monies received by the office of indigent legal services pursuant to this suballocation may be distributed to New York city only to the extent necessary to enable compliance with section 127.7 of the rules of the chief administrator of the court (22 NYCRR §127.7).

For services and expenses associated with the Criminal

Caseload Reduction Program.....	47,000,000	(re. 47,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023, as reappropriated

by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

For suballocation to the office of indigent legal services, at the direction of the chief administrator of the courts,

for payment pursuant to law to New York city, pursuant to an agreement with such city, for services and expenses related to implementation of caseload standards for institutional providers representing indigent clients in criminal cases in such city. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, monies received by the office of indigent legal services pursuant to this suballocation may be distributed to New York city only to the extent necessary to enable compliance with section 127.7 of the rules of the chief administrator of the court (22 NYCRR §127.7).

For services and expenses associated with the Criminal Caseload Reduction Program.....	47,000,000	(re.	47,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2022, as reappropriated
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

For suballocation to the office of indigent legal services, at the direction of the chief administrator of the courts, for payment pursuant to law to New York city, pursuant to an agreement with such city, for services and expenses related to implementation of caseload standards for institutional providers representing indigent clients in criminal cases in such city. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, monies received by the office of indigent legal services pursuant to this suballocation may be distributed to New York city only to the extent necessary to enable compliance with section 127.7 of the rules of the chief administrator of the court (22 NYCRR §127.7).

For services and expenses associated with the Criminal Caseload Reduction Program.....	47,000,000	(re.	47,000,000)
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CAPITAL PROJECTS REAPPROPRIATIONS 2025-26

COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS (CCP)

Capital Projects Funds

Preservation of Facilities Purpose

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2007, as reappropriated
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

For expenses associated with the acquisition of and improvements to a training academy in Kings County for the training of court security personnel (52JT0707)	33,700,000	(re.	1,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2007, as amended by
chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2012, as reappropriated
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

For expenses associated with the acquisition of and improvements to a training academy in Kings County for the training of court security personnel (52JT0707)	24,200,000	(re.	1,000,000)
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IT, FACILITY RENOVATION, COURT RECORDS AND SECURITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM (CCP)

Preservation of Facility Purpose

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For expenses associated with the improvements to Appellate 1st Division Facilities	2,300,000	(re.	2,300,000)
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For expenses associated with the improvements to Appellate 2nd Division Facilities	9,700,000	(re.	9,700,000)
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Capital Projects Fund - Other
Capital Projects Fund
Program Improvement/Change Purpose

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For services and expenses related to the acquisition and development of technology, including but not limited to equipment, software and services (52012401)	30,000,000	(re.	24,000,000)
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For services and expenses related to alterations and improvements for health and safety in courthouses (52022401)	5,000,000	(re.	4,500,000)
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For expenses related to the acquisition of equipment required upon general facility renovation or upgrade (52032401)	3,000,000	(re.	2,000,000)
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By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2023, as reappropriated
by chapter 51, section 3, of the laws of 2024:

For services and expenses related to the acquisition and development of technology, including but not limited to equipment, software and services (52012301)	22,000,000	(re.	5,000,000)
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For services and expenses related to alterations and improvements for health and safety in courthouses (52022301)	3,000,000	(re.	1,000,000)
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For expenses related to the acquisition of equipment required upon general facility renovation or upgrade (52032301)	3,000,000	(re.	100,000)
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GENERAL STATE CHARGES REAPPROPRIATION 2025-26

General Fund / State Operations
State Purposes Account

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For Fringe Benefits	915,897,881	(re.	145,700,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Attorney Licensing Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For Fringe Benefits	9,127,206	(re.	1,500,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For Fringe Benefits	1,022,574	(re.	200,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For Fringe Benefits	312,306	(re.	50,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
New York City County Clerks Operations Offset Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For Fringe Benefits	14,586,199	(re.	2,450,000)
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Special Revenue Funds - Other / State Operations
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund

By chapter 51, section 2, of the laws of 2024:

For Fringe Benefits	30,781,295	(re.	5,100,000)
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STATE OF NEW YORK
JUDICIARY BUDGET

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Judiciary FY 2026 Budget Request

Overview

The Judiciary: The Judiciary is one of three branches of New York State government. Article VI of the State Constitution establishes the Judiciary as the Unified Court System for the State, defines the organization and jurisdiction of the courts, and provides for the administrative supervision of the courts by a Chief Administrator on behalf of the Chief Judge of the State.

The objectives of the Judiciary are to: (1) provide a forum for the peaceful, fair, and prompt resolution of civil and family disputes, criminal charges, disputes between citizens and the State, and challenges to government action; (2) supervise the administration of decedents' estates; (3) preside over adoptions and proceedings to protect children and the mentally ill; and (4) regulate the admission of lawyers to the Bar and their conduct and discipline.

Administration of the Judiciary: The administrative structure of this Court System is prescribed by the State Constitution, which designates the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals as the head of the Judiciary. The Chief Judge is authorized to adopt administrative policies for the courts after consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts (comprised of the Chief Judge and the Presiding Justices of the four Appellate Divisions), and approval by the Court of Appeals. With the advice and consent of the Administrative Board, the Chief Judge also appoints a Chief Administrator of the Courts (or Chief Administrative Judge if they are a judge) who is responsible for supervising the day-to-day administration and operation of the trial courts. The four Appellate Divisions and the Court of Appeals are each responsible for the administration and operation of their individual courts.

In discharge of their responsibility for managing the trial courts, the Chief Administrative Judge designates a First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, as well as Deputy Chief Administrative Judges for the courts within and outside New York City. On behalf of the Chief Administrative Judge, and in concert with a corps of Administrative Judges, these three designees supervise trial court operations in the State's 13 Judicial Districts. The Chief Administrative Judge also designates a Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives who is charged with directing the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program. This office also oversees child welfare, juvenile, and adolescent justice initiatives.

By statute and by direction of the Chief Judge, the Chief Administrative Judge also establishes the administrative office of the courts. This office is bifurcated into the Office of Court Administration within the Administration and General Support Major Purpose, and the Division of Court Support Services within the Courts of Original Jurisdiction Major Purpose.

Funding of the Judiciary: By statute, and since the late 1970's, the nine major trial courts (Supreme Courts, Court of Claims, County Courts, Family Courts, Surrogate's Courts, New York City Civil and Criminal Courts, District Courts, and City Courts outside New York City), and all three appellate courts (Court of Appeals, Appellate Divisions, and Appellate Terms) are funded entirely by the State except that local governments, with some limited state financial assistance, bear responsibility for provision of court facilities to the Judiciary. The Town and Village Justice Courts, by contrast, are funded by the towns and villages in which they sit, although they do receive limited state financial assistance as well.

Structure and Jurisdiction of the Courts

The Unified Court System is structured as follows:

APPELLATE COURTS

Court of Appeals
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court
County Courts (acting as appellate courts)

TRIAL COURTS OF SUPERIOR JURISDICTION

<i>Statewide:</i>	<i>Outside New York City:</i>
Supreme Court	County Court
Court of Claims	
Family Court	
Surrogate's Court	

TRIAL COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

<i>New York City:</i>	<i>Outside New York City:</i>
Criminal Court	City Courts
Civil Court	District Courts
	Town Courts*
	Village Courts*

*Locally funded courts

MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY Courts of Original Jurisdiction	FY 2026 All Funds Budget Request: \$2,226,791,000
	General Fund: 2,133,678,000
	State Special Revenue Funds: 74,113,000
	Federal Special Revenue Funds: 19,000,000

Major Purpose Description

The Courts of Original Jurisdiction (COJ) Major Purpose is comprised of the following program components: Supreme and County Courts, Family Courts, Surrogate's Courts, Multi-Bench Courts, City and District Courts, New York City Housing Courts, Community Courts, Problem-Solving Courts, Court of Claims, Jury Operations, New York City County Clerks, Law Libraries, the Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Improvement Programs, Court Support Services, Town and Village Courts, Public Safety, COJ Maintenance Undistributed, and Administration.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding

The COJ Major Purpose State Operations All Funds budget request is \$2.23 billion, or an increase of \$213 million (10.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

Personal Service

The personal service request of \$1.97 billion represents an increase of \$166 million (9.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions and all filled nonjudicial positions.

Funding for judicial positions includes the annualization of 43 judgeships as authorized by Chapter 749 of the Laws of 2023 and Chapter 204 of the Laws of 2024 including 23 Family Court, 14 City Court, 3 Supreme Court, and 3 Multi-Bench Court. Funding also supports a net increase in the number of Certificated Supreme Court Justices and for the establishment of 10 NYC Criminal Court judgeships, subject to legislative enactment. Also, this budget request funds 10 additional Support Magistrate positions in the Family Court Program.

Funding for nonjudicial positions includes general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The request supports a projected increase in the nonjudicial fill level, reallocations of certain nonjudicial court operation job titles, and the establishment of 338 new nonjudicial positions to support court operations and workload demands. The net increase in these funding requirements is partially offset by attrition savings.

The temporary personal service request of \$4.7 million includes \$3.2 million for *per diem* payments to Town and Village Justices assigned to the off-hours Centralized Arraignment Parts (CAP). The funding also supports commercial division law clerks in Supreme Court, and for Town and Village Justices temporarily appointed as acting City Court Judges throughout the State.

The personal service budget request also includes \$56.1 million for overtime costs, an increase of \$17.4 million or 45% over the current year adjusted appropriation. The growth in overtime activity is necessary to address workload demands and backlogs.

Nonpersonal Service

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with trial court operations, support, and administration. These expenses include contractual obligations with the Center for Judicial Innovation, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Children's Centers, Community Dispute Resolution Centers (CDRC), Housing Court Answers and other professional service agencies. Funding also supports jury *per diem* stipends and juror meals, contractual security services with local law enforcement agencies in various upstate locations, real estate rentals for office leases and training space, information technology (IT) services to support computer-based information systems critical to court operations, *per diem* interpreter and court reporter costs, ADR services, legal reference materials and online research services, and transcript payments. Also reflected are appropriations for the receipt of Federal and other State Special Revenue grant funds.

The nonpersonal service request of \$253.4 million reflects an increase of \$47 million (22.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is primarily attributable to a proposed jury *per diem* rate increase subject to legislative enactment, increased demand for technology services and enhancements to online legal research platforms. The request also includes a 3% cost-of-living adjustment and enhancements for professional service providers including Children's Centers, CASA, ADR, and CJI, including funding for ATI Programs in New York City. Contractual obligations and escalation costs are reflected in real estate rentals and contractual security. Expenditure-based increases are also noted for *per diem* interpreters, travel, building and property services, records management, office supplies, postage, and transcripts.

The increase is partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in telecommunications, equipment repairs, *per diem* court reporters, and medical services.

