

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST For Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027

Submitted to the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy and the Legislative Budget Board

> by Ninth Court of Appeals Beaumont

Chief Justice W. Scott Golemon Justice Leanne Johnson Justice Jay Wright Justice Kent Chambers

Submitted August 16, 2024

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The core function of Texas intermediate appellate courts is to process, review, and decide by written opinion appeals from trial courts in civil and criminal cases. The courts of appeals are also tasked with resolving numerous original proceedings in the form of petitions seeking mandamus and habeas corpus relief, many of which involve voluminous records, that must be decided on an expedited basis.

Since 1983 until August 2024, the work of the courts of appeals has been accomplished by 80 justices statewide. Effective September 1, 2024, the Fifteenth Court of Appeals will become operational, increasing the total number of intermediate appellate court justices to 83 for the next biennium.

Since 1983, the population of Texas has nearly doubled. Population growth across the State and the magnitude of annual case filings, in concert with an ever-increasing number of case types requiring expedited review, make clear that the courts of appeals need sufficient resources to manage their busy dockets and provide the high quality of justice to which the citizens of Texas are entitled. In that regard, case filings in the Texas intermediate courts of appeals have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Adequate funding for the intermediate courts of appeals is essential for maintaining and providing cost-effective service to the citizens of Texas.

A key component to handling the ever-increasing workload without additional justices has been the employment of a highly skilled and trained professional workforce, including appellate lawyers and clerical staff, who assist the justices in processing complex cases, researching and drafting orders and opinions, disposing of voluminous motions, and managing accelerated and emergency matters. Appellate work requires specialized knowledge and significant experience, and the courts constantly face competition from higher-paying private practice and government legal jobs for skilled attorneys and staff. Specialized technological skills are also necessary to understand and operate the complex case management system currently used by the courts. Hiring and retaining qualified support staff is critical to the courts' ability to manage their dockets and efficiently resolve the cases before them.

The courts of appeals, collectively, began in the 79th and 80th Legislative Sessions to work toward a zero-based budget model referred to as "Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts." This budget model quantified the funding required to meet the personnel and operational needs of the courts, thus enabling the courts to accomplish their core function and meet their performance measures. The Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts initiative was fully funded for the first time in 2015, and the courts had been operating under the same zero-based budget model and funding levels until the 88th Legislative Session when the Legislature increased the budgets for the intermediate appellate courts. The intermediate appellate courts are appreciative of the increased funding received last session.

Even with the increase in funding for the intermediate appellate courts from the 88th Legislative Session, the courts continue to lag behind in funding. With the growth in Texas population and the expansion of the Texas business environment, the demands of the core function of the courts have required higher-skilled and higher-salary positions in order to adequately serve the citizens of Texas. Further, the intermediate appellate courts have seen an increase in case activity that is a direct result of Operation Lone Star. Additionally, operating costs for necessary resources such as Westlaw/LexisNexis and other administrative needs have increased dramatically.

Funding for all courts of appeals (including the new Fifteenth Court of Appeals) comprises less than 0.04% of the State budget as a whole. Yet, on average, 96.5% of each appellate court's budget is dedicated to salaries and benefits. Without additional funding, appellate courts will be unable to attract and retain the highly trained and skilled support staff with the specialized knowledge and relevant experience critical to the courts' function. Without sufficient qualified staff, courts cannot comply with Legislative mandates to give accelerated and preferential treatment to certain appeals, such as parental-termination and juvenile-certification appeals under the Family Code, mental-health appeals under the Health and Safety Code, and interlocutory appeals under the Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Respectfully, additional funding is now necessary to ensure the efficient administration of justice going forward.

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EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #1: ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION

Even after the increased funding received in the 88th Legislative Session, attorneys and staff of the intermediate appellate courts remain impacted in many ways by increasing costs due to inflation. Their buying power for goods and services has diminished and, at some courts, has resulted in attrition by those seeking higher-paying jobs that are often paid by other governmental entities that can pay more than the intermediate appellate courts. If salaries are not increased, the courts risk losing more personnel that will be costly to replace. Training takes time and will impact the ability of the courts to meet the current and expected demands as we navigate continued population growth and increased case filings attributed to a booming business environment and state efforts to secure the Texas border.

Respectfully, the intermediate appellate courts join with the Texas Supreme Court and the other Article IV Courts and Agencies in requesting a six percent (6%) increase in general revenue appropriations to help absorb the continuing impact of inflation and the increased demands placed on the courts, as well as maintaining and recruiting a strong, experience, and efficient judicial workforce. Thus, the Ninth Court of Appeals requests this additional 6% to foster the business model adopted by the courts of appeals of equal funding for the same sized courts. Deviating from that model risks reversion to historic and potentially detrimental modes of individualized court funding focused less on the needs of Texas and the appellate judiciary as a whole.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #2: ADDITIONAL FTE, STAFF ATTORNEY

Due to accelerated civil and criminal appeals, including writs of habeas corpus, mandamus petitions, terminations, and emergency filings, as well as the resulting delay such filings cause to other appeals now pending in the Ninth Court of Appeals, our Court is requesting funding for one additional full-time staff attorney. The above referenced appeals require expedited review and may cause other pending appeals to have a delayed resolution. To assist the Justices with their prompt resolution of pending matters, the Court requests one additional full-time staff attorney.

In addition, our Chief Staff Attorney has been with the Ninth Court of Appeals for 35 years, and she has expressed a desire to retire within the next three years. Since 2020, our Chief Staff Attorney's duties have almost exclusively been limited to handling mandamus petitions, accelerated appeals, and emergency motions. It is imperative that we hire an additional experienced attorney now so that we can train others and prepare for the transition.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #3: JUDICIAL PAY INCREASE DUE TO CHANGE IN TENURE

3 Justices will merit an increase in judicial pay due to reaching the next tier as provided in Texas Government Code section 659.012.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS/RIDER EXCEPTION REQUESTS:

The courts of appeals also request the following with regard to the SPECIAL PROVISIONS – JUDICIARY found in Article IV (beginning at p. IV-42 of the General Appropriations Act for the 2024-25 Biennium) concerning across-the-board riders:

1. Retain Special Provisions – Judiciary, Sec. 3, Appellate Court Exemptions pertaining to the following Article IX riders: Section 6.10, Limitations on State Employment Levels, Section 6.13, Performance Standards, Section 14.03, Transfers – Capital Budget, and Section 3.04, Scheduled Exempt Positions.

