

**ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS (0018)
2009-11 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 total budget for the Court of Appeals is \$4 million each 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 \$4,107,062 the first year and \$4,088,256 the second year which is an increase over base of \$176,044 and \$81,484 for increases in operating expenses, legal counsel line item and restoration of capital outlay. There is a new line item for Fixed Housing and Travel of \$60,000 each year for mileage reimbursement.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions for FY 2009-11 Biennium: 49

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IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Mileage Reimbursement. Funds in Fixed Housing and Travel line item may be used by each judge as reimbursement for mileage expenses. Only judges whose official residence is located outside of Pulaski County are eligible for reimbursement.