

# JUDICIARY

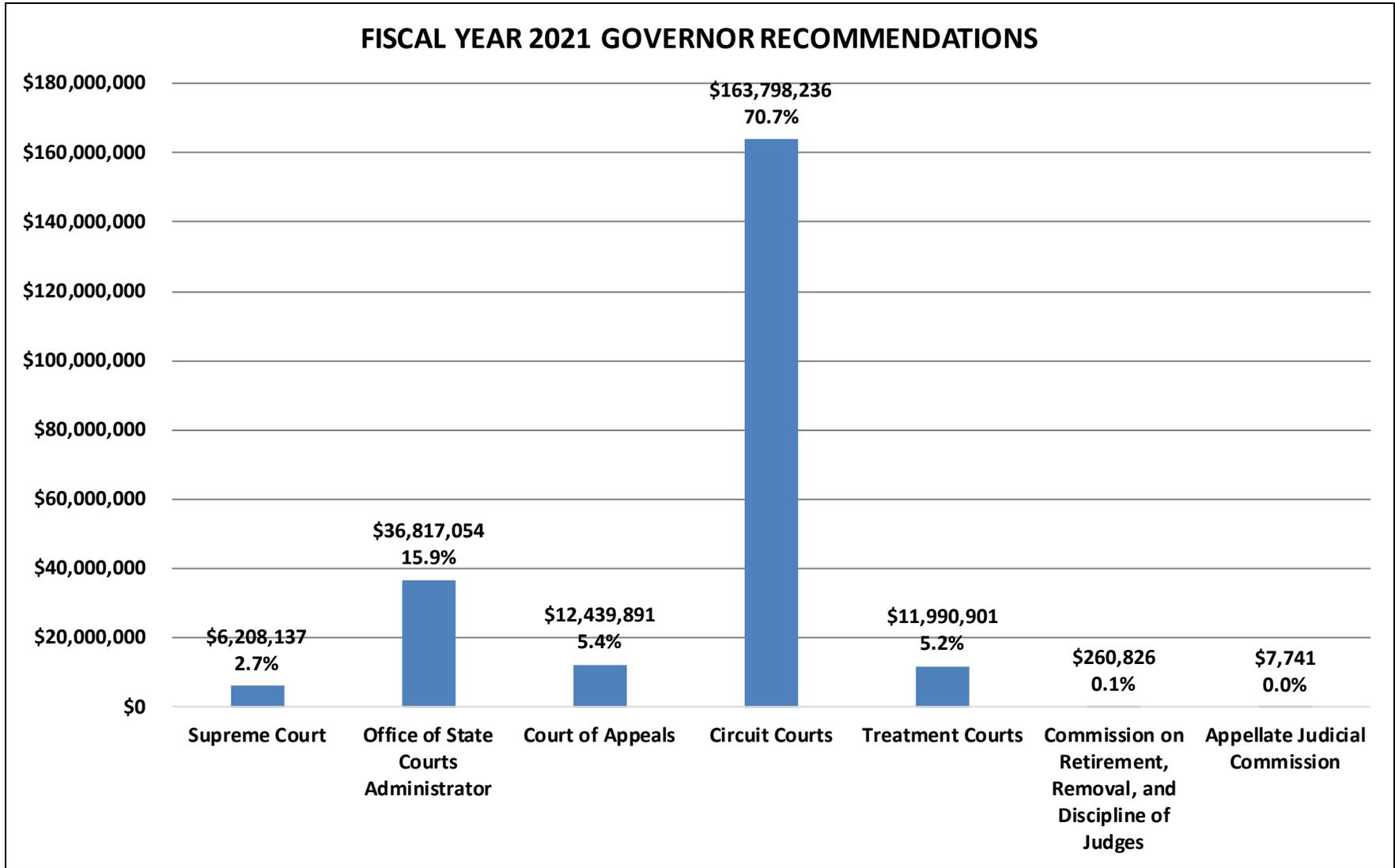
## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2019 EXPENDITURE	FY 2020 APPROPRIATION	FY 2021 REQUEST	FY 2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
Supreme Court	\$ 5,466,146	\$ 6,110,681	\$ 6,558,713	\$ 6,208,137
Office of State Courts Administrator	26,556,956	35,387,400	40,752,490	36,817,054
Court of Appeals	12,058,602	12,277,113	13,486,474	12,439,891
Circuit Courts	154,045,327	161,312,344	187,024,325	163,798,236
Treatment Courts	8,056,745	12,232,461	12,005,978	11,990,901
Commission on Retirement, Removal, and Discipline of Judges	237,004	256,738	322,724	260,826
Appellate Judicial Commission	7,741	7,741	7,741	7,741
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 206,428,521</b>	<b>\$ 227,584,478</b>	<b>\$ 260,158,445</b>	<b>\$ 231,522,786</b>
General Revenue Fund	191,240,998	200,524,697	231,906,504	202,853,598
Federal Funds	5,063,016	14,587,721	15,136,604	14,763,313
Third Party Liability Collections Fund	315,834	404,509	436,292	411,596
Statewide Court Automation Fund	2,221,236	5,276,217	5,902,398	5,319,196
Supreme Court Publications Revolving Fund	20,651	150,000	150,676	150,000
Missouri CASA Fund	72,274	100,000	100,000	100,000
Crime Victims' Compensation Fund	886,486	887,200	887,200	887,200
Circuit Courts Escrow Fund	5,492	5,500	5,500	5,500
Basic Civil Legal Services Fund	6,241,472	5,099,958	5,103,271	6,502,383
State Court Administration Revolving Fund	160,978	230,000	230,000	230,000
Judiciary Education and Training Fund	0	18,676	0	0
Domestic Relations Resolution Fund	200,084	300,000	300,000	300,000
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>3,156.44</b>	<b>3,446.05</b>	<b>3,481.30</b>	<b>3,447.05</b>
General Revenue Fund	3,066.90	3,219.30	3,278.55	3,244.30
Federal Funds	50.69	168.25	142.25	142.25
Other Funds	38.85	58.50	60.50	60.50

## DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2021 budget provides \$231.5 million for the Judiciary. The Judiciary ensures Missourians have a fair and accessible forum to adjudicate civil and criminal charges.

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**JUDICIARY  
SUPREME COURT**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2019 EXPENDITURE	FY 2020 APPROPRIATION	FY 2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
Judicial Proceedings and Review			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,466,146</b>	<b>\$ 6,110,681</b>	<b>\$ 6,208,137</b>
General Revenue Fund	5,245,870	5,434,264	5,518,492
Federal Funds	199,625	526,417	539,645
Other Funds	20,651	150,000	150,000
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>61.11</b>	<b>83.00</b>	<b>83.00</b>

The Supreme Court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving the validity of a treaty or statute of the United States or of a statute or provision of the Missouri Constitution; the construction of the state's revenue laws; the title to any state office; and in all cases where the punishment imposed is death. In addition, the court may transfer cases from the Court of Appeals if the cases involve questions of general interest or importance; the court thinks the existing law should be reexamined; the lower court opinion conflicts with prior opinions; or for other reasons provided by rule of the court. The Court of Appeals also may order a case transferred to the Supreme Court after opinion either by order of the Court of Appeals itself, or by the request of a dissenting court of appeals judge.

The Constitution authorizes the Court to establish Court practice and procedure rules and to temporarily transfer judicial personnel. In addition to its decision-making powers, the Supreme Court supervises all lower state courts (assisted by the Office of State Courts Administrator), licenses all lawyers practicing in Missouri, and disciplines those guilty of Rules of Professional Conduct violations.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Governor's Recommendations**

- \$36,282 for pay plan, including \$30,939 general revenue.
- \$53,694 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2020 approved pay plan, including \$45,809 general revenue.
- \$7,480 reallocated from the Office of State Courts Administrator for mileage reimbursement costs.

