

THE JUDICIARY

Summary of Appropriations by Program
(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1989					Year Ending June 30, 1991		
Orig. & Supplemental	Reapp. & Recpts.	Transfers & Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	1990 Adjusted Approp.	Kean Admin. Request	Recommended
3,298	99	85	3,482	3,234			
9,550	612	-198	9,964	9,594	3,412	3,575	3,226
22,868	1,578	-557	23,889	21,820	9,522	10,345	9,377
11,405	496	859	12,760	12,434	21,016	24,417	21,584
9,172	720	201	10,093	9,172	12,271	13,719	13,158
583	505	4,282	5,370	5,199	9,007	10,536	9,843
4,222	185	19	4,426	4,228	602	940	843
9,252	43	642	9,937	9,865	4,105	6,749	4,607
712	36	299	1,047	980	10,447	9,905	9,068
11,557	755	463	12,775	12,581	990	1,094	989
1,873	46	596	2,515	2,462	11,681	14,420	10,520
23,336	284	427	24,047	5,997	2,136	2,325	2,083
107,828	5,359	7,118	120,305	97,566	5,514	5,585	4,566
					Judicial Services		
					Supreme Court		
					Superior Court-Appellate Division		
					Civil Courts		
					Criminal Courts		
					Family Courts		
					Municipal Courts		
					Probation Services		
					Court Reporting		
					Legal and Professional Services		
					Information Services		
					Field Operations		
					Management and Administration		
					90,703	103,610	89,864
					Total Appropriation		

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OBJECTIVES

1. To determine in a fair and expeditious manner the cases of all kinds which are brought to court.
2. To assist the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in carrying out the constitutional responsibility vested in that office as the administrative head of the entire New Jersey court system.
3. To provide the services and direct support necessary for the effective operation of the Judicial system throughout the State.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

01. **Supreme Court.** The State Supreme Court consists of the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and is the State court of final appeal. Pursuant to Article VI, Section V of the New Jersey Constitution, appeals may be taken to the Supreme Court in causes determined by the Appellate Division of the Superior Court involving a question arising under the Constitution of the United States or of this State; in causes in which there is a dissent in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court; in capital causes; on certification by the Supreme Court itself to the Superior Court and, where provided by rules of the Supreme Court, to the inferior courts; and in such other causes as may be provided by law.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section II of the Constitution, the Supreme Court makes rules governing the administration of the courts in the State.

02. **Superior Court, Appellate Division.** The Superior Court, pursuant to Article VI, Section III of the Constitution, includes an Appellate Division. The Appellate Division hears appeals from the Law and Chancery Divisions of the Superior Court, the Tax Court, and State administrative agencies.
03. **Civil Courts.** The Civil Courts include the Civil Part of the Law Division of Superior Court, the General Equity Part of the Chancery Division, and the Tax Court.

The Tax Court is a special category within Civil Courts. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:4A, it has jurisdiction to hear tax appeals of taxpayers and taxing districts with regard to assessment, railroad assessments levied by the State, sales taxes, franchise taxes, gross receipts and all other taxes levied by the State. The Court also hears appeals on homestead rebate denials issued by the Director of the Division of Taxation and appeals by taxing districts from both the equalization tables promulgated by the Director of the Division of Taxation for the distribution of school aid and the equalization tables promulgated by the various counties for the purpose of distributing costs of county government.

04. **Criminal Courts.** The Criminal Part of the Law Division of the Superior Court hears and determines all serious criminal cases following grand jury indictment. It also hears appeals from Municipal Courts.
05. **Family Courts.** The Family Courts hear and determine all causes involving the family including those causes previously heard by the Matrimonial Part of the Superior Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts.
06. **Municipal Courts.** The municipal courts are funded directly by the municipalities, but the State supports a unit within the Administrative Office of the Courts to train municipal court judges and clerks, promulgate manuals of procedures, collect data on municipal court operations, conduct studies for the improvement of municipal courts, and works with other State agencies on matters involving the municipal courts.
07. **Probation Services.** Probation Services supervises probation operations around the State, fixes standards, recruits and trains probation personnel, conducts research and field review of probation programs, coordinates community services programs, and supervises volunteer programs and conducts training of volunteers, and operates the Intensive Supervision Program.
08. **Court Reporting.** Court proceedings are recorded verbatim either by court reporters or by sound recordings, as provided by Supreme Court rules.
09. **Legal and Professional Services.** The Supreme Court, pursuant to Article VI, Section II of the Constitution, is responsible for practice and procedure in the courts of New Jersey. The support to fulfill this function includes judicial conduct, continuing education of judges and staff, rules development, and legal research.
10. **Information Services.** The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on court operations, including statistical analysis and reporting, records management, and management information systems.
11. **Field Operations.** The State provides direct services to trial courts around the State. These services include trial court administrative offices and technical services in systems analysis, jury management, libraries, and others.
12. **Management and Administration.** Provides overhead services in such areas as budgeting and accounting, purchasing, property maintenance, and personnel. Also administers programs that are wholly or partially reimbursable by special fees, such as Clients' Security Fund, Attorney Discipline, and the Board of Bar Examiners.

