

SUPREME COURT (0032)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015

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 Budget

The total budget is \$10,701,747 each year.

Funding Source

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

The Appellate Mediation and Bar of Arkansas Appropriations are funded with cash funds.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Operations Appropriation-State Central Services

- 2 new positions
- Appropriations total \$4.5 million each year which is \$250,692 over base level for additional positions and restoration of Capital Outlay to FY2013 authorized level of \$112,000.

Bar of Arkansas Appropriation-Cash Funds

- 19 positions
- Provides appropriation of \$6,075,000 for employees and operations of the Bar of Arkansas programs, funded with cash funds received from attorney license fees and any other fees associated with the regulation of the practice of law.

III) POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2015:67

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Total Budgeted Positions FY2013:46

(+1) Appellate Review Attorney

(+1) Deputy Criminal Coordinator

(+19) Bar of Arkansas Fund Employees

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Regulation of Practice of Law. Amends ACA 16-11-116 regarding the regulation of the practice of law. States the Bar of Arkansas Fund will fund 19 employees and allows participation in APERS for those employees. *New Language*