2. Retain Special Provisions - Judiciary, Sec. 5, Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts

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3. Retain Special Provisions - Judiciary, Sec. 6, Appellate Court Transfer Authority

Historically, the Legislature has granted the courts exemption from certain limitations in the General Appropriations Act. The Legislature has also granted the courts the authority to carry over unexpended budget balances between years within the biennium. The flexibility afforded by these measures enhances the courts' management ability, and we seek continuation of these budget features.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT:

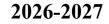
In order for the courts of appeals to function efficiently, it is vital that the Office of Court Administration (OCA) be adequately funded. The courts of appeals rely on many of the services provided by OCA and, therefore, the courts of appeals fully support the exceptional items the OCA requests as part of its funding. More specifically, the courts of appeals strongly support the request for funding related to the acquisition of a new appellate case management system to replace the current system known as TAMES as well as a case-level data system.

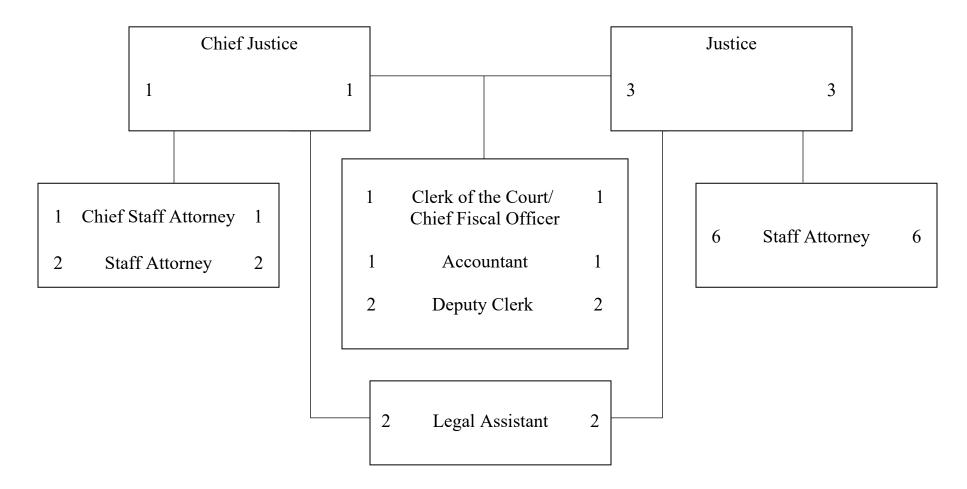
If the Legislature appropriates a cost-of-living increase to state employees, the courts of appeals request that all court employees be included in any such cost-of-living increase.

Finally, the courts of appeals wish to express appreciation to and support for the Judicial Compensation Commission and the Legislature's efforts to strengthen the justice system by increasing judicial salaries to attract and retain a strong judiciary. The courts of appeals request the Legislature implement the Judicial Compensation Commission's recommendations for an increase in judicial compensation.

Note: on Appropriated Receipts – At the direction of the LBB & Governor's Office, this Court has included appropriated receipts in the amount of \$8,000 reflecting reimbursement for copies of opinions and other court documents. These amounts are merely an offset for additional expenses incurred by the Court and do not constitute additional funds available for general expenditures for the Court. The amount can vary significantly from year to year.

Ninth Court of Appeals Organizational Chart





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Budget Overview - Biennial Amounts

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				Court of Appea	als District, Beaur ears: 2026-27	mont					
	GENERAL REVE	ENUE FUNDS	GR DEI	DICATED	FEDERA	L FUNDS	OTHER F	UNDS	ALL FU		EXCEPTIONAL ITEM FUNDS
	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2026-27
Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations											
1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	3,776,250	3,860,996					16,000	16,000	3,792,250	3,876,996	498,460
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	1,164,060	1,164,060					245,200	245,200	1,409,260	1,409,260	25,666
Total, Goal	4,940,310	5,025,056					261,200	261,200	5,201,510	5,286,256	524,126
Total, Agency	4,940,310	5,025,056					261,200	261,200	5,201,510	5,286,256	524,126
Total FTEs									19.0	19.0	1.0

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Goal / <i>Objective /</i> STRATEGY	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
1 Appellate Court Operations					
<u>1</u> Appellate Court Operations					
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	1,584,087	1,714,897	2,077,353	1,938,498	1,938,498
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	709,334	699,380	709,880	704,630	704,630
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
= GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128

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Goal / <i>Objective</i> / STRATEGY	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	2,161,585	2,283,677	2,656,633	2,512,528	2,512,528
SUBTOTAL	\$2,161,585	\$2,283,677	\$2,656,633	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528
Other Funds:					
573 Judicial Fund	122,600	122,600	122,600	122,600	122,600
666 Appropriated Receipts	9,236	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
SUBTOTAL	\$131,836	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$130,600
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128

*Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>					
1 General Revenue Fund					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$2,433,677	\$2,506,633	\$0	\$0
Comments: General Revenue Fund FY 24-25					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$2,082,635	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: General Revenue Fund FY23 plus \$10,727 for 5% only FY24	for July and August	:			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528
TRANSFERS					
SB 30, 88th Leg, Regular Session	\$10,727	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: House Bill 1, General Appropriations Act (GAA), A 17.16, 88th Legislature, Regular Session.	Article IX, Section				
Senate Bill 30, Section 9.01, 88th Legislature, Regular Session.					