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EVALUATION DATA

	Actual FY 1988	Actual FY 1989	Revised FY 1990	Budget Estimate FY 1991
PROGRAM DATA				
Court Year—July 1 to June 30				
Supreme Court				
Appeals				
Added	244	252	270	275
Disposed	227	259	280	280
Pending June 30	194	187	177	172
Certifications added	1,354	1,475	1,500	1,525
Motions added	1,541	1,742	1,750	1,800
Disciplinary proceedings added	113	161	135	130
Superior Court—Appellate Division				
Appeals				
Added	6,458	6,492	6,600	6,754
Disposed	6,494	6,531	6,600	6,600
Pending June 30	5,145	5,106	5,106	5,260
Motions added	6,683	6,794	6,930	7,069
Civil Courts (b)				
Civil Cases				
Added	140,738 ^(a)	146,993	155,960	165,474
Disposed	136,408	125,128	133,219	133,219
Pending June 30	138,619 ^(a)	160,484	183,225	215,480
Average time to disposition (months)	12.2	15.4	16.5	19.4
Special Civil Component				
Added	420,868	443,158	459,901	477,277
Disposed	422,458	438,673	453,252	453,252
Pending June 30	38,618 ^(c)	43,103	49,752	73,777
Average time to disposition (months)	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.0
General Equity				
Added	7,752	7,910	8,383	8,884
Disposed	7,563	7,451	7,892	7,892
Pending June 30	4,093 ^(c)	4,552	5,043	6,035
Average time to disposition (months)	6.5	7.3	7.7	9.2
Judgment and Search Section				
Judgments Indexed and Docketed	94,006	112,913	108,596	119,455
Warrants of satisfactions, assignments, releases, etc	53,504	54,769	58,983	64,880
Automobile Arbitration				
Cases scheduled	31,676	36,440	33,944	36,000
Cases removed	2,961	3,521	2,578	3,240
Cases settled prior to hearing	9,661	9,482	10,320	10,080
Cases arbitrated	9,555	10,681	11,498	10,900
Trials de novo requests	4,892	5,157	6,518	5,160
Trials de novo completed	128	86	60	98
Tax Court				
Local Appeals				
Added	2,623	4,242	6,087	7,944
Closed	3,518 ^(c)	2,285	4,300	6,100
Pending June 30	2,229	4,186	5,973	7,817
State Appeals				
Filed	331	226	250	250
Disposed of	298	256	250	250
Pending June 30	230	200	200	200