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COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
Personal Service			
PS Regular	1,764,182,000	1,912,624,000	148,442,000
PS Temporary	4,531,000	4,692,000	161,000
PS Overtime	38,679,000	56,056,000	17,377,000
Total Personal Service	1,807,392,000	1,973,372,000	165,980,000
Nonpersonal Service			
Contractual Services	186,129,000	228,549,000	42,420,000
Supplies & Materials	15,858,000	18,039,000	2,181,000
Travel	2,524,000	4,331,000	1,807,000
Equipment	1,915,000	2,500,000	585,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	206,426,000	253,419,000	46,993,000
Grand Total	2,013,818,000	2,226,791,000	212,973,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
Personal Service			
PS Regular	1,696,991,000	1,843,234,000	146,243,000
PS Temporary	4,531,000	4,692,000	161,000
PS Overtime	38,519,000	55,835,000	17,316,000
Total Personal Service	1,740,041,000	1,903,761,000	163,720,000
Nonpersonal Service			
Contractual Services	162,962,000	205,398,000	42,436,000
Supplies & Materials	15,686,000	17,863,000	2,177,000
Travel	2,519,000	4,156,000	1,637,000
Equipment	1,915,000	2,500,000	585,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	183,082,000	229,917,000	46,835,000
Grand Total	1,923,123,000	2,133,678,000	210,555,000

JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	40,745,000	41,888,000	1,143,000
PS Overtime	<u>158,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>62,000</u>
Total Personal Service	40,903,000	42,108,000	1,205,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Travel	<u>0</u>	<u>165,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	0	165,000	165,000
Grand Total	40,903,000	42,273,000	1,370,000

NYC CO CLERKS' OPERATIONS OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	24,438,000	25,468,000	1,030,000
PS Overtime	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
Total Personal Service	24,440,000	25,469,000	1,029,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	933,000	923,000	(10,000)
Supplies & Materials	167,000	172,000	5,000
Travel	<u>4,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	1,104,000	1,104,000	0
Grand Total	25,544,000	26,573,000	1,029,000

FED SPEC REVENUE OPERATING

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Grand Total	9,500,000	9,500,000	0

FEDERAL DHHS GRANT

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Grand Total	9,500,000	9,500,000	0

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,491,000	1,565,000	74,000
Total Personal Service	1,491,000	1,565,000	74,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,984,000	2,978,000	(6,000)
Supplies & Materials	5,000	4,000	(1,000)
Travel	1,000	1,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	2,990,000	2,983,000	(7,000)
Grand Total	4,481,000	4,548,000	67,000

COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	<u>517,000</u>	<u>469,000</u>	<u>(48,000)</u>
Total Personal Service	517,000	469,000	(48,000)
 Grand Total	 517,000	 469,000	 (48,000)

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ASSET FORFEITURE

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	250,000	250,000	0
 Grand Total	 250,000	 250,000	 0

Courts of Original Jurisdiction
2023 Statewide Workload by Court Type

Court	Filings	Dispositions
Criminal		
Supreme & County Courts ^a	35,057	39,645
NYC Criminal Court		
Arrest Cases	153,874	152,122
Summons Cases ^b	103,278	93,919
City and District Courts Outside NYC		
Criminal Cases	155,300	159,058
Traffic/Parking Tickets ^b	320,582	308,827
Criminal Subtotal:	768,091	753,571
Civil		
Supreme Courts		
New Cases (RJI's)	167,382	165,101
Ex Parte Applications	120,561	120,561
Uncontested Matrimonials	38,518	44,807
NYC Civil Court		
New Civil Actions	242,127	650,305
Housing Cases	149,064	238,494
Small Claims	12,727	15,291
Commercial Claims	2,838	3,205
City and District Courts Outside NYC		
New Civil Actions	73,464	75,718
Housing Cases	55,992	61,058
Small Claims	14,232	14,966
Commercial Claims	4,751	5,027
County Courts ^a	82,398 ^c	82,632 ^c
Court of Claims	3,057	1,930
Small Claims Assessment Review	63,670	62,931
Civil Subtotal:	1,030,781	1,542,026
Family ^a	490,432 ^d	490,726 ^d
Surrogate's ^a	150,423	116,809
2023 Total:	2,439,727	2,903,132

^a Also reflects Multi-Bench matters.

^b Includes both answered and unanswered cases.

^c Includes ex-parte applications.

^d Includes Permanency Planning Hearings.

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Supreme and County Courts Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$562,389,000	
	Personal Service:	553,316,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	9,073,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for operations in Supreme and County Courts.

Supreme Court: The Supreme Court is the highest trial court of the State. It is established in all 62 counties and vested with unlimited civil and criminal jurisdiction although, in practice, it acts primarily as a court of civil jurisdiction outside New York City. In New York City, however, all felony cases are heard in criminal terms and all major civil cases in civil terms.

County Court: There is a County Court established for each of the 57 counties outside New York City. It retains unlimited criminal jurisdiction and jurisdiction of civil claims not exceeding \$25,000. In practice, however, it is almost exclusively a criminal court, hearing all felony cases in the county in which it is established. In many smaller counties, where there is no separate Family and/or Surrogate's Court, the Legislature has directed that the County Court Judge act as Family Court Judge and/or Surrogate as well. Where this occurs, the affected County Court is termed a Multi-Bench Court and is funded under the Multi-Bench Courts Program.

Small Claims Assessment Review Program: Title 1A of Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law establishes the Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) process in the Supreme Court. Operating in each county, the SCAR Program permits a homeowner to judicially challenge the real property tax assessment of his or her property, expeditiously and inexpensively, before specially trained hearing officers.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Supreme and County Courts General Fund budget request is \$562.4 million, or an increase of \$33.3 million (6.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$553.3 million represents an increase of \$31.8 million (6.1%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding includes a net increase in the number of Certificated Supreme Court Justices and staff, and the annualization of three new Supreme Court judgeships as authorized by Chapter 749 of the Laws of 2023. Funding is also included for new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands.

The personal service request includes \$0.6 million for temporary service, primarily supporting six commercial division law clerks in New York Supreme Court, Civil Term. The request also includes \$0.9 million for overtime costs to support current levels of operation.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with court operations, support, and administration of the Supreme and County Courts. This includes transcription services, *per diem* interpreters, office supplies, travel, *per diem* court reporters, miscellaneous supplies and materials, rentals of equipment, postage, and SCAR.

The nonpersonal service request of \$9.1 million represents an increase of \$1.5 million (19.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Expenditure-based increases in *per diem* interpreters, transcripts, and office supplies are partially offset by decreases in postage and SCAR-related costs.

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SUPREME & COUNTY COURTS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	520,157,000	551,861,000	31,704,000
PS Temporary	490,000	601,000	111,000
PS Overtime	862,000	854,000	(8,000)
Total Personal Service	<u>521,509,000</u>	<u>553,316,000</u>	<u>31,807,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	5,787,000	7,016,000	1,229,000
Supplies and Materials	1,394,000	1,594,000	200,000
Travel	385,000	463,000	78,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>7,566,000</u>	<u>9,073,000</u>	<u>1,507,000</u>
 Grand Total	 529,075,000	 562,389,000	 33,314,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$251,078,000	
	Family Courts Program	
	Personal Service:	245,591,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	5,487,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for operations in Family Courts.

Family Court: The Family Court is established as a single citywide court in New York City and as a separate court in each of the 57 counties outside New York City, except that in many smaller counties there is no separate Family Court Judge. For such counties, the Legislature has directed that the County Court Judge act as Family Court Judge. Where this occurs, the affected Family Court is termed a Multi-Bench Court and is funded under the Multi-Bench Courts Program.

Family Court exercises jurisdiction over a broad array of matters affecting children and families including cases involving abuse, neglect, support, paternity, family offense, Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS), juvenile delinquency (JD), guardianship, adoptions, custody, visitation matters, and 16- and 17-year-old youths accused of misdemeanor offenses and certain nonviolent offenses per Raise the Age laws.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Family Court General Fund budget request of \$251.1 million reflects an increase of \$33.2 million (15.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$245.6 million represents an increase of \$31.5 million (14.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding also supports the annualization of 23 Family Court judgeships as authorized by Chapter 749 of the Laws of 2023 and Chapter 204 of the Laws of 2024. Funding is included for new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands. The request also includes funding for 10 new Support Magistrates and support staff for NYC Family Court.

The personal service request also includes \$0.1 million for overtime to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operations, support, and administration in Family Court. This includes in-part services primarily for *per diem* interpreters, in addition to office supplies, transcript costs, and postage.

The nonpersonal service request of \$5.5 million reflects an increase of \$1.7 million (44.2%) over current year funding. The increase is primarily attributable to *per diem* court interpreter costs, office supplies, and records management services and is partially offset by reductions in repairs of equipment, postage, and telephones.

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FAMILY COURTS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	213,954,000	245,481,000	31,527,000
PS Overtime	110,000	110,000	0
Total Personal Service	<u>214,064,000</u>	<u>245,591,000</u>	<u>31,527,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,999,000	4,469,000	1,470,000
Supplies and Materials	675,000	849,000	174,000
Travel	130,000	169,000	39,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>3,804,000</u>	<u>5,487,000</u>	<u>1,683,000</u>
 Grand Total	 217,868,000	 251,078,000	 33,210,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Surrogate's Courts Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$66,501,000
	Personal Service: 65,471,000 Nonpersonal Service: 1,030,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for operations in Surrogate's Courts.

Surrogate's Court: There is a Surrogate's Court established in each of the State's 62 counties, except that, in many smaller counties there is no separate Surrogate. For such counties, the Legislature has directed that the County Court Judge act as the Surrogate. Where this occurs, the affected Surrogate's Court is termed a Multi-Bench Court and is funded under the Multi-Bench Courts Program.

Surrogate's Courts exercise jurisdiction over a broad array of matters affecting estates and trusts, including: granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration; the probate of wills; oversight of executors, estate administrators, trustees, and guardians; the settlement of accounts of fiduciaries; concurrent jurisdiction with Family Court in the administration of infant guardianship and approval of adoptions; and concurrent jurisdiction with Supreme Court in matters pertaining to guardianships of incompetent persons.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Surrogate's Courts General Fund budget request of \$66.5 million reflects an increase of \$5.8 million (9.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$65.5 million represents an increase of \$5.7 million (9.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The request also includes reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations.

The personal service request includes \$0.1 million for overtime to support current levels of operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation, support, and administration of the Surrogate's Court, including records management services, office supplies, postage, and printing.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.0 million represents an increase of \$0.1 million (10.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is mainly attributable to expenditure-based increases in records management services, travel, printing, and rentals of equipment. The increases are partially offset by reductions in postage, office supplies, and telephones.

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SURROGATE COURTS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	59,565,000	65,331,000	5,766,000
PS Temporary	78,000	0	(78,000)
PS Overtime	164,000	140,000	(24,000)
Total Personal Service	<u>59,807,000</u>	<u>65,471,000</u>	<u>5,664,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	640,000	717,000	77,000
Supplies and Materials	251,000	245,000	(6,000)
Travel	39,000	68,000	29,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>930,000</u>	<u>1,030,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
 Grand Total	 60,737,000	 66,501,000	 5,764,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$65,092,000	
	Multi-Bench Courts Program	
	Personal Service:	63,746,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	1,346,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for operations in the Multi-Bench Courts.

Multi-Bench Courts: In many counties outside New York City there is no separate Family Court Judge or Surrogate, or both. For such counties, the Legislature has directed that the County Court Judge act as Family Court Judge and/or Surrogate. Where this occurs, the affected County Court is termed a Multi-Bench Court. Affected counties having combined County, Family, and Surrogate's Courts include Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chenango, Columbia, Essex, Greene, Hamilton, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Orleans, Otsego, Putnam, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga, Tompkins, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates. Those having combined County and Family Courts only include Clinton, Ontario, and Steuben counties. Those having combined County and Surrogate's Courts only include Chemung, Clinton, Cortland, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Herkimer, Sullivan, and Warren counties.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Multi-Bench Courts General Fund budget request is \$65.1 million, or an increase of \$2.7 million (4.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$63.7 million represents an increase of \$2.4 million (3.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is also included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding supports the annualization of three Multi-Bench judgeships as authorized by Chapter 204 of the Laws of 2024. Funding is also included for new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands. These increases are partially offset by attrition.

The personal service request also includes \$6,000 for overtime to support current levels of operation statewide.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation, support, and administration of the Multi-Bench Courts. These expenses include transcript costs, office supplies, postage, and travel.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.3 million represents an increase of \$0.3 million (22.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Expenditure-based increases in travel, transcripts, office supplies, and records management services are partially offset by reductions in postage, other general services, and *per diem* court reporters.