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METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
GENERAL REVENUE						
LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-	23 GAA)	\$(46,260)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: Return of unused funds 13001 I	FY23					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-	23 GAA)	\$(52,605)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: Return of Judges Salary FY23						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-	23 GAA)	\$(57,493)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: Expenditures purchases for FY2	23					
SB 30, 88th Leg, Regular Session		\$(475)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: SB 30, 88th Leg, Regular Sessi	on					
5% estimated Return of unused funds for FY	723					
UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY						

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METHOD OF I	FINANCING		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>. REVENUE</u>						
		visions - Judiciary Section, Unexpended Balances.					
	Commontos Eq	timated of UB from FY24 to FY25	\$0	\$(150,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comments. Est	innated of OB from F124 to F125					
	Art IV, Special Prov GAA)	visions - Judiciary Section, Unexpended Balances	Authority (2024-2	25			
	Unity		\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
	Comments: Est	timated of UB from FY24 to FY25					
	A.1.1. Appellate Co	ourt Operations (2022-23 GAA)".					
			\$225,056	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comments: UB	3 from FY22 to FY23					
FOTAL,	General Revenue		\$2,161,585	\$2,283,677	\$2,656,633	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528
OTAL, ALL	GENERAL REV		P2 1/1 505	\$2.292.(77	\$2 (E((22	P2 512 529	P2 512 529
			\$2,161,585	\$2,283,677	\$2,656,633	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528
OTHER FU	JNDS						
572 1	udicial Fund No. 572						

573 Judicial Fund No. 573

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

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METHOD OF FI	NANCING	I	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
OTHER FUN	<u>DS</u>						
F	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25	5 GAA)	\$0	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$0	\$0
F	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23		\$122,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
F	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27	7 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$122,600	\$122,600
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573	\$	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600
	propriated Receipts GULAR APPROPRIATIONS						
F	Appropriate Receipts		\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$0
F	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23	3 GAA)	\$9,236	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
OTHER FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL, Appropriated Receipts	\$9,236	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS	\$131,836	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$130,600
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	0.0	19.0	19.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	19.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0

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Agency code: 229 Agency name	Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont					
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027	
NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

2.C. Summary of Base Request by Object of Expense

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OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,966,667	\$2,214,246	\$2,308,737	\$2,295,987	\$2,294,393
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$257,498	\$153,017	\$386,096	\$257,941	\$259,481
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$7,684	\$0	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$61,572	\$47,014	\$79,400	\$79,200	\$79,254
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
OOE Total (Riders) Grand Total	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128

2.C.1. Operating Costs Detail ~ Base Request

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Agency Code: 229 Agency: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
1	Consumable Supplies	\$7,684	\$0	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
35	Computer Equip./Software, Non-cap	21,059	0	20,000	0	0
64	SORM Assessment	1,883	2,278	2,300	2,300	2,300
123	Furniture & Equip., Not Captialize	34,881	4,333	0	0	0
213	ERS 1% & .5%	18,314	20,871	24,089	24,089	24,089
	Total, Operating Costs	\$83,821	\$27,482	\$59,389	\$36,389	\$36,389

2.D. Summary of Base Request Objective Outcomes

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Goal/ Obje	ective / Outcome	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
1 Appe	llate Court Operations					
1	Appellate Court Operations					
KEY	1 Clearance Rate					
		98.36%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
KEY	2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Th	1an One Year				
		99.78%	98.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%
KEY	3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Y	ears				
		98.90%	98.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%

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Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

Agency code: 229

	2026			2027			Biennium	
Priority Item	GR and GR/GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds
1 Adjustment for Inflation	\$117,567	\$117,567		\$117,567	\$117,567	`	\$235,134	\$235,134
2 New FTE	\$131,663	\$131,663	1.0	\$131,663	\$131,663	1.0	\$263,326	\$263,326
3 Judicial Tenure Increase	\$12,833	\$12,833		\$12,833	\$12,833		\$25,666	\$25,666
Total, Exceptional Items Request	\$262,063	\$262,063	1.0	\$262,063	\$262,063	1.0	\$524,126	\$524,126
Method of Financing General Revenue General Revenue - Dedicated Federal Funds Other Funds	\$262,063	\$262,063		\$262,063	\$262,063		\$524,126	\$524,126
	\$262,063	\$262,063		\$262,063	\$262,063		\$524,126	\$524,126
Full Time Equivalent Positions			1.0			1.0		
Number of 100% Federally Funded FTEs			0.0			0.0		

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy

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Agency code: 229	Agency name:	Ninth Court of Appeals Distric	t, Beaumont					
_Goal/Objective/STRATEGY		Base 2026	Base 2027	Exceptional 2026	Exceptional 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027	
1 Appellate Court Operations								
1 Appellate Court Operations								
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		\$1,938,498	\$1,938,498	\$249,230	\$249,230	\$2,187,728	\$2,187,728	
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES		704,630	704,630	12,833	12,833	717,463	717,463	
TOTAL, GOAL 1		\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,905,191	\$2,905,191	
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST		\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,905,191	\$2,905,191	
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST								
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST		\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,905,191	\$2,905,191	

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy

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Agency code: 229 Agency name:	Ninth Court of Appeals Distri	ict, Beaumont				
Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	Base 2026	Base 2027	Exceptional 2026	Exceptional 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027
General Revenue Funds:						
1 General Revenue Fund	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,774,591	\$2,774,591
	\$2,512,528	\$2,512,528	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,774,591	\$2,774,591
Other Funds:						
573 Judicial Fund	122,600	122,600	0	0	122,600	122,600
666 Appropriated Receipts	8,000	8,000	0	0	8,000	8,000
	\$130,600	\$130,600	\$0	\$0	\$130,600	\$130,600
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128	\$262,063	\$262,063	\$2,905,191	\$2,905,191

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FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS

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Date : 8/16/2024 2.G. Summary of Total Request Objective Outcomes Time: 2:31:16PM 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation system of Texas (ABEST) Agency code: 229 Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont Goal/ *Objective* / **Outcome** Total Total BL BL Excp Excp Request Request 2026 2027 2027 2026 2027 2026 Appellate Court Operations 1 Appellate Court Operations 1 KEY **1** Clearance Rate 95.00% 95.00% 100.00% 100.00% 100.00% 100.00% KEY 2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year 97.00% 97.00% 100.00% 100.00% 100.00% 100.00% **3** Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years KEY

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97.00%	97.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