**JUDICIARY**  
**OFFICE OF STATE COURTS ADMINISTRATOR**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<b>FY 2019 EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>FY 2020 APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>FY 2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS</b>
State Courts Administrator	\$ 12,127,143	\$ 12,821,296	\$ 13,218,705
Court Improvement Projects	10,693,454	13,166,648	14,633,388
Statewide Court Automation	2,221,236	7,276,217	7,319,196
Judicial Report	100,000	0	0
Judicial Training and Education Transfer	1,415,123	2,123,239	1,645,765
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,556,956</b>	<b>\$ 35,387,400</b>	<b>\$ 36,817,054</b>
General Revenue Fund	12,712,571	15,749,600	15,690,677
Federal Funds	4,479,538	8,295,749	8,357,598
Other Funds	9,364,847	11,342,051	12,768,779
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>202.31</b>	<b>229.25</b>	<b>243.25</b>

The Office of State Courts Administrator fulfills the Supreme Court’s administrative obligations. Staff provides technical assistance, statistical analysis, financial system analysis, continuing education, and automation support functions for the courts. The office assists in policy direction for the Statewide Judicial Information System and Missouri Court Automation, collects and analyzes caseload data from the courts, develops and operates appellate and circuit record-keeping systems, develops and operates administrative systems, prepares the judicial budget, and maintains the personnel system for the courts. The office processes payrolls for all state-paid circuit court employees and all other state expenditures of the Supreme Court and circuit courts. The office’s fundamental goal is to build an integrated court system that renders geography largely irrelevant with greater efficiency, wider access, and enhanced accountability for the litigant.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Governor’s Recommendations**

- \$1,400,000 Basic Civil Legal Services Fund to allow for disbursement of the Tort Victims’ Compensation Fund collections to legal aid offices.
- \$300,000 for circuit court realignment.
- \$122,415 for pay plan, including \$79,433 general revenue.
- \$196,513 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2020 approved pay plan, including \$131,700 general revenue.
- 14 staff reallocated from circuit courts.
- (\$499,209) core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriation level.
- (\$90,065) reallocated to various divisions for mileage reimbursement costs, including (\$70,847) general revenue.

**JUDICIARY  
COURT OF APPEALS**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<b>FY 2019 EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>FY 2020 APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>FY 2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS</b>
Court of Appeals - Western District	\$ 4,186,900	\$ 4,230,986	\$ 4,286,834
Court of Appeals - Eastern District	5,263,502	5,432,391	5,505,736
Court of Appeals - Southern District	2,608,200	2,613,736	2,647,321
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,058,602</b>	<b>\$ 12,277,113</b>	<b>\$ 12,439,891</b>
General Revenue Fund	12,058,602	12,277,113	12,439,891
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>151.52</b>	<b>159.35</b>	<b>159.35</b>

Missouri’s current appellate structure is a single Court of Appeals consisting of three districts. The Eastern District sits in St. Louis, the Western District in Kansas City, and the Southern District holds sessions in Springfield and Poplar Bluff. Missouri Statute sets the number of judges in each district: 14 in the Eastern District, 11 in the Western District, and 7 in the Southern District.

The Court of Appeals may issue and determine original remedial writs and has general appellate jurisdiction in all cases not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals may transfer cases not within the Supreme Court’s exclusive jurisdiction to the Supreme Court when involving an important issue that should be decided by the state’s highest court.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Governor’s Recommendations**

- \$62,609 for pay plan.
- \$94,526 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2020 approved pay plan.
- \$5,643 reallocated from the Office of State Courts Administrator for mileage reimbursement costs.

**JUDICIARY  
CIRCUIT COURTS**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<b>FY 2019 EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>FY 2020 APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>FY 2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS</b>
Circuit Personnel	\$ 145,692,036	\$ 152,826,944	\$ 155,312,836
Circuit Court Administration	7,580,933	7,585,400	7,585,400
CASA Programs	572,274	600,000	600,000
Domestic Relations	200,084	300,000	300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 154,045,327</b>	<b>\$ 161,312,344</b>	<b>\$ 163,798,236</b>
General Revenue Fund	152,922,465	154,566,780	156,945,070
Federal Funds	383,853	5,765,555	5,866,070
Other Funds	739,009	980,009	987,096
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>2,736.15</b>	<b>2,967.70</b>	<b>2,952.70</b>

Missouri Constitution Article V, Section 1 establishes the 46 Missouri Circuit Courts with Chapter 478, RSMo, detailing the boundaries, circuit numbers, and geographic locations. The circuit court, the exclusive trial court in Missouri, is comprised of circuit judges, associate circuit judges, and municipal judges. Municipalities under 400,000 population may, and those over 400,000 must, make provision for judges to hear municipal ordinance violations. If such provision is not made, municipalities will file such cases before an associate circuit judge.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Governor's Recommendations**

