

Agency Name: SUPREME COURT

B - Agency Summary

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1		Ch. 17 Base to Standard Reconciliation							
Description	Code	2 Actual Expenditures 2007-2008	3 Base Budget	4 Adjustments to Base	5 Budget Reductions	6 Standard Budget Col. 3+4+5	7 Exception Request	8 Total Agency Request	9 Supreme Court Recommendation
ADMINISTRATION	0100	8,046,853	7,832,216	508,695	-82,581	8,258,330	0	8,258,330	8,258,330
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMM	0200	13,869	15,001	0	0	15,001	0	15,001	15,001
LAW LIBRARY	0400	1,457,923	1,685,934	-5,621	-182,222	1,498,091	0	1,498,091	1,498,091
CIRCUIT COURTS	0500	20,917,859	24,951,225	1,277,475	-155,516	26,073,184	30,800	26,103,984	26,103,984
COURT TECHNOLOGY	0600	4,978,165	11,524,298	-6,563,097	-687,873	4,273,328	6,479,000	10,752,328	10,752,328
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT	0700	5,823,466	1,573,913	-47,728	0	1,526,185	0	1,526,185	1,526,185
BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADM	0900	145,568	543,502	-351,685	0	191,817	370,000	561,817	561,817
<b>TOTAL BY APPROPRIATION ORG</b>		<b>41,383,703</b>	<b>48,126,089</b>	<b>-5,181,961</b>	<b>-1,108,192</b>	<b>41,835,936</b>	<b>6,879,800</b>	<b>48,715,736</b>	<b>48,715,736</b>
PERSONAL SERVICES	0100	32,896,069	33,978,428	2,350,163	-707,873	35,620,718	150,000	35,770,718	35,770,718
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	0200	6,335,175	10,014,682	-4,790,851	-348,798	4,875,033	5,891,800	10,766,833	10,766,833
CENTRAL SERVICES/DATA SERV.	0400	359,275	341,416	-1	-9,200	332,215	0	332,215	332,215
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0700	715,137	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0900	1,078,047	3,791,563	-2,741,272	-42,321	1,007,970	838,000	1,845,970	1,845,970
<b>TOTAL BY OBJECT SERIES</b>		<b>41,383,703</b>	<b>48,126,089</b>	<b>-5,181,961</b>	<b>-1,108,192</b>	<b>41,835,936</b>	<b>6,879,800</b>	<b>48,715,736</b>	<b>48,715,736</b>
MEANS OF FUNDING									
GENERAL FUND	G	37,350,638	41,843,480	-2,912,291	-1,108,192	37,822,997	2,539,800	40,362,797	40,362,797
SPECIAL REVENUE	R	3,935,005	5,992,670	-2,266,333	0	3,726,337	4,340,000	8,066,337	8,066,337
FEDERAL FUNDS	X	98,060	289,939	-3,337	0	286,602	0	286,602	286,602
<b>TOTAL BY FUNDING</b>		<b>41,383,703</b>	<b>48,126,089</b>	<b>-5,181,961</b>	<b>-1,108,192</b>	<b>41,835,936</b>	<b>6,879,800</b>	<b>48,715,736</b>	<b>48,715,736</b>
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES									
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		0	198	0	0	198	1	199	199
PART TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		0	29	-2	-1	26	0	26	26
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		0	227	-2	-1	224	1	225	225
<b>TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>225</b>

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**WYOMING SUPREME COURT – AGENCY 101**

The Supreme Court's budget consists of seven programs: Supreme Court Administration, Judicial Nominating Commission, 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.

### 2011-2012 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Supreme Court's Recommended 2011-2012 Biennial Budget Request is \$48,715,736. 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	\$ 8,258,330	17.0 %	Personal Services (100)	73.0 %
Judicial Nominating Commission	\$ 15,001	.03%	Supportive Services (200)	22.0 %
Law Library	\$ 1,498,091	3.0 %	Central Services/Data Services (400)	1.0 %
Circuit Courts	\$26,103,984	54.0 %	Grants & Aid Payment (600)	0.0 %
Court Technology	\$10,752,328	22.0 %	Contractual Services (900)	4.0 %
Judicial Retirement	\$ 1,526,185	3.0 %		
Board of Judicial Policy & Administration	\$ 561,817	1.0%		
Total	\$48,715,736	100.03%		

#### Means of Funding

General fund	\$ 40,362,797
Special Revenue	\$ 8,066,337
Federal Funds	\$ 286,602
Total	\$ 48,715,736

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**SUMMARY OF 2011-2012 EXCEPTION BUDGET REQUEST**

The Supreme Court's 2011-2012 Standard Budget totaled \$41,835,936. The Court is submitting an exception budget request to increase the budget by \$6,876,800. The following is a summary of the exception budget requests.

**CIRCUIT COURTS – PROGRAM 0500 - \$30,800**

\$21,000 – Equipment: Cost to replace copy machines in the Goshen County Circuit Court THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST

\$ 7,300 – Equipment Cost to replace the telephone system in Carbon County Circuit Court and Weston County Circuit Court THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST

\$ 2,500 – Supplies & Printing: To cover the increased cost of supplies and printing in Sweetwater County – Rock Springs Circuit Court

One full-time position is requested in Johnson County Circuit Court to replace the position that was cut when the Joint Appropriations Committee denied approval of a full-time circuit court judge in the 2009-2010 Budget request. The proposal was to reclassify the current full-time magistrate position and was not a new position request. No funding is requested.

**COURT TECHNOLOGY – PROGRAM 0600 – \$2,139,000**

\$2,064,000 – Data Processing/Other Computer Equipment: To provide for a document management system and electronic filing in the District courts THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST

\$75,000 – Professional Fees: To cover the cost of programming for the document management system and electronic filing system THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST

**JUDICIAL SYSTEMS AUTOMATION – Program 0600 (Special Revenue Fund) \$4,340,000**

\$230,000 – Utilities: To cover the increased cost of network connectivity for 52 sites

\$3,547,000 – Data Processing/Other Computer Equipment: To cover the software and hardware for video appearance, digital audio recording, and updating of the current case management system in the circuit courts. THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST

\$545,000 – Professional Fees: To cover the cost of programming for video appearance, digital audio recording and the enterprise system for the circuit court. THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST

\$18,000 – Contractual Travel: To cover the cost of travel when installing the upgraded circuit court case management system

**BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADMINISTRATION – PROGRAM 0900 – \$370,000**

\$150,000 – Salaries Classified: To cover the cost of leave buy-outs for retirees.

\$ 20,000 – In-State Travel: We are requesting \$20,000 in order to continue to provide reimbursement of travel expenditures for the Court Security Commission

\$200,000 – Professional Fees: To cover the cost of drug court magistrate fees