GOAL:	1 Appellate Court Operations					
OBJECTIVE	: 1 Appellate Court Operations			Service Categor	ies:	
STRATEGY:	1 Appellate Court Operations			Service: 01	Income: A.2	Age: B.3
CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
Output Meas	ures:					
1 Nun	nber of Civil Cases Disposed	252.00	205.00	235.00	247.00	259.00
2 Nun	nber of Criminal Cases Disposed	168.00	199.00	202.00	212.00	222.00
Explanatory/	Input Measures:					
1 Nun	nber of Civil Cases Filed	253.00	219.00	243.00	255.00	268.00
2 Nun	nber of Criminal Cases Filed	180.00	197.00	217.00	228.00	239.00
3 Nun	nber of Cases Transferred in	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Nun	nber of Cases Transferred out	10.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Objects of Ex	cpense:					
1001 SA	ALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,276,300	\$1,529,483	\$1,605,957	\$1,605,957	\$1,605,957
1002 OT	THER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$245,178	\$145,317	\$386,096	\$250,241	\$250,241
2003 CC	ONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$7,684	\$0	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2009 OT	THER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$54,925	\$40,097	\$72,300	\$72,300	\$72,300
TOTAL, OB.	JECT OF EXPENSE	\$1,584,087	\$1,714,897	\$2,077,353	\$1,938,498	\$1,938,498
Method of Fi	nancing:					
1 Ge	eneral Revenue Fund	\$1,574,851	\$1,706,897	\$2,069,353	\$1,930,498	\$1,930,498

3.A. Strategy Request 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1

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229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

GOAL:	1 Appellate Court Operations					
OBJECTIVI	E: 1 Appellate Court Operations			Service Categori	es:	
STRATEGY	1 Appellate Court Operations			Service: 01	Income: A.2	Age: B.3
CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
SUBTOTAI	L, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$1,574,851	\$1,706,897	\$2,069,353	\$1,930,498	\$1,930,498
Method of F 666 A	`inancing: .ppropriated Receipts	\$9,236	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
	2, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)	\$9,236	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL, ME	ETHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$1,938,498	\$1,938,498
TOTAL, ME	ETHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	\$1,584,087	\$1,714,897	\$2,077,353	\$1,938,498	\$1,938,498
FULL TIME	E EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Ninth Court of Appeals was established by the 34th Texas Legislature on March 11, 1915. Our Court has intermediate appellate jurisdiction in civil cases when the judgment exceeds \$100 exclusive of cost and effective September 1, 1981 in criminal cases excluding those in which the death penalty has been assessed. Located in Beaumont, Texas, it is composed of the following ten counties: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto and Tyler. Effective January 1, 2005 our Court became a four-justice court pursuant to H.B. 2261 and H.B. 3306, 78th Regular Session.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
STRATEGY:	1 Appellate Court Operations			Service: 01	Income: A.2	Age: B.3
OBJECTIVE:	1 Appellate Court Operations			Service Categor	ies:	
GOAL:	1 Appellate Court Operations					

Courts of Appeals are by nature, constitutional components of the Judicial Branch of the government with highly specialized staffs. The primary factor which drives this strategy is the need to attract and retain highly trained and knowledgeable staff to maintain the Court's ability to dispose of cases in as effective and efficient manner as possible in order to meet the Legislature's performance measures and the expectations of Texas citizens. Effective January 1, 2005, our Court became a four-justice court pursuant to H.B. 2261 and H.B. 3306, 78th Regular Session.

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

STRATEGY BIENNIA	BIENNIAL	NNIAL EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE		
Base Spending (Est 2024 + Bud 2025)	Baseline Request (BL 2026 + BL 2027)	CHANGE	\$ Amount	Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
\$3,792,250	\$3,876,996	\$84,746	\$84,746	Fund 0001 difference is attributed to the 5% salary adjustment funding between bienniums.
			\$84,746	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

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229	Ninth	Court o	of Appeals	District,	Beaumont
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GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations					
OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations			Service Categori	es:	
STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontran	sferable		Service: NA	Income: NA	Age: NA
CODE DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
Objects of Expense:					
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$690,367	\$684,763	\$702,780	\$690,030	\$688,436
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$12,320	\$7,700	\$0	\$7,700	\$9,240
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$6,647	\$6,917	\$7,100	\$6,900	\$6,954
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$709,334	\$699,380	\$709,880	\$704,630	\$704,630
Method of Financing:					
1 General Revenue Fund	\$586,734	\$576,780	\$587,280	\$582,030	\$582,030
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$586,734	\$576,780	\$587,280	\$582,030	\$582,030
Method of Financing:					
573 Judicial Fund	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600	\$122,600
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$704,630	\$704,630
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	\$709,334	\$699,380	\$709,880	\$704,630	\$704,630
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

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229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
STRATEGY:	2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferal	Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable		Service: NA	Income: NA	Age: NA
OBJECTIVE:	1 Appellate Court Operations Service Categories:					
GOAL:	1 Appellate Court Operations	Appellate Court Operations				

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

STRATEGY BIENNIA	L TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	BIENNIAL	EXPLAN	NATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE
 Base Spending (Est 2024 + Bud 2025)	Baseline Request (BL 2026 + BL 2027)	CHANGE	\$ Amount	Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
\$1,409,260	\$1,409,260	\$0		
			\$0	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

3.A. Strategy Request 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$2,293,421	\$2,414,277	\$2,787,233	\$2,643,128	\$2,643,128
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0

3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request

Agency Code:	Agency Name:		Prepared By: Jennifer Henry	Date: 8/16/2024	Request Level: Baseline
Current Page Number Rider in 2024-25			Proposed Rider Langua	<u>.</u>	Daseillie
5	IV-43	this Article to Strat Criminal Appeals, Comptroller for fise amounts expende courts. It is the int assigned to the ap	Sec. 5. Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts. Out of funds appropriated in this Article to Strategies A.1.1., Appellate Court Operations, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals, or any of the 15 Courts of Appeals may enter into a contract with the Office of the Comptroller for fiscal years 20242026 and 20252027, for the purpose of reimbursing the Comptroller for amounts expended for judges assigned under Chapter 74, Government Code to hear cases of the appellate courts. It is the intent of the Legislature that any amounts reimbursed under this contract for judges assigned judges in Strategy A.1.3. Visiting Judges – Appellate in the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department.		

Updating rider to include the 15th Court of Appeals and adjust the years for the 2026-2027 biennium.

Sec. 7. Schedule of Exempt Positions ^{1, 2, 3, 4}

No change to sections (a), (b), and (c).

