

## LEGISLATURE

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	Adjusted Appropriation 2004-05	Executive Request 2005-06	Change	Percent Change
<b>AGENCY SUMMARY</b>				
General Fund	200,678,225	206,672,195	5,993,970	3.0%
Special Revenue-Other	2,100,000	2,100,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total for AGENCY SUMMARY:</b>	<b>202,778,225</b>	<b>208,772,195</b>	<b>5,993,970</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

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## JUDICIARY

	Adjusted Appropriation 2004-05	Executive Request 2005-06	Change	Percent Change
<b>AGENCY SUMMARY</b>				
General Fund	1,752,987,929	1,859,541,695	106,553,766	6.1%
Special Revenue-Other	188,419,649	211,054,738	22,635,089	12.0%
Special Revenue-Federal	10,500,000	7,500,000	(3,000,000)	-28.6%
<b>Total for AGENCY SUMMARY:</b>	<b>1,951,907,578</b>	<b>2,078,096,433</b>	<b>126,188,855</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

### **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

(Executive Budget: pp. 433 - 455)

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 carries out its mission through eleven different trial courts (courts of original jurisdiction) and through its intermediate appellate courts and its highest court, the Court of Appeals.

The Judiciary is included in the Legislature and Judiciary appropriation bill.

#### State Operations

The Judiciary's All Funds appropriation request is \$2.08 billion, a \$126,000,000, or 6.5 percent increase over the current year, as adjusted for the impact of the 2004-05 pay bill. Of this amount, nearly \$1.9 billion is requested from the State tax dollar supported by General Fund, reflecting an increase of \$108,000,000 or 6.2 percent over 2004-05.

The Requested General Fund increase includes:

- \$44,700,000 for negotiated salary increments for State staff;
- \$52,000,000 for increased fringe benefit costs;

- \$4,500,000 for contracts and other fixed cost increases, including legal reference and the Law Guardian Program;
- \$12,500,000 for annualization of current year initiatives, primarily for security enhancements; and
- \$12,300,000 for new or expanded activities, including security equipment, continued expansion of drug treatment courts and night court in New York City and for the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program.

These increases are partially offset by recurring savings totaling \$18,000,000 resulting in a net General Fund increase of \$108,000,000. The All Funds appropriation growth reflects an additional \$16,400,000 for the Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund.