ARKANSAS JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE & DISABILITY COMMISSION (0241) Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015

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 Budget

The total budget is \$680,824 in Fiscal Year 2014 and \$681,068 in Fiscal Year 2015.

Funding Source

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

II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS

The Operations appropriation is \$680,824 in Fiscal Year 2014 and \$681,068 in Fiscal Year 2015, which is Base Level for the Commission plus the 2% COLA recommended by the Executive.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2015: 6
Total positions for FY 2014: 6
Total positions for FY 2013: 6
New positions 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.