

THE JUDICIARY
 Summary of Appropriations by Program
 (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1990					Year Ending June 30, 1992			
Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (E) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended		1991 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
3,307	327	-77	3,557	3,416	Judicial Services			
9,194	435	494	10,123	9,817	Supreme Court	3,309	3,740	3,430
20,659	1,963	-1,678	20,944	19,783	Superior Court-Appellate Division	9,740	10,984	10,280
12,206	248	1,075	13,529	13,256	Civil Courts	21,505	23,014	16,094
8,938	885	-471	9,352	8,948	Criminal Courts	12,466	16,033	12,044
571	270	719	1,560	1,520	Family Courts	9,468	11,174	8,771
4,056	210	266	4,532	4,244	Municipal Courts	878	975	890
9,867	107	-2	9,972	9,550	Probation Services	4,675	8,664	4,833
937	81	144	1,162	1,069	Court Reporting	9,582	10,322	7,303
11,392	740	-46	12,086	11,272	Legal and Professional Services	1,056	1,209	1,056
2,016	64	244	2,324	2,225	Information Services	10,843	14,683	9,514
5,290	151	490	5,931	5,252	Field Operations	2,229	2,444	1,762
					Management and Administration	4,643	5,524	4,417
88,433	5,481	1,158	95,072	90,352	Total Appropriation	90,394	108,766	80,394

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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 1989	Actual FY 1990	Revised FY 1991	Budget Estimate FY 1992
PROGRAM DATA				
Court Year—July 1 to June 30 (a)(b)				
Supreme Court				
Appeals				
Added	252	195	230	240
Disposed	259	204	230	240
Pending June 30	187	178	178	178
Certifications added	1,475	1,217	1,350	1,425
Motions added	1,742	1,704	1,775	1,800
Disciplinary proceedings added	161	201	165	170
Superior Court—Appellate Division				
Appeals				
Added	6,492	7,007	7,217	7,434
Disposed	6,531	6,284	6,800	6,800
Pending June 30	5,106	5,829	6,246	6,880
Motions added	6,794	7,139	7,353	7,573
Civil Courts (c)				
Civil Cases				
Added	146,993	160,465	175,095	191,222
Disposed	125,128	150,247	132,416	123,644
Pending June 30	160,685	170,903	213,582	281,160
Average time to disposition (months)	15.4	13.6	19.4	27.3
Special Civil Component				
Added	443,158	478,308	508,127	540,102
Disposed	438,673	472,296	498,311	526,064
Pending June 30	42,635	48,647	58,463	72,501
Average time to disposition (months)	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.7
General Equity				
Added	7,910	8,410	8,885	9,427
Disposed	7,451	8,447	9,143	9,954
Pending June 30	4,629	4,592	4,334	3,807
Average time to disposition (months)	7.5	6.5	5.7	4.6
Judgment and Search Section				
Judgments Indexed and Docketed	101,911	117,916	129,000	141,900
Warrants of satisfactions, assignments, releases, etc	54,769	53,736	59,000	64,900
Automobile Arbitration				
Cases scheduled	36,440	43,753	28,920	35,057
Cases removed	3,521	5,289	3,496	4,337
Cases settled prior to hearing	9,482	10,611	7,013	8,701
Cases arbitrated	10,681	12,770	8,441	10,471
Trials de novo requests	5,157	5,825	3,850	4,777
Trials de novo completed	86	51	34	42
Tax Court				
Local Appeals				
Added	4,242	6,073	9,290	12,356
Closed	2,285	3,463	5,000	6,000
Pending June 30	4,186	6,796	11,086	17,442
State Appeals				
Filed	226	251	302	302
Disposed of	256	211	302	302
Pending June 30	203	243	243	243