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MULTI-BENCH COURTS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	61,340,000	63,740,000	2,400,000
PS Overtime	4,000	6,000	2,000
Total Personal Service	<u>61,344,000</u>	<u>63,746,000</u>	<u>2,402,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	750,000	849,000	99,000
Supplies and Materials	253,000	309,000	56,000
Travel	93,000	188,000	95,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>1,096,000</u>	<u>1,346,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
 Grand Total	 62,440,000	 65,092,000	 2,652,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION City and District Courts Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$361,478,000
	Personal Service: 354,566,000
	Nonpersonal Service: 6,912,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for operations in City Courts outside New York City, Nassau and Suffolk County District Courts, New York City Civil Court, New York City Criminal Court, and the Arbitration Program pursuant to CPLR § 3405.

City Courts Outside New York City: There are 61 City Courts outside New York City; 22 are comprised solely of full-time judges, 25 are comprised of a mix of full and part-time judges, and 14 are comprised exclusively of part-time judges. These courts have civil jurisdiction over monetary claims of up to \$15,000 (including small claims and commercial claims of up to \$5,000), landlord/tenant matters, and traffic matters. They also exercise criminal jurisdiction that includes authority to arraign defendants on felony charges and to hear misdemeanor and violation cases.

Nassau and Suffolk County District Courts: The Constitution authorizes establishment of District Courts in counties and parts of counties following local initiative, state legislative enactment, and local voter approval. At present, there are two such District Courts, one in Nassau County and one in Suffolk County. Like the City Courts, the District Courts have civil jurisdiction over monetary claims of up to \$15,000 (including small claims and commercial claims of up to \$5,000), landlord/tenant matters, and traffic matters. They also exercise criminal jurisdiction that includes authority to arraign defendants on felony charges and to hear misdemeanor and violation cases.

New York City Civil Court: The Civil Court is a citywide court with civil jurisdiction over monetary claims of up to \$50,000 (including small claims and commercial claims of up to \$10,000), some equity matters, and landlord/tenant matters. To assist in discharge of the latter, the Civil Court has a Housing Part, presided over by quasi-judicial hearing officers called Housing Court Judges. The Housing Part is not funded under this program, but under the New York City Housing Court Program.

New York City Criminal Court: The Criminal Court is a citywide court with criminal jurisdiction that includes authority to arraign defendants on felony charges and to hear misdemeanor and violation cases.

Arbitration Program: CPLR § 3405 authorizes the Chief Judge, by rule, to require that monetary claims not exceeding \$6,000 (not exceeding \$10,000 in the NYC Civil Court), brought in certain courts be subject to arbitration, provided that the affected parties are entitled to trial *de novo* if aggrieved by the award in arbitration.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The City and District Courts General Fund budget request is \$361.5 million reflects an increase of \$35.3 million (10.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$354.6 million represents an increase of \$34 million (10.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding supports the annualization of 14 City Court judgeships as authorized by Chapter 749 of the Laws of 2023 and Chapter 204 of the Laws of 2024. Funding is included for new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands. The request also includes funding for the authorization of an additional 10 New York City Criminal Court judgeships. The increase is partially offset by attrition.

The personal service request also includes \$0.1 million in temporary service primarily for acting City Court Judges. The request includes \$15.1 million for overtime, or an increase of \$5.4 million, or 57% to address backlogs and other case processing initiatives.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation, support, and administration of the City and District Courts. These expenses include *per diem* interpreters, office supplies, postage, records management services, travel, and printing.

The nonpersonal service request of \$6.9 million represents an increase of \$1.3 million (23.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Expenditure-based increases in *per diem* interpreters, travel, and office supplies are partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in postage, rentals and repairs of equipment, and telephones. Also noted is a decrease in arbitration services due to the use of in-house UCS attorneys in arbitration cases, instead of using panel arbitrators.

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CITY & DIST INC ARBITRATION
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	310,802,000	339,378,000	28,576,000
PS Temporary	102,000	109,000	7,000
PS Overtime	9,638,000	15,079,000	5,441,000
Total Personal Service	<u>320,542,000</u>	<u>354,566,000</u>	<u>34,024,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	4,439,000	5,460,000	1,021,000
Supplies and Materials	891,000	1,051,000	160,000
Travel	257,000	401,000	144,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>5,587,000</u>	<u>6,912,000</u>	<u>1,325,000</u>
Grand Total	326,129,000	361,478,000	35,349,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION New York City Housing Court Program	FY 2026 Budget Request:	\$39,153,000
	Personal Service:	38,160,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	993,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for the Housing Part of the New York City Civil Court.

Housing Part of the Civil Court: In 1972, the Legislature established a special part of the New York City Civil Court to handle housing code enforcement and landlord/tenant disputes relating to possession of residential property in New York City. The enabling statute (New York City Civil Court Act § 110) also established a corps of quasi-judicial hearing officers designated by the Chief Administrative Judge, and now known as Housing Court Judges, to preside in the Housing Part.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The New York City Housing Court General Fund budget request is \$39.2 million, or an increase of \$1.8 million (4.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$38.2 million represents an increase of \$1.6 million (4.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding is also included for new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands. The increase is partially offset by attrition.

The personal service request also includes \$0.3 million for overtime to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with court operations, support, and administration including postage, office supplies, printing, equipment rental, and transcripts. The nonpersonal service request also includes funding for a contract with Housing Court Answers (HCA), a not-for-profit organization that provides information and support to self-represented tenants and landlords in each borough's Housing Court.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.0 million is an increase of \$0.2 million (23.4%) over current year adjusted appropriation. Expanded use of HCA services and increased growth in office supplies, printing, postage, rental and repair of equipment costs are partially offset by an expenditure-based reduction in transcripts.

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NYC HOUSING COURT
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	36,517,000	37,860,000	1,343,000
PS Overtime	52,000	300,000	248,000
Total Personal Service	<u>36,569,000</u>	<u>38,160,000</u>	<u>1,591,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	724,000	832,000	108,000
Supplies and Materials	76,000	156,000	80,000
Travel	5,000	5,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>805,000</u>	<u>993,000</u>	<u>188,000</u>
 Grand Total	 37,374,000	 39,153,000	 1,779,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Community Courts Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$1,044,000
	Personal Service: 1,025,000 Nonpersonal Service: 19,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for the various Community Courts in New York City.

Community Courts: Community Courts adjudicate low-level and quality-of-life offenses such as prostitution, shoplifting, vandalism, and drug possession. Community Courts emphasize accountability, community responsibility, and restitution by combining conventional punishments with alternative sanctions. By incorporating problem-solving policies and methods, Community Courts focus on relationships among the neighborhood, offender, and courts to increase community confidence in and access to the criminal justice system. Funding is requested for the following Community Courts: Manhattan's Midtown Community Court, Harlem Community Justice Center, Brooklyn's Red Hook Community Justice Center, Brownsville Community Justice Center, and the Bronx's Community Solutions.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Community Courts General Fund budget request is \$1 million, or a decrease of \$93,000 (-8.2%) from the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$1 million represents a decrease of \$89,000 (-8.0%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The decrease is attributable to attrition. Included in the personal service request is \$0.1 million for overtime to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with Community Court operations and administration including *per diem* interpreters, drug testing services, office supplies, and equipment rental and repairs. Funding for contractual in-part services in the Community Courts provided by the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI) is included in the Court Support Services Program budget.

The nonpersonal service request is \$19,000, or a decrease of \$4,000 (-17.4%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. Expenditure-based reductions in miscellaneous supplies and materials, and medical services are offset by increases in repairs of equipment and *per diem* court interpreter services.

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NYC COMMUNITY COURTS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,000,000	910,000	(90,000)
PS Overtime	114,000	115,000	1,000
Total Personal Service	<u>1,114,000</u>	<u>1,025,000</u>	<u>(89,000)</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	17,000	14,000	(3,000)
Supplies and Materials	6,000	5,000	(1,000)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>23,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>
 Grand Total	 1,137,000	 1,044,000	 (93,000)

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Problem-Solving Courts Program	FY 2026 Budget Request:	\$23,234,000
	Personal Service:	22,399,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	835,000

Program Description

This program includes state-supported funding for the operation of Problem-Solving Court parts. Funding includes only the nonjudicial staff solely assigned to the Problem-Solving Court parts. Funding for the Judges and other nonjudicial staff who operate the parts are included in the programs where the judges are elected or appointed. Also, the Maintenance Undistributed Program within the Courts of Original Jurisdiction Major Purpose includes funding for anticipated federal grants in support of this program.

Problem-Solving Courts: Problem-Solving Courts are parts that operate within courts that have criminal or family jurisdiction. These forums were established to help individuals and communities break the destructive cycle of repeated drug abuse and arrest. They provide nonviolent drug offenders the opportunity to participate in rehabilitation programs as alternatives to incarceration.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Problem-Solving Courts General Fund budget request is \$23.2 million, or an increase of \$2 million (9.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$22.4 million represents an increase of \$1.7 million (8.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding is also included for new nonjudicial positions and reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles to support court operations and meet caseload demands.

Included in the personal service request is \$0.2 million for overtime to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operations, support, and administration of the Problem-Solving Courts Program. These expenses include miscellaneous supplies and materials, travel, office/clerical services, and medical services; the latter two of which are primarily for drug testing services.

The nonpersonal service request of \$0.8 million reflects an increase of \$0.2 million (41.8%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is primarily attributable to spending growth in miscellaneous supplies and materials, travel, and office/clerical services. The overall increase is partially offset by a decrease in *per diem* court reporters and rentals of equipment.

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PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	20,455,000	22,201,000	1,746,000
PS Overtime	201,000	198,000	(3,000)
Total Personal Service	<u>20,656,000</u>	<u>22,399,000</u>	<u>1,743,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	103,000	133,000	30,000
Supplies and Materials	435,000	627,000	192,000
Travel	51,000	75,000	24,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>589,000</u>	<u>835,000</u>	<u>246,000</u>
 Grand Total	 21,245,000	 23,234,000	 1,989,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Court of Claims Program	FY 2026 Budget Request:	\$20,148,000
	Personal Service:	17,028,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	3,120,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for the operation of the Court of Claims.

Court of Claims: The Court of Claims is the exclusive judicial forum for actions brought against New York State and certain state entities such as the Thruway Authority and the City University of New York. The Court hears a broad array of tort and contract cases, and disputes overcompensation awards following exercises of the state's power of eminent domain. The Court exercises its jurisdiction statewide with a presence in venues throughout New York (including Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Hauppauge, New York City, Rochester, Saratoga Springs, Syracuse, Utica, and White Plains). All actions in the Court of Claims are heard by a judge sitting without a jury.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Court of Claims General Fund budget request is \$20.1 million, or an increase of \$0.2 million (1.1%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$17 million represents a slight increase of \$36,000 (0.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The increase is partially offset by attrition.

Included in the personal service request is \$74,000 for temporary service to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation, support, and administration of the Court of Claims. These expenses include real estate rentals, travel, office supplies, utilities, conferences and training, and building and property services. Funding in real estate rentals supports judicial chambers and courtroom space in multiple locations throughout the State.

The nonpersonal service request is \$3.1 million, or an increase of \$0.2 million (5.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is primarily attributable to inflationary and escalation costs associated with real estate leases, and expenditure-based increases in conferences and training, travel, postage, and office supplies.

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COURT OF CLAIMS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	16,992,000	16,954,000	(38,000)
PS Temporary	0	74,000	74,000
Total Personal Service	<u>16,992,000</u>	<u>17,028,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,802,000	2,939,000	137,000
Supplies and Materials	101,000	121,000	20,000
Travel	42,000	60,000	18,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>2,945,000</u>	<u>3,120,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
Grand Total	19,937,000	20,148,000	211,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$57,420,000	
	Jury Program	
	Personal Service:	18,907,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	38,513,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for the cost of operating the jury system for New York's courts.

