

Agency Name: SUPREME COURT

B - Agency Summary

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Description	Code	Actual Expenditures 2005-2006	Base Budget	Adjustments to Base	Agency Net to Zero/Other Changes	Standard Budget Col. 3+4+5	Exception Request	Total Agency Request	Supreme Court Recommendation
ADMINISTRATION	0100	5,964,852	7,987,858	-399,698	0	7,588,160	244,056	7,832,216	7,832,216
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMM	0200	9,267	15,001	0	0	15,001	0	15,001	15,001
GUARDIAN AD LITEM	0300	108,694	4,200,000	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
LAW LIBRARY	0400	1,241,822	1,439,259	87,801	0	1,527,060	158,874	1,685,934	1,685,934
CIRCUIT COURTS	0500	17,904,606	20,322,460	3,625,576	0	23,948,036	1,296,649	25,244,685	25,110,877
COURT TECHNOLOGY	0600	3,024,687	6,197,221	-2,360,100	0	3,837,121	3,320,959	7,158,080	7,158,080
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT	0700	2,734,020	5,826,972	-4,303,059	0	1,523,913	50,000	1,573,913	1,573,913
BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADM	0900	115,325	966,347	-791,330	0	175,017	252,856	427,873	286,817
TOTAL BY APPROPRIATION ORG		31,103,273	46,955,118	-4,140,810	0	42,814,308	5,323,394	48,137,702	47,862,838
PERSONAL SERVICES	0100	25,564,371	33,000,205	-35,837	0	32,964,368	1,097,813	34,062,180	33,837,316
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	0200	4,493,871	7,367,302	-3,477,186	258,281	4,148,397	3,798,121	7,946,518	7,896,518
CENTRAL. SERVICES/DATA SERV.	0400	209,636	303,235	48,287	-8,281	343,241	1,500	344,741	344,741
GRANTS & AID PAYMENT	0600	4,340	250,000	0	-250,000	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0900	831,054	6,034,376	-676,074	0	5,358,302	425,960	5,784,262	5,784,262
TOTAL BY OBJECT SERIES		31,103,273	46,955,118	-4,140,810	0	42,814,308	5,323,394	48,137,702	47,862,838
MEANS OF FUNDING									
GENERAL FUND	G	28,945,070	41,780,159	-1,978,141	0	39,802,018	2,053,075	41,855,093	41,580,229
SPECIAL REVENUE	R	1,974,457	4,992,665	-2,270,314	0	2,722,351	3,270,319	5,992,670	5,992,670
FEDERAL FUNDS	X	183,746	182,294	107,645	0	289,939	0	289,939	289,939
TOTAL BY FUNDING		31,103,273	46,955,118	-4,140,810	0	42,814,308	5,323,394	48,137,702	47,862,838
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES									
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		0	190	0	0	190	11	201	199
PART TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		0	35	-3	0	32	-3	29	29
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		0	225	-3	0	222	8	230	228
TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		0	225	-3	0	222	8	230	228

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The Supreme Court's budget consists of eight programs: Supreme Court Administration, Judicial Nominating Commission, Guardian ad Litem, Law Library, Circuit Courts, Court Technology, Judicial Retirement, and Board of Judicial Policy and Administration.

INTRODUCTION: WHAT THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DOES

Under the Wyoming constitution, the judicial power of the government of this state "shall be vested * * * in a supreme court, district courts, and such subordinate courts as the legislature may, by general law, establish and ordain from time to time." Article 5, Section 1; Article 2, Section 1. The Supreme Court has general appellate jurisdiction statewide in both civil and criminal cases; it also has "general superintending control over all inferior courts, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law." Article 5, Section 2. The Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in quo warranto and mandamus as to all state officers and in habeas corpus. Article 5, Section 3. The Supreme Court also has power to issue writs of mandamus, review, prohibition, habeas corpus, certiorari, and other writs necessary and proper to the complete exercise of its appellate and revisory jurisdiction. Article 5, Section 3. Five justices, one of who serves as the chief justice, sit on the Supreme Court. Each justice serves an eight-year term and may hold successive terms upon retention by the statewide electorate. Article 5, Section 4.

By statute, the Supreme Court manages and supervises the circuit court system created by the Legislature. Wyo. Stat. §5-5-108. All 23 of the state's counties have elected to establish the circuit court system. Wyo. Stat. § 5-5-102 & 103. Twenty-four circuit judges and six full-time magistrates serve in these courts.

Statutes relating to the state's courts are found in Wyo. Stat. § 5-1-101 through 5-7-107. Those statutes, which specifically relate to the Supreme Court, are found in Wyo. Stat. § 5-2-101-501. Of particular note, the Supreme Court has extensive rule-making authority, Wyo. Stat. § 5-2-113 -119, including rules relating to the practice of law and procedures relating to review of decisions in cases originating in a municipal court, or a circuit court. The Supreme Court "superintend(s) and direct(s) all expenditures of money for the law library." Wyo. Stat. § 5-2-501.

As an independent, co-equal branch of state government, the judiciary, headed by the Supreme Court, exercises the state's judicial power to ensure to all of the state's citizens the protection of civil, political, and religious liberties secured by the state constitution. Preamble and Article 1, Wyoming Constitution. The mission of the Supreme Court is to ensure that all courts exercise their respective judicial powers within the bounds of the state constitution and the laws of the state not inconsistent therewith so that "(a)ll courts shall be open and every person for an injury done to person, reputation or property shall have justice administered without sale, denial or delay." Article 1, Section 8, Wyoming Constitution.

In order to exercise its judicial powers, the Supreme Court must maintain a support staff of well qualified and adequately compensated employees to assist the five justices as they daily carry out their constitutional and statutory duties and responsibilities.

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The Supreme Court has a constitutional obligation to ensure that the state's courts at every jurisdictional level are sufficiently funded by the Legislature so as to ensure to the state's citizens uninterrupted access to the courts and expeditious and efficient delivery of justice. Operational expenses incurred in fulfilling the Supreme Court's constitutional obligation including, but are not limited to, salaries and benefits to employees, supplies, equipment including the court computer automation system, furnishings, communications, travel, legal research materials of both print and electronic variety, circuit court magistrates, jurors, continuing judicial education programs and judicial administration programs including membership in the National Center for State Courts.

2009-2010 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Supreme Court's Recommended 2009-2010 Biennial Budget Request is \$47,862,838. The following charts summarize the Supreme Court's budget request by program and expenditure category.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Expenditure Category</u>	<u>Percent of Entire Budget</u>
Supreme Court Administration	\$ 7,832,216	16.4 %	Personal Services (100)	70.6 %
Judicial Nominating Commission	\$ 15,001	.03 %	Supportive Services (200)	16.6
Guardian ad Litem	\$ 4,200,000	8.8 %	Central Services/Data Services (400)	.7 %
Law Library	\$ 1,685,934	3.5 %	Grants & Aid Payment (600)	0.0 %
Circuit Courts	\$25,110,877	52.5 %	Contractual Services (900)	12.1 %
Court Technology	\$ 7,158,080	15.0 %		
Judicial Retirement	\$ 1,573,913	3.3 %		
Board of Judicial Policy & Administration	\$ 286,817	.6 %		
Total	\$47,862,838	100.13%		

Means of Funding

General fund	\$ 41,580,229
Special Revenue	\$ 5,992,670
Federal Funds	\$ 289,939
Total	\$ 47,862,838

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SUMMARY OF 2009-2010 EXCEPTION BUDGET REQUEST

The Supreme Court's 2009-2010 Standard Budget totaled \$42,814,308. The Court is submitting an exception budget request to increase the budget by \$5,323,394. The following is a summary of the exception budget requests.

SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATION – PROGRAM 0100 – \$244,056

\$104,000	Salaries Classified 0103: a full-time Bailiff position
\$ 37,056	Employer paid Benefits 0105: benefits for a full-time Bailiff position
\$ 5,000	Communication 0204: to cover the increased cost of postage
\$ 20,000	Dues-license-Registration 0207: to cover the increase in the dues to the National Center for State Courts
\$ 5,000	In-State Travel 0221: to cover the additional cost of mileage and lodging
\$ 25,000	Office Supplies and Printing 0231: to cover the increased cost of supplies and printing
\$ 20,000	Education and Recreational Supplies 0236: to cover the increased cost of law books for each justice's chamber and staff attorney library
\$ 18,000	Office Equipment and Furnishing 0241: \$8,000 for new digital phone system, \$10,000 for copier in staff attorney library
\$ 10,000	Professional Services 0901: to provide high caliber speakers at the Wyoming Judicial Council trainings

LAW LIBRARY – PROGRAM 0400 – \$158,874

\$ 3,000	Dues, Licenses, Registration 0207: to continue the Law Library's memberships and continue to receive the desired publications,
\$ 6,000	Data Processing (Other Than A&I) 0209: the costs of subscribing to electronic databases rise at a level equal to or greater than the costs associated with purchasing paper materials.
\$ 2,040	Travel In-State 0221: in order to continue to provide educational opportunities to the people of Wyoming regarding access and use of legal materials
\$ 5,000	Office Supplies, Printing, Stationery 0231: to cover the increased costs of supplies and binding the law journal collection
\$141,834	Educational and Recreational Supplies (Law Books) 0236: legal publications for the Law Library
\$ 1,000	Telecommunications Charges 0420: to cover anticipated increase in telecommunications' charges.

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CIRCUIT COURTS – PROGRAM 0500 - \$1,296,649

\$ 116,771	Salaries Classified 0103: Circuit Court Judge in Johnson County
\$406,154	Salaries Other 0103: four (4) full-time circuit court clerks: 1 for Laramie County, 1 for Sweetwater Co – Rock Springs, and 2 for Natrona County
\$158,968	Salaries Other 0103: changing part-time circuit court clerk positions to full-time: Johnson County, Washakie County, Uinta County, and Park County and adding a part-time position in Sublette County
\$ 83,808	Salaries Other 0103 - Natrona Co. – Substance Abuse Coordinator NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
\$ 7,000	Equipment repairs and maintenance 0202
\$ 6,600	Utilities 0203
\$ 5,500	Communications 0204
\$ 1,000	Dues, Licenses, Registrations 0207
\$ 350	Advertising 0208 to cover the cost of advertising vacant positions
\$ 10,000	Jury Fees in the Common Jury Fund 0211: to cover the increased number of jury trials
\$ 9,000	In-state Travel 0221
\$ 19,914	Out of State Travel 0222
\$ 28,256	Office supplies and printing 0231
\$ 55,000	Office Equipment 0241: \$2,000 to purchase TV/DVD Player, \$2,500 for conference speaker phone, \$500 to purchase color printer (\$50,000 for shelving NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL)
\$102,168	Equipment 0241: to purchase nine (9) copy/fax machines for circuit courts (THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST)
\$ 6,500	Equipment Rental 0252: to cover the increased cost of rent on a postage machine
\$ 3,200	Insurance-Bonds Premiums 0254: to cover the cost of Surety Bonds for the Judge and Magistrates
\$ 500	Central Services 0420: telecommunications for Sweetwater County Circuit Court – Rock Springs
\$255,960	Professional Fees 0901: to cover the cost of Magistrates and Interpreters for circuit courts
\$ 20,000	Professional Fees 0901: to cover the cost of Temporary Services in the circuit courts

COURT TECHNOLOGY – PROGRAM 0600 – \$50,640

\$23,640	Permanent Assigned Vehicle 0223: to cover the maintenance fee of a permanently assigned vehicle
\$27,000	Permanent Vehicle Purchase 0243: funds to purchase a vehicle to be used by Court Technology staff (THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST)

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JUDICIAL SYSTEMS AUTOMATION – Program 0600 (Special Revenue Fund) \$3,270,319

\$ 197,000	Utilities 0203: to provide internet service to 52 court sites
\$2,536,919	Data Processing and Other Computer Equipment 0242: funds to purchase computer equipment for the Judicial Branch THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST
\$ 86,400	Real Property Rental 0251: to cover rental cost for an off-site data center which will serve as a backup to the our main system wide servers
\$ 405,000	Maintenance Contracts External 0292: to continue our annual maintenance fee for the case management systems installed in the Supreme Court, Circuit Courts, 13 District Courts and eight municipal courts.
\$ 45,000	Contractual Travel 0905: travel expenditures paid to contract employees in order to implement projects defined by the Supreme Court

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT – Program 0700 - \$50,000

\$50,000	Salaries Other 0103: to cover the additional cost of senior status judges
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BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADMINISTRATION – PROGRAM 0900 – \$252,856

\$104,000	Salaries Classified 0103: a full-time law clerk for the Circuit Court Judges and the Board of Judicial Policy (NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL)
\$ 37,056	Employer Paid Benefits 0105: benefits for a full-time law clerk position (NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL)
\$ 16,800	Dues, Licenses, Registrations 0207: to cover the cost of Wyoming State Bar dues for Supreme Court and District Court Staff Attorneys/Law Clerks
\$ 95,000	Professional Services 0901: to cover the cost of a legal needs assessment for the State of Wyoming THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST