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• The Louisiana Constitution distributes governmental powers among three separate branches: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial
• The Judicial Branch is charged with interpretation and application of laws and is granted the power to issue writs and orders of process in aid thereof
• This branch is comprised of a supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, and other courts authorized by the constitution
• There are a total of 368 judges that preside over state and local courts
Louisiana Supreme Court Justices

1st District
Louisiana Supreme Court
Associate Justice William J. CRAIN

6th District
Chief Justice John L. Weimer

2nd District
Louisiana Supreme Court
Associate Justice Scott J. Crichton

3rd District
Louisiana Supreme Court
Associate Justice James T. Genovese

4th District
Louisiana Supreme Court
Associate Justice Jay B. McCallum

5th District
Louisiana Supreme Court
Associate Justice Jefferson D. Hughes III

7th District
Louisiana Supreme Court
Associate Justice Piper D. Griffin
The Supreme Court is Louisiana’s highest court.

It is domiciled in the city of New Orleans.

In addition to hearing cases, the Supreme Court establishes procedural and administrative rules for Louisiana courts, regulates the legal profession, promulgates and updates the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Source: Louisiana State Supreme Court
Louisiana has established the intermediate courts of appeal between the district courts and the Supreme Court.

There are 5 Courts of Appeal.

Judicial terms on the Courts of Appeal are 10 years.

Performance Information

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<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
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<td>Total appeals filed</td>
<td>1,702</td>
<td>1,191</td>
<td>1,322</td>
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<td>Total writs filed</td>
<td>3,364</td>
<td>2,364</td>
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<td>Total dispositions</td>
<td>4,259</td>
<td>3,753</td>
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Average number of days from filing to argument:

- Criminal cases: 148, 174, 190
- Civil cases: 153, 166, 148

Average number of days from argument to opinion:

- Criminal cases: 44, 51, 46
- Civil cases: 48, 55, 51

Judges per District:
- 1st Circuit - 12
- 2nd Circuit - 9
- 3rd Circuit - 12
- 4th Circuit - 12
- 5th Circuit - 8

Source: Louisiana State Supreme Court
Louisiana has 42 judicial districts

Each district contains at least one parish and has at least one judge

Each district elects a chief judge

Judicial terms on district courts are six years

Source: Louisiana State Supreme Court
## Sources of Funding in HB 437

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<th>State General Fund</th>
<th>Interagency Transfers</th>
<th>Statutory Dedications</th>
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<td>177.1 M</td>
<td>9.4 M</td>
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The chief operating fund of the State recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference from various taxes, licenses, fees, and other revenue sources except for those identified as other means of financing.

- **State General Fund**
  - $177.1 M

- **Interagency Transfers**
  - $9.4 M
  - From the Department of Children and Family Services federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds:
    - $5,400,000 for expenses of Drug and Specialty Court programs
    - $3,992,850 for the expenses of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program

- **Statutory Dedications**
  - $6,223,724 out of the Judges Supplemental Compensation Fund:
    - Used for salary supplements to judges and commissioners, administrative expenses for the board, and state or municipal retirement funds
    - The source is a fee collected on civil court filings
  - $4,017,201 out of the Case Management Information System Fund:
    - Used to provide a statewide information system for tracking and managing criminal, civil, juvenile, traffic, and appellate cases, as well as protective orders and information from the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
    - The source is a fee assessed on all criminal and traffic convictions as provided under C.Cr.P.887(F)
## Funding Comparison

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<th>Means of Finance</th>
<th>FY22 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/21</th>
<th>FY 23 Executive Funding Recommendation</th>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$ 183,642,214</td>
<td>$ 191,372,882</td>
<td>$ 196,694,749</td>
<td>$ 7,730,668</td>
<td>$ 13,052,535</td>
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### State General Fund

#### Comparing EOB to Executive Recommendation

- **$4.3 M** - Increase in funding to address shortfalls in related benefits for staff and judges
- **$1.9 M** - 2.5% annual increase in salaries for the judges of the Supreme Court, courts of appeal, and district courts, as well as the state-paid salaries of the judges of city courts and parish courts in accordance with Act 178 of the 2019 Regular Legislative Session
- **$1.2 M** - Increase to eliminate the deficits in the CASA and Drug & Specialty Court Programs
- **$360,000** - Increase to expand the Drug & Specialty Court Program

#### Comparing EOB to Judicial Request (HB 437 Original)

- **$3.0 M** - Increases for mandated items, such as a 2.5% increase in judges salaries, related benefits for State Courts, the state’s share of related benefits to lower courts, and offices expenses as required by statute
- **$3.7 M** - For eliminating deficits in the Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, Drug and Specialty Courts, the LA Protective Order Registry, Families in Need of Services (FINS), and the judges salary and benefit fund
- **$3.5 M** - Staff merit increase of 4% and related benefits increase
- **$3.0 M** - Increases to staff OGB and retirement rates, IT maintenance, inflation, expansion of Drug and Specialty Courts, and parking expenses
FY 2022-23 Total Budget Requested $196.7 million