The Jury System: The State Constitution guarantees litigants before New York's courts trial by jury in most cases. Judiciary Law, Article 16, sets forth the procedures to be followed in making available an adequate number of jurors so that the Judiciary can meet this constitutional guarantee. There is a Commissioner of Jurors appointed in each of the 57 counties outside New York City. In New York City, the Commissioner's functions are discharged by the jury divisions of the County Clerk's office in each of the five boroughs. The Commissioners oversee the qualification and summoning of citizens for jury service, the maintenance of juror service records, the processing of juror payment vouchers, the operation of jury assembly rooms, and the provision of jurors to courtrooms for the jury selection portion of a trial.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Jury Systems Operations General Fund budget request is \$57.4 million, or an increase of \$15.1 million (35.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$18.9 million represents a slight increase of \$0.1 million (0.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The increase is partially offset by attrition. The personal service request also includes \$1,000 for overtime to support current operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports ongoing jury system operations including jury *per diems* at the rate of \$40 per day and, under certain circumstances, meals and lodging for jurors. Also included in this category are postage and printing for juror questionnaires and summonses, office supplies, and information technology services.

The nonpersonal service request of \$38.5 million represents an increase of \$14.9 million (63.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Most of the increase (\$14.2 million) preserves budget authority for the cost of a legislatively-enacted increase for jury *per diems* to \$72 per day. Inflationary increases are also noted in postage and printing and are partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in information technology services, other general services, and repairs of equipment.

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JURY SYSTEMS OPERATIONS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	18,760,000	18,906,000	146,000
PS Overtime	1,000	1,000	0
Total Personal Service	<u>18,761,000</u>	<u>18,907,000</u>	<u>146,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	23,214,000	38,100,000	14,886,000
Supplies and Materials	367,000	399,000	32,000
Travel	6,000	14,000	8,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>23,587,000</u>	<u>38,513,000</u>	<u>14,926,000</u>
 Grand Total	 42,348,000	 57,420,000	 15,072,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION New York City County Clerks Program	FY 2026 Budget Request:	\$26,272,000
	Personal Service:	25,168,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	1,104,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for the New York City County Clerks' offices in New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, and Richmond Counties.

New York City County Clerks: The State Constitution directs that the County Clerk in each of the five boroughs of New York City act as the Clerk of the Supreme Court and as the Commissioner of Jurors. In 1995, the Judiciary Law and the State Finance Law were amended to require New York City to assume the cost of County Clerk offices, except for expenses related to jury operations. The nonjury operations are funded by recording fees that would otherwise be payable to New York City, as well as reimbursements from the City of New York for county clerk operations. Jury operations are funded through the Jury System Operations Program.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Special Revenue Fund budget request for the New York City County Clerks Program is \$26.3 million, or an increase of \$0.9 million (3.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$25.2 million represents an increase of \$0.9 million (3.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The increase is partially offset by attrition.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the New York City County Clerks operations including records management, records storage, shredding of documents and digitization of paper records, office supplies, postage, and rental and repairs of equipment. The nonpersonal service request of \$1.1 million represents no change from the current year adjusted appropriation.

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NYC COUNTY CLERKS
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FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	24,243,000	25,168,000	925,000
PS Overtime	1,000	0	(1,000)
Total Personal Service	<u>24,244,000</u>	<u>25,168,000</u>	<u>924,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	933,000	923,000	(10,000)
Supplies and Materials	167,000	172,000	5,000
Travel	4,000	9,000	5,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>1,104,000</u>	<u>1,104,000</u>	<u>0</u>
 Grand Total	 25,348,000	 26,272,000	 924,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$4,907,000
	Personal Service: 4,805,000
	Nonpersonal Service: 102,000
Supreme and County Court	
Law Libraries Program	

Program Description

This program provides funding for the Supreme and County Court Law Libraries maintained by the Judiciary at various venues throughout the State.

Supreme and County Court Law Libraries: The Judiciary Law, Article 21, requires that there be a court law library in each county of the State and that each such library be managed under the aegis of the Chief Administrative Judge with the assistance of a local board of trustees.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Supreme Court Law Libraries General Fund budget request of \$4.9 million reflects a decrease of \$0.2 million (-3.6%) from the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$4.8 million represents a decrease of \$0.2 million (-4.0%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payments of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The decrease is primarily caused by attrition.

The personal service request also includes \$45,000 for temporary service to support current operations in Kings County.

Nonpersonal service funding supports law library operations and includes legal reference materials and online legal services, office supplies, and travel. It should be noted, however, that the acquisition of most legal reference materials and computer assisted legal reference access are provided through the statewide Office of Legal Information in the Court Support Services Program.

The nonpersonal service request of \$0.1 million represents an increase of \$14,000 (15.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is primarily attributable to expenditure-based increases in office supplies, travel, legal reference print materials, EDP supplies, and repairs of equipment. The increase is partially offset by a cost reduction for online legal services.

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LAW LIBRARIES
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	4,887,000	4,760,000	(127,000)
PS Temporary	116,000	45,000	(71,000)
Total Personal Service	<u>5,003,000</u>	<u>4,805,000</u>	<u>(198,000)</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	49,000	45,000	(4,000)
Supplies and Materials	29,000	42,000	13,000
Travel	10,000	15,000	5,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>88,000</u>	<u>102,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>
 Grand Total	 5,091,000	 4,907,000	 (184,000)

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Improvement Programs	FY 2026 Budget Request:	\$14,252,000
	Personal Service:	1,848,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	12,404,000

Program Descriptions

These programs provide funding for the Community Dispute Resolution Centers and other court-connected Alternative Dispute Resolution services (ADR).

Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Improvement Programs: The Community Dispute Resolution Centers (CDRCs) are a statewide network of nonprofit organizations that provide mediation services to help parties resolve their disputes outside of court. Court-connected ADR services include court-sponsored mediation services to aid litigants in resolving a broad array of disputes, including custody and visitation matters in Family Court, attorney fee disputes in matrimonial actions in Supreme Court, estate matters in Surrogate's Court, and housing and small claims disputes in City and District Courts.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The ADR and Court Improvement Program's General Fund budget request is \$14.3 million, or an increase of \$3.8 million (35.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$1.8 million represents an increase of \$0.5 million (36.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The nonpersonal service request of \$12.4 million reflects an increase of \$3.3 million (35.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase includes a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for the service providers, plus an additional \$3 million for expanded services statewide.

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ADR & COURT IMPROVEMENT
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,356,000	1,848,000	492,000
Total Personal Service	1,356,000	1,848,000	492,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,137,000	12,404,000	3,267,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,137,000	12,404,000	3,267,000
Grand Total	10,493,000	14,252,000	3,759,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Court Support Services Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$200,580,000	
	Personal Service:	88,434,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	112,146,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for Court Support Services.

Court Support Services: This program provides support to the courts and court-related agencies in the areas of technology, human resources, court interpreter administration, systemwide legal information and records management services, court research, E-filing, audit and investigative services, attorney registration, diversity and inclusion initiatives, access to justice initiatives, continuing legal education, and other administrative services.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Court Support Services All Funds budget request is \$200.6 million and reflects an increase of \$26.8 million (15.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$88.4 million represents an increase of \$5.6 million (6.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding also supports new positions for a civic engagement program.

The personal service request includes \$0.7 million for temporary service reflecting an increase of \$0.1 million (15.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request supports ongoing operations as well as expansion of the student intern program.

The personal service request also includes \$0.4 million for overtime reflecting an increase of \$38,000 (10.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request supports ongoing operations and increased overtime activity for technology-related initiatives.

The nonpersonal service request supports centralized court support services including technology, court research, records management, legal reference materials and online research services. Conferences and training costs, real estate rentals, and equipment rentals also are reflected in the request. The funding supports administration of the E-filing program, attorney registration unit, centralized jury systems operations, as well as the following legal and professional services: Children's Centers, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Family Court mediators, Community Court services, and other joint initiatives with the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI). *Per diem* interpreter funding is also included for those judicial districts outside New York City that participate in a statewide online vouchering system.

The nonpersonal service request of \$112.1 million reflects an increase of \$21.2 million (23.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is primarily attributable to evolving technology costs associated with computer assisted legal research, enhanced funding for Children's Centers and CASA providers, as well as higher demands and costs for technology equipment and services. New contractual and escalation costs for real estate rentals also contribute to the increase. Additionally, the increase supports a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for all professional and legal service providers, as well as new funding to support alternatives to detention programs. The overall increase is partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in telecommunications, rentals and repairs of equipment, medical services, conferences and training, and records management services.

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ALL FUNDS
COURT SUPPORT SERVICES

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
Personal Service			
PS Regular	81,870,000	87,349,000	5,479,000
PS Temporary	588,000	680,000	92,000
PS Overtime	367,000	405,000	38,000
Total Personal Service	82,825,000	88,434,000	5,609,000
Nonpersonal Service			
Contractual Services	79,178,000	98,771,000	19,593,000
Supplies & Materials	9,408,000	10,244,000	836,000
Travel	436,000	631,000	195,000
Equipment	1,915,000	2,500,000	585,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	90,937,000	112,146,000	21,209,000
Grand Total	173,762,000	200,580,000	26,818,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
Personal Service			
PS Regular	39,634,000	43,896,000	4,262,000
PS Temporary	588,000	680,000	92,000
PS Overtime	209,000	185,000	(24,000)
Total Personal Service	40,431,000	44,761,000	4,330,000
Nonpersonal Service			
Contractual Services	79,069,000	98,668,000	19,599,000
Supplies & Materials	9,403,000	10,240,000	837,000
Travel	435,000	465,000	30,000
Equipment	1,915,000	2,500,000	585,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	90,822,000	111,873,000	21,051,000
Grand Total	131,253,000	156,634,000	25,381,000

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,491,000	1,565,000	74,000
Total Personal Service	1,491,000	1,565,000	74,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	109,000	103,000	(6,000)
Supplies & Materials	5,000	4,000	(1,000)
Travel	1,000	1,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	115,000	108,000	(7,000)
Grand Total	1,606,000	1,673,000	67,000

JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	40,745,000	41,888,000	1,143,000
PS Overtime	158,000	220,000	62,000
Total Personal Service	40,903,000	42,108,000	1,205,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Travel	0	165,000	165,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	0	165,000	165,000
Grand Total	40,903,000	42,273,000	1,370,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Town and Village Program - State Operations	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$5,756,000	
	Personal Service:	5,448,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	308,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for the Town and Village - State Operations Program.

Town and Village Courts: There are 1,250 Town and Village Justice Courts in New York State, employing about 2,000 justices and several thousand nonjudicial personnel. These courts have civil jurisdiction over monetary claims of up to \$3,000 (including small claims jurisdiction over matters of up to that amount), landlord/tenant matters, and traffic matters. They also have criminal jurisdiction that includes authority to arraign defendants on felony charges and to try misdemeanors and violations. In the 21 counties in the State which have no city courts, the Town and Village Justice Courts function as the only lower court tribunal.

The Town and Village Justice Courts are principally funded by the localities that they serve. They do, however, receive some state assistance through the Judiciary Budget. The Courts of Original Jurisdiction Town and Village - State Operations Program provides training, technology support, fiscal guidance, legal research, and other assistance through the Office of Justice Court Support and the Town and Village Courts Resource Center. This program also supports the ongoing implementation of the Centralized Arraignment Parts (CAP) Program. The Justice Court Assistance Program is funded from the Judiciary's Aid to Localities Major Purpose budget and is not included here.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Town and Village State Operations General Fund budget request is \$5.8 million, or an increase of \$0.2 million (4.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$5.4 million represents an increase of \$0.1 million (2.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The personal service request includes \$3.2 million for temporary service, representing an increase of \$26,000 (0.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The funding supports *per diem* payments Town and Village justices assigned to the off-hours CAP parts.

The nonpersonal service request is \$0.3 million, or an increase of \$0.1 million (47.4%) over current year funding. Expenditure-based increases in other general services, travel, and conferences and training are partially offset by reductions in information technology services, legal reference and subscriptions, and EDP supplies.

