

ARKANSAS JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE & DISABILITY COMMISSION (0241)
Fiscal Year 2013

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 Authorized Appropriation

The total authorized is \$676,025 in fiscal year 2013.

Funding Source

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

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The commission requests that \$21,000 be reallocated from the Operating Expenses line item to the "Investigator Expenses" line item to consolidate all expenses related to investigations into this single line item.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2013: 6

Total positions for FY 2012: 6

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.