(In $ Millions)

Supreme Court $86.9 44%

Courts of Appeal $52.3 27%

Other Courts: req'd by statute $3.5 2%

Other Courts: Not req'd by statute $0.8 0%

District Courts $43.7 22%

Criminal District Court Orleans Parish $6.8 4%

Juvenile and Family Courts $2.8 1%

Total District $53.3 27%

Total $196.7 million

Louisiana Judiciary
## How Courts are Funded in HB437

### Fully Funded

**Supreme Court entities:**
- Salaries and benefits of 7 Justices
- Salaries and benefits of staff, Judicial Administrators Office, and Judiciary Commission
- Office expenses and building maintenance of the Supreme Court, Judicial Administrator, and the Judiciary Commission
- Law Library of Louisiana
- Retired Judge Compensation, salaries and expenses of transferred judges, and widows pensions
- Civil commitment matters
- Paul M. Hebert Law Center for record storage
- Louisiana Protective Order Registry
- Families in Need of Services Program
- Drug and Specialty Court Programs
- CASA Programs

**Courts of Appeal (5 Circuits):**
- Salaries and benefits of 53 Judges
- Salaries and expenses of operation and maintenance of each of the 5 circuit courts

**District Courts:**
- Salaries and benefits of 191 District Judges
- Salaries and benefits of 27 Judges of Civil and Criminal District Courts, Orleans Parish
- Salaries and benefits of 2 Court Reporters in the 20th JDC
- Salaries of 17 Juvenile and Family Court Judges

### Partially Funded

**District Courts:**
- Office and travel expense reimbursement not to exceed $5,000 per judge per year, prorated if a judge presides over more than one parish
- Expenses of Clerk of Civil District Court, Orleans
- Salaries of commissioners of the 19th and 15th JDCs
- Judicial Expense Fund of the 19th, 15th, and 10th JDCs for office expenses
- Law clerk salary of the 20th JDC
- Salaries and benefits of 17 minute clerks, 30 court reporters, 4 commissioners, Judicial Administrator and assistants, 13 law clerks, and 4 secretaries of Criminal District Court, Orleans Parish
- Expenses of the Sanity Commission and the Board of Jury Commissioners, Criminal District Court, Orleans Parish

**Other Courts- required by statute:**
- Salaries of 60 City Court Judges, 7 Municipal and Traffic Court Judges and 1 Parish Court Judge partially funded based on a formula

**Other Courts- not required by statute:**
- Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Reporters salaries
- Judges’ Assistance Program
- Orleans Parish Juvenile Protective Care Monitoring Program

### Not Funded

All expenses of District, City, Traffic, and Parish Courts not expressly funded in the appropriations bill, including building maintenance, staff salaries and benefits, and operating expenses.
Per Act 116 of the 2021 Regular Session, the Judicial Appropriations Bill, the Supreme Court is required to collect revenue and expenditure data from all courts that receive funding in the bill, including District Courts, City Courts and Courts of Appeal. Data reported below is for FY 2020-2021.

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<td>Percent</td>
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<td>State Judiciary Appropriations</td>
<td>$3,609,944</td>
<td>5.7%</td>
<td>$55,439,599</td>
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<td>Local sources</td>
<td>$39,171,255</td>
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<td>Bail bond, court costs fees, and contempt</td>
<td>$8,027,544</td>
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<td>Service and special revenue fees</td>
<td>$7,288,751</td>
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<td>Civil</td>
<td>$4,505,919</td>
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<td>Other grants</td>
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<td>Interest, other revenue</td>
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<td>Office supplies, services, and expenses</td>
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* Judges salaries for the Courts of Appeal were not included in the report from the Judiciary, therefore the amounts were pulled from the Judicial Appropriations Bill for FY 22 (Act 116).
Judicial Financial Reporting

FY 21 Total Court Revenue $283.5 M

(In $ Millions)

- State Judiciary Appropriations $106.7 (38%)
- Civil $18.2 (7%)
- Bail bond, court costs, fees, and contempt $15.1 (5%)
- Service and special revenue fees $21.8 (8%)
- Other grants $6.1 (2%)
- Interest, other revenue $1.0 (0%)
- Local General Fund $85.6 (30%)
- Local Criminal Court Fund $13.3 (5%)
- Local Uncategorized Funds $6.7 (2%)
- Local Misc. Funds $9.1 (3%)

Total Local Source Funds $114.7 (40%)

FY 21 Total Court Revenue $283.5 M

Source: Act 116 of 2021 Uniform Court Budget Documents, Louisiana Supreme Court
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