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TOWN AND VILLAGE
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	2,153,000	2,264,000	111,000
PS Temporary	3,157,000	3,183,000	26,000
PS Overtime	1,000	1,000	0
Total Personal Service	<u>5,311,000</u>	<u>5,448,000</u>	<u>137,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	67,000	117,000	50,000
Supplies and Materials	26,000	35,000	9,000
Travel	116,000	156,000	40,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>209,000</u>	<u>308,000</u>	<u>99,000</u>
 Grand Total	 5,520,000	 5,756,000	 236,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$492,416,000	
	Public Safety Program	
	Personal Service:	460,308,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	32,108,000

Program Description

This program provides funding to support the security needs of the trial courts.

Public Safety: Security for the trial courts is provided primarily by uniformed court officers (peace officers) who are trained through the Judiciary's Court Officer Academy and charged to provide law enforcement services within court facilities statewide. In some upstate locations, the Judiciary contracts with local sheriffs or police departments to provide these same security services. The Department of Public Safety is the central court agency responsible for the development and implementation of public safety policies and protocols, operation of two court officer training academy locations, providing comprehensive training to security staff, and conducting background checks on potential court officer candidates. Funding to support capital projects related to public safety is included separately from this program budget in the Capital Projects Major Purpose.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Public Safety All Funds budget request is \$492.4 million, or an increase of \$48.2 million (10.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$460.3 million represents an increase of \$46 million (11.1%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The budget also includes funding for expected academy classes in FY 2026.

The personal service request also includes \$38.8 million for overtime to support current operational needs.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the administration and operation of the Public Safety Program. These expenses include contractual obligations to local sheriff and police departments for security services and real estate rental costs for rifle ranges in several locations throughout the State. The budget also includes funding for travel, security supplies, and other court-appointed services for ongoing operational needs.

The nonpersonal service request is \$32.1 million, or an increase of \$2.3 million (7.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. There is a notable increase in travel and other court-appointed services to support three academy classes in FY 2026. The overall increase is partially offset by a decrease in repairs of equipment, real estate rentals, and other general services.

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COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
PUBLIC SAFETY
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	387,190,000	421,472,000	34,282,000
PS Overtime	<u>27,160,000</u>	<u>38,836,000</u>	<u>11,676,000</u>
Total Personal Service	414,350,000	460,308,000	45,958,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	27,739,000	28,616,000	877,000
Supplies & Materials	1,238,000	1,556,000	318,000
Travel	<u>846,000</u>	<u>1,936,000</u>	<u>1,090,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	29,823,000	32,108,000	2,285,000
Grand Total	444,173,000	492,416,000	48,243,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	386,995,000	421,172,000	34,177,000
PS Overtime	<u>27,159,000</u>	<u>38,835,000</u>	<u>11,676,000</u>
Total Personal Service	414,154,000	460,007,000	45,853,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	27,739,000	28,616,000	877,000
Supplies & Materials	1,238,000	1,556,000	318,000
Travel	<u>846,000</u>	<u>1,936,000</u>	<u>1,090,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	29,823,000	32,108,000	2,285,000
Grand Total	443,977,000	492,115,000	48,138,000

NYC CO CLERKS' OPERATION OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	195,000	300,000	105,000
PS Overtime	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Personal Service	196,000	301,000	105,000
Grand Total	196,000	301,000	105,000

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION Maintenance Undistributed Program	FY 2026 Budget Request:	\$7,651,000
	Personal Service:	(15,474,000)
	Nonpersonal Service:	23,125,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for the Courts of Original Jurisdiction Maintenance Undistributed Program.

Courts of Original Jurisdiction Maintenance Undistributed: This program includes undistributed funding necessary for court operations. In addition, through special revenue funding requests, this program provides the framework through which grants are received in support of problem-solving courts and other justice initiatives.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Courts of Original Jurisdiction Maintenance Undistributed Program All Funds budget request is \$7.7 million, or an increase of \$2.2 million (40.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The Maintenance Undistributed All Funds personal service request of -\$15.5 million reflects a decrease in savings of \$3.1 million (-16.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The budget request includes attrition savings realized as employees leave service and new staff are hired, and lump-sum costs when employees separate from service. The FY 2026 Budget Request includes a negative adjustment of \$39.8 million for attrition savings. These saving measures are partially offset by \$20.2 million for lump-sum costs and fully paid parental leave benefits for all eligible employees. Funding of \$4.2 million is also included for reallocation of certain nonjudicial job titles in FY 2026, as well as annualization costs for new positions created in FY 2025.

The Maintenance Undistributed All Funds nonpersonal service budget request of \$23.1 million reflects a decrease of \$0.8 million (-3.5%) from the current year adjusted appropriation. The funding includes \$19 million for federal grants and \$3.1 million for Special Revenue Other grants, both to support treatment courts, juvenile justice initiatives, the Court Improvement Program, and Raise the Age initiatives. An additional \$1 million in General Fund authority supports court operations related to an increase in records management services.

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ALL FUNDS
COJ MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	(18,535,000)	(15,474,000)	3,061,000
Total Personal Service	(18,535,000)	(15,474,000)	3,061,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	23,942,000	23,125,000	(817,000)
Supplies & Materials	8,000	0	(8,000)
Travel	17,000	0	(17,000)
Total Nonpersonal Service	23,967,000	23,125,000	(842,000)
 Grand Total	 5,432,000	 7,651,000	 2,219,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	(18,535,000)	(15,474,000)	3,061,000
Total Personal Service	(18,535,000)	(15,474,000)	3,061,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	1,817,000	1,000,000	(817,000)
Supplies & Materials	8,000	0	(8,000)
Travel	17,000	0	(17,000)
Total Nonpersonal Service	1,842,000	1,000,000	(842,000)
 Grand Total	 (16,693,000)	 (14,474,000)	 2,219,000

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	<u>2,875,000</u>	<u>2,875,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	2,875,000	2,875,000	0
Grand Total	2,875,000	2,875,000	0

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ASSET FORFEITURE

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	250,000	250,000	0
Grand Total	250,000	250,000	0

FED SPEC REVENUE OPERATING

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Grand Total	9,500,000	9,500,000	0

FEDERAL DHHS GRANT

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,500,000	9,500,000	0
Grand Total	9,500,000	9,500,000	0

COURTS OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$27,420,000	
	Trial Court Administration	
	Personal Service:	22,626,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	4,794,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for Trial Court Administration which is overseen by the First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge in coordination with two Deputy Chief Administrative Judges (DCAJs), one in New York City and one outside New York City. The DCAJs oversee the Administrative Judges who coordinate trial court activities through regional district offices.

Administrative Judges are appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge in each judicial district outside New York City and in each borough for Supreme Court and citywide for Family, Civil, and lower Criminal courts in New York City. Funding for the judges who serve in this capacity is included in the court where the judge was appointed or elected to the bench. Each Administrative Judge coordinates trial court activities within their respective districts or courts. These administrative offices manage a wide array of functions including case management and court operations support, fiscal oversight, human resource administration, and facilities planning and management.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Trial Court Administration All Funds budget request is \$27.4 million, or an increase of \$1.7 million (6.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$22.6 million represents an increase of \$1.1 million (5.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The personal service request also includes \$11,000 for overtime to support ongoing operations.

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the administration of trial court operations. These expenses include rentals of equipment, real estate leases for office space in the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Judicial Districts, office supplies, printing, and postage. Funding also supports the use of judicial hearing officers to meet caseload demands statewide as authorized by the DCAJs.

The nonpersonal service request of \$4.8 million represents an increase of \$0.6 million (13.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This increase is primarily attributable to expenditure-based increases in postage, real estate rentals, office supplies, printing, and travel. The increase is partially offset by reductions in repairs of equipment, utilities, and legal reference print material.

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ALL FUNDS
COJ ADMINISTRATION

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	21,476,000	22,615,000	1,139,000
PS Overtime	<u>4,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total Personal Service	21,480,000	22,626,000	1,146,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	3,609,000	4,019,000	410,000
Supplies & Materials	533,000	634,000	101,000
Travel	<u>87,000</u>	<u>141,000</u>	<u>54,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	4,229,000	4,794,000	565,000
Grand Total	25,709,000	27,420,000	1,711,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	20,959,000	22,146,000	1,187,000
PS Overtime	<u>4,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total Personal Service	20,963,000	22,157,000	1,194,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	3,609,000	4,019,000	410,000
Supplies & Materials	533,000	634,000	101,000
Travel	<u>87,000</u>	<u>141,000</u>	<u>54,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	4,229,000	4,794,000	565,000
Grand Total	25,192,000	26,951,000	1,759,000

COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
Personal Service			
PS Regular	517,000	469,000	(48,000)
Total Personal Service	517,000	469,000	(48,000)
Grand Total	517,000	469,000	(48,000)

MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY Court of Appeals	FY 2026 All Funds Budget Request: \$18,088,000
	General Fund: 18,088,000
	State Special Revenue Funds: 0

Major Purpose Description

This Major Purpose budget provides funding for the Court of Appeals and a component of the Public Safety Program.

Court of Appeals: The Court of Appeals, consisting of a Chief Judge and six Associate Judges, is New York's highest Appellate Court. Except where questions of federal law are involved, its determinations are final. Beyond exercising its appellate jurisdiction, the Court also determines certain questions of state law upon request of the federal courts, approves standards and policies for the courts promulgated by the Chief Judge, approves the annual Judiciary Budget as prepared by the Chief Administrative Judge, and regulates the admission of attorneys to the practice of law. The Law Reporting Bureau operates under the supervision of the Court of Appeals. It is responsible for publishing all Court of Appeals and Appellate Division decisions, along with selected decisions of the trial courts.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Court of Appeals Major Purpose State Operations General Fund budget request is \$18.1 million, or an increase of \$0.6 million (3.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

Personal Service

The personal service request of \$16.9 million represents an increase of \$0.6 million (3.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The net increase in these funding requirements is partially offset by attrition savings.

Also reflected in the personal service request is \$0.2 million for overtime, which supports current levels of operations.

Nonpersonal Service

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with court operations and administration, including travel costs for judges and staff, utility costs for chambers space, repairs of equipment, and other general services.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.2 million represents no change from the current year adjusted appropriation.

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COURT OF APPEALS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	16,149,000	16,727,000	578,000
PS Overtime	156,000	156,000	0
Total Personal Service	<u>16,305,000</u>	<u>16,883,000</u>	<u>578,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	428,000	418,000	(10,000)
Supplies and Materials	384,000	394,000	10,000
Travel	393,000	393,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>1,205,000</u>	<u>1,205,000</u>	<u>0</u>
 Grand Total	 17,510,000	 18,088,000	 578,000

Court of Appeals 2023 Workload

Court of Appeals

Court of Appeals	2023
Applications Decided [CPL 460.20(3)(b)]	1,167
Records on Appeal Filed	129
Oral Arguments (Includes Submissions)	95
Appeals Decided	93
Motions Decided	861
Judicial Conduct Commission Determinations Reviewed	1
Opinions Published	152
Motion Decisions Published	816

MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY Appellate Court Operations	FY 2026 All Funds Budget Request: \$109,302,000	
	General Fund:	109,302,000
	State Special Revenue Funds:	0

Major Purpose Description

This Major Purpose budget provides funding for the Appellate Divisions, the Appellate Terms, and a component of the Public Safety Program.

Appellate Divisions: The Appellate Divisions are the courts of intermediate appellate resort. There is one Appellate Division established for each of the State's four judicial departments. Each consists of a Presiding Justice and a varying number of Associate Justices. Currently, there are 21 Justices sitting in the First Department, 25 in the Second Department, 12 in the Third Department, and 12 in the Fourth Department. The Presiding Justices and the Associate Justices are all designated to the Appellate Divisions by the Governor from among sitting Supreme Court Justices. The Appellate Divisions hear appeals from the major trial courts and, in civil cases, from the Appellate Terms and the County Courts (when they sit as appellate courts in review of lower court cases). Each of the four Presiding Justices oversees the admission of attorneys to the practice of law (Candidate Fitness Program) and the discipline of attorneys for unprofessional conduct (Attorney Discipline Program) in their respective judicial departments. The Presiding Justices also oversee, within their respective judicial departments, the Attorney for the Child, Assigned Counsel, and Mental Hygiene Legal Service Programs. These programs are funded under the Appellate Auxiliary Operations Major Purpose.

