

SUPREME COURT (0032) - 2007-09 BIENNIUM

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

Mission

In accordance with the Arkansas Constitution, the Supreme Court shall exercise appellate jurisdiction, coextensive with the state, and it shall have general superintending control over all inferior courts of law and equity. The Supreme Court also has the authority to regulate the practice of law and the professional conduct of attorneys and to determine the appellate jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court is composed of one Chief Justice and six Associate Justices.

Total Biennial Budget

The total budget for the 2007-2009 biennium for the Supreme Court is \$3,810,066 the first year and \$3,860,529 the second year of the biennium.

Funding Source

Funding for the Supreme Court is from the State Central Services Fund.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The Operations Appropriation is for \$3,810,066 the first year and \$3,860,529 the second year which is an increase of \$278,503 year one and \$282,288 year two for a salary increase of the Court Clerk and salary upgrades for Court Law Clerks and Associate Justice Secretaries and restoration of capital outlay. The Court Appointed Attorneys line item was decreased by \$15,000 each year due to dependency neglect appeals being transferred to the Public Defender Commission.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 44

Total positions for FY 2005-07 Biennium: 44

 Law Clerks (14) - Grade 21 to Grade 24

 Secretary of Associate Justice (6) - Grade 15 to Grade 16

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None