

ARKANSAS JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE & DISABILITY COMMISSION (0241)
2011-2013 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 Appropriation

The total appropriation is \$665,816 the first year and \$676,025 the second year of the biennium.

Funding Source

The Commission is funded with General Revenue through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The Commission is requesting the description of "Mileage for Investigator" commitment item be changed to "Investigator Expenses". In addition to the description change, the commission would like to use the commitment item for all investigator related expenses. The commission requests that \$21,000 in both fiscal years be reallocated from the Operating Expenses line item to the "Investigator Expenses" line item.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for 2011-13 biennium: 6
Total positions for FY 2011: 6
Total requested (reduced): 0

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Contractual Services Limited. No more than 85% of the funds appropriated for Professional Fees and Services may be expended each year for contractual services of an attorney to represent the Commission when reviewing cases of judicial misconduct.