Appellate Terms: Under the State Constitution, each Appellate Division is authorized to establish Appellate Terms to hear appeals from the lower trial courts. Each Appellate Term consists of three to five Justices designated from among the sitting Supreme Court Justices. Currently, there are Appellate Terms in the First and Second Departments that handle criminal and civil appeals from New York City Criminal and Civil Courts and other lower criminal and civil courts within the jurisdiction of the department.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Appellate Court Operations State Operations General Fund budget request is \$109.3 million, or an increase of \$6.9 million (6.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

Personal Service

The personal service request of \$106.8 million represents an increase of \$6.9 million (6.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all judicial positions, and all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, location pay, and security differential payments (SLED), as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding also supports the establishment of 10 new nonjudicial positions. The net increase in these funding requirements is partially offset by attrition savings.

The personal service request also includes \$1.9 million for temporary service to support ongoing operations and the clerkship program in the Second Department. Also reflected in the personal service request is a total of \$0.2 million for overtime to support current operations in all four judicial departments.

Nonpersonal Service

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with Appellate Court operations, support, and administration including legal reference materials and online research services, travel costs for judges and staff, other court-appointed services, and office supplies.

The nonpersonal service request of \$2.5 million reflects an increase of \$55,000 (2.3%) over current year funding. Increases are noted in travel, other court-appointed services, and miscellaneous supplies and materials to support continued growth in staffing. The overall increase is partially offset by a decrease in legal reference and online materials due to management efficiencies created through a single, shared legal maintenance agreement. Expenditure-based reductions are also noted in records management services and real estate rentals.

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APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	98,399,000	104,686,000	6,287,000
PS Temporary	1,421,000	1,945,000	524,000
PS Overtime	169,000	218,000	49,000
Total Personal Service	<u>99,989,000</u>	<u>106,849,000</u>	<u>6,860,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	930,000	924,000	(6,000)
Supplies and Materials	1,219,000	1,206,000	(13,000)
Travel	249,000	323,000	74,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>2,398,000</u>	<u>2,453,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
Grand Total	102,387,000	109,302,000	6,915,000

Appellate Court Operations 2023 Workload

Appellate Division

Department	Records on Appeal Filed	Dispositions
1st Department	2,518	4,645
2nd Department	2,868	6,954
3rd Department	998	2,296
4th Department	960	1,040
Total:	<u>7,344</u>	<u>14,935</u>

Appellate Term

Department	Records on Appeal Filed	Dispositions
1st Department	170	186
2nd Department	1,349	985
Total:	<u>1,519</u>	<u>1,171</u>

MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY Appellate Auxiliary Operations	FY 2026 All Funds Budget Request: \$279,963,000	
	General Fund:	215,624,000
	State Special Revenue Funds:	64,339,000

Major Purpose Description

The Appellate Auxiliary Operations Major Purpose is comprised of the following programs: Assigned Counsel, Attorney for the Child (AFC), Mental Hygiene Legal Service (MHLS), Candidate Examination, Candidate Fitness, and Attorney Discipline.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding

The Appellate Auxiliary Operations State Operations All Funds budget request is \$280 million, or an increase of \$9.2 million (3.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

Personal Service

The personal service request of \$57.3 million represents an increase of \$3.3 million (6.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding also supports the establishment of 12 new nonjudicial positions. The net increase in these funding requirements is partially offset by attrition savings.

The personal service request includes \$22,000 for overtime to support current levels of operations in the Candidate Exam Program.

Nonpersonal Service

Nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the administration and operation of the Appellate Auxiliary Programs. These expenses include AFC representation provided through both contractual providers and panel attorneys, including representation under Raise the Age (RTA) legislation; assigned counsel costs for attorney representation under section 35 of the Judiciary Law; and expert witness costs (forensic evaluations) required for administrative hearings and court proceedings for MHLS, Attorney Discipline, AFC, and Assigned Counsel Programs. Also reflected are appropriations for Federal Title IV-E funds from the Executive Branch's Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). The nonpersonal service request also includes real estate rentals for the NYS Bar Examination testing sites, regional offices of MHLS, and the Attorney Discipline Programs, associated travel costs, accounting and auditing services, and legal reference and online research materials.

The nonpersonal service request of \$222.7 million reflects an increase of \$6 million (2.8%) over current year funding. The budget includes a \$6.1 million increase for Attorney For Child contractual providers including a 3% cost-of-living adjustment as well as other

contractual enhancements. Additional enhanced funding of \$3.5 million will also be distributed to the providers through the UCS IV-E Fund, for a total contractual increase of \$9.6 million. Also noted is an increase in expert witness costs related to hourly rate changes implemented in FY 2025, as well as increased real estate costs for new office space in the MHLS, Attorney Discipline, and Attorney for Child Programs. The net increase is partially offset by an expenditure-based adjustment for assigned counsel costs and a continued effort to shift Appellate Auxiliary legal reference and online material obligations to the Judiciary's single-shared legal maintenance contract.

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APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	54,039,000	57,289,000	3,250,000
PS Overtime	<u>17,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Personal Service	54,056,000	57,311,000	3,255,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	215,874,000	221,564,000	5,690,000
Supplies & Materials	480,000	540,000	60,000
Travel	320,000	448,000	128,000
Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	216,674,000	222,652,000	5,978,000
Grand Total	270,730,000	279,963,000	9,233,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	<u>31,353,000</u>	<u>33,247,000</u>	<u>1,894,000</u>
Total Personal Service	31,353,000	33,247,000	1,894,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	175,764,000	181,806,000	6,042,000
Supplies & Materials	304,000	285,000	(19,000)
Travel	<u>264,000</u>	<u>286,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	176,332,000	182,377,000	6,045,000
Grand Total	207,685,000	215,624,000	7,939,000

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	22,436,000	23,542,000	1,106,000
PS Overtime	<u>17,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Personal Service	22,453,000	23,564,000	1,111,000
 <u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	5,360,000	5,558,000	198,000
Supplies & Materials	176,000	155,000	(21,000)
Travel	<u>56,000</u>	<u>62,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	5,592,000	5,775,000	183,000
 Grand Total	28,045,000	29,339,000	1,294,000

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	<u>25,000,000</u>	<u>25,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	25,000,000	25,000,000	0
 Grand Total	25,000,000	25,000,000	0

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IV-E OCFS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	<u>250,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total Personal Service	250,000	500,000	250,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,750,000	9,200,000	(550,000)
Supplies & Materials	0	100,000	100,000
Travel	0	100,000	100,000
Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,750,000	9,500,000	(250,000)
Grand Total	10,000,000	10,000,000	0

Appellate Auxiliary Operations 2023 Workload

Attorney for the Child

Provider	Petition Intake	Appellate Briefs
Bronx Defenders	151	0
Brooklyn Defender Services	894	0
Buffalo Legal Aid Bureau	3,248	13
Center for Family Representation	125	0
Children's Law Center NYC	8,426	33
Children's Rights Society	3,172	1
Citizens Concerned for Children	2,445	2
Genesee County Public Defender	9	0
Lawyers For Children	5,817	19
Legal Aid Society Nassau	237	0
Legal Aid Society NYC	16,149	108
Legal Aid Society Rochester	6,803	6
Legal Aid Society Rockland	2,309	4
Legal Aid Society Suffolk	7,200	26
Neighborhood Defender Services	74	0
Queens Defenders	389	0
Youth Defense Center	904	0
Sullivan Trail Legal Aid	1,582	0
Broome County	605	0
Chemung/Schuyler Counties	308	0
Chenango County	310	0
Clinton County	869	0
Essex County	487	0
Franklin County	471	0
Fulton County	409	0
Otsego County	149	0
Sullivan County	229	0
Children's Law Center Erie County	693	6
Total:	<u>64,464</u>	<u>218</u>

Appellate Auxiliary Operations 2023 Workload

Mental Hygiene Legal Services

Department	Client Population	Client Services
1st Department	71,155	38,239
2nd Department	76,933	142,887
3rd Department	25,643	35,018
4th Department	42,998	53,210
Total:	<u>216,729</u>	<u>269,354</u>

Candidate Examination

State Board of Law Examiners	2023
Candidates for Examination	15,804
Individuals with Disabilities Applicants	769
Applicants for Certification	933
MPRE Scores Transferred In	13,779
Foreign Evaluations	4,795

Appellate Auxiliary Operations 2023 Workload

Candidate Fitness

Department	Applications for Admissions
1st Department	2,651
2nd Department	2,287
3rd Department	3,179
4th Department	284
Total:	<u>8,401</u>

Attorney Discipline

Department	Matters Pending	Matters Disposed
1st Department	6,028	4,965
2nd Department	9,137	6,274
3rd Department	6,056	3,316
4th Department	2,284	1,895
Total:	<u>23,505</u>	<u>16,450</u>

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS Assigned Counsel Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$3,830,000
	Personal Service: 0 Nonpersonal Service: 3,830,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for legal services and forensic evaluations required by section 35 of the Judiciary Law.

Assigned Counsel: Under section 35 of the Judiciary Law, indigent persons in certain proceedings are entitled to counsel at the state's expense. Included among these proceedings are *habeas corpus* proceedings involving prisoners in state institutions; commitment proceedings involving persons who have a mental illness, are mentally incompetent, or those with narcotic addictions; commitment of a child to an authorized agency by reason of the mental illness or developmental disability of a parent; adoption or custody proceedings where counsel is constitutionally mandated; and matters heard in Supreme Court in which Family Court could have exercised jurisdiction and that are eligible for assigned counsel under section 262 of the Family Court Act. In each judicial department, the Appellate Division appoints panels of attorneys to serve as assigned counsel. In the Fourth Judicial Department, the Unified Court System contracts with the Wyoming County-Attica Legal Aid Bureau to represent Attica inmates in instances where section 35 of the Judiciary Law affords them assigned counsel.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Assigned Counsel General Fund budget request is \$3.8 million, a decrease of \$0.3 million (-6.2%) from the current year adjusted appropriation.

The nonpersonal service request includes funding to support payments to attorneys and experts appointed in various judicial proceedings pursuant to section 35 of the Judiciary Law. The decrease is attributable to an expenditure-based adjustment for assigned counsel costs and is slightly offset by an increase in transcript costs.

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ASSIGNED COUNSEL
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	<u>4,081,000</u>	<u>3,830,000</u>	<u>(251,000)</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	4,081,000	3,830,000	(251,000)
Grand Total	4,081,000	3,830,000	(251,000)

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS Attorney for the Child Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$211,188,000	
	Personal Service:	2,649,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	208,539,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for legal representation to children in Family Court matters. Legal representation is provided through contracts with legal service agencies and by individual attorneys assigned from county panels.

Attorney for the Child: Children in Family Court matters are entitled to state-funded legal representation in a wide array of circumstances including all delinquency and supervision proceedings under Articles 3 and 7 of the Family Court Act; all child protective proceedings under Article 10 of the Family Court Act; all termination of parental rights proceedings under Article 6 of the Family Court Act and section 384-b of the Social Services Law; all proceedings to place a child in protective custody under section 158 of the Family Court Act; represent 16- and 17-year-old juvenile offenders accused of misdemeanor offenses and certain nonviolent offenses under Raise the Age Laws, and in certain foster care review proceedings under Social Services Law, section 392.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Attorney for the Child (AFC) All Funds budget request is \$211.2 million, or an increase of \$6.2 million (3.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The budget includes appropriations for Federal Title IV-E funds.