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	Actual FY 1988	Actual FY 1989	Revised FY 1990	Budget Estimate FY 1991
Criminal Courts (b)				
Criminal Cases				
Added	43,837	53,215	55,876	58,670
Disposed	39,086	45,872	48,166	48,166
Pending June 30	19,788	23,039	26,894	32,146
Average time to disposition (months)	6.1	6.0	6.7	8.1
Public Defender Eligibility Review				
Applications	16,221	70,816	73,985	77,685
Applications approved for representation	14,112	61,610	64,367	67,586
Family Courts (b)				
Dissolution				
Added	38,143	40,436	45,798	51,871
Disposed	37,925	40,625	46,316	46,316
Pending June 30	17,401 ^(c)	17,212	16,694	22,249
Average time to disposition (months)	5.5	5.1	4.3	5.8
Juvenile Delinquency				
Added	113,312	117,179	124,470	132,215
Disposed	111,948	114,934	121,823	121,823
Pending June 30	9,585 ^(c)	11,830	14,477	24,869
Average time to disposition (months)	1.0	1.2	1.4	2.4
Non-Dissolution				
Added	98,370	101,502	110,115	119,459
Disposed	98,890	99,673	107,152	107,152
Pending June 30	5,420 ^(c)	7,249	10,212	22,519
Average time to disposition (months)	0.7	0.9	1.1	2.5
Domestic Violence				
Added	29,927	32,851	37,278	42,302
Disposed	29,992	32,605	36,936	36,936
Pending June 30	552 ^(c)	788	1,130	6,496
Average time to disposition (months)	0.2	0.3	0.4	2.1
Other Family - Abuse/Negligence Complaints				
Added	2,067	2,527	2,845	3,204
Disposed	1,957	2,534	2,896	2,896
Pending June 30	330	323	272	580
Average time to disposition (months)	2.0	1.5	1.1	2.4
Other Family - Adoption Complaints				
Added	2,538	2,613	2,942	3,313
Disposed	2,472	2,625	3,000	3,000
Pending June 30	668	656	598	911
Average time to disposition (months)	3.2	3.0	2.4	3.6
Other Family - Child Placement Review				
Added	4,892	4,992	5,621	6,330
Disposed	5,236	4,799	5,485	5,485
Pending June 30	9,252	9,445	9,581	10,426
Average time to disposition (months)	21.2	23.6	21.0	22.8
Other Family - Juvenile/Family Crisis Petition				
Added	1,701	1,562	1,759	1,981
Disposed	1,665	1,460	1,669	1,669
Pending June 30	106	154	244	556
Average time to disposition (months)	0.8	1.3	1.8	4.0
Other Family - Termination of Parental Rights Complaints				
Added	948	925	1,042	1,173
Disposed	881	978	1,118	1,118

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	Actual FY 1988	Actual FY 1989	Revised FY 1990	Budget Estimate FY 1991
Pending June 30	175	122	46	101
Average time to disposition (months)	2.4	1.5	0.5	1.1
Other Family - Other				
Added	473	2,512	2,829	3,185
Disposed	380	2,275	2,601	2,600
Pending June 30	155	390	618	1,203
Average time to disposition (months)	4.9	2.1	2.9	5.6
Volunteer Services				
Number of Volunteers	3,598	3,668	3,777	3,858
Number of Volunteer Hours Served	160,496	179,962	193,234	203,132
Municipal Courts				
Non-Traffic Violations				
Indictables	182,102	205,443	241,806	284,605
Disorderly Person	329,167	344,262	363,196	383,171
Other Non-Traffic	138,520	147,510	158,278	169,832
Traffic Violations				
Drunk Driving	44,337	46,856	49,761	52,846
Moving Violations	2,024,090	2,110,180	2,289,545	2,484,156
Parking	3,818,512	3,724,677	3,840,141	3,959,185
Probation Services				
Adults Under Supervision	53,300	53,979	55,898	57,575
Juveniles Under Supervision	11,111 ^(c)	11,500	12,000	12,500
Intensive Supervision Program				
Applications	1,680 ^(c)	1,900	2,200	2,500
Assessment Reports	400 ^(c)	650	800	910
Resentencing Panel Hearings	1,197	1,175	1,585	2,500
Participants	397	422	525	625
Revocations	121 ^(c)	136	165	195
Community Services				
Persons Sentenced	20,257	19,756	30,340	34,135
Total Hours Served	1,373,859	1,456,685	1,447,789	1,526,389
Active Cases as of June 30	22,842	25,590	27,476	28,774
Child Support & Paternity - Title IV-D				
Child Support Hearings	44,474	59,039	73,000	85,000
Collections	\$265,412,178	\$283,919,937	\$308,000,000	\$378,000,000
Automated Child Support Enforcement System				
Checks Distributed	2,572,887	2,678,433	2,975,000	3,700,000
Information Services				
System Installation Sites				
Automated Case Management System				
Law & Equity	4	10	6	1
Special Civil Part	—	2	8	11
Family Automated Case Tracking System	—	2	5	8
Criminal				
Promis/Gavel	—	2	14	5
Adult Probation	—	—	0	6
Automated Traffic System	8	73	88 ^(d)	153 ^(d)
Municipal Criminal	—	—	40 ^(d)	153 ^(d)