(d) Information Listing – Judicial and Prosecutor Compensation. Government Code §659.012, Judicial Salaries, and Section 46.003, Compensation of State Prosecutors, establish a tiered, tenure-based compensation structure for certain judges and professional prosecutor positions that is linked to the base salary of a district judge as set by the General Appropriations Act and adjusts depending on the judge's or professional prosecutor's tenure. Consistent with Government Code Section 46.003 and Section 659.012, for their first four years of service, district judges earn a base salary set by the General Appropriations Act and certain other judgees or theand professional prosecutors earns a base salary that is a certain percentage of the base salary of a district judge, subject to certain other statutory limitations. The base salary for justices on the 1st through the 14th Court of Appeals is 110% of a district judge's base salary and the base salary for a justice on the 15th Court of Appeals is \$5,000 less than 120% of the state base salary of a district judge. The base salary for justices on the Supreme Court and judges on the Court of Criminal Appeals is 120% of the base salary of a district judge. When their tenure is between 4-8 years of service, the judge or professional prosecutor earns 110 percent of the judge or prosecutor's base salary. With 8 or more years of tenure, the judge or professional prosecutor's salary is 120 percent of the judge or professional prosecutor's base salary. County prosecutors receive a supplement from the state that is provided to the county in an amount based on a formula that includes the base salary of a district judge with comparable years of service and the number of counties served by the state prosecutor in the county. The table below shows the base salary amounts for each state judge and prosecutor position that are dependent on years of service within each tier.

Amending language to provide clarification on judicial and prosecutor compensation.

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Judge / Prosecutor	Court / Judicial District / State Agency	Base Salary (0-4 years)	(4-8 years)	(8+ years)
Chief Justice Presiding Judge	Supreme Court Court of Criminal Appeals	\$170,500	\$187,300	\$204,100
Justice Judge	Supreme Court Court of Criminal Appeals	\$168,000	\$184,800	\$201,600
Chief Justice	$\frac{151^{\text{st}} - 14\text{th}}{151^{\text{st}} - 14\text{th}}$ Court of Appeals	\$156,500	\$172,150	\$187,800
Justice Judge	$\frac{151^{st} - 14th}{151^{st} - 14th}$ Court of Appeals	\$154,000	\$169,400	\$184,800
Chief Justice	15 th Court of Appeals	<u>\$165,500</u>	<u>\$181,800</u>	<u>\$198,100</u>
Justice Judge	15 th Court of Appeals	<u>\$163,000</u>	<u>\$179,300</u>	<u>\$195,600</u>
Associate Judge	Child Protection Court Child Support Court	\$126,000	\$138,600	\$151,200
Business Court Judge	Business Court	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
District Judge	District Court	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
State Prosecuting Attorney	Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
Professional Prosecutors	Judicial Districts	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
District Attorneys	Judicial Districts	\$112,000	\$123,200	\$134,400
County Prosecutors	Constitutional County Court	\$23,334 to \$70,000	\$25,667 to \$77,000	\$28,001 to \$84,000

The schedule in Rider 7. Schedule of Exempt Positions needs to be amended to break out the judge salaries for the 15th Court of Appeals, which differs from the other intermediate appellate courts.

9	IV-44	Sec. 9. Unexpended Balance Authority. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in non- estimated strategies at the Supreme Court of Texas, Court of Criminal Appeals, 14 <u>15</u> Courts of Appeals, Office of Court Administration, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney, and State Commission on Judicial Conduct as of August 31, <u>202426</u> , are appropriated to the respective court or agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, <u>202426</u> , for the same purpose.
		Updating the rider to include the 15 th Court of Appeals and to adjust the year for the 2026-2027 biennium.
10	IV-44	Sec. 10. Contingency for SB 1045 ^{-5, 6}
		 (a) Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1045, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, relating to the creation of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals with jurisdiction over certain civil cases, the compensation of the justices of that court, and the jurisdiction of the courts of appeals in this state, General Revenue funds in the amount of \$2,397,807 and 17.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,327,569 and 17.0 FTEs in the fiscal year 2025 are appropriated for the purpose of implementing the legislation. (b) Upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1045, appropriations and FTEs identified above in subsection (a) shall be provided to the Fifteenth Court of Appeals in a new bill pattern for that purpose in Article IV, The Judiciary, of this Act. The bill pattern shall include:
		(1) a Method of Financing with General Revenue appropriations in fiscal year 2025;
		(2) a Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) in fiscal year 2025;
		(3) a Schedule of Exempt Positions including one Chief Justice and two Justices with salary caps in fiscal year 2025;
		(4) a strategy for Appellate Court Operations with amounts for that purpose in fiscal year 2025;
		(5) a strategy for Appellate Justice Salaries with amounts for that purpose that are estimated and nontransferable in fiscal year 2025;

(6) a Performance Measure Targets rider including the following performance measures with targets of 100% attainment in fiscal year 2025;

(A) Clearance Rate;

(B) Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year; and

(C) Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years.

Rider is no longer needed. Bill pattern for the 15th Court of Appeals is in place in the 2024-2025 GAA.

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule

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DATE: **8/16/2024** TIME: **3:30:05PM**

Agency code: 229 Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont		
CODE DESCRIPTION	Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name: Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitme	ent in Strategy A.1.1	
Item Priority: 1		
IT Component: No		
Anticipated Out-year Costs: No		
Involve Contracts > \$50,000: No		
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations		
DBJECTS OF EXPENSE:		
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	115,830	115,830
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	1,737	1,737
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$117,567	\$117,567
METHOD OF FINANCING:		
1 General Revenue Fund	117,567	117,567
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$117,567	\$117,567

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Even after the increased funding received in the 88th Legislative Session, attorneys and staff of the Article IV Courts and Agencies remain impacted by increasing costs due to inflation and the draw of more lucrative employment opportunities in other state governmental entities, both inside and outside the judicial branch, the federal courts, and the private legal sector.

The Ninth Court of Appeals is acutely aware of the need to adequately compensate its highly skilled and specialized staff to efficiently and accurately decide matters of the highest importance to the jurisprudence of the State of Texas — for citizens, candidates, and the business community alike. In concert with the rest of the judicial branch, the Court is therefore seeking a modest 6% increase in staff salaries this biennium.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Retention and recruiting of highly skilled candidates are of utmost importance and training of new staff is costly, not only because of the caliber and complexity of the cases the Court and its staff handle, but also because of the added pressures of high ethical and confidentiality standards and risk to personal security and privacy that accompany working in the judicial branch.