The personal service request of \$2.6 million represents an increase of \$0.1 million (5.7%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The nonpersonal service budget supports payments to legal service providers and individual panel attorneys who provide legal representation to children (AFC representation). The Appellate Third and Fourth Departments administer AFC contracts with legal service providers within their respective geographic jurisdictions; the Office of Court Administration administers AFC contracts with providers on a statewide basis. Funding also supports related expenses such as forensic evaluations (expert witnesses), real estate rentals, statutorily mandated training (conferences and training), and transcript costs.

The nonpersonal service request of \$208.5 million reflects an increase of \$6.1 million (3.0%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The increase supports a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for all contractual providers as well as other contractual enhancements. Additional enhanced funding of \$3.5 million will also be distributed to the providers through the UCS IV-E Fund, for a total contractual increase of \$9.6M. Also noted is an increase in expert witness costs related to hourly rate changes implemented in FY 2025.

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ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	2,507,000	2,649,000	142,000
Total Personal Service	2,507,000	2,649,000	142,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	202,467,000	208,214,000	5,747,000
Supplies & Materials	16,000	118,000	102,000
Travel	4,000	107,000	103,000
Equipment	0	100,000	100,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	202,487,000	208,539,000	6,052,000
 Grand Total	 204,994,000	 211,188,000	 6,194,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	167,717,000	174,014,000	6,297,000
Supplies & Materials	16,000	18,000	2,000
Travel	4,000	7,000	3,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	167,737,000	174,039,000	6,302,000
 Grand Total	 167,737,000	 174,039,000	 6,302,000 99,999

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	25,000,000	25,000,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	25,000,000	25,000,000	0
Grand Total	25,000,000	25,000,000	0

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IV-E OCFS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	250,000	500,000	250,000
Total Personal Service	250,000	500,000	250,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	9,750,000	9,200,000	(550,000)
Supplies and Materials	0	100,000	100,000
Travel	0	100,000	100,000
Equipment	0	100,000	100,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,750,000	9,500,000	(250,000)
Grand Total	10,000,000	10,000,000	0

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	2,257,000	2,149,000	(108,000)
Total Personal Service	2,257,000	2,149,000	(108,000)
Grand Total	2,257,000	2,149,000	(108,000)

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS Mental Hygiene Legal Service Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$38,121,000
	Personal Service: 33,613,000
	Nonpersonal Service: 4,508,000

Program Description

This program provides funding to support the operation of Mental Hygiene Legal Service (MHLS) offices.

MHLS: Under Article 47 of the Mental Hygiene Law, the MHLS Program provides legal services, advice, and assistance to persons receiving care at in-patient and community-based facilities for the mentally disabled. This ensures that persons with mental and/or developmental disabilities receive the treatment to which they are entitled, including legal counsel in judicial and administrative proceedings concerning their admission, retention, transfer, care, and treatment. Originally established to act as guardian of the due process rights of institutionalized mentally disabled persons, MHLS has since seen its mission statutorily broadened to include responsibilities in the areas of guardianship, involuntary outpatient treatment, and civil confinement of sex offenders.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The MHLS General Fund budget request is \$38.1 million, or an increase of \$1.8 million (5.1%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$33.6 million represents an increase of \$1.9 million (5.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The increase is partially offset by attrition.

The nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation and administration of the MHLS Program. This includes real estate rentals and utilities for office space in 17 locations throughout the State, costs related to experts and other professional services required for administrative hearings and court proceedings, and necessary travel costs for staff attorneys.

The nonpersonal service request of \$4.5 million reflects a slight decrease of \$6,000 (-0.1%) from the current year funding. The decrease is primarily attributable to expenditure-based reductions in expert witness and legal reference costs and is partially offset by inflationary increases in real estate rentals, as well as expenditure-based growth in conferences and training, and travel.

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MENTAL HYGIENE LEGAL SERVICE
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	31,759,000	33,613,000	1,854,000
Total Personal Service	31,759,000	33,613,000	1,854,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	3,966,000	3,962,000	(4,000)
Supplies and Materials	288,000	267,000	(21,000)
Travel	260,000	279,000	19,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	4,514,000	4,508,000	(6,000)
 Grand Total	 36,273,000	 38,121,000	 1,848,000

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS Candidate Examination Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$7,640,000
	Personal Service: 3,640,000
	Nonpersonal Service: 4,000,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for the operation of the State Board of Law Examiners.

State Board of Law Examiners: Applicants for admission to practice law in New York State are required by law to demonstrate their fitness by successful performance on the New York State Bar Examination and by demonstrating good moral character on a credential review. The State Board of Law Examiners develops and administers the Bar Examination twice annually. Applicants admitted to practice in a reciprocal jurisdiction, have graduated from an ABA-approved law school, and have practiced for five of the preceding seven years, may be admitted on motion without examination.

The Appellate Divisions, through their Committees on Character and Fitness, conduct the requisite character review of each candidate for admission. The Committees on Character and Fitness are funded through the Candidate Fitness Program.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Candidate Examination Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund budget request is \$7.6 million, or an increase of \$0.7 million (9.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$3.6 million represents an increase of \$0.5 million (17.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, and longevity bonuses, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The personal service budget also includes \$22,000 for overtime to support current levels of operations.

The nonpersonal service request of \$4 million reflects an increase of \$0.1 million (3.1%) over current year funding. The nonpersonal service funding supports other general service costs for fees paid to the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), exam consultants, and security services. The funding also includes leasing costs for testing locations throughout the State. The increase is primarily related to inflationary costs associated with those facility rentals and other general services. Reductions in accounting and auditing services and information technology services slightly offset the increase.

The Candidate Examination Program collects approximately \$7 million annually in Bar Examination fees, UBE score transfer fees, and admission on motion registration fees.

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BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	3,084,000	3,618,000	534,000
PS Overtime	17,000	22,000	5,000
Total Personal Service	<u>3,101,000</u>	<u>3,640,000</u>	<u>539,000</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	3,838,000	3,960,000	122,000
Supplies and Materials	11,000	10,000	(1,000)
Travel	30,000	30,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>3,879,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>121,000</u>
Grand Total	6,980,000	7,640,000	660,000

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS Candidate Fitness Program	FY 2026 Budget Request:	\$2,511,000
	Personal Service:	2,363,000
	Nonpersonal Service:	148,000

Program Description

This program provides funding for operation of the Committees on Character and Fitness maintained by each of the four Appellate Divisions.

Committees on Character and Fitness: Every person who successfully completes the New York State Bar Examination and applies for admission to practice law in New York State is required by law to demonstrate that they are of good moral character and fit to act as a lawyer. Each of the four Appellate Divisions has a Committee on Character and Fitness to conduct the necessary character review for each applicant.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Candidate Fitness Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund budget request is \$2.5 million, an increase of \$0.4 million (21.2%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$2.4 million represents an increase of \$0.4 million (22.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, uniform allowances, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. Funding is also included for new nonjudicial positions to support operations.

The nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the administration of the Candidate Fitness Program including the printing of programs for admissions ceremonies, transcript costs, and other general services.

The nonpersonal service request of \$0.1 million reflects an increase of \$2,000 (1.4%) over current year funding. Expenditure-based increases are noted in transcripts and other general services for costs associated with admissions ceremony facility rentals. The increase is partially offset by reductions in records management services and postage costs due to the digitization of admissions files.

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CANDIDATE FITNESS
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,925,000	2,363,000	438,000
Total Personal Service	1,925,000	2,363,000	438,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	129,000	130,000	1,000
Supplies and Materials	16,000	17,000	1,000
Travel	1,000	1,000	0
Total Nonpersonal Service	146,000	148,000	2,000
 Grand Total	 2,071,000	 2,511,000	 440,000

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS Attorney Discipline Program	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$17,287,000
	Personal Service: 15,660,000 Nonpersonal Service: 1,627,000

Program Description

This program provides funding to support the Attorney Grievance Committees and attorney disciplinary proceedings.

Attorney Grievance Committees: Lawyers who are guilty of professional misconduct are subject to discipline for their actions. Under section 90 of the Judiciary Law, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Divisions to oversee the disciplinary process and, where warranted, to impose appropriate sanctions (*e.g.*, censure, suspension from practice, disbarment). In discharge of these responsibilities, the Appellate Divisions have established Attorney Grievance Committees within their respective departments to investigate allegations of attorney misconduct, privately discipline attorneys in minor matters and, in serious cases of misconduct, prosecute offenders before the Appellate Division.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Attorney Discipline Special Revenue Fund budget request is \$17.3 million, or an increase of \$0.3 million (1.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$15.7 million represents an increase of \$0.3 million (1.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The increase is partially offset by attrition.

The nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation and administration of the Attorney Discipline Program including real estate rentals for office space, transcript costs, other court-appointed services, and office supplies.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.6 million reflects an increase of \$60,000 (3.8%) over current year funding. The increase is primarily attributable to inflationary and escalation costs associated with real estate leases, as well as growth in equipment repairs and travel. The increase is partially offset by expenditure-based reductions in postage, legal references, and miscellaneous supplies and materials.

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ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	15,407,000	15,660,000	253,000
Total Personal Service	15,407,000	15,660,000	253,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	1,393,000	1,468,000	75,000
Supplies and Materials	149,000	128,000	(21,000)
Travel	25,000	31,000	6,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	1,567,000	1,627,000	60,000
 Grand Total	 16,974,000	 17,287,000	 313,000

MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY Administration and General Support	FY 2026 All Funds Budget Request: \$26,791,000
	General Fund: 25,094,000 State Special Revenue Funds: 1,697,000

Major Purpose Description

The Administration and General Support Major Purpose budget provides management support for the Unified Court System. Under the Constitution, the Chief Judge of the State, with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, designates a Chief Administrator or Chief Administrative Judge, who bears responsibility for day-to-day supervision and operation of the courts. The Chief Administrative Judge may designate a First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge to oversee all trial-level courts and operations within the Office of Court Administration. The Chief Administrator is empowered to establish an administrative office for the courts to provide necessary staff support in a broad array of areas including legal and intergovernmental affairs, policy planning and executive direction, budget and payroll administration, education and training, and public communications.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Administration and General Support Major Purpose State Operations All Funds budget request is \$26.8 million, or an increase of \$1.9 million (7.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This request includes the following:

Personal Service

The personal service request of \$23.3 million represents an increase of \$1.2 million (5.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is also included for the payment of general salary increases, increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees. The net increase in these funding requirements is partially offset by attrition savings.

The personal service request includes \$0.6 million for temporary service reflecting an increase of \$9,000 (1.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request supports ongoing operations as well as funding for the legal fellow program within the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission.

The personal service request includes \$0.2 million for overtime costs in support of ongoing operations.

Nonpersonal Service

Nonpersonal service funding supports the usual and necessary expenses associated with administrative operations including statewide conferences and training for both judicial and nonjudicial staff, information technology services, and related travel costs.

The nonpersonal service request of \$3.5 million represents an increase of \$0.7 million (24.4%) over current year adjusted appropriation. The increase is mainly attributable to expanded in-person conferences and training, travel, and other general services. The increase is partially offset by reductions in real estate rentals, utilities, and postage.

