

## 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 also review decisions of quasi-judicial agencies such as the Virginia Worker’s Compensation Commission and State Corporation Commission. 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.

### JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT INCLUDES:

- Supreme Court of Virginia
- Court of Appeals of Virginia
- Circuit Courts
- General District Courts
- Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts
- Combined District Courts
- Magistrate System
- Board of Bar Examiners
- Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission
- Indigent Defense Commission
- Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission
- Virginia State Bar

\*Funds with totals less than 1% have not been included in the graph.

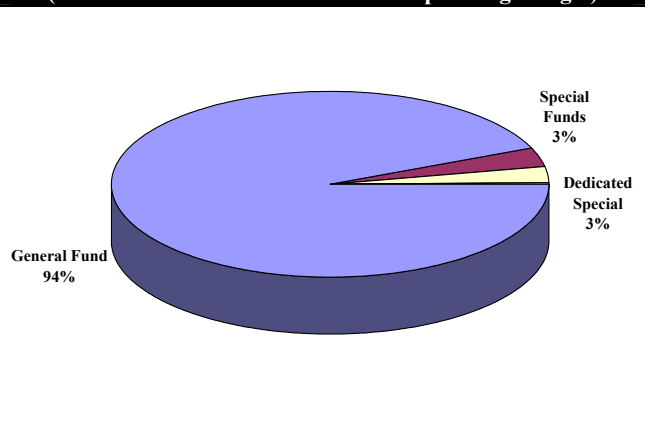
### *Addressing the demands on the judicial system*

Virginia continually looks for ways to enhance the effectiveness of its programs, consistent with its ranking as one of the best managed states in the country. In an effort to strengthen the effectiveness of the state’s indigent defense system, Governor Kaine placed language in the present budget to encourage a dialogue among the various branches of government to examine the level of compensation paid to attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal cases.

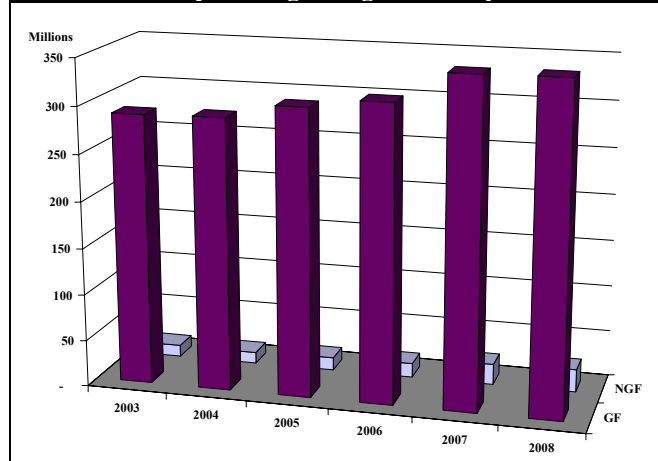
Based on this dialogue, the Governor’s proposed budget provides language and related funding to allow the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to approve requests to waive the existing payment caps for court-appointed attorneys on cases requiring additional effort. In addition, funding is provided for additional staff and pay increases for attorneys within the Indigent Defense Commission to strengthen the capabilities of public defender offices. Language to continue studying this issue is also included in the budget.

To ensure non-English speaking individuals and criminal defendants are treated effectively and fairly in the judicial system, the Governor’s proposed budget also provides funding to support additional interpreters in the court system. Difficulty in dealing with non-English speakers has caused significant delays in some courts. Funding is also provided to evaluate the state’s drug courts program to determine the effectiveness of drug courts and identify if improvements are needed.

