

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONS

MISSION

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

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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

The Commission on Judicial Conduct has 11 members, four of whom are appointed by the Governor, three by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the remaining four by the Legislature. Commission members serve without pay and meet periodically to consider complaints, hear testimony and determine the disposition of cases. Its main office is in New York City, with branches in Albany and Rochester.

The recommended 2011-12 Executive Budget of **\$5.4 million General Fund** is a decrease of **\$22,000**, from the 2010-11 budget.

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL NOMINATION

The State Constitution established the Commission on Judicial Nomination to evaluate candidates and make recommendations to the Governor for appointment to the Court of Appeals, the State's highest court.

The Commission on Judicial Nomination has 12 members appointed by the Governor, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the Legislature. These members serve without pay and conduct the search for qualified candidates upon formal notification of a vacancy on the Court of Appeals. The recommended 2011-12 Executive Budget provides **\$30,000** General Fund.

GOVERNOR'S JUDICIAL SCREENING COMMITTEES

The Governor's Judicial Screening Committees are established by Executive Order to evaluate the qualifications of candidates and make recommendations to the Governor for appointment to judgeships other than those on the Court of Appeals. The Committees are located throughout the State. The recommended 2011-12 Executive Budget provides **\$38,000** in General Fund.

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ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2010-11	Appropriations Recommended 2011-12	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2011-12
State Operations	5,474,000	5,452,000	(22,000)	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>5,474,000</u>	<u>5,452,000</u>	<u>(22,000)</u>	<u>0</u>

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	2011-12 Estimated FTEs 03/31/12	FTE Change
Judicial Conduct			
General Fund	48	48	0
Total	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>0</u>

The above table does not reflect layoffs that may be necessary in the absence of negotiated workforce savings.

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

Fund Type	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
General Fund	5,474,000	5,452,000	(22,000)
Total	<u>5,474,000</u>	<u>5,452,000</u>	<u>(22,000)</u>

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

Program	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
Judicial Conduct			
General Fund	5,406,000	5,384,000	(22,000)
Judicial Nomination, Commission on			
General Fund	30,000	30,000	0
Judicial Screening Committees			
General Fund	38,000	38,000	0
Total	<u>5,474,000</u>	<u>5,452,000</u>	<u>(22,000)</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2011-12 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Judicial Conduct	4,093,000	0	4,073,000	0
Judicial Screening Committees	13,000	0	13,000	0
Total	<u>4,106,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,086,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2011-12 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Judicial Conduct	1,291,000	(22,000)	51,000	(4,000)
Judicial Nomination, Commission on	30,000	0	0	0
Judicial Screening Committees	25,000	0	0	0
Total	<u>1,346,000</u>	<u>(22,000)</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Judicial Conduct	100,000	(3,000)	1,085,000	27,000
Judicial Nomination, Commission on	30,000	0	0	0
Judicial Screening Committees	10,000	0	15,000	0
Total	<u>140,000</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>1,100,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Judicial Conduct	55,000	(42,000)
Judicial Nomination, Commission on	0	0
Judicial Screening Committees	0	0
Total	<u>55,000</u>	<u>(42,000)</u>