The Ninth Court of Appeals along with the Article IV Courts and Agencies therefore collectively request a 6% salary increase for staff to maintain and recruit a strong, experienced, and efficient judicial workforce.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

	4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)	DATE: TIME:	8/16/2024 3:30:05PM
Agency code: 229	Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont		
CODE DESCRIPTION		Excp 2026	Excp 2027

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule

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DATE: 8/16/2024 TIME: 3:30:05PM

ODE DESCRIPTION	Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name: New Full-Time Equivalent Staff Attorney Position		
Item Priority: 2		
IT Component: No		
Anticipated Out-year Costs: No		
Involve Contracts > \$50,000: No		
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations JECTS OF EXPENSE:		
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	125,000	125,000
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	6,663	6,663
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$131,663	\$131,663
THOD OF FINANCING:		
1 General Revenue Fund	131,663	131,663
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$131,663	\$131,663
LL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):	1.00	1.00

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Due to accelerated civil and criminal appeals, including writs of habeas corpus, mandamus petitions, terminations, and emergency filings, as well as the resulting delay such filings cause to other appeals now pending in the Ninth Court of Appeals, our Court is requesting funding for one additional full-time staff attorney. The above referenced appeals require expedited review and may cause other pending appeals to have a delayed resolution. To assist the Justices with their prompt resolution of pending matters, the Court requests one additional full-time staff attorney.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Our Chief Staff Attorney has been with the Ninth Court of Appeals for 35 years, and she has expressed a desire to retire within the next three years. Since 2020, our Chief Staff Attorney's duties have almost exclusively been limited to handling mandamus petitions, accelerated appeals, and emergency motions. It is imperative that we hire an additional experienced attorney now so that we can train others and prepare for the transition. PCLS TRACKING KEY:

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule

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DATE: **8/16/2024** TIME: **3:30:05PM**

Agency code:229Agency name:Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont		
CODE DESCRIPTION	Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name:Judicial pay increase due to change in tenure (as provided bItem Priority:3IT Component:NoAnticipated Out-year Costs:NoInvolve Contracts > \$50,000:No	by Texas Government Code section 659	9.012)
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-02 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontra	ransferable	
	transferable 12,833	12,833
BJECTS OF EXPENSE:		12,833 \$12,833

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

3 Justices will merit an increase in judicial pay due to reaching the next tier as provided in Texas Government Code section 659.012.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Texas Government Code section 659.012 establishes the pay for the Justices.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) DATE: **8/16/2024** TIME: **4:24:22PM**

Agency code: 229

Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

Code Description			Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name:	Judiciary-Wide In	nflation Relief and Staff Retention and Re	ecruitment in Strategy A.1.1	
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES		115,830	115,830
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS		1,737	1,737
FOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE			\$117,567	\$117,567
METHOD OF FINANCING	G:			
1	General Revenue Fund		117,567	117,567
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING			\$117,567	\$117,567

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

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DATE: **8/16/2024** TIME: **4:24:22PM**

Agency code: 229

Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

Code Description		Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name:	New Full-Time Equivalent Staff Attorney Position		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations		
STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOM	AE MEASURES:		
<u>1</u> Clearance Rate		100.00%	100.00%
	Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00%	100.00%
<u>3</u> Percentage of C	Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100.00%	100.00%
OUTPUT MEASURES:			
<u>1</u> Number of Civ	il Cases Disposed	22.00	22.00
<u>2</u> Number of Crin	minal Cases Disposed	18.00	18.00
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001 SALAF	RIES AND WAGES	125,000	125,000
2009 OTHER	R OPERATING EXPENSE	6,663	6,663
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$131,663	\$131,663
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1 General F	Revenue Fund	131,663	131,663
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	3	\$131,663	\$131,663
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSIT	IONS (FTE):	1.0	1.0

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule
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DATE: **8/16/2024** TIME: **4:24:22PM**

Agency code: 229

Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

Code Description		Excp 2026	Excp 2027		
Item Name:	Judicial pay increase due to change in tenure (as provided by Texas Government Code section 659.012)				
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-2	Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable			
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:					
1001 SALARI	IES AND WAGES	12,833	12,833		
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$12,833	\$12,833		
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
1 General Re	evenue Fund	12,833	12,833		
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$12,833	\$12,833		

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request

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DATE: 8/16/2024 TIME: 4:24:56PM

Agency Code:	229	Agency name:	Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont	
GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:	
STRATEGY:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age:	B.3
CODE DESCRI	PTION		Excp 2026	Excp 2027
STRATEGY IMP	PACT ON	N OUTCOME MEASURES:		
<u>1</u> Clearan	nce Rate		100.00 %	100.00 %
<u>2</u> Percent	age of C	ases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00 %	100.00 %
<u>3</u> Percent	age of C	ases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100.00 %	100.00 %
OUTPUT MEAS	URES:			
<u>1</u> Numbe	r of Civi	l Cases Disposed	22.00	22.00
<u>2</u> Numbe	r of Crin	ninal Cases Disposed	18.00	18.00
OBJECTS OF EX	VPENSE	:		
1001 SALAR	RIES AN	D WAGES	240,830	240,830
1002 OTHER	R PERSC	ONNEL COSTS	1,737	1,737
2009 OTHER	R OPERA	ATING EXPENSE	6,663	6,663
Total, C	Objects o	of Expense	\$249,230	\$249,230
METHOD OF FI	NANCI	NG:		
1 General Revenue Fund			249,230	249,230
Total, N	Method o	of Finance	\$249,230	\$249,230
FULL_TIME FO	IIIVALE	ENT POSITIONS (FTE):	1.0	1.0

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment in Strategy A.1.1

New Full-Time Equivalent Staff Attorney Position

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request DATE: 8/16/2024 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 TIME: 4:24:56PM Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) Agency Code: 229 Agency name: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations Service Categories: **OBJECTIVE:** 1 Appellate Court Operations STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable Service: NA Income: NA NA Age: CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027 **OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:** 12,833 12,833 1001 SALARIES AND WAGES \$12,833 \$12,833 Total, Objects of Expense **METHOD OF FINANCING:** 1 General Revenue Fund 12,833 12,833 \$12,833 \$12,833 **Total, Method of Finance**

