Louisiana does not have a unified state court funding system. Operations of district, parish, and city courts are primarily funded by local governments. An annual state legislative appropriation funds the operations of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the five courts of appeal, as well as the salaries of all state court judges. The state also funds a portion of the salaries of parish and city court judges, and the compensation of retired and ad hoc judges.

FY 2016-2017 Approved Judicial Appropriation - $171,331,279

In FY 2016-2017, state appropriated funds totaled $171,331,279:

Salaries and Benefits 132,403,460 77.27% of total budget
Professional Services 30,014,513 17.52% of total budget
Operating Services 4,658,717 2.72% of total budget
Supplies 1,471,150 .86% of total budget
Travel 1,177,366 .69% of total budget
Computer charges 1,045,158 .61% of total budget
Acquisitions 560,915 .33% of total budget

1In accordance with La. R.S. 24:513, the Louisiana Supreme Court is audited regularly by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and the audit report is available on the Legislative Auditor’s website at www.lla.state.la.us.

2Includes Salaries and/or Benefits for 365 state Judges, 7 Commissioners, 228 Supreme Court employees, 369 Courts of Appeal employees, 118 designated lower court employees, and 39 retired judges or widows in Unfunded Pension system.