

Judicial Department

The Judicial Department includes Virginia's system of courts. It has responsibility for legal proceedings for criminal offenses and civil issues, including custody and control of children, divorce and other family matters, traffic offenses, and the appointment of electoral boards. The courts order funding for indigent defense through the "criminal fund" and for involuntary mental commitments through the "involuntary mental commitment fund." In addition to the court system, the Judicial Department includes other agencies that regulate the legal profession, as well as the Indigent Defense Commission and the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.

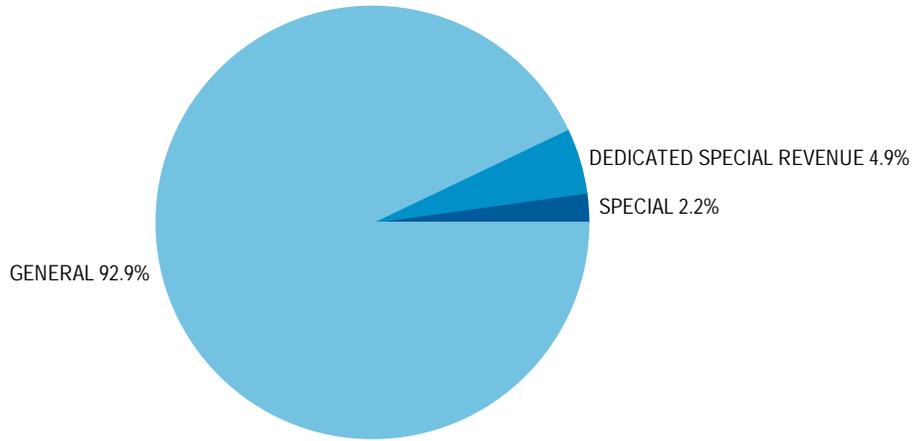


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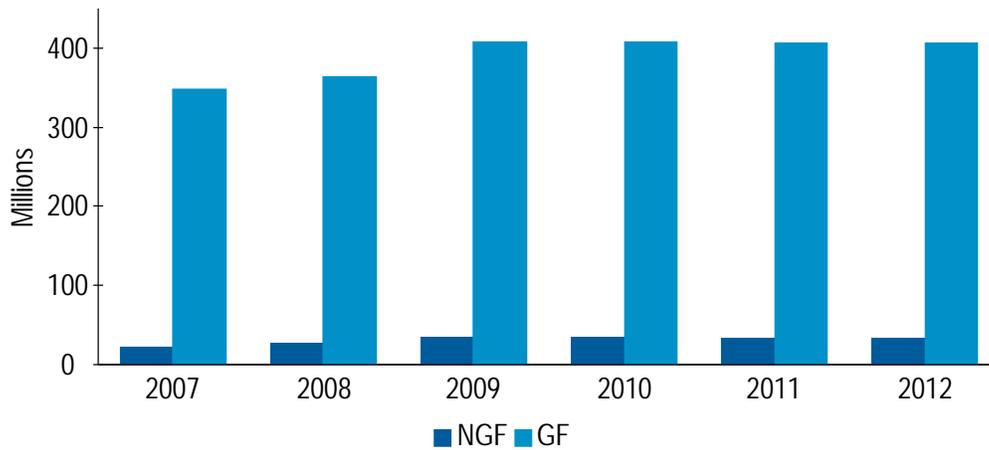
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Financing of the Judicial Department*

Based on 2010 — 2012 Proposed Operating Budget
*Funds with totals less than 1% have not been included



Judicial Department Operating Budget History



Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of Virginia provides an independent, accessible, responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect all rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and Virginia constitutions.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	23,900,542	6,709,860	11,558,538
2008 Appropriation	51,933,171	11,005,890	12,325,768
2009 Appropriation	31,692,351	11,921,107	16,166,916
2010 Appropriation	31,184,351	11,800,387	16,166,916
2011 Base Budget	30,946,211	10,470,606	14,978,917
2011 Addenda	0	250,000	0
2011 Total	30,946,211	10,720,606	14,978,917
2012 Base Budget	30,946,211	10,470,606	14,978,917
2012 Addenda	0	250,000	0
2012 Total	30,946,211	10,720,606	14,978,917

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	123.63	1.00	124.63
2008 Appropriation	135.63	1.00	136.63
2009 Appropriation	140.63	5.00	145.63
2010 Appropriation	138.63	6.00	144.63
2011 Base Budget	138.63	6.00	144.63
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	138.63	6.00	144.63
2012 Base Budget	138.63	6.00	144.63
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	138.63	6.00	144.63

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- **Study impact of Guardian Ad Litem on Criminal Fund**

Adds language to have the Supreme Court of Virginia study the impact of Guardian Ad Litem payments on the Criminal Fund and recommend options to moderate those costs.