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Judicial pay increase due to change in tenure (as provided by Texas Government Code section 659.012)

	General Revenue (GR) & General Revenue Dedicated (GR-D) Baseline 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)						DATE: 8/16/2 TIME: 2:31:			
gency code: 229)		Agency n	ame: Ninth	Court of Appeals I	District, Beaumont		CD Resoling Dog	uest Limit = \$5,025,05	56
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Str	ategy/Strategy O	ption/Rider						GR-D Base	eline Request Limit =	5 0
	2026 1	Funds			2027	Funds		Biennial	Biennial	
FTEs	Total	GR	Ded	FTEs	Total	GR	Ded	Cumulative GR	Cumulative Ded	Page #
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 1	Appellate	Court Operations								
15.0	1,938,498	1,930,498	0	15.0	1,938,498	1,930,498	0	3,860,996	0	
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 2	Appellate	Justice Salaries. Estima	ited and Nontra	nsferable						
4.0	704,630	582,030	0	4.0	704,630	582,030	0	5,025,056	0	
19.0				19.0			*****(GR Baseline Request I	_imit=\$5,025,056****	**
Excp Item: 1	Judiciary-	Wide Inflation Relief a	nd Staff Retenti	on and Recrui	tment in Strategy A	1.1				
0.0	117,567	117,567	0	0.0	117,567	117,567	0	5,260,190	0	
Strategy Detail for	-									
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 1		Court Operations	<u>_</u>							
0.0	117,567	117,567	0	0.0	117,567	117,567	0			
Excp Item: 2	New Full-T	Гіme Equivalent Staff A	Attorney Position	n						
1.0	131,663	131,663	0	1.0	131,663	131,663	0	5,523,516	0	
Strategy Detail for	r Excp Item: 2									
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 1		Court Operations								
1.0	131,663	131,663	0	1.0	131,663	131,663	0			
Excp Item: 3	-	ay increase due to chan	ge in tenure (as							
0.0	12,833	12,833	0	0.0	12,833	12,833	0	5,549,182	0	
Strategy Detail for	r Excp Item: 3									
Strategy: 1 - 1 - 2	Appellate .	Justice Salaries. Estima	ted and Nontra	nsferable						
0.0	12,833	12,833	0	0.0	12,833	12,833	0			
20.0	\$2,905,191	\$2,774,591	\$0	20.0	\$2,905,191	\$2,774,591	0			

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Agency Code: 229 Agency: Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

COMPARISON TO STATEWIDE HUB PROCUREMENT GOALS

A. Fiscal Year - HUB Expenditure Information

						Total					Total	
Statewide	Procurement		HUB Ex	penditures	FY 2022	Expenditures		HUB Exp	enditures F	<u>Y 2023</u>	Expenditures	
HUB Goal	s Category	% Goal	% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	FY 2022	% Goal	% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	FY 2023	
21.1%	Commodities	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	100.0 %	100.0%	0.0%	\$25,310	\$25,310	
	Total Expenditures		0.0%		\$0	\$0		100.0%		\$25,310	\$25,310	

B. Assessment of Attainment of HUB Procurement Goals

Attainment:

Applicability:

Factors Affecting Attainment:

C. Good-Faith Efforts to Increase HUB Participation

Outreach Efforts and Mentor-Protégé Programs:

HUB Program Staffing:

Current and Future Good-Faith Efforts:

The Ninth Court of Appeals makes good faith efforts to comply with Statewide HUB procurement goals when at all possible.

6.E. Estimated Revenue Collections Supporting Schedule

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trict, Beaumont				
Act 2023	Exp 2024	Est 2025	Est 2026	Est 2027
\$9,236	\$8.000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
\$9,236	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
	Act 2023 \$9,236	Act 2023 Exp 2024 \$9,236 \$8.000	Act 2023 Exp 2024 Est 2025 \$9,236 \$8,000 \$8,000	Act 2023 Exp 2024 Est 2025 Est 2026 \$9,236 \$8,000 \$8,000 \$8,000

CONTACT PERSON:

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6.H. Estimated Total of All Agency Funds Outside the GAA Bill Pattern Agency Name

STIMATED GRAND TOTAL OF A	AGENCY FUNDS OUTSIDE THI	E 2026-27 GAA BILL PA	ATTERN \$	109,000
und Name				
Estimated Beginning B	alance in FY 2024	\$	31,601	
Estimated Revenues FY		\$	24,500	
Estimated Revenues FY	2025	\$	24,500	
	FY 2	024-25 Total \$	80,601	
Estimated Beginning B	alance in FY 2026	\$	60,000	
Estimated Revenues FY		\$	24,500	
Estimated Revenues FY	2027	\$	24,500	
	FY 2	026-27 Total \$	109,000	
Constitutional or Statutory Creat Our Court's four judges are e ten counties in our district, an supplemental salaries and ber 659.021 Gov Code.	ach paid a supplemental salar re used to fund these supplem	ental salaries and ben	efits. So, over 70% of the fun	
Aethod of Calculation and Reven	ue Assumptions:			
	above is for operating expense		r, which totaled approximatel funds are \$5 filing fee per civi	y \$76,000 for FY24. The l case filed in the District Clerk

Fiscal Year 2022 Assessment of HUB Related Activities

Agency/IHE Name:		Ninth Court of Appeals				
Agency/IHE Number:	229					
Fiscal Year:	2022					

NOTE: The following assessment is about HUB related activities during the above referenced period in your Agency/Institution

1-Your Agency/IHE HUB Goals:

Procurement Category	Goal	Performance
Heavy Construction	0.00%	0
Building Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Special Trade Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Professional Services	0.00%	0.00%
Other Services	0.00%	0.00%
Commodities	0.00%	0.00%

2- Prime Contract Activities

2a-Prime Contract: Total expenditure during fiscal year 2022

					Non-minority	Disabled	Veteran		
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
						Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Building Construction	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Special Trade Construction	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Professional Services	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Services	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Commodities	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ -

2b-Prime Contract: Number of HUB/non-HUB vendors (ongoing and new) utilized in fiscal year 2022

					Non-minority	Disabled Veteran			
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB Groups	Not Included in HUB Groups	Non-HUB	HUB Total
Heavy Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Trade Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commodities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3- Subcontract Activities

3a-Subcontract: Total expenditure during fiscal year 2022

					Non-minority	Disabled	Veteran		
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
						Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Building Construction	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Special Trade Construction	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Professional Services	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Services	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Commodities	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-

3b-Subcontract: Number of HUB/non-HUB vendors (ongoing and new) utilized in fiscal year 2022

	African American Asian American			Non-minority	Disabled Veteran				
Procurement Category		Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
					Woman	Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction									0
Building Construction									0
Special Trade Construction									0
Professional Services									0
Other Services									0
Commodities									0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4-New Vendors: Number of vendors (prime and sub) utilized in fiscal year 2022 which were not used during the last 2 years.

