

**ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS (0018)
2007-09 BIENNIUM**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

Mission

The Arkansas Court of Appeals was established by the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Amendment 58 to the Arkansas Constitution. The Court was established to help alleviate the tremendous caseload of the Arkansas Supreme Court, which had become virtually unmanageable by the mid-1970s. The Court of Appeals is composed of a total of twelve judges. The state is divided into four districts and three Court of Appeals Judges represent each district.

Total Biennial Budget

The Court of Appeal's total budget is \$3,688,677 the first year and \$3,726,599 for the second year of the biennium.

Funding Source

The Court of Appeals is funded by the State Central Services Fund.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The Operations Appropriation is for \$3,688,677 the first year and \$3,726,599 the second year which is an increase over base of \$421,608 and \$384,431 for increases in salaries of Law Clerks and Secretaries and restoration of capital outlay. The Legal Counsel line item was decreased due to dependency-neglect appeals being transferred to the Public Defender Commission.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 49
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 Law Clerk (24)-Grade 21 to Grade 24
 Secretary (13)-Grade 15 to Grade 16

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.