### Financing of the Judicial Department\* (Based on FY 2006 - 2008 Biennial Operating Budget)



### Judicial Department Operating Budget History



## **Supreme Court of Virginia**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/scv/home.html>

### **Mission Statement:**

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 History:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2003	\$17,355,180	\$478,786	\$17,833,966	\$8,775,486	\$9,058,480	109.63
FY 2004	\$17,421,188	\$478,786	\$17,899,974	\$8,717,686	\$9,182,288	109.63
FY 2005	\$17,850,457	\$535,571	\$18,386,028	\$9,946,167	\$8,439,861	109.63
FY 2006	\$19,541,699	\$1,517,828	\$21,059,527	\$10,484,926	\$10,574,601	118.63

### **New Operating Budget Summary:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$23,900,542	\$6,709,860	\$30,610,402	\$11,558,538	\$19,051,864	124.63
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,900,542</b>	<b>\$6,709,860</b>	<b>\$30,610,402</b>	<b>\$11,558,538</b>	<b>\$19,051,864</b>	<b>124.63</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$23,765,631	\$8,730,310	\$32,495,941	\$11,558,538	\$20,937,403	124.63
FY 2008 Amendments	\$10,112,430	\$735,580	\$10,848,010	\$767,230	\$10,080,780	10.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,878,061</b>	<b>\$9,465,890</b>	<b>\$43,343,951</b>	<b>\$12,325,768</b>	<b>\$31,018,183</b>	<b>134.63</b>

### **Recommended Operating Budget Amendments**

#### **► Provide funding to evaluate drug court program**

Adds funding to conduct ongoing evaluations of the effectiveness and efficiency of all local drug treatment court programs. This evaluation initiative will provide an annual progress report on Virginia's drug treatment court programs and valid evaluation results to internally guide future development and funding. For 2008, \$100,000 (GF).

#### **► Provide matching funds for federal grant to assist in court improvement**

Provides funds for the state match for three federal state court improvement program grants. For 2008, \$245,200 (GF) and \$735,580 (NGF).

#### **► Provide funding for foreign language interpreters**

Provides funds and positions to ensure non-English speaking parties and criminal defendants have equal access to judicial processes. For 2008, \$767,230 (GF) and an increase of 10 positions.

#### **► Court-appointed attorney rate increase**

Provides funds to address court-appointed attorney cost increases resulting from allowing the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court to waive the maximum allowable fee cap for court-appointed counsel in atypical cases. For 2008, \$9.0 million (GF).

## **Court Of Appeals Of Virginia**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/cav/home.html>

### **Mission Statement:**

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 History:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2003	\$5,666,341	\$0	\$5,666,341	\$5,160,337	\$506,004	55.13
FY 2004	\$5,672,776	\$0	\$5,672,776	\$5,150,337	\$522,439	55.13
FY 2005	\$5,864,977	\$0	\$5,864,977	\$5,289,410	\$575,567	55.13
FY 2006	\$6,794,916	\$0	\$6,794,916	\$6,109,511	\$685,405	66.13

### **New Operating Budget Summary:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$7,096,364	\$0	\$7,096,364	\$6,381,574	\$714,790	66.13
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,096,364</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,096,364</b>	<b>\$6,381,574</b>	<b>\$714,790</b>	<b>66.13</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$7,093,848	\$0	\$7,093,848	\$6,381,574	\$712,274	66.13
FY 2008 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,093,848</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,093,848</b>	<b>\$6,381,574</b>	<b>\$712,274</b>	<b>66.13</b>

## **Circuit Courts**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/circuit.html>

### **Mission Statement:**

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 History:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2003	\$79,920,857	\$198,600	\$80,119,457	\$30,654,241	\$49,465,216	157.00
FY 2004	\$81,173,987	\$198,600	\$81,372,587	\$30,654,241	\$50,718,346	157.00
FY 2005	\$71,659,520	\$300,000	\$71,959,520	\$31,844,386	\$40,115,134	162.00
FY 2006	\$75,218,598	\$300,000	\$75,518,598	\$31,844,386	\$43,674,212	163.00