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	Actual FY 1989	Actual FY 1990	Revised FY 1991	Budget Estimate FY 1992
Criminal Courts (d)				
Criminal Cases				
Added	53,215	57,223	60,084	63,090
Disposed	45,872	50,609	57,371	63,991
Pending June 30	22,965	26,059	27,736	27,285
Average time to disposition (months)	6.0	6.2	5.8	5.1
Public Defender Eligibility Review				
Applications	70,816	70,848	74,390	78,109
Applications approved for representation	61,610	62,346	65,463	68,736
Family Courts				
Dissolution				
Added	40,436	42,979	47,732	48,341
Disposed	40,625	42,374	47,183	47,776
Pending June 30	17,067	17,672	18,221	18,786
Average time to disposition (months)	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.7
Juvenile Delinquency				
Added	117,179	117,602	124,117	131,353
Disposed	114,934	114,976	121,599	129,053
Pending June 30	11,563	14,189	16,707	19,007
Average time to disposition (months)	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.8
Non-Dissolution				
Added	101,502	114,045	124,830	137,425
Disposed	99,673	113,464	124,475	137,365
Pending June 30	7,416	7,997	8,352	8,412
Average time to disposition (months)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Domestic Violence				
Added	32,851	35,166	38,681	42,550
Disposed	32,605	35,305	38,834	42,716
Pending June 30	784	645	492	326
Average time to disposition (months)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Other Family - Abuse/Negligence Complaints				
Added	2,527	2,930	3,230	3,552
Disposed	2,534	2,945	3,240	3,563
Pending June 30	349	334	324	313
Average time to disposition (months)	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.1
Other Family - Adoption Complaints				
Added	2,613	2,544	2,730	2,946
Disposed	2,625	2,529	2,717	2,937
Pending June 30	676	691	704	713
Average time to disposition (months)	3.1	3.3	3.1	2.9
Other Family - Child Placement Review				
Added	4,992	4,901	5,081	5,275
Disposed	4,799	4,766	5,286	6,061
Pending June 30	9,379	9,514	9,309	8,523
Average time to disposition (months)	23.4	24.0	21.1	16.9
Other Family - Juvenile/Family Crisis Petition				
Added	1,562	1,376	1,507	1,707
Disposed	1,460	1,382	1,531	1,728
Pending June 30	149	143	119	98
Average time to disposition (months)	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.7
Other Family - Termination of Parental Rights Complaints				
Added	925	860	1,027	1,270
Disposed	978	846	1,014	1,298
Pending June 30	118	132	145	117
Average time to disposition (months)	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.1

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Other Family - Other				
Added	2,512	5,624	7,028	8,756
Disposed	2,275	5,360	6,696	8,375
Pending June 30	550	814	1,146	1,527
Average time to disposition (months)	2.9	1.8	2.1	2.2
Volunteer Services				
Number of Volunteers	3,668	3,745	3,850	3,883
Number of Volunteer Hours Served	179,962	201,416	217,048	219,538
Municipal Courts				
Non-Traffic Violations				
Indictables	205,443	218,261	238,122	259,791
Disorderly Person	344,262	350,393	361,955	373,900
Other Non-Traffic	147,510	155,680	165,020	174,922
Traffic Violations				
Drunk Driving	46,856	46,548	48,689	50,928
Moving Violations	2,110,180	2,125,333	2,171,027	2,217,704
Parking	3,724,677	3,627,207	3,536,526	3,448,113
Probation Services				
Adults Under Supervision	53,979	64,058	69,503	75,410
Juveniles Under Supervision	11,500	11,379	11,843	12,308
Intensive Supervision Program				
Applications	1,900	2,124	2,400	3,100
Assessment Reports	650	514	660	1,165
Resentencing Panel Hearings	1,175	1,570	2,100	2,310
Participants	422	527	600	600
Revocations	136	178	240	260
Community Services				
Persons Sentenced	19,756	25,700	29,000	32,000
Total Hours Served	1,456,685	1,612,597	1,757,000	1,915,000
Active Cases as of June 30	25,590	31,194	34,300	37,000
Child Support & Paternity - Title IV-D				
Child Support Hearings	59,039	76,691	79,000	84,000
Collections	\$283,919,937	\$305,796,945	\$336,000,000	\$383,000,000
Automated Child Support Enforcement System Checks Distributed	1,587,144	1,945,793	2,052,000	2,320,000
Information Services (e)				
System Installation Sites				
Automated Case Management System				
Law & Equity	10	4	3	—
Special Civil Part	2	5	3	4
Family Automated Case Tracking System	2	2	4	5
Criminal				
Promis/Gavel	2	5	9	5
PERSONNEL DATA				
Affirmative Action Data				
Male Minority	71	73	74	78
Male Minority %	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.1
Female Minority	230	248	251	258
Female Minority %	15.8	16.5	16.6	16.8
Total Minority	301	321	326	336
Total Minority %	20.7	21.4	21.6	21.9

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	Actual FY 1989	Actual FY 1990	Revised FY 1991	Budget Estimate FY 1992
Position Data				
Budgeted Positions	1,614	1,619	1,621	1,621
Supreme Court	74	71	71	71
Superior Court—Appellate Division	231	232	232	232
Civil Courts	426	416	425	416
Criminal Courts	147	165	149	183
Family Courts	110	108	116	118
Municipal Courts	12	12	12	13
Probation Services	25	23	23	23
Court Reporting	227	227	227	227
Legal and Professional Services	25	26	26	26
Information Services	168	170	168	142
Field Operations	41	42	42	45
Management and Administration	128	127	130	125
Authorized Positions—Federal	59	60	83	68
Authorized Positions—All Other	55	73	75	75
Positions Budgeted in Lump Sum Appropriations	89	88	101	101
Total Positions	1,817	1,840	1,880	1,865

