

*Supreme Court of Wyoming
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002*



TO: Joint Appropriations Committee – 58th Legislature
FROM: Chief Justice William U. Hill
RE: Wyoming Supreme Court
SUBJECT: 2007-2008 Biennium Budget Recommendations

The Supreme Court is recommending a 2007-2008 Budget of \$42,247,486

ADMINISTRATION – 0100

Standard Budget Request

The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Standard Budget as submitted.

Exception Budget Request

The Supreme Court is submitting an Exception Budget request for \$516,864. \$23,000 is requested to cover the increased cost of Dues to the National Center for State Courts, \$15,864 is requested to cover the cost of vehicle maintenance, \$462,000 is requested to provide furnishings for the Supreme Court Building after renovation, and \$16,000 is requested to cover the rising cost of providing training for judges and clerks. The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Exception Budget as submitted.

ADMINISTRATION –0100 SUMMARY

	Total Funds	General Fund	Federal Fund	Positions	
				FT	PT
Requested	\$6,819,906	\$6,637,612	\$182,294	29	0
Recommended	\$6,819,906	\$6,637,612	\$182,294	29	0
Difference	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION – 0200

Standard Budget Request

The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Standard Budget as submitted.

Exception Budget Request

The Supreme Court is not submitting an Exception Budget Request.

JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION – 0200 SUMMARY

	Total Funds	General Fund	Positions	
			FT	PT
Requested	\$15,001	\$15,001	0	0
Recommended	\$15,001	\$15,001	0	0
Difference	\$0	\$0	0	0

GUARDIAN AD LITEM – 0300

Standard Budget Request

The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Standard Budget as submitted.

Exception Budget Request

The Supreme Court is not submitting an Exception Budget Request.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM – 0300 SUMMARY

	Total Funds	General Fund	Positions	
			FT	PT
Requested	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	1	0
Recommended	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	1	0
Difference	\$0	\$0	0	0

LAW LIBRARY – 0400

Standard Budget Request

The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Standard Budget as submitted.

Exception Budget Request

The Supreme Court is submitting an Exception Budget Request for \$151,675. \$5,400 is requested to cover the rising cost of dues/registrations, in-state travel, out-of-state travel and office supplies. \$128,275 is requested in order to cover the increased cost of providing up to date legal materials for the Law Library, \$15,000 is requested to cover the cost of network support through ITD, \$500 to cover the increased cost of telecommunications, and \$2,500 to cover the rising cost of equipment support. The Supreme Court recommends approval of \$136,675 of the Exception Budget as submitted. The Supreme Court does not recommend \$15,000 for network support.

LAW LIBRARY – 0400 SUMMARY

	Total Funds	General Fund	Positions	
			FT	PT
Requested	\$1,454,259	\$1,454,259	3	2
Recommended	\$1,439,259	\$1,439,259	3	2
Difference	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	0	0

CIRCUIT COURTS – 0500

Standard Budget Request

The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Standard Budget as submitted.

Exception Budget Request

The Supreme Court is submitting an Exception Budget Request for \$583,608. The request includes \$24,750 to cover the equipment needs in the circuit courts, \$24,500 to cover the cost of jury trials, \$114,700 to cover the additional cost of supplies and travel. \$312,658 to cover the salary and benefits for four new full-time positions, and \$107,000 in Professional Fees for interpreter costs and magistrate services. The Supreme Court does not recommend approval of two full-time positions requested in Judicial District 1 and Judicial District 7. The Supreme Court does not recommend approval of a temporary law clerk in Judicial District 9.

CIRCUIT COURTS - 0500 SUMMARY

	Total Funds	General Fund	Positions	
			FT	PT
Requested	\$20,495,356	\$20,495,356	148	10
Recommended	\$20,322,460	\$20,322,460	146	10
Difference	\$172,896	\$172,896	2	0

COURT AUTOMATION – 0600

Standard Budget Request

The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Standard Budget as submitted.

Exception Budget Request

The Supreme Court is submitting an exception budget request for \$3,398,407 of Special Revenue Funds. We are requesting \$428,036 to cover the cost of salary and benefits for four full-time positions, \$2,202,156 is requested to purchase equipment and software, and \$768,215 is needed to cover the cost of software maintenance agreements. The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Exception Budget as submitted.

COURT AUTOMATION – 0600 SUMMARY

	Total Funds	General Fund	Special Revenue	Positions	
				FT	PT
Requested	\$5,908,037	\$1,204,556	\$4,703,481	9	0
Recommended	\$5,908,037	\$1,204,556	\$4,703,481	9	0
Difference	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT – 0700

Standard Budget Request

The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Standard Budget as submitted.

There is no exception budget request.

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT – 0700 SUMMARY

	Total Funds	General Fund	Positions	
			FT	PT
Requested	\$2,576,476	\$2,576,476	0	22
Recommended	\$2,576,476	\$2,576,476	0	22
Difference	\$0	\$0	0	0

BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADMINISTRATION - 0900

Standard Budget Request

The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Standard Budget as submitted.

Exception Budget Request

The Supreme Court is requesting an exception request of \$813,330. An additional \$22,000 is requested to cover the rising cost of computerized legal research for the Supreme Court, District Courts, and Circuit Courts. \$655,454 is requested to provide market adjustments for Judicial Branch employees, and \$135,876 is requested to cover the additional benefits associated with these salary adjustments. The Supreme Court recommends approval of the Exception Budget as submitted.

BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADMINISTRATION – 0900 SUMMARY

	Total Funds	General Fund	Positions	
			FT	PT
Requested	\$966,347	\$966,347	0	0
Recommended	\$966,347	\$966,347	0	0
Difference	\$0	\$0	0	0

AGENCY SUMMARY

	Total Funds	General Fund	Special Rev/Fed Funds	Positions	
				FT	PT
Requested	\$42,435,382	\$37,549,607	\$4,885,775	190	34
Recommended	\$42,247,486	\$37,361,711	\$4,885,775	188	34
Difference	\$ 187,896	\$ 187,896	\$ 0	2	0