JUDICIAL BUDGET

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 2017-2018 Approved Judicial Appropriation - $171,164,719

In FY 2017-2018, state appropriated funds totaled $171,164,719:

- Salaries and Benefits - $135,307,350 (79.05% of total budget)
- Professional Services - $26,320,628 (15.38% of total budget)
- Operating Services - $5,159,756 (3.01% of total budget)
- Supplies - $1,522,939 (.89% of total budget)
- Travel - $1,206,139 (.71% of total budget)
- Computer charges - $1,128,471 (.66% of total budget)
- Acquisitions - $519,436 (.30% 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 363 state Judges, 7 Commissioners, 229 Supreme Court employees, 369 Courts of Appeal employees, 113 designated lower court employees, and 34 retired judges or widows in Unfunded Pension system.

In FY 2017-2018, .52% of the state’s general fund was appropriated to the state judiciary.