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ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL SUPPORT
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	21,394,000	22,469,000	1,075,000
PS Temporary	571,000	580,000	9,000
PS Overtime	119,000	246,000	127,000
Total Personal Service	22,084,000	23,295,000	1,211,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,369,000	2,831,000	462,000
Supplies & Materials	84,000	123,000	39,000
Travel	357,000	542,000	185,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	2,810,000	3,496,000	686,000
Grand Total	24,894,000	26,791,000	1,897,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	20,065,000	20,988,000	923,000
PS Temporary	571,000	580,000	9,000
PS Overtime	19,000	46,000	27,000
Total Personal Service	20,655,000	21,614,000	959,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	2,365,000	2,819,000	454,000
Supplies & Materials	79,000	122,000	43,000
Travel	354,000	539,000	185,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	2,798,000	3,480,000	682,000
Grand Total	23,453,000	25,094,000	1,641,000

COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	1,329,000	1,481,000	152,000
PS Overtime	<u>100,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total Personal Service	1,429,000	1,681,000	252,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	4,000	12,000	8,000
Supplies & Materials	5,000	1,000	(4,000)
Travel	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	12,000	16,000	4,000
Grand Total	1,441,000	1,697,000	256,000

MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	FY 2026 All Funds Budget Request: \$10,861,000
	General Fund: 0 Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection: 10,861,000

Major Purpose Description

This Major Purpose provides funding for the operation of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (Lawyers' Fund). The Judiciary submits this budget request on behalf of the Fund's Board of Trustees.

Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection: Originally known as the Client Security Fund, the Lawyers' Fund was established by the Legislature in 1981 for the purpose of providing protection to law clients from the misappropriation or willful misapplication of their money and property by their lawyers. The Lawyers' Fund is administered by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Court of Appeals and funded principally from a portion of the biennial attorney registration fees and augmented by appropriations from the Attorney Licensing Fund.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding Request

The Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Special Revenue Fund budget request is \$10.9 million, or an increase of \$35,000 (0.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

Personal Service

The personal service request of \$0.7 million represents an increase of \$35,000 (5.1%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is included for payment of general salary increases and longevity bonuses, subject to the Board of Trustees approval, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

Nonpersonal Service

The nonpersonal service funding primarily supports the payment of awards as approved by the Board of Trustees. Funding for the usual and necessary expenses associated with office operations is also included. The nonpersonal service request of \$10.1 million reflects no change from the current year adjusted appropriation.

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LAWYERS' CLIENT PROTECTION
LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT
PROTECTION

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	681,000	716,000	35,000
Total Personal Service	681,000	716,000	35,000
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Contractual Services	10,109,000	10,106,000	(3,000)
Supplies and Materials	18,000	19,000	1,000
Travel	18,000	20,000	2,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	10,145,000	10,145,000	0
 Grand Total	 10,826,000	 10,861,000	 35,000

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Part II
Aid to Localities

MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY Aid To Localities	FY 2026 All Funds Budget Request: \$327,590,000	
	General Fund:	200,000,000
	Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund:	127,590,000

Major Purpose Description

The Aid to Localities Major Purpose budget is comprised of the following programs: Court Facilities Incentive Aid; Civil Legal Services; Indigent Criminal Defense; and Justice Court Assistance.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding

The Aid to Localities All Funds budget request is \$327.6 million, or an increase of \$32.3 million (10.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The request includes the following:

Court Facilities Incentive Aid Program (CFIA)

The CFIA Program was established in 1986 to provide financial assistance to local governments for the construction and maintenance of court facilities. The CFIA Program budget request is \$127.6 million, or an increase of \$4.7 million (3.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The budget request includes \$93.1 million for court cleaning and minor repair expenses, \$22.9 million for Appellate Division facilities, and \$11.6 million for Interest Aid subsidies. The Appellate Aid also includes funding for local chamber space for Court of Appeals Judges and facility operating expenses for the New York State Judicial Institute. Inflation costs, growing demands, high interest rates, and collective bargaining obligations contribute to the growth of the facilities and cleaning programs.

Civil Legal Services (CLS)

The Unified Court System's CLS Local Assistance Program provides legal assistance to New Yorkers with problems ranging from homelessness and foreclosure prevention, family law and domestic violence, disability-related assistance and health law, employment law, veterans' benefits, elder law, and public assistance benefits. Funding is distributed through grants with local legal service providers statewide and based on regional poverty levels.

The CLS budget request is \$150 million, or an increase of \$45.5 million (43.5%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The funding supports a 3% cost-of-living adjustment and necessary additional funding to address critical needs for the poorest New Yorkers.

Indigent Criminal Defense

The Indigent Criminal Defense Program budget includes funding to support caseload standards for indigent criminal defense institutional providers in New York City. The funding is provided via a suballocation to the Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS). The ILS suballocation budget request of \$47 million reflects no change from the current year adjusted appropriation.

Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP)

The JCAP Program provides state assistance to Town and Village Justice Courts to help with automation needs, improve security, facilitate online legal reference access, acquire necessary supplies, and modernize court operations. JCAP funding is disbursed to town and villages through a grant process with awards of up to \$30,000 annually. The JCAP Program budget request of \$3 million reflects no change from the current year adjusted appropriation.

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AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>			
Interest Aid	11,630,000	11,630,000	0
State Supported Facilities	21,853,000	22,858,000	1,005,000
Cleaning and Repairs	89,420,000	93,102,000	3,682,000
Justice Court Assistance Program	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
Civil Legal Services	104,511,000	150,000,000	45,489,000
Indigent Criminal Defense	47,000,000	47,000,000	0
Interest on Lawyer Account	17,921,000	0	(17,921,000)
Total Maintenance Undistributed	295,335,000	327,590,000	32,255,000
Grand Total	295,335,000	327,590,000	32,255,000

LOCAL ASSISTANCE - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>			
Justice Court Assistance Program	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
Civil Legal Services	104,511,000	150,000,000	45,489,000
Indigent Criminal Defense	47,000,000	47,000,000	0
Interest on Lawyer Account	17,921,000	0	(17,921,000)
Total Maintenance Undistributed	172,432,000	200,000,000	27,568,000
Grand Total	172,432,000	200,000,000	27,568,000

COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>			
Interest Aid	11,630,000	11,630,000	0
State Supported Facilities	21,853,000	22,858,000	1,005,000
Cleaning and Repairs	<u>89,420,000</u>	<u>93,102,000</u>	<u>3,682,000</u>
Total Maintenance Undistributed	122,903,000	127,590,000	4,687,000
 Grand Total	 122,903,000	 127,590,000	 4,687,000

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Part III
Capital Projects

CAPITAL PROJECTS	FY 2026 Budget Request: \$50,000,000
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Capital Appropriation Request

The FY 2026 Judiciary Capital Projects budget request of \$50 million reflects level funding from the current year adjusted appropriation.

The Capital Projects budget request includes new and continued investments in technology, equipment associated with facility renovations, and enhanced public safety in and around courthouses statewide as follows:

- \$42 million for the acquisition and development of technology including equipment, software, services, and funding to support the Division of Court Modernization;
- \$5 million for alterations and improvements for health and safety in courthouses including the acquisition of x-ray machines, magnetometers, security cameras, and door access systems; and
- \$3 million for the acquisition of equipment associated with general facility renovations or upgrades.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>			
Court Improvements	<u>50,000,000</u>	<u>50,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Maintenance Undistributed	50,000,000	50,000,000	0
 Grand Total	 50,000,000	 50,000,000	 0

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MAJOR PURPOSE SUMMARY	FY 2026 All Funds Budget Request: \$1,043,785,000	
General State Charges	General Fund:	995,119,000
	Special Revenue Funds:	48,666,000

Major Purpose Description

This Major Purpose budget includes funding required for fringe benefits provided to state-paid judges and nonjudicial employees. Appropriations are required for employer-paid pension contributions, Social Security and Medicare, health insurance premiums including dental, vision and life insurance, and employee benefit funds.

Summary of FY 2026 Funding

The General State Charges Major Purpose All Funds budget requirement is \$1,043.8 million, or an increase of \$72.1 million (7.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The funding supports statutory and negotiated fringe benefit provisions, as follows:

Pension: \$314.3 million

The amount required reflects an obligation of \$312.5 million to the New York State Employees' Retirement System, as estimated by the New York State and Local Retirement System. The funding requirement also reflects an estimated obligation of \$1.5 million to the New York City Employees' Retirement System for certain retirees who elected to remain in that retirement system, as well as \$0.3 million for employees participating in the Tier 6 Voluntary Defined Contribution Plan.

These combined requirements reflect an increase of \$25.4 million (8.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This increase is attributable to a higher billable salary base in FY 2025 and a rate increase from 15.2% to 16.5% of payroll for employer contributions to the New York State Retirement plan for FY 2026.

Social Security and Medicare: \$146.1 million

The amount required reflects a statutorily mandated employer contribution rate of 7.65% applied to earnings up to \$176,100 and 1.45% on earnings exceeding \$176,100. The requirement represents an increase of \$13.6 million (10.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation, which is primarily attributable to a projected increase in FY 2026 personal service expenditures. The increase is further augmented by a 4.4% increase in the salary amount that is subject to the full Social Security withholding of 7.65%.

Health, Dental, Vision & Life Insurance: \$549.1 million

The amount required reflects an increase of \$30.2 million (5.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation for increased health insurance costs paid by the employer, as projected by the NYS Department of Civil Service. Funding is included for active and retired employees' health

insurance, administrative costs payable to the NYS Department of Civil Service, and funds necessary to reimburse localities for certain retirees who elected to remain in local health plans. The amount also includes costs associated with dental, vision, and life insurance coverage for judges, as well as unrepresented and managerial/confidential nonjudicial employees.

Employee Benefit Funds: \$34.3 million

The amount required reflects an increase of \$2.8 million (8.9%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. The amount includes contractual obligations, negotiated through collective bargaining agreements, to employee benefit funds for eligible represented employees and retirees.

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ALL FUNDS
GENERAL STATE CHARGES

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	288,860,929	314,267,000	25,406,071
Social Security and Medicare	132,432,000	146,081,000	13,649,000
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	518,926,000	549,143,000	30,217,000
Employee Benefit Funds	31,503,000	34,294,000	2,791,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	971,721,929	1,043,785,000	72,063,071
Grand Total	971,721,929	1,043,785,000	72,063,071

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	275,879,929	300,167,000	24,287,071
Social Security and Medicare	126,278,000	139,527,000	13,249,000
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	494,638,000	522,767,000	28,129,000
Employee Benefit Funds	29,996,000	32,658,000	2,662,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	926,791,929	995,119,000	68,327,071
Grand Total	926,791,929	995,119,000	68,327,071

JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	6,000,000	6,217,000	217,000
Social Security and Medicare	2,827,000	2,890,000	63,000
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	10,381,000	11,142,000	761,000
Employee Benefit Funds	673,000	696,000	23,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	19,881,000	20,945,000	1,064,000
Grand Total	19,881,000	20,945,000	1,064,000

NYC CO CLERKS' OPERATIONS OFFSET FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	3,509,000	3,760,000	251,000
Social Security and Medicare	1,672,000	1,748,000	76,000
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	8,867,000	8,727,000	(140,000)
Employee Benefit Funds	<u>538,000</u>	<u>545,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	14,586,000	14,780,000	194,000
Grand Total	14,586,000	14,780,000	194,000

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	3,114,000	3,626,000	512,000
Social Security and Medicare	1,484,000	1,685,000	201,000
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	4,270,000	5,762,000	1,492,000
Employee Benefit Funds	<u>259,000</u>	<u>360,000</u>	<u>101,000</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	9,127,000	11,433,000	2,306,000
Grand Total	9,127,000	11,433,000	2,306,000

COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID FUND

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	260,000	317,000	57,000
Social Security and Medicare	124,000	148,000	24,000
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	602,000	489,000	(113,000)
Employee Benefit Funds	<u>37,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	1,023,000	985,000	(38,000)
Grand Total	1,023,000	985,000	(38,000)

LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	98,000	106,000	8,000
Social Security and Medicare	47,000	49,000	2,000
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	168,000	195,000	27,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	313,000	350,000	37,000
Grand Total	313,000	350,000	37,000

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IV-E OCFS

	Current Appropriation as Adjusted	UCS Recommended	Changes to Current Appropriation
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	0	74,000	74,000
Social Security and Medicare	0	34,000	34,000
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	0	61,000	61,000
Employee Benefit Funds	0	4,000	4,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	0	173,000	173,000
Grand Total	0	173,000	173,000