

SUPREME COURT (0032)
FISCAL YEAR 2018
AS ENACTED BY ACT 827 OF 2017

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.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$10,982,267 for FY2018.

FUNDING SOURCES

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 from grants and fees.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUEST

OPERATIONS-State Central Services

Appropriation totals \$4,897,353 for FY2018 which is \$412,000 over base level for the following line item change levels:

Capital Outlay: \$112,000 over base level to restore to FY2017 authorized level.

Case Document Scanning: New line item for \$300,000 for a more cost effective means of storing Court records.

BAR OF ARKANSAS-Cash Funds (Attorney License Fees)

Recommended at \$6,075,000 which is the FY2017 authorized amount. A.C.A 19-4-607(a) exempts constitutional officers from preparing an annual operations plan and the Supreme Court has chosen to utilize this exemption for the Bar of Arkansas programs and employees, therefore this appropriation and employees are not in the state accounting system.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions:68)

Total Positions FY2018:70

Total Base Level Positions:68

Increase/(Decrease)from Base Level:2

+1 Staff Attorney OPC

+1 Administrative Assistant JLAP

Extra Help Positions FY2018:5 (Base Level Extra Help:5)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: Employees of the Supreme Court may provide support to the Access to Justice Foundation.

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