- **Increase funding for federal grants**

Increases appropriation for nongeneral fund grants.

	FY 2011	FY 2012
Nongeneral Fund	250,000	250,000

Court of Appeals of Virginia

The Court of Appeals of Virginia provides an independent, accessible, responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect all rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and Virginia constitutions.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	7,096,364	0	6,381,574
2008 Appropriation	7,220,528	0	6,381,574
2009 Appropriation	8,332,856	0	7,467,823
2010 Appropriation	8,332,856	0	7,467,823
2011 Base Budget	8,244,148	0	7,588,676
2011 Addenda	0	0	0
2011 Total	8,244,148	0	7,588,676
2012 Base Budget	8,244,148	0	7,588,676
2012 Addenda	0	0	0
2012 Total	8,244,148	0	7,588,676

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	66.13	0.00	66.13
2008 Appropriation	69.13	0.00	69.13
2009 Appropriation	69.13	0.00	69.13
2010 Appropriation	69.13	0.00	69.13
2011 Base Budget	69.13	0.00	69.13
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	69.13	0.00	69.13
2012 Base Budget	69.13	0.00	69.13
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	69.13	0.00	69.13

Circuit Courts

The Circuit Courts provide an independent, accessible, responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect all rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and Virginia constitutions.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	87,378,958	300,000	32,697,462
2008 Appropriation	85,967,603	300,000	32,697,462
2009 Appropriation	101,643,870	300,000	38,825,637
2010 Appropriation	101,563,870	300,000	38,825,637
2011 Base Budget	101,265,698	5,000	38,655,803
2011 Addenda	0	0	0
2011 Total	101,265,698	5,000	38,655,803
2012 Base Budget	101,265,698	5,000	38,655,803
2012 Addenda	0	0	0
2012 Total	101,265,698	5,000	38,655,803

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	164.00	0.00	164.00
2008 Appropriation	164.00	0.00	164.00
2009 Appropriation	164.00	0.00	164.00
2010 Appropriation	164.00	0.00	164.00
2011 Base Budget	164.00	0.00	164.00
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	164.00	0.00	164.00
2012 Base Budget	164.00	0.00	164.00
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	164.00	0.00	164.00

General District Courts

The General District Courts provide an independent, accessible, responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect all rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and Virginia constitutions.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	83,798,982	0	63,154,534
2008 Appropriation	83,521,482	0	63,154,534
2009 Appropriation	95,617,498	0	72,346,879
2010 Appropriation	95,917,498	0	72,346,879
2011 Base Budget	91,374,301	0	72,748,700
2011 Addenda	2,392,337	0	0
2011 Total	93,766,638	0	72,748,700
2012 Base Budget	91,374,301	0	72,748,700
2012 Addenda	2,392,337	0	0
2012 Total	93,766,638	0	72,748,700

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	1,018.10	0.00	1,018.10
2008 Appropriation	1,018.10	0.00	1,018.10
2009 Appropriation	1,018.10	0.00	1,018.10
2010 Appropriation	1,018.10	0.00	1,018.10
2011 Base Budget	1,018.10	0.00	1,018.10
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	1,018.10	0.00	1,018.10
2012 Base Budget	1,018.10	0.00	1,018.10
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	1,018.10	0.00	1,018.10

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- **Increase funding for involuntary mental commitments**

Provides additional funds to pay expenditures for indigent defendants involved with the various hearings required in the involuntary mental commitment process.

	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Fund	282,591	282,591

- **Increase funding for Criminal Fund**

Provides additional funds to pay court costs of low-income persons. The major expenditure in this fund is for the services of court-appointed attorneys for indigent defendants in criminal cases.

	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Fund	2,109,746	2,109,746

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts provide an independent, accessible, responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect all rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and Virginia constitutions.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	66,330,279	0	42,773,062
2008 Appropriation	66,142,779	0	42,773,062
2009 Appropriation	75,852,401	0	49,494,324
2010 Appropriation	75,852,401	0	49,494,324
2011 Base Budget	75,236,236	0	49,566,373
2011 Addenda	3,252,625	0	0
2011 Total	78,488,861	0	49,566,373
2012 Base Budget	75,236,236	0	49,566,373
2012 Addenda	3,252,625	0	0
2012 Total	78,488,861	0	49,566,373

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	594.10	0.00	594.10
2008 Appropriation	594.10	0.00	594.10
2009 Appropriation	594.10	0.00	594.10
2010 Appropriation	594.10	0.00	594.10
2011 Base Budget	594.10	0.00	594.10
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	594.10	0.00	594.10
2012 Base Budget	594.10	0.00	594.10
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	594.10	0.00	594.10

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- **Increase funding for Criminal Fund**

Provides additional funds to pay court costs of low income persons. The major expenditure in this fund is for the services of court-appointed attorneys for indigent defendants in criminal cases.

	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Fund	3,252,625	3,252,625

Combined District Courts

The Combined District Courts provide an independent, accessible, responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect all rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and Virginia constitutions.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	18,448,785	0	9,853,680
2008 Appropriation	18,373,785	0	9,853,680
2009 Appropriation	22,096,468	0	12,515,929
2010 Appropriation	22,096,468	0	12,515,929
2011 Base Budget	21,878,843	0	12,284,334
2011 Addenda	0	0	0
2011 Total	21,878,843	0	12,284,334
2012 Base Budget	21,878,843	0	12,284,334
2012 Addenda	0	0	0
2012 Total	21,878,843	0	12,284,334

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	204.55	0.00	204.55
2008 Appropriation	204.55	0.00	204.55
2009 Appropriation	204.55	0.00	204.55
2010 Appropriation	204.55	0.00	204.55
2011 Base Budget	204.55	0.00	204.55
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	204.55	0.00	204.55
2012 Base Budget	204.55	0.00	204.55
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	204.55	0.00	204.55

Magistrate System

The magistrate system provides an independent, accessible, responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect all rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and Virginia constitutions.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	20,955,406	0	20,109,239
2008 Appropriation	20,794,631	0	20,109,239
2009 Appropriation	27,498,173	0	26,029,987
2010 Appropriation	28,185,653	0	26,927,467
2011 Base Budget	28,209,548	0	26,742,093
2011 Addenda	0	0	0
2011 Total	28,209,548	0	26,742,093
2012 Base Budget	28,209,548	0	26,742,093
2012 Addenda	0	0	0
2012 Total	28,209,548	0	26,742,093

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	400.20	0.00	400.20
2008 Appropriation	400.20	0.00	400.20
2009 Appropriation	435.20	0.00	435.20
2010 Appropriation	446.20	0.00	446.20
2011 Base Budget	446.20	0.00	446.20
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	446.20	0.00	446.20
2012 Base Budget	446.20	0.00	446.20
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	446.20	0.00	446.20

Board of Bar Examiners

The Virginia Board of Bar Examiners is empowered to prepare, administer and grade the Virginia Bar Examination and license those applicants who pass the exam and who are otherwise qualified to practice law in Virginia.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	0	1,210,715	808,187
2008 Appropriation	0	1,254,060	926,960
2009 Appropriation	0	1,382,237	1,022,987
2010 Appropriation	0	1,364,507	1,022,987
2011 Base Budget	0	1,446,477	1,016,276
2011 Addenda	0	39,070	39,070
2011 Total	0	1,485,547	1,055,346
2012 Base Budget	0	1,445,622	1,033,641
2012 Addenda	0	21,240	21,240
2012 Total	0	1,466,862	1,054,881

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	0.00	7.00	7.00
2008 Appropriation	0.00	7.00	7.00
2009 Appropriation	0.00	7.00	7.00
2010 Appropriation	0.00	7.00	7.00
2011 Base Budget	0.00	8.00	8.00
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	0.00	8.00	8.00
2012 Base Budget	0.00	8.00	8.00
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	0.00	8.00	8.00

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- **Provide funding for bonus**

Provides appropriation to support the 2011 statewide bonus payment to employees.

	FY 2011	FY 2012
Nongeneral Fund	19,069	0

- **Provide nongeneral fund appropriation authority**

Provides nongeneral fund appropriation authority to fund a salary adjustment for the Director of Character and Fitness.

	FY 2011	FY 2012
Nongeneral Fund	20,001	21,240

Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission

The mission of the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission is to investigate charges of judicial misconduct or serious mental or physical disability.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	519,064	0	405,786
2008 Appropriation	514,951	0	405,786
2009 Appropriation	568,368	0	452,972
2010 Appropriation	568,368	0	452,972
2011 Base Budget	562,917	0	443,473
2011 Addenda	0	0	0
2011 Total	562,917	0	443,473
2012 Base Budget	562,917	0	443,473
2012 Addenda	0	0	0
2012 Total	562,917	0	443,473

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	3.00	0.00	3.00
2008 Appropriation	3.00	0.00	3.00
2009 Appropriation	3.00	0.00	3.00
2010 Appropriation	3.00	0.00	3.00
2011 Base Budget	3.00	0.00	3.00
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	3.00	0.00	3.00
2012 Base Budget	3.00	0.00	3.00
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	3.00	0.00	3.00