- \$75,113 and one staff for a new Associate Judge in Cole County for the 19<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit, pursuant to SB 871 (2018).
- \$942,885 for pay plan, including \$900,120 general revenue.
- \$1,413,533 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2020 approved pay plan, including \$1,349,419 general revenue.
- \$58,031 reallocated from the Office of State Courts Administrator for mileage reimbursement costs, including \$57,308 general revenue.
- (\$3,670) core reduction for one-time expenditures.
- (16) staff reallocated to various divisions.

**JUDICIARY  
TREATMENT COURTS**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2019 EXPENDITURE	FY 2020 APPROPRIATION	FY 2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
Treatment Courts			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,056,745</b>	<b>\$ 12,232,461</b>	<b>\$ 11,990,901</b>
General Revenue Fund	8,056,745	12,232,461	11,990,901
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>3.32</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>

The treatment court program uses court authority to identify those offenders for whom costly incarceration is neither necessary nor an efficient allocation of scarce public resources. Based on the circumstance, judges divert defendants to treatment court programs at various stages of the judicial process. Treatment courts provide an additional tool to reduce the number of people entering the court and penal systems. Additionally, treatment programs decrease the negative consequences of drug and alcohol abuse by reducing the number of additional cases filed involving family disputes, abuse and neglect, truancy, property crimes, and crimes of violence.

The Missouri Veterans’ Treatment Courts are hybrid drug and mental health courts that use the drug court model to serve veterans struggling with addiction, serious mental illness, and/or co-occurring disorders. These courts use a coordinated response that involves cooperation and collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare networks, the Veterans’ Benefits Administration, volunteer veteran mentors and veterans’ family support organizations.

Any circuit may establish a treatment court that combines judicial supervision, drug testing, and treatment of treatment court participants. The Treatment Court Coordinating Commission is composed of eight members: one member selected by the director of the Department of Corrections, one member selected by the director of the Department of Social Services, one member selected by the director of the Department of Mental Health, one member selected by the director of the Department of Public Safety, one member selected by the Office of State Courts Administrator, and three members selected by the Supreme Court. The commission is to evaluate, secure, coordinate, and allocate funding resources to the various treatment courts around the state.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Governor’s Recommendations**

- \$4,165 for pay plan.
- \$4,275 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2020 approved pay plan.
- Two staff reallocated from circuit courts.
- (\$250,000) core reduction for one-time expenditures.

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**COMMISSION ON RETIREMENT, REMOVAL, AND DISCIPLINE OF JUDGES**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<b>FY 2019 EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>FY 2020 APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>FY 2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS</b>
Commission on Retirement, Removal, and Discipline of Judges			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 237,004</b>	<b>\$ 256,738</b>	<b>\$ 260,826</b>
General Revenue Fund	237,004	256,738	260,826
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>2.75</b>	<b>2.75</b>

The Commission on Retirement, Removal, and Discipline of Judges receives and investigates all requests and suggestions concerning retirement for disability and all complaints concerning misconduct of judges, members of the judicial commissions, and members of this commission. The commission is composed of two citizens appointed by the Governor who are not members of the bar, two lawyers appointed by the governing body of the Missouri Bar, one judge of the Court of Appeals selected by a majority of the judges of the Court of Appeals, and one judge of the circuit courts selected by a majority of the circuit judges of this state.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Governor's Recommendations**

- \$632 for pay plan.
- \$3,221 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2020 approved pay plan.
- \$235 reallocated from the Office of State Courts Administrator for mileage reimbursement costs.

**JUDICIARY**  
**APPELLATE JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2019 EXPENDITURE	FY 2020 APPROPRIATION	FY 2021 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
Appellate Judicial Commission			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,741</b>	<b>\$ 7,741</b>	<b>\$ 7,741</b>
General Revenue Fund	7,741	7,741	7,741
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The Appellate Judicial Commission consists of a judge of the Supreme Court, one member of the bar from each appeals district, and one citizen not a member of the bar from each appeals district. The commission considers vacant judgeships of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Governor’s Recommendations**

Continue funding at the current level.