

**APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS  
ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE PROGRAM**

**2015-16 Budget Request: \$14,859,673**

**Program Description**

This Program provides funding to support the Attorney Grievance Committees and disciplinary proceedings.

*Attorney Grievance Committees:* Lawyers who are guilty of professional misconduct are subject to discipline for their actions. Under section 90 of the Judiciary Law, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Divisions to oversee the disciplinary process and, where warranted, to impose appropriate sanctions (e.g., censure, suspension from practice, disbarment). In discharge of these responsibilities, the Appellate Divisions have established Attorney Grievance Committees within their respective Departments to investigate allegations of attorney misconduct, privately discipline attorneys in minor matters and, in serious cases of misconduct, prosecute offenders before the Appellate Division.

**Summary of 2015-16 Funding Request:**

**Attorney Discipline**

**2015-16 Budget Request: \$14,859,673**

<i>Personal Service:</i>	13,246,122
<i>Nonpersonal Service:</i>	1,613,551
<i>Maintenance Undistributed:</i>	0

The Attorney Discipline Special Revenue Fund budget request is \$14.9 million or an increase of \$484,458 (3.4%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$13.2 million represents an increase of \$490,281 (3.8%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is also included for collectively negotiated salary increases as well as the payment of increments, longevity bonuses and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible employees.

The personal service request also includes \$343,362 for temporary service to support attorneys and staff in the Second and Fourth Departments.

The nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation and administration of the Attorney Discipline program including: real estate rentals for office space; transcript costs and other professional services (forensic evaluations) required for disciplinary hearings; legal reference materials and online services; supplies and materials.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.6 million reflects a decrease of \$5,823 (-0.4%) from current year funding. The decrease is attributable to reduced real estate lease costs and telecommunications expenses partially offset by expenditure-based increases in transcripts and other professional services.

**Appellate Auxiliary Operations  
Budget Summary - Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund**

**Attorney Discipline Program**

**2015-16 Request**

<b>Attorney Discipline</b>	<b>Personal Service</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
1st Department	\$3,791,231	\$248,900	\$4,040,131
2nd Department	\$6,349,073	\$830,838	\$7,179,911
3rd Department	\$1,234,624	\$204,585	\$1,439,209
4th Department	\$1,871,194	\$329,228	\$2,200,422
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,246,122</b>	<b>\$1,613,551</b>	<b>\$14,859,673</b>

State of New York - Judiciary  
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE  
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE  
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	12,458,047	12,902,760	444,713
PS Temporary	297,794	343,362	45,568
Total Personal Service	<u>12,755,841</u>	<u>13,246,122</u>	<u>490,281</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Legal Reference/CALR/Subscriptions	102,458	100,593	(1,865)
Supplies and Materials	90,582	99,432	8,850
Travel	69,300	66,800	(2,500)
Equipment Rental and Repairs	107,844	103,329	(4,515)
Real Estate Rentals	812,079	784,160	(27,919)
Conferences and Training	11,400	10,400	(1,000)
Postage and Printing	57,661	57,537	(124)
Telecommunications	29,200	23,650	(5,550)
Information Technology Services	10,500	11,000	500
Records Management Services	36,750	40,250	3,500
Other Professional Services	112,100	128,400	16,300
In-Part Services	1,500	1,000	(500)
Judicial Hearing Officers	13,000	13,000	0
Transcripts	165,000	174,000	9,000
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>1,619,374</u>	<u>1,613,551</u>	<u>(5,823)</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,375,215</b>	<b>14,859,673</b>	<b>484,458</b>