

*Senate
Democratic Minority
"Blue Book"*

JUDICIARY

Funding Source	Adjusted Appropriation 2014-15	Executive Recommendation 2015-16	\$ Change	% Change
OPERATING BUDGET				
General Fund	\$1,821,881,158	\$1,870,072,991	\$48,191,833	2.57%
Special Revenue-Fed	\$7,500,000	\$8,00,000	\$500,000	6.25%
Special Revenue-Other	\$110,249,640	\$108,577,463	(\$1,672,177)	-1.5%
Total Operating Funds	\$1,939,630,798	\$1,986,650,454	\$47,019,656	2.36%
GENERAL STATE CHARGES				
General Fund	\$642,103,529	\$668,702,070	\$26,598,541	3.97%
Special Revenue-Fed	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Special Revenue Other	\$27,030,262	\$27,578,430	\$797,865	1.98%
Total General State Charges	\$669,133,791	\$696,280,500	\$27,146,709	3.89%
Total	\$2,711,142,084	\$2,789,576,538	\$78,434,454	2.81%

The Judiciary is one of the three branches of New York State Government. Article VI of the State Constitution establishes a Unified Court System (UCS), defines the organization and jurisdiction of the courts and provides for the administrative supervision of the courts by a Chief Administrator on behalf of the Chief Judge of the State of New York. Pursuant to the Unified Court Budget Act, the cost of operating the UCS, excluding town and village courts, is borne by the State. The Judiciary provides a forum for the resolution of civil claims and family disputes, criminal charges and charges of juvenile delinquency, disputes between citizens and their government, and challenges to government actions. It also supervises the administration of estates, considers adoption petitions, and presides over dissolution of marriages, and provides protection for children and the mentally ill. In addition, the Judiciary regulates the admission of lawyers to the New York State Bar and regulates their conduct.

The Judiciary's General Fund Operating Budget request is \$1.87 billion. The request is an increase of \$48 million, or 2.57% over SFY 2015-16 appropriation. On a cash basis, the requested increase is 2.5% (\$45.30 million).

The Governor and the Office of Court Administration (OCA) have agreed to a \$9.02 million cash reduction in the request submitted to the Executive. This will reduce the percentage increase to 2%. OCA expects to achieve this reduction by improving cash

Exhibit 7-c

management and renegotiating contracts with their vendors. They expect to have no reduction in services or reduction in personnel.

In addition, this budget recommendation includes the full year operating costs for the 20 new Family Court Judges and quarter year funding for 5 judges to be elected this year.

The Executive Budget continues the back fill of the shortfall in the Interest on Lawyer Accounts (IOLA) at \$15 million. In addition the Budget includes a \$15 million increase for Civil Legal Services.

Local Assistance is continued at \$2.4 million for the Town and Village JCAP program. Aid to Localities for Court Facility Maintenance is increased from \$99 million in SFY 2014-2015 to \$104.20 million in SFY 2015-16.

LEGISLATURE

Funding Source	Adjusted Appropriation 2014-2015	Executive Recommendation 2015-2016	\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$217,844,801	\$217,844,801	\$0	0%
Special Revenue-Other	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$0	0%
Total	\$219,444,801	\$219,444,801	\$0	0%

The recommended General Fund appropriation of \$217.84 million for SFY 2015-16. This represents no change in funds appropriated for each of the last five fiscal years.

The Executive recommended appropriations of \$1.60 million for Special Revenue Fund-Other and \$500,000 for Grants and Bequests Funds for SFY 2015-16 represent no change from the amounts appropriated from the previous fiscal year.