

# Supreme Court

**FY 2025 Budget Hearing Presentation** 

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The **Supreme Court's** historic and primary focus is to decide civil appellate cases. However, the court has additional duties of equal importance. Pursuant to Article 7, §4 of the Oklahoma Constitution, the court has administrative responsibility for the entire Oklahoma judicial system. The court establishes the rules for all courts in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma has a unified bar. Membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association is required in order to practice law in Oklahoma. The court sets the rules for admission to the bar and for the ethical practice of law and administers appropriate discipline in cases of attorney misconduct.

In recent years, the Supreme Court has been vested with further responsibilities by the Legislature, including appeals of expungement orders, decisions of the Oklahoma Securities Commission, victim protective orders, original and exclusive jurisdiction over bond approvals, and final orders on the nonpayment of child support.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court works closely with the federal judiciary. The Court is often called upon to answer federal certified questions pursuant to the Uniform Certification of Questions of Law Act, 20 O.S. 2011 §1601, et seq. Certified questions are issues raised in a federal case for which there is no Oklahoma law, and the Oklahoma Supreme Court is called upon to settle the issue.

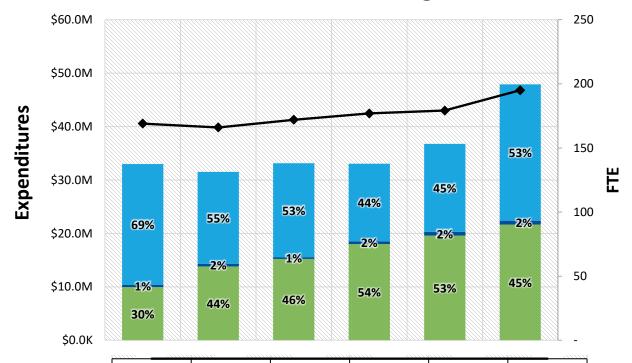
#### Historic Actual Expenditures (FY 2019-23) and Current Year Budget (FY 2024)

#### **Explanation of Significant Changes and Trends**

OCIS actual collections remain below totals collected prior to FY21. The FY24 OCIS budget contemplates MIS personnel and expenses at full cost.

Also, included in the FY24 budget is \$4.6M appropriated to establish the Family Representation and Advocacy Program created by SB19x.

# **Historic Actual Expenditures** and Current Year Budget



|              | FY 2019  | FY 2020  | FY 2021  | FY 2022  | FY 2023  | FY 2024<br>Budget |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Appropriated | \$9.9M   | \$13.8M  | \$15.2M  | \$18.0M  | \$19.6M  | \$21.7M           |
| Revolving    | \$22.6M  | \$17.2M  | \$17.6M  | \$14.5M  | \$16.5M  | \$25.5M           |
| Federal      | \$407.2K | \$525.8K | \$330.7K | \$527.3K | \$667.2K | \$740.0K          |
| Total        | \$33.0M  | \$31.5M  | \$33.1M  | \$33.0M  | \$36.8M  | \$47.9M           |
| ——FTE        | 169      | 166      | 172      | 177      | 179      | 195               |



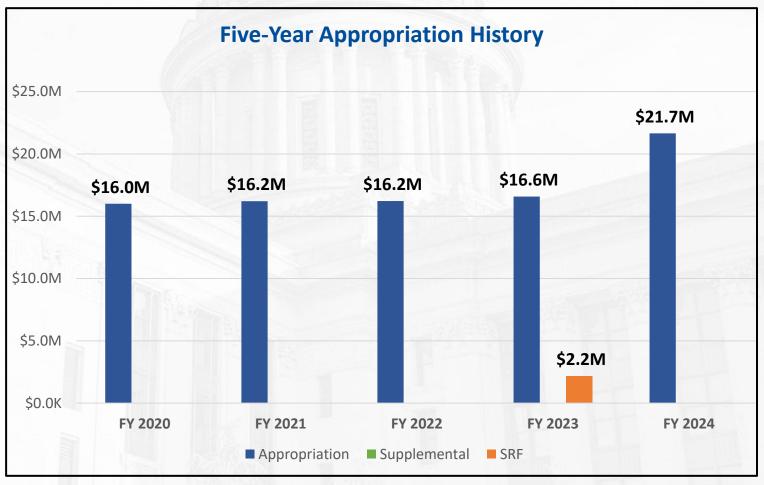


FY 2024
Budgeted
Full Time
Equivalents
(FTE)

|                                    | FY 2024 Budgeted FTE |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Total FTE                          | 195                  |
| Supervisor FTE                     | 40                   |
| Supervisors to Total FTE Ratio (%) | 21%                  |

#### **Appropriation History**

| Fiscal Year | Legislated Appropriation (\$) (Includes supplementals and SRF/ARPA.) |
|-------------|--|
| FY 2020     | 16,001,447   |
| FY 2021     | 16,212,078   |
| FY 2022     | 16,223,855   |
| FY 2023     | 16,572,582   |
| FY 2024     | 21,652,426   |



\*Includes Supplemental and Statewide Recovery Fund (ARPA) appropriations.



#### Financial Resource Analysis

| Carryover   | FY 2020   | FY 2021     | FY 2022     | FY 2023     |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total appropriated carryover amount expended (\$) | \$566,941 | \$2,756,887 | \$3,740,366 | \$1,959,234 |

| Historical Cash Balances                                    | FY 2020      | FY 2021      | FY 2022      | FY 2023      |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year End Revolving Fund Cash Balances (All Revolving Funds) | \$11,760,873 | \$10,514,701 | \$20,756,322 | \$26,876,000 |

| Class Fund #<br>(Unrestricted<br>only) | Class Fund Name<br>(Unrestricted only)        | Current cash<br>balance (\$) |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| #210                                   | Supreme Court Admin                           | \$2,396,309                  |
| #                                      |   | \$                           |
| #                                      |   | \$                           |
| #                                      |   | \$                           |
| #                                      |   | \$                           |
| #                                      |   | \$                           |
|  | Total Current Unrestricted Fund Cash balance: | \$                           |

| Fiscal<br>Year | Agency's plan to deploy unrestricted cash (including amounts):   |
|----------------|--|
| FY 2024        | Funds would be expended to perform the duties imposed upon the Supreme Court, Court of Civil Appeals and District Courts by law. |
| FY 2025        |  |
| FY 2026        |  |



#### FY 2022 Incremental Appropriation Review

| Purpose of appropriation increase /<br>decrease | Amount of increase or decrease (\$) | Included in FY24 appropriation? (Yes/No) | If yes, included in appropriation for same purpose?  (Yes/No) | If not included for same purpose, please explain. |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
|   |                                     | FY 2022                                  | 2   |   |
| No adjustments                                  | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|   | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|   | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|   | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|   | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|   | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|   | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|   | \$                                  |  |   |   |
| Total adjustment                                | \$                                  |  |   |   |



#### FY 2023 Incremental Appropriation Review

| Purpose of appropriation increase / decrease | Amount of increase or decrease (\$) | Included in FY24 appropriation? (Yes/No) | If yes, included in appropriation for same purpose?  (Yes/No) | If not included for same purpose, please explain. |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
|  |                                     | FY 2023                                  | 3   |   |
| No adjustments                               | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|  | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|  | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|  | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|  | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|  | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|  | \$                                  |  |   |   |
|  | \$                                  |  |   |   |
| Total adjustment                             | \$                                  |  |   |   |



#### FY 2024 Incremental Appropriation Review

| Purpose of appropriation increase /<br>decrease | Amount of increase or decrease (\$) | Does this need<br>to be included<br>in your FY 2025<br>appropriation?<br>(Yes/No) | appropriation for | If not included for same purpose, please explain. |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|
|   |                                     | FY 2024   | 1                 |   |
| No adjustments                                  | \$                                  |   |                   |   |
|   | \$                                  |   |                   |   |
|   | \$                                  |   |                   |   |
|   | \$                                  |   |                   |   |
|   | \$                                  |   |                   |   |
|   | \$                                  |   |                   |   |
|   | \$                                  |   |                   |   |
|   | \$                                  |   |                   |   |
| Total adjustment                                | \$                                  |   |                   |   |



# **Budget & Supplemental Request Summary**

|   | Request Name   | FY 2025 Appropriated Request Amount (\$) {or FY 2024 for Supplementals} | Type of Request:<br>Operating, One-time, or<br>Supplemental |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | Courts phone system upgrade                                  | \$500,000   | One-time  |
| 2 | Computer replacement on a four-year cycle                    | \$1,013,775   | Operating   |
| 3 | Staff salary increase  | \$515,872   | Operating   |
| 4 | Judicial salary increase                                     | \$835,006   | Operating   |
| 5 | Replacement of Judicial Data Center power and cooling system | \$1,325,811   | One-time  |



### (1) Budget Request

Name of Request: Courts phone system upgrade

Type: One-Time Amount: \$500,000

Describe why these funds are needed.

The phone system utilized by the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals is at end of life with no support maintenance agreement in place.



# (2) Budget Request

Name of Request: Computer replacement on a four-year cycle

Type: Operating Amount: \$1,013,775

Describe why these funds are needed.

Establish a four-year replacement policy for all computer equipment.



### (3) Budget Request

Name of Request: Staff salary increases

Type: Operating

Amount: \$515,872

Describe why these funds are needed.

To adequately adjust non-judicial staff salaries. This also does not include any staff member whose salary is paid by revenue generated from a revolving fund.



# (4) Budget Request

Name of Request: Judicial salary increase

Type: Operating

Amount: \$835,606

Describe why these funds are needed.

The Board on Judicial Compensation has recommended a judicial salary increase.



# (5) Budget Request

Name of Request: Replacement of Judicial Data Center power and cooling system

Type: One-time Amount: \$1,325,811

Describe why these funds are needed.

To replace the Judicial Data Center power and cooling system.