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	Actual FY 1988	Actual FY 1989	Revised FY 1990	Budget Estimate FY 1991
PERSONNEL DATA				
Affirmative Action Data				
Male Minority	60	71	78	84
Male Minority %	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.5
Female Minority	207	230	250	260
Female Minority %	15.4	15.8	17.0	17.1
Total Minority	267	301	328	344
Total Minority %	19.9	20.7	22.3	22.6
Position Data				
Budgeted Positions	1,556	1,614	1,619	1,621
Supreme Court	57	74	74	71
Superior Court—Appellate Division	228	231	231	232
Civil Courts	450	426	426	425
Criminal Courts	138	147	147	149
Family Courts	109	110	115	116
Municipal Courts	14	12	12	12
Probation Services	32	25	25	23
Court Reporting	226	227	227	227
Legal and Professional Services	17	25	25	26
Information Services	132	168	168	168
Field Operations	39	41	41	42
Management and Administration	114	128	128	130
Authorized Positions—Federal	52	59	59	58
Authorized Positions—All Other	50	52	52	57
Positions Budgeted in Lump Sum Appropriations	68	92	92	104
Total Positions	1,726	1,817	1,822	1,840

- Notes: (a) The basis for case load data in the Civil Courts has been changed from first answer to complaints in order to more accurately reflect case workloads.
- (b) Data for cases disposed during Fiscal Year 90 and Fiscal Year 91 reflect the reassignment of judges among the various courts to respond to the drug crisis. This results in reduced dispositions in some of the Family and Civil Courts and increased dispositions in the Criminal Courts.
- (c) Some actual Fiscal Year 1988 Evaluation Data figures have been adjusted to reflect physical recount results.
- (d) Fiscal Year 90 and Fiscal Year 91 installations are dependent upon passage of the legislation establishing a one dollar surcharge on traffic tickets.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1989					Year Ending June 30, 1991				
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1990 Adjusted Approp.	Kean Admin. Request	Recom- mended	
3,298	99	85	3,482	3,234	01	3,412	3,575	3,226	
9,550	612	-198	9,964	9,594					
22,868	1,578	-557	23,889	21,820					
11,405	496	859	12,760	12,434	02	9,522	10,345	9,377	
9,172	720	201	10,093	9,172	03	21,016	24,417	21,584	
583	505	4,282	5,370	5,199	04	12,271	13,719	13,158	
4,222	185	19	4,426	4,228	05	9,007	10,536	9,843	
9,252	43	642	9,937	9,865	06	602	940	843	
712	36	299	1,047	980	07	4,105	6,749	4,607	
					08	10,447	9,905	9,068	
					09	990	1,094	989	

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Year Ending June 30, 1989					Year Ending June 30, 1991			
Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (E) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1990 Adjusted Approp.	Kean Admin. Request	Recommended
11,557	755	463	12,775	12,581				
1,873	46	596	2,515	2,462	Information Services	11,681	14,420	10,520
23,336	284	427	24,047	5,997	Field Operations	2,136	2,325	2,083
					Management and Administration	5,514	5,585	4,566
107,828	5,359	7,118	120,305	97,566	Total Appropriation	90,703	103,610	89,864
Distribution by Object								
Personal Services:								
95	—	—	95	95	Chief Justice	95	108	108
558	—	—	558	558	Associate Justices (6@ \$93,000)	558	615	615
—	—	—	—	—	Judicial Positions Converted	425	170	170
30,651	419	-357	30,713	29,146	Judges	29,820	34,107	34,107
34,415	617	1,774	36,806	35,478	Salaries and Wages	37,453	39,975	35,293
—	—	—	—	—	New Positions	—	310	—
65,719	1,036	1,417	68,172	65,277	Total Personal Services	68,351^(a)	75,285	70,293
2,376	321	-127	2,570	2,487	Materials and Supplies	2,470	2,432	2,258
9,363	992	-364	9,991	9,803	Services Other Than Personal	8,638	8,187	6,844
444	106	88	638	415	Maintenance and Fixed Charges	378	344	309
Special Purpose:								
150	26	177	353	350	Rules Development	01	255	255
1,100	507	-524	1,083	844	Automobile Arbitration	03	600	1,100
800	564	-1,004	360	205	Alternative Dispute Resolution	03	400	80
—	—	146	146	94	Personal Injury Arbitration	03	—	615
225	157	5	387	273	Criminal Disposition Commission	04	225	310
101	2	1	104	103	Computerized County Jail Information System	04	101	—
500	132	19	651	649	Speedy Trial Program, Case Processing Improvement	04	500	500
755	90	-90	755	714	Child Support and Paternity Program (State Share)	05	755	1,121
75	56	1	132	92	Child Placement Review Advisory Council	05	75	75
—	8	—	8	5	Developmentally Disabled Task Force—Juvenile Delinquency Commission	05	—	—
425	235	1	661	453	Juvenile Delinquency Commission	05	425	525
—	—	50	50	50	Special Program for Court Appointed Special Advocates	05	—	—
—	426	-142	284	267	Municipal Court Assistance	06	—	310
—	32	4,353	4,385	4,342	Automated Traffic System for Municipal Courts	06	—	—
2,984	123	2	3,109	2,952	Intensive Supervision Program	07	2,984	3,984
—	—	—	—	—	Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program	07	—	1,630
157	1	1	159	152	Affirmative Action	12	179	179

