

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2015-16 Performance Report

COUNCIL ON JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

To efficiently and impartially investigate complaints regarding the conduct of persons holding judicial positions and to determine if such complaints should be the subjects of disciplinary actions before the Court on the Judiciary, the Chief Justice and/or the Supreme Court, or should be dismissed.

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GOVERNANCE:

The agency is governed by a three member Council. One member is appointed by each of the following: the Speaker, the President Pro Tem, the President of the Oklahoma Bar Association. Members serve five year terms with a maximum service of two terms. At least one member must be a layperson; the other two members traditionally are lawyers. The current members are Cathy Christensen, Jerry Franklin and Glen Huff. The members elect officers and there are no subgroups.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

There is no attendance policy however no member has missed a meeting since July 1, 2011.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

The Council is a two FTE agency and performs its investigative mission through the efforts of its employees and a contract attorney/investigator, accordingly the agency does not have the opportunities to affect efficiencies through technology to the same degree as larger agencies. We do utilize investigative techniques that reduce travel requirements and have held telephonic investigative Council meetings when possible. Otherwise our modernization efforts are the same that all agencies have undergone with CORE and other state wide efforts. In an effort to reduce costs we have reduced our reliance on our contract attorney/investigator and have assumed some of that workload in-house. We also use all available shared services through OMES to reduce expenses and to maintain our minimal FTE. The Council has not requested additional FTE for a period of fifteen years.

CORE MISSION:

We perform no services outside our core mission and none of our mission is duplicated by another agency.

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PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

None of the services which are performed by the agency are performed in the private sector either in Oklahoma or in other states.