Procurement Category				n Native American	Non-minority Woman	Disabled Veteran			
	African American Asia	Asian American	Hispanic American			Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
						Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction									0
Building Construction									0
Special Trade Construction									0
Professional Services									0
Other Services									0
Commodities									0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

5- Sponsored or participated in local and statewide settings to encourage HUB participation in state procurement activities.

	Number of Events Hosted or Attended			
Event/Activity				
	Hosted	Attended		
Economic Opportunity Forum				
Annual Meeting/Setting				
Advocacy Group Meeting (i.e., MOAs, TAAACC, TAMACC, etc.)				
Other (Training, Meet & Greets)				

6- Mentor-Protégé Program:

Active Mentor-Protégé Program	Ongoing	Added in Fiscal Year 2022
Number of Programs		

7- HUB program staffing:

HUB Staffing	Allocated	Current
Staff size		

8-Work Related Activities Conducted by HUB Program Staff:

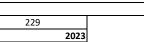
HUB Program Personnel	% of Weekly Hrs. with HUB	% of Weekly Hrs. with Purchasing	% of Weekly Hrs. with Contract
Staff -1			
Staff -2			
Staff -3			
Staff -4			
Staff -5			
Staff -6			
Staff -7			
Staff -8			
Staff -9			
Staff -10			
Staff -11			
Staff -12			

9- Justification for not reaching the intended goals and other remarks.

Heavy Construction: Building Construction: Special Trade: Professional Services: Other Services: Commodities: Good Faith Effort:

Fiscal Year 2023 Assessment of HUB Related Activities

Agency/IHE Name: Agency/IHE Number: Fiscal Year:



Ninth Court of Appeals

NOTE: The following assessment is about HUB related activities during the above referenced period in your Agency/Institution

1-Your Agency/IHE HUB Goals:

Procurement Category	Goal	Performance
Heavy Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Building Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Special Trade Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Professional Services	0.00%	0.00%
Other Services	0.00%	0.00%
Commodities	100.00%	100.00%

2- Prime Contract Activities

2a-Prime Contract: Total expenditure during fiscal year 2023

				Non-minority	Disabled Veteran				
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
						Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ -
Building Construction	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Special Trade Construction	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Professional Services	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Services	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Commodities	\$-	\$-	\$ 25,310.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 25,310.00
Total	\$-	\$-	\$ 25,310.00	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ 25,310.00

2b-Prime Contract: Number of HUB/non-HUB vendors (ongoing and new) utilized in fiscal year 2023

					Non-minority	Disabled	Veteran		
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB Groups	Not Included in HUB Groups	Non-HUB	HUB Total
Heavy Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Trade Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commodities	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

3- Subcontract Activities

3a-Subcontract: Total expenditure during fiscal year 2023

					Non-minority	Disabled	Veteran		
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total
Heavy Construction						Groups	HUB Groups		Ś -
Building Construction	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Trade Construction	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Professional Services	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Services	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Commodities	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ -

3b-Subcontract: Number of HUB/non-HUB vendors (ongoing and new) utilized in fiscal year 2023

					Non-minority	Disabled	Veteran		
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	an American Hispanic American Native American	Woman	Included in HUB	Not Included in	Non-HUB	HUB Total	
					woman	Groups	HUB Groups		
Heavy Construction									0
Building Construction									0
Special Trade Construction									0
Professional Services									0
Other Services									0
Commodities									0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4-New Vendors: Number of vendors (prime and sub) utilized in fiscal year 2023 which were not used during the last 2 years.

					Non-minority Disabled Veteran				
Procurement Category	African American	Asian American	Hispanic American	Native American	Woman	Included in HUB Groups	Not Included in HUB Groups	Non-HUB	HUB Total
Heavy Construction									0
Building Construction									0
Special Trade Construction									0
Professional Services									0
Other Services									0
Commodities			1						1
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

5- Sponsored or participated in local and statewide settings to encourage HUB participation in state procurement activities.

	Number of Events Hosted or Attended			
Event/Activity				
	Hosted	Attended		
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Advocacy Group Meeting (i.e., MOAs, TAAACC, TAMACC, etc.)				
Other (Training, Meet & Greets)				

6- Mentor-Protégé Program:

Active Mentor-Protégé Program	Ongoing	Added in Fiscal Year 2023	
Number of Programs			

7- HUB program staffing:

HUB Staffing	Allocated	Current
Staff size		

8-Work Related Activities Conducted by HUB Program Staff:

HUB Program Personnel	% of Weekly Hrs. with HUB	% of Weekly Hrs. with Purchasing	% of Weekly Hrs. with Contract
Staff -1			
Staff -2			
Staff -3			
Staff -4			
Staff -5			
Staff -6			
Staff -7			
Staff -8			
Staff -9			
Staff -10			
Staff -11			
Staff -12			

9- Justification for not reaching the intended goals and other remarks.

Heavy Construction: Building Construction: Special Trade: Professional Services: Other Services: Commodities: Good Faith Effort:

HUB Plan for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024

Agency/IHE Name: Agency/IHE Number: Ninth Court of Appeals

Agency-Specific HUB Goals	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024
Heavy Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Building Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Special Trade Construction	0.00%	0.00%
Professional Services	0.00%	0.00%
Other Services	0.00%	0.00%
Commodities	100.00%	100.00%

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GOALS SHOULD BE ADOPTED ANNUALLY
Texas Government Code, Sec. