

Agency Name: SUPREME COURT

B - Agency Summary

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Description	Code	2 Actual Expenditures 2009-2010	3 Base Budget	4 Adjustments to Base	5 Budget Reductions	6 Standard Budget Col. 3+4+5	7 Exception Request	8 Total Agency Request	Supreme Court Recommendation	
ADMINISTRATION	0100	7,483,774	10,743,668	25,123	0	10,768,791	535,000	11,303,791	11,303,791	
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMM	0200	15,000	15,001	0	0	15,001	0	15,001	15,001	
LAW LIBRARY	0400	1,494,577	1,498,091	24,192	0	1,522,283	71,200	1,593,483	1,593,483	
CIRCUIT COURTS	0500	23,935,863	26,075,689	301,945	0	26,377,634	43,620	26,421,254	26,421,254	
COURT TECHNOLOGY	0600	6,023,076	5,141,328	72,010	0	5,213,338	9,361,500	14,574,838	14,574,838	
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT	0700	1,413,935	1,526,185	-72,218	0	1,453,967	0	1,453,967	1,453,967	
BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADM	0900	943,277	561,817	0	0	561,817	1,083,780	1,645,597	1,645,597	
TOTAL BY APPROPRIATION ORG		41,309,502	45,561,779	351,052	0	45,912,831	11,095,100	57,007,931	57,007,931	
PERSONAL SERVICES	0100	33,355,964	36,486,625	354,389	0	36,841,014	858,500	37,699,514	37,699,514	
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	0200	5,416,773	5,219,773	0	0	5,219,773	3,090,320	8,310,093	8,310,093	
CENTRAL. SERVICES/DATA SERV.	0400	285,678	343,616	0	0	343,616	0	343,616	343,616	
GRANTS	0600	0	555,000	0	0	555,000	1,584,000	2,139,000	2,139,000	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0900	2,251,087	2,956,765	-3,337	0	2,953,428	5,562,280	8,515,708	8,515,708	
TOTAL BY OBJECT SERIES		41,309,502	45,561,779	351,052	0	45,912,831	11,095,100	57,007,931	57,007,931	
MEANS OF FUNDING										
GENERAL FUND	G	37,179,969	38,252,503	282,379	0	38,534,882	10,695,100	49,229,982	49,229,982	
SPECIAL REVENUE	R	4,059,904	7,019,337	72,010	0	7,091,347	400,000	7,491,347	7,491,347	
FEDERAL FUNDS	X	69,629	289,939	-3,337	0	286,602	0	286,602	286,602	
TOTAL BY FUNDING		41,309,502	45,561,779	351,052	0	45,912,831	11,095,100	57,007,931	57,007,931	
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES										
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		0	199	0	0	199	0	199	199	
PART TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		0	24	0	0	24	0	24	24	
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		0	223	0	0	223	0	223	223	
TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		0	223	0	0	223	0	223	223	

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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." Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 1; Wyo. Const. art. 2, § 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." Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 2. The Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in quo warranto and mandamus as to all state officers and in habeas corpus. Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 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. Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 3. Five justices, one of whom 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. Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 4.

By statute, the Supreme Court manages and supervises the circuit court system created by the Legislature. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-5-108. All 23 of the state's counties have elected to establish the circuit court system. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-5-102 through 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. Ann. § 5-1-101 through § 5-7-107. Those statutes, which specifically relate to the Supreme Court, are found in Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-2-101 through 501. Of particular note, the Supreme Court has extensive rule-making authority, Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-2-113 through 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. Ann. § 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. Wyo. Const. art. 1 and Preamble. 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." Wyo. Const. art. 1, § 8.

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

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five justices as they carry out their constitutional and statutory duties and responsibilities.

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 include, 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, juror fees, continuing judicial education programs, and judicial administration programs including membership in the National Center for State Courts.

2013-2014 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Supreme Court's Recommended 2013-2014 Biennial Budget Request is \$57,007,931. 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	\$11,303,791	19.83%	Personal Services (100)	66 %
Judicial Nominating Commission	\$ 15,001	.03%	Supportive Services (200)	14 %
Law Library	\$ 1,593,483	2.79%	Central Services/Data Services (400)	1 %
Circuit Courts	\$26,421,254	46.35%	Grants & Aid Payment (600)	4 %
Court Technology	\$14,574,838	25.56%	Contractual Services (900)	15 %
Judicial Retirement	\$ 1,453,967	2.55%		
Board of Judicial Policy & Administration	\$ 1,645,597	2.89%		
Total	\$57,007,931	100.00%		

Means of Funding

General fund	\$ 49,229,982
Special Revenue	\$ 7,491,347
Federal Funds	\$ 286,602
Total	\$ 57,007,931

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SUMMARY OF 2013-2014 EXCEPTION BUDGET REQUEST

The Supreme Court's 2013-2014 Standard Budget totaled \$45,912,831. The Court is submitting an exception budget request to increase the budget by \$11,095,100. The following is a summary of the exception budget requests.

ADMINISTRATION – DIVISION 0100 – \$535,000

\$58,000 – Dues-Licenses-Registrations: \$40,000 to cover the increased cost of dues to the National Center for State Courts, as well as \$18,000 to cover the increased cost of Westlaw for Supreme Court attorneys.

\$400,000 – Miscellaneous Payments (Special Revenue): To cover credit card transaction fees that are increasing substantially due to E-payments.

\$77,000 – To cover the \$57,000 cost of the market pay evaluation performed by The Hay Group, which is a ONE-TIME REQUEST, as well as \$20,000 to provide training for judges statewide (During the last biennium, out-of-state travel was cut for the judicial branch by approximately \$134,000)

LAW LIBRARY – DIVISION 0400 – \$71,200

\$9,200 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance: Cost to purchase a maintenance contract for the Library's electronic compact shelving.

\$50,000 – Education & Recreational Supplies: To cover increased prices for electronic subscription materials.

\$12,000 – Reproduction Other Equipment: Cost to replace copy machines in the Library. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

CIRCUIT COURTS – DIVISION 0500 - \$43,620

\$43,620 – Equipment: Cost to replace copy machines in the Lincoln County, Johnson County, and Campbell County Circuit Courts. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

COURT TECHNOLOGY – DIVISION 0600 – \$9,361,500

\$2,208,000 – Current and Ongoing Technology Operations: \$350,000 for hardware for the Supreme Court, District Courts, and Circuit Courts, which is a ONE-TIME REQUEST, as well as \$1,858,000 for software support and equipment maintenance for all courts.

\$2,600,000 – Statewide District Court Case Management System – Implementation and Completion: \$1,100,000 for data migration services, as well as \$1,500,000 for vendor implementation. THIS IS A ONE-TIME-REQUEST.

\$2,535,000 – Statewide Circuit Court Case Management System – Development and Pilot: \$1,650,000 will cover the cost of development of the system, \$400,000 will cover data migration, and the cost of calendaring and scheduling will be \$485,000. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

\$300,000 – Courtroom Technology Enhancements: To cover the cost of audio/visual equipment (\$175,000) and the setup/construction thereof (\$125,000) in courtrooms throughout the state. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

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\$134,500 – Circuit Court Judicial Appearance Network Enhancements: To cover the cost of video appearance capability, as well as support and maintenance, in up to 10 circuit courts. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

\$1,584,000 – Electronic Citation Grant Funding: To provide and manage a grant to Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police for the Electronic Citation Program. THIS IS A ONE-TIME-REQUEST.

BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADMINISTRATION – DIVISION 0900 - \$1,083,780

\$698,000 – Salaries Classified: To adjust Judicial Branch employees' salaries to 91% of market pay, following the evaluation by The Hay Group.

\$160,500 – Employer Paid Benefits: To cover the additional cost of benefits related to the pay adjustments indicated above.

\$112,000 – Professional Fees: To establish a \$100,000 contingency fund for necessary court security on high-profile court cases, as well as \$12,000 to cover the increased need for drug court magistrates.

\$113,280 – Professional Fees: \$85,120 for the cost of a time-study of the Circuit Court and District Court judges, as well as \$28,160 for a “Time to Disposition” study for Circuit and District Courts. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.