**New Operating Budget Summary:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$87,378,958	\$300,000	\$87,678,958	\$32,697,462	\$54,981,496	164.00
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$87,378,958</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$87,678,958</b>	<b>\$32,697,462</b>	<b>\$54,981,496</b>	<b>164.00</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$88,626,958	\$300,000	\$88,926,958	\$32,697,462	\$56,229,496	164.00
FY 2008 Amendments	(\$2,804,355)	\$0	(\$2,804,355)	\$0	(\$2,804,355)	0.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,822,603</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$86,122,603</b>	<b>\$32,697,462</b>	<b>\$53,425,141</b>	<b>164.00</b>

**Recommended Operating Budget Amendments**

► **Redistribute Criminal Fund allocations**

Decreases the Criminal Fund due to savings resulting from proposed staffing enhancements of public defender offices. More indigent defense cases handled by public defenders results in reduced costs to the Criminal Fund. For 2008, a decrease of \$3.3 million (GF).

► **Increase payment rate for forensic evaluations**

Increases the payment rate allowed from the Criminal Fund account to pay for expert mental health evaluations. For 2008, \$525,000 (GF).

**General District Courts**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/gd.html>

**Mission Statement:**

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 History:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2003	\$72,854,186	\$0	\$72,854,186	\$54,931,305	\$17,922,881	948.20
FY 2004	\$73,056,390	\$0	\$73,056,390	\$54,309,564	\$18,746,826	948.20
FY 2005	\$77,758,040	\$0	\$77,758,040	\$57,200,335	\$20,557,705	989.10
FY 2006	\$78,161,845	\$0	\$78,161,845	\$57,200,335	\$20,961,510	990.10

**New Operating Budget Summary:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$83,798,982	\$0	\$83,798,982	\$63,154,534	\$20,644,448	1,018.10
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$83,798,982</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$83,798,982</b>	<b>\$63,154,534</b>	<b>\$20,644,448</b>	<b>1,018.10</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$83,791,482	\$0	\$83,791,482	\$63,154,534	\$20,636,948	1,018.10
FY 2008 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$83,791,482</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$83,791,482</b>	<b>\$63,154,534</b>	<b>\$20,636,948</b>	<b>1,018.10</b>

## **Juvenile And Domestic Relations District Courts**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/jdr.html>

### **Mission Statement:**

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 History:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2003	\$54,298,583	\$0	\$54,298,583	\$38,286,534	\$16,012,049	561.80
FY 2004	\$54,467,738	\$0	\$54,467,738	\$37,953,339	\$16,514,399	561.80
FY 2005	\$64,567,027	\$0	\$64,567,027	\$40,378,893	\$24,188,134	589.10
FY 2006	\$63,314,963	\$0	\$63,314,963	\$40,378,893	\$22,936,070	590.10

### **New Operating Budget Summary:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$66,330,279	\$0	\$66,330,279	\$42,773,062	\$23,557,217	594.10
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,330,279</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$66,330,279</b>	<b>\$42,773,062</b>	<b>\$23,557,217</b>	<b>594.10</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$66,320,279	\$0	\$66,320,279	\$42,773,062	\$23,547,217	594.10
FY 2008 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,320,279</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$66,320,279</b>	<b>\$42,773,062</b>	<b>\$23,547,217</b>	<b>594.10</b>

## **Combined District Courts**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/main.htm>

### **Mission Statement:**

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 History:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2003	\$16,298,989	\$0	\$16,298,989	\$9,909,948	\$6,389,041	222.75
FY 2004	\$16,345,498	\$0	\$16,345,498	\$9,782,380	\$6,563,118	222.75
FY 2005	\$18,252,505	\$0	\$18,252,505	\$9,200,556	\$9,051,949	204.55
FY 2006	\$17,795,661	\$0	\$17,795,661	\$9,200,556	\$8,595,105	204.55

**New Operating Budget Summary:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$18,448,785	\$0	\$18,448,785	\$9,853,680	\$8,595,105	204.55
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,448,785</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$18,448,785</b>	<b>\$9,853,680</b>	<b>\$8,595,105</b>	<b>204.55</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$18,448,785	\$0	\$18,448,785	\$9,853,680	\$8,595,105	204.55
FY 2008 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,448,785</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$18,448,785</b>	<b>\$9,853,680</b>	<b>\$8,595,105</b>	<b>204.55</b>

**Magistrate System**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/mad.htm>

**Mission Statement:**

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 History:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2003	\$18,643,163	\$0	\$18,643,163	\$17,775,920	\$867,243	399.20
FY 2004	\$18,609,461	\$0	\$18,609,461	\$17,614,774	\$994,687	399.20
FY 2005	\$19,360,534	\$0	\$19,360,534	\$18,511,814	\$848,720	400.20
FY 2006	\$19,360,963	\$0	\$19,360,963	\$18,511,814	\$849,149	400.20

**New Operating Budget Summary:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$20,955,406	\$0	\$20,955,406	\$20,109,239	\$846,167	400.20
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,955,406</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,955,406</b>	<b>\$20,109,239</b>	<b>\$846,167</b>	<b>400.20</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$20,954,631	\$0	\$20,954,631	\$20,109,239	\$845,392	400.20
FY 2008 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,954,631</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,954,631</b>	<b>\$20,109,239</b>	<b>\$845,392</b>	<b>400.20</b>

**Board of Bar Examiners**

<http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/>

**Mission Statement:**

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.

**Agency Goals:**

- Administer two bar examinations annually to all qualified applicants and licensing all who are successful and otherwise qualified to practice law in Virginia.

**Agency Goals:**

- Evaluate the qualifications of persons applying for admission to the Virginia bar under the current reciprocity provisions and certify to the Supreme Court of Virginia those applicants who have satisfied the provision.
- Conduct an appropriate character and fitness background investigation for each applicant for admission to the Virginia bar, whether by examination or by motion.
- Monitor those applicants who have been approved by the Board to read law under the supervision of an attorney licensed to practice law in Virginia.

**Customers Served:**

Persons seeking admission to the bar

**Operating Budget History:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2003	\$914,859	\$0	\$914,859	\$601,333	\$313,526	5.00
FY 2004	\$914,753	\$0	\$914,753	\$601,333	\$313,420	5.00
FY 2005	\$0	\$997,828	\$997,828	\$742,342	\$255,486	5.00
FY 2006	\$0	\$993,828	\$993,828	\$742,342	\$251,486	5.00

**New Operating Budget Summary:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,110,489	\$1,110,489	\$808,187	\$302,302	6.00
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$100,226	\$100,226	\$73,841	\$26,385	1.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,210,715</b>	<b>\$1,210,715</b>	<b>\$882,028</b>	<b>\$328,687</b>	<b>7.00</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,110,489	\$1,110,489	\$808,187	\$302,302	6.00
FY 2008 Amendments	\$0	\$143,571	\$143,571	\$118,773	\$24,798	1.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,254,060</b>	<b>\$1,254,060</b>	<b>\$926,960</b>	<b>\$327,100</b>	<b>7.00</b>

**Recommended Operating Budget Amendments**

► **Relocate office operations**

Adds funding to address expenses related to office relocation. This amendment addresses the unanticipated and unavoidable costs related to the rent differential, building improvements, and funding for ancillary costs for the office space relocation. For 2007, \$23,555 (NGF). For 2008, \$22,975 (NGF).

► **Provide salary increases for Character and Fitness Committee positions**

Increases appropriation to provide salary increases for two existing positions. Both positions support the Character and Fitness Committee, appointed by the Supreme Court of Virginia. For 2007, \$22,046 (NGF). For 2008, \$24,624 (NGF).

► **Convert wage position to full time employee**

Provides funds and a position to establish the database forms manager as a full time employee. This action will facilitate the Board's goal of moving to electronic filing of bar exam and admission on motion applications. For 2007, \$43,322 (NGF) and one position. For 2008, \$83,054 (NGF).

► **Add a part-time position to support the Character and Fitness Committee**

Provides funds to support a part-time position for the Character and Fitness Committee. This position will perform ad-hoc investigations, prepare for hearings, review applicant files for accuracy and completeness, and maintain hearing records. For 2007, \$11,303 (NGF). For 2008, \$12,918 (NGF).

## **Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/jirc/main.htm>

### **Mission Statement:**

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

### **Operating Budget History:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2003	\$461,248	\$0	\$461,248	\$361,157	\$100,091	3.00
FY 2004	\$462,715	\$0	\$462,715	\$361,157	\$101,558	3.00
FY 2005	\$480,491	\$0	\$480,491	\$374,503	\$105,988	3.00
FY 2006	\$481,464	\$0	\$481,464	\$374,503	\$106,961	3.00

### **New Operating Budget Summary:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$519,064	\$0	\$519,064	\$405,786	\$113,278	3.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$519,064</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$519,064</b>	<b>\$405,786</b>	<b>\$113,278</b>	<b>3.00</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$518,951	\$0	\$518,951	\$405,786	\$113,165	3.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$518,951</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$518,951</b>	<b>\$405,786</b>	<b>\$113,165</b>	<b>3.00</b>

## **Indigent Defense Commission**

<http://www.indigentdefense.virginia.gov/>

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission is to protect the rights and liberties of all and ensure a fair and reliable criminal justice system by providing high quality defense to indigent persons accused of crime through zealous, client-centered advocacy.

### **Agency Goals:**

- Develop standards of practice for indigent defense counsel.
- Monitor public defender caseloads and take all reasonable steps necessary to limit caseloads so that attorneys can fulfill their ethical duty of competency.
- Establish a fair and efficient system for evaluating the performance of all indigent defense counsel as to his or her continued eligibility for court appointment.
- Improve communications between VaIDC and the public defender offices and private bar counsel.
- Increase the number of public defenders and court appointed counsel;.
- Achieve salary parity between public defender and Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices.
- Achieve resource parity, including access to technology, experts and investigators between indigent defense counsel and prosecutors;.
- Reduce employee turnover in public defender offices and creating career development tracks within the Commission;.
- Eliminate inflexible compensation limits on court appointed attorney fees;.
- Ensure adequate trial/appellate skills training for all new attorneys who wish to represent indigent clients.
- Provide high quality indigent defense by increasing the number of certified court appointed attorneys.



**Customers Served:**

clients – indigent persons charged with jailable offenses ♦ public defender office attorneys and staff ♦ court appointed counsel ♦ judiciary ♦ Commonwealth's Attorneys

**Operating Budget History:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2003	\$22,089,767	\$0	\$22,089,767	\$16,922,517	\$5,167,250	346.00
FY 2004	\$22,666,249	\$0	\$22,666,249	\$16,922,517	\$5,743,732	346.00
FY 2005	\$28,363,168	\$10,000	\$28,373,168	\$20,698,663	\$7,674,505	464.00
FY 2006	\$32,050,979	\$10,000	\$32,060,979	\$20,698,663	\$11,362,316	482.00

**New Operating Budget Summary:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$36,152,445	\$10,000	\$36,162,445	\$29,388,862	\$6,773,583	514.00
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,152,445</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$36,162,445</b>	<b>\$29,388,862</b>	<b>\$6,773,583</b>	<b>514.00</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$36,045,009	\$10,000	\$36,055,009	\$29,388,862	\$6,666,147	514.00
FY 2008 Amendments	\$3,537,355	\$0	\$3,537,355	\$2,551,686	\$985,669	26.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,582,364</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$39,592,364</b>	<b>\$31,940,548</b>	<b>\$7,651,816</b>	<b>540.00</b>

**Recommended Operating Budget Amendments**

► **Increase salaries for Commission employees**

Provides funds to attract and retain qualified counsel by increasing salaries for public defender office attorneys by 10 percent. For 2008, \$1.2 million (GF).

► **Increase staff in Commission's Office**

Provides funds and positions to strengthen existing public defender offices and to staff the new Standards of Practice division of the Indigent Defense Commission. This funding will allow the agency to fulfill Constitutional and statutory mandates to provide representation to indigent criminal defendants and to oversee the performance of court appointed attorneys. For 2008, \$1.5 million (GF) and an increase of 18 positions.

► **Increase staff in Capital Defender offices**

Provides funds and positions to strengthen those public defender offices dealing with capital cases. In addition, provides funds to attract and retain qualified counsel for capital defender office attorneys by increasing salaries by 25 percent. For 2008, \$833,280 (GF) and an increase of eight positions.

## **Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission**

<http://www.vcsc.state.va.us/>

### **Mission Statement:**

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 History:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2003	\$822,340	\$35,000	\$857,340	\$691,287	\$166,053	10.00
FY 2004	\$823,710	\$35,000	\$858,710	\$691,287	\$167,423	10.00
FY 2005	\$850,198	\$35,000	\$885,198	\$702,047	\$183,151	10.00
FY 2006	\$851,171	\$35,000	\$886,171	\$702,047	\$184,124	10.00

### **New Operating Budget Summary:**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nongeneral Fund</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Positions</b>
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$906,528	\$70,000	\$976,528	\$751,105	\$225,423	10.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$906,528</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$976,528</b>	<b>\$751,105</b>	<b>\$225,423</b>	<b>10.00</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$906,397	\$70,000	\$976,397	\$751,105	\$225,292	10.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$906,397</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$976,397</b>	<b>\$751,105</b>	<b>\$225,292</b>	<b>10.00</b>

## **Virginia State Bar**

<http://www.vsb.org/>

### **Mission Statement:**

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.

### **Agency Goals:**

- Regulate the legal profession and assure that Virginia legal services consumers are served by competent, ethical attorneys.
- Provide public protection against the unauthorized practice of law and fraud or over-reaching by licensed attorneys.
- Provide compensation through the Clients' Protection Fund to clients who have suffered losses through lawyer fraud or dishonesty.
- Protect the public from on-going lawyer misconduct in serious cases by initiating receiverships to take over a lawyer's practice.

**Customers Served:**

Attorneys ♦ Consumers of legal services

**Operating Budget History:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2003	\$2,145,000	\$11,772,193	\$13,917,193	\$4,971,941	\$8,945,252	79.50
FY 2004	\$2,145,000	\$11,291,764	\$13,436,764	\$4,971,941	\$8,464,823	81.50
FY 2005	\$2,145,015	\$11,977,317	\$14,122,332	\$6,025,800	\$8,096,532	85.00
FY 2006	\$2,145,015	\$12,412,317	\$14,557,332	\$6,061,800	\$8,495,532	85.00

**New Operating Budget Summary:**

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	TOTAL	Personnel Costs	Other Costs	Positions
FY 2007 Appropriation	\$2,395,015	\$14,154,397	\$16,549,412	\$6,956,345	\$9,593,067	89.00
FY 2007 Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
<b>FY 2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,395,015</b>	<b>\$14,154,397</b>	<b>\$16,549,412</b>	<b>\$6,956,345</b>	<b>\$9,593,067</b>	<b>89.00</b>
FY 2008 Appropriation	\$2,145,015	\$14,276,669	\$16,421,684	\$7,008,867	\$9,412,817	89.00
FY 2008 Amendments	\$375,000	\$0	\$375,000	\$0	\$375,000	0.00
<b>FY 2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,520,015</b>	<b>\$14,276,669</b>	<b>\$16,796,684</b>	<b>\$7,008,867</b>	<b>\$9,787,817</b>	<b>89.00</b>

**Recommended Operating Budget Amendments**

► **Increase funding for civil indigent legal aid**

Provides additional funds to support programs providing civil legal aid for the poor. Legal aid programs operate out of 37 offices, serving every jurisdiction in the Commonwealth. For 2008, \$375,000 (GF).