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Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (B) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1990 Adjusted Approp.	Kean Admin. Request	Recommended
—	15	11	26	12	Justice Complex Daycare Center	12	—	—
18,000	—	—	18,000	—	County Court Takeover	12	—	—
—	23	-23	—	—	Compensation Awards		—	—
<u>25,272</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>2,984</u>	<u>30,653</u>	<u>11,557</u>	<i>Total Special Purpose</i>		<u>6,499</u>	<u>10,684</u>
—	—	657	657	657	<i>Grants:</i>			
—	26	45	71	71	Alternative Dispute Resolution	03	—	720
—	—	5	5	5	Bergen County Differentiated Case Management Project	03	—	—
—	—	136	136	136	Direct Filing	03	—	—
—	—	105	105	105	Personal Injury Arbitration	03	—	—
496	100	—	596	496	Automated Case Management System Backloading	03	—	—
—	252	-252	—	—	Public Defender Eligibility Review	04	496	496
380	—	252	632	532	Child Placement Review Advisory Council	05	—	—
—	—	35	35	35	Child Placement Review Boards	05	380	380
876	378	983	2,237	2,037	Office of Attorney Ethics	07	—	—
<u>3,778</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>2,137</u>	<u>6,044</u>	<u>5,990</u>	<i>Total Grants</i>		<u>876</u>	<u>1,596</u>
					Additions, Improvements and Equipment		3,491	5,082
								2,463
OTHER RELATED APPROPRIATIONS								
1,910	200	-547	1,563	1,503	<i>Total Grants-in-Aid</i>		1,635	1,325
<u>109,738</u>	<u>5,559</u>	<u>6,571</u>	<u>121,868</u>	<u>99,069</u>	<i>Total General Fund</i>		<u>92,338</u>	<u>104,935</u>
—	—	—	—	—	<i>Federal Funds</i>			
—	185 ^R	—	185	185	Civil Courts	03	49	47
—	2	—	—	—	Criminal Courts	04	84	—
—	27 ^R	24,291	24,320	24,320	Family Courts	05	26,743	30,188
—	—	51	51	51	Municipal Courts	06	93	10
—	4 ^R	—	4	4	Probation Services	07	143	—
—	—	31	31	31	Information Services	10	—	—
—	—	2	2	2	Management and Administration	12	34	—
—	218	24,375	24,593	24,593	<i>Total Federal Funds</i>		<u>27,146</u>	<u>30,245</u>
—	5	—	—	—	<i>All Other Funds</i>			
—	355 ^R	1	361	361	Civil Courts	03	417	391
—	16	—	—	—	Family Courts	05	—	—
—	50 ^R	—	66	—	Management and Administration	12	3,375	3,603
—	14	—	—	—				
—	2,141 ^R	1	2,156	2,131				
—	2,581	2	2,583	2,492	<i>Total All Other Funds</i>		<u>3,792</u>	<u>3,994</u>
<u>109,738</u>	<u>8,358</u>	<u>30,948</u>	<u>149,044</u>	<u>126,154</u>	GRAND TOTAL		<u>123,276</u>	<u>139,174</u>
								<u>125,428</u>

Notes: (a) The 1990 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of the salary program.

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LANGUAGE PROVISIONS

It is recommended that the unexpended balance as of June 30, 1990 in this account be appropriated.

It is further recommended that receipts from charges to the Superior Court Trust Fund, Clients' Security Fund, Ethics Financial Committee, Board on Trial Attorney Certification and the Bar Admission Financial Committee be appropriated for services provided to these funds.

It is further recommended that, effective through December 31, 1990 and notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of (C2A:1A-6), the salaries of the following justices and judges be fixed and established as follows:

Title	Salary
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	\$95,000
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	93,000
Judge of the Superior Court Appellate Division	90,000
Judge of the Superior Court Assignment Judge	88,000
Judge of the Superior Court	85,000

107,828	5,359	7,118	120,305	97,566	Total Appropriation, The Judiciary	90,703	103,610	89,864
4,106,120	219,208	-17,959	4,307,369	4,109,250	Grand Total, Direct State Services	4,221,607	4,823,350	4,424,224

NOTES