

**SUPREME COURT (0032)
2009-11 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 2009-2011 biennium for the Supreme Court is \$4,058,859 the first year and \$4,123,659 the second year of the biennium.

Funding Source

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

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The Operations Appropriation is for \$4 million the first year and \$4.1 million the second year which is an increase over base level of \$175,374 year one and \$178,383 year two for one additional position, increases in operating expenses and restoration of capital outlay.

The Appellate Mediation cash appropriation is for \$20,000 each year for the Appellate Mediation Pilot Program.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2009-11 Biennium: 45

Total positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 44

(+1) Technical Online Publisher

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Printing. Printing and Binding line item may be used for hardbound publications or for purchase of software for the electronic publication of the Arkansas Report.