- Notes: (a) Some actual Fiscal Year 1989 Evaluation Data figures have been changed to reflect physical recount results.
 (b) The method of counting has been changed to more accurately reflect workloads. Actual Fiscal Year 89 figures have been adjusted accordingly.
 (c) 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.
 (d) Data for cases disposed during Fiscal Years 90, 91 and 92 reflect the reassignment of judges among the various courts to respond to the drug crisis.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1990					Year Ending June 30, 1992			
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1991 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended
Distribution by Program								
3,307	327	-77	3,557	3,416	01	3,309	3,740	3,430
9,194	435	494	10,123	9,817				
20,659	1,963	-1,678	20,944	19,783	02	9,740	10,984	10,280
12,206	248	1,075	13,529	13,256	03	21,505	23,014	16,094
8,938	885	-471	9,352	8,948	04	12,466	16,033	12,044
571	270	719	1,560	1,520	05	9,468	11,174	8,771
4,056	210	266	4,532	4,244	06	878	975	890
9,867	107	-2	9,972	9,550	07	4,675	8,664	4,833
937	81	144	1,162	1,069	08	9,582	10,322	7,303
11,392	740	-46	12,086	11,272	09	1,056	1,209	1,056
2,016	64	244	2,324	2,225	10	10,843	14,683	9,514
5,290	151	490	5,931	5,252	11	2,229	2,444	1,762
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88,433	5,481	1,158	95,072	90,352		90,394	108,766	80,394
Total Appropriation								

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Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (E) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1991 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
					Distribution by Object			
					Personal Services:			
95	—	—	95	95		108	120	120
558	—	—	558	558		615	690	690
30,245	1,568	—	31,813	31,046		34,077	38,449	29,490
35,183	1,335	2,497	39,015	37,169		37,683	43,460	32,033
—	—	—	—	—		—	296	—
66,081	2,903	2,497	71,481	68,868		72,483 ^(a)	83,015	62,333
2,470	299	-71	2,698	2,468		2,218	2,257	2,218
8,638	846	-1,427	8,057	7,399		6,734	7,419	6,734
378	260	13	651	452		309	371	309
					Special Purpose:			
255	40	54	349	337	01	155	155	155
600	138	-1	737	590	03	350	600	350
400	55	-311	144	54				
—	93	-7	86	—	03	80	80	80
225	89	2	316	261	03	—	450	150
101	10	427	538	515	04	210	324	210
500	7	-96	411	401	04	—	—	—
496	—	-496	—	—	04	26	26	26
755	105	—	860	860	04	—	—	—
75	31	1	107	93	05	893	1,092	893
425	161	1	587	393	05	75	75	75
380	—	-380	—	—	05	325	325	325
—	8	287	295	294	05	—	—	—
—	124	572	696	681	06	310	310	310
2,984	148	-1	3,131	2,993	06	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	06	3,584	5,661	3,584
179	9	2	190	152	07	—	1,780	—
7,375	1,018	54	8,447	7,624	07	179	179	179
3,491	155	92	3,738	3,541	12	—	—	—
					Total Special Purpose			
					Additions, Improvements and Equipment			
					OTHER RELATED APPROPRIATIONS			
1,635	801	695	3,131	2,907		3,745	3,288	3,288
90,068	6,282	1,853	98,203	93,259		94,139	112,054	83,682

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Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (E) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1991 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
Federal Funds									
—	75 ^R	—	75	75	03	19	4	4	
—	73 ^R	357	430	430	04	—	89	89	
—	54	26,438	26,492	26,479	05	30,188	33,098	33,098	
—	—	228	228	228	06	10	—	—	
—	114 ^R	1	115	115	07	124	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	10	—	187	187	
—	62 ^R	—	62	62	11	118	—	—	
—	—	23	23	23	12	—	—	—	
—	378	27,047	27,425	27,412		30,459	33,378	33,378	
Total Federal Funds									
All Other Funds									
—	322 ^R	-3	319	319	03	391	391	391	
—	76	—	76	49	05	—	—	—	
—	27	—	—	—					
—	3,162 ^R	3	3,192	3,182	12	3,603	4,058	4,058	
—	3,587	—	3,587	3,550		3,994	4,449	4,449	
—	—	—	—	—					
90,068	10,247	28,900	129,215	124,221		128,592	149,881	121,509	
GRAND TOTAL									

Notes: (a) The 1991 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of the salary program.

LANGUAGE PROVISIONS

It is recommended that the unexpended balance as of June 30, 1991 in these respective accounts be appropriated. It is further recommended that receipts from charges to Special Purpose and Grant accounts listed hereinabove be appropriated for services provided to these funds.

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

It is further recommended that notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1974, c.57 (C.2A:1A-6), the salaries of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court shall be fixed and established at \$115,000 per year.

It is further recommended that, in addition to the amount hereinabove recommended for the Judiciary, receipts attributable to changes in fee structure or fee increases, not to exceed \$30 million, be appropriated subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

88,433	5,481	1,158	95,072	90,352	Total Appropriation, The Judiciary	90,394	108,766	80,394
4,216,074	196,940	-6,848	4,406,166	4,143,143	Grand Total, Direct State Services	4,432,824	4,683,635	4,302,738