

# **LEGISLATURE & JUDICIARY**

**Summary of Recommended Appropriations  
By Agency**

## LEGISLATURE

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	Adjusted Appropriation 2011-12	Executive Request 2012-13	Change	Percent Change
<b>AGENCY SUMMARY</b>				
General Fund	217,844,801	217,844,801	0	0.0%
Special Revenue-Other	2,100,000	2,100,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total for AGENCY SUMMARY:</b>	<b>219,944,801</b>	<b>219,944,801</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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## JUDICIARY

	Adjusted Appropriation 2011-12	Executive Request 2012-13	Change	Percent Change
<b>AGENCY SUMMARY</b>				
General Fund	2,297,777,572	2,316,469,123	18,691,551	0.8%
Special Revenue-Other	242,745,598	227,664,214	(15,081,384)	-6.2%
Special Revenue-Federal	10,500,000	10,500,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total for AGENCY SUMMARY:</b>	<b>2,551,023,170</b>	<b>2,554,633,337</b>	<b>3,610,167</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

### Agency Mission

The New York State courts are established and administered as an independent branch of government pursuant to Article VI of the State Constitution. The cost of operating the courts (excluding town and village courts) is borne by the state pursuant to the Unified Court Budget Act. The mission of the Unified Court System is to promote the rule of law and to serve the public by providing just and timely resolutions of all matters before the courts. The New York State Judiciary (Judiciary) carries out its mission through 11 different trial courts (courts of original jurisdiction), its intermediate appellate courts and its highest court, the Court of Appeals.

### Budget Detail

The Judiciary's budget request, as submitted to the Governor, recommends an All Funds appropriation of \$2,554,633,377, an increase of \$3,610,167, or 0.1 percent, over State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2011-12 funding levels.

The Judiciary's budget includes a \$25,000,000 appropriation to support the recommendations of the Chief Judge's task force to expand civil legal services, representing an increase of \$12,500,000, or 50 percent, over SFY 2011-12 funding levels. In addition, the request continues a \$15,000,000 sub-allocation to the Interest on Lawyers Account (IOLA) fund in support of civil legal service programs.

The Judiciary's budget request also provides for a judicial salary increase as determined by the Special Commission on Judicial Compensation.