

**ARKANSAS JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE & DISABILITY COMMISSION (0241)  
2007-09 BIENNIUM**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**Mission**

The Arkansas Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission receives and investigates information and complaints about the possible misconduct or disability of Arkansas judges. Its purpose is to help enforce the high standards of judicial conduct on and off the bench, and thereby preserve both the integrity of judges and public confidence in the courts. In performing its functions, it strives to maintain the necessary balance between judicial independence and public accountability.

**Total Biennial Budget**

The total budget for the 2007-2009 biennium is \$593,545 the first year and \$603,723 the second year.

**Funding Source**

The Commission is funded with general revenue through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

The Operations appropriation is for \$593,545 the first year and \$603,723 the second year which is an increase over base level of \$21,373 and \$31,551 for increases in operating expenses and professional fees.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY 2007-09: 6

Total positions for FY 2005-07: 6

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

Contractual Services Limited. Provides that no more than \$86,625 the first year and \$90,090 the second year of the funds appropriated for Professional Fees and Services may be expended for contractual services of an attorney to represent the Commission when reviewing cases of judicial misconduct. Further, none of these funds shall be used for contractual services of an attorney until it has been determined by the Attorney General that these services cannot be provided by the AG's Office.