

## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**Subject:** FOIL/Records Request: Judicial salaries resulting from the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation  
**Attachments:** judicial-salary-chart-8-29-11-report.pdf

**TO: Shawn Kerby/Office of Court Administration Records Access Officer-Assistant Deputy Counsel**

Judiciary Law Article 7-B (§§220-224) has yet to be amended to reflect the increase in judicial salaries resulting from the August 29, 2011 Report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation and the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation.

The August 29, 2011 Report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation included a salary chart (at pp. 9-10), "prepared by the Office of Court Administration" (fn. 19), specifying the increased salaries for the different classifications of judges – and, for your convenience, a copy is annexed. However, there was no comparable chart in the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, even with respect to the judicial salaries for the first year of increase.

Consequently, pursuant to Public Officers Law VI and §124 of the Chief Administrator's Rules [FOIL], this is to request public records reflecting the increased judicial salaries resulting from the December 24, 2015 Report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation for the different classifications of judges in each of the four years of increases: 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Most immediately, please furnish me with the 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 salaries of county court judges for each of the 57 counties listed in Judiciary Law §221-d. The currently listed salaries – which ceased to be correct as of April 1, 2012 – are as follows:

Albany	131,400
Allegany	119,800
Broome	119,800
Cattaraugus	119,800
Cayuga	122,700
Chautauqua	119,800
Chemung	119,800
Chenango	119,800
Clinton	121,200
Columbia	119,800
Cortland	119,800
Delaware	119,800
Dutchess	125,600
Erie	125,600
Essex	119,800
Franklin	119,800
Fulton	119,800
Genesee	119,800
Greene	119,800
Hamilton	119,800
Herkimer	119,800
Jefferson	119,800
Lewis	119,800



Livingston	119,800
Madison	119,800
Monroe	125,600
Montgomery	119,800
Nassau	136,700
Niagara	119,800
Oneida	119,800
Onondaga	125,600
Ontario	119,800
Orange	125,600
Orleans	119,800
Oswego	119,800
Otsego	119,800
Putnam	131,400
Rensselaer	119,800
Rockland	125,600
St. Lawrence	119,800
Saratoga	119,800
Schenectady	119,800
Schoharie	119,800
Schuyler	119,800
Seneca	119,800
Steuben	119,800
Suffolk	136,700
Sullivan	127,000
Tioga	119,800
Tompkins	122,700
Ulster	131,400
Warren	119,800
Washington	119,800
Wayne	119,800
Westchester	136,700
Wyoming	119,800
Yates	119,800

Please prioritize and furnish me the requested records as to the salaries for judges of the above 57 county courts as soon as possible, leaving the balance for your subsequent response.

Finally, please confirm that the 2020 salaries for all the different classifications of judges are unchanged from what they were in 2019.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Requesting information regarding judicial salaries

Good evening,

All requests for such information must go through our FOIL officer. Please send a completed FOIL Request Form (available by clicking here [FOIL REQUEST FORM](#)) to our FOIL Officer:

Shawn Kerby, Assistant Deputy Counsel  
FOIL Officer  
Office of Court Administration  
25 Beaver Street, Room 1170  
New York, NY 10004

Or email [foil@nycourts.gov](mailto:foil@nycourts.gov)

Thank you,  
Maureen Rossi  
OCA Payroll Manager



"Salary Chart prepared by the Office of Court Administration" appearing at pages 9-10 of the August 29, 2011 Report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation

<u>Court</u>	<u>April 1, 2012</u>	<u>April 1, 2013</u>	<u>April 1, 2014</u>
<b>Court of Appeals</b>			
Chief Judge:	\$182,600	\$190,600	\$198,600
Associate Judge:	\$177,000	\$184,800	\$192,500
<b>Appellate Division</b>			
Presiding Justice:	\$172,800	\$180,400	\$187,900
Associate Justice:	\$168,600	\$176,000	\$183,300
<b>Appellate Term</b>			
Presiding Justice:	\$167,100	\$174,400	\$181,700
Associate Justice:	\$163,600	\$170,700	\$177,900
<b>Administrative Judges</b>			
Dep. CAJ (NYC):	\$168,600	\$176,000	\$183,300
Dep. CAJ (outside NYC):	\$168,600	\$176,000	\$183,300
AJ (in NYC; Jud. Dist.; county):	\$165,700	\$172,900	\$180,200
<b>Supreme Court</b>			
Justice:	\$160,000	\$167,000	\$174,000
<b>Court of Claims</b>			
Presiding Judge:	\$168,600	\$176,000	\$183,300
Judge:	\$160,000	\$167,000	\$174,000
<b>County Court</b>			
Earning \$136,700 on 3/31/12:	\$160,000	\$167,000	\$174,000
Earning \$131,400 on 3/31/12:	\$153,800	\$160,600	\$167,300
Earning \$127,000 on 3/31/12:	\$148,700	\$155,200	\$161,700
Earning \$125,600 on 3/31/12:	\$147,100	\$153,500	\$159,900
Earning \$122,700 on 3/31/12:	\$143,700	\$149,900	\$156,200
Earning \$121,200 on 3/31/12:	\$141,900	\$148,100	\$154,300
Earning \$119,800 on 3/31/12:	\$140,300	\$146,400	\$152,500
<b>Family Court</b>			
Earning \$136,700 on 3/31/12:	\$160,000	\$167,000	\$174,000
Earning \$127,000 on 3/31/12:	\$148,700	\$155,200	\$161,700
Earning \$125,600 on 3/31/12:	\$147,100	\$153,500	\$159,900
Earning \$119,800 on 3/31/12:	\$140,300	\$146,400	\$152,500
<b>Surrogate's Court</b>			
Earning \$136,700 on 3/31/12:	\$160,000	\$167,000	\$174,000
Earning \$135,800 on 3/31/12:	\$159,000	\$166,000	\$172,900
Earning \$129,900 on 3/31/12:	\$152,100	\$158,700	\$165,400
Earning \$125,600 on 3/31/12:	\$147,100	\$153,500	\$159,900
Earning \$121,200 on 3/31/12:	\$141,900	\$148,100	\$154,300
Earning \$119,800 on 3/31/12:	\$140,300	\$146,400	\$152,500
<b>Civil Court of NYC and Criminal Court of NYC</b>			
Judge of the Civil Court:	\$147,100	\$153,500	\$159,900
Housing Judge of the Civil Court:	\$135,100	\$141,000	\$146,900
Judge of the Criminal Court:	\$147,100	\$153,500	\$159,900



<b>District Court</b>			
Pres., Bd. Of Judges (Nassau):	\$148,600	\$155,100	\$161,600
Judge (Nassau):	\$143,700	\$149,900	\$156,200
Pres., Bd. Of Judges (Suffolk):	\$148,600	\$155,100	\$161,600
Judge (Suffolk):	\$143,700	\$149,900	\$156,200
<b>City Courts outside NYC</b>			
Earning \$119,500 on 3/31/12:	\$139,900	\$146,000	\$152,200
Earning \$118,300 on 3/31/12:	\$138,500	\$144,600	\$150,600
Earning \$116,800 on 3/31/12:	\$136,800	\$142,700	\$148,700
Earning \$115,100 on 3/31/12:	\$134,800	\$140,700	\$146,600
Earning \$113,900 on 3/31/12:	\$133,400	\$139,200	\$145,000
Earning \$108,800 on 3/31/12:	\$127,400	\$133,000	\$138,500
Earning \$81,600 on 3/31/12:	\$95,600	\$99,700	\$103,900
Earning \$54,400 on 3/31/12:	\$63,700	\$66,500	\$69,300
Earning \$27,200 on 3/31/12:	\$31,900	\$33,300	\$34,700