Indigent Defense Commission

Indigent Defense Commission Web site

The Virginia Indigent Defense Commission will support the Commonwealth's Constitutional obligation to provide legal representation to indigent criminal defendants through the administration of a state public defender system and the certification of court appointed counsel.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	36,152,445	10,000	29,388,862
2008 Appropriation	39,647,664	10,000	31,940,548
2009 Appropriation	43,132,492	167,079	33,779,431
2010 Appropriation	43,132,492	167,079	33,779,431
2011 Base Budget	42,607,377	30,000	37,565,448
2011 Addenda	0	(3,058)	0
2011 Total	42,607,377	26,942	37,565,448
2012 Base Budget	42,607,377	30,000	37,565,448
2012 Addenda	0	(18,000)	0
2012 Total	42,607,377	12,000	37,565,448

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	514.00	0.00	514.00
2008 Appropriation	540.00	0.00	540.00
2009 Appropriation	540.00	0.00	540.00
2010 Appropriation	540.00	0.00	540.00
2011 Base Budget	540.00	0.00	540.00
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	540.00	0.00	540.00
2012 Base Budget	540.00	0.00	540.00
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	540.00	0.00	540.00

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- **Reduce nongeneral fund appropriation**

Reduces the agency's nongeneral fund appropriation to reflect expiration of a fixed-term local grant.

	FY 2011	FY 2012
Nongeneral Fund	(3,058)	(18,000)

Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission

The Mission of The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission is to develop, implement, maintain, and continually update a discretionary sentencing guidelines system to assist the judiciary in the imposition of felony sentences in the Commonwealth, to establish rational and consistent sentencing standards which reduce unwarranted sentencing disparity, to conduct criminological research on felony recidivism in order to develop, implement and maintain offender risk assessment instruments that are predictive of the future likelihood of a return to criminal conduct, to integrate offender risk assessment instruments into the felony sentencing guidelines system, to review proposed legislation and estimate the future correctional costs of new initiatives, and to maintain a felony sentencing guidelines system that emphasizes the accountability of the offender and of the criminal justice system to the citizens of the Commonwealth and fosters public confidence in Virginia's justice system.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	906,528	70,000	751,105
2008 Appropriation	900,897	70,000	751,105
2009 Appropriation	980,960	70,000	824,538
2010 Appropriation	980,960	70,000	824,538
2011 Base Budget	969,254	70,000	816,079
2011 Addenda	0	0	0
2011 Total	969,254	70,000	816,079
2012 Base Budget	969,254	70,000	816,079
2012 Addenda	0	0	0
2012 Total	969,254	70,000	816,079

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	10.00	0.00	10.00
2008 Appropriation	10.00	0.00	10.00
2009 Appropriation	10.00	0.00	10.00
2010 Appropriation	10.00	0.00	10.00
2011 Base Budget	10.00	0.00	10.00
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	10.00	0.00	10.00
2012 Base Budget	10.00	0.00	10.00
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	10.00	0.00	10.00

Virginia State Bar

The mission of the Virginia State Bar, as an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of Virginia, is (1) to regulate the legal profession of Virginia; (2) to advance the availability and quality of legal services provided to the people of Virginia; and (3) to assist in improving the legal profession and the judicial system.

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	2,395,015	14,154,397	6,956,345
2008 Appropriation	2,520,015	15,276,669	7,008,867
2009 Appropriation	2,520,000	20,350,458	7,772,656
2010 Appropriation	2,520,000	20,350,458	7,772,656
2011 Base Budget	2,420,000	20,237,630	7,920,680
2011 Addenda	0	0	0
2011 Total	2,420,000	20,237,630	7,920,680
2012 Base Budget	2,420,000	20,237,630	7,920,680
2012 Addenda	0	0	0
2012 Total	2,420,000	20,237,630	7,920,680

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2007 Appropriation	0.00	89.00	89.00
2008 Appropriation	0.00	89.00	89.00
2009 Appropriation	0.00	89.00	89.00
2010 Appropriation	0.00	89.00	89.00
2011 Base Budget	0.00	89.00	89.00
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	0.00	89.00	89.00
2012 Base Budget	0.00	89.00	89.00
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	0.00	89.00	89.00

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- **Revert balance**

Reverts year end cash balance.

	FY 2011	FY 2012
Resources	5,000,000	0

Judicial Department Reversion Clearing Account

Operating Budget Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Costs
2007 Appropriation	0	0	0
2008 Appropriation	0	0	0
2009 Appropriation	(2,009,850)	0	0
2010 Appropriation	(3,022,600)	0	0
2011 Base Budget	(3,022,600)	0	0
2011 Addenda	0	0	0
2011 Total	(3,022,600)	0	0
2012 Base Budget	(3,022,600)	0	0
2012 Addenda	0	0	0
2012 Total	(3,022,600)	0	0

Authorized Positions Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2011 Base Budget	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Total	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Base Budget	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Addenda	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Total	0.00	0.00	0.00

Recommended Operating Budget Addenda

- **Reduce savings to be generated from judgeship vacancies**

Reduces the estimated savings derived from vacant judgeships.

	FY 2011	FY 2012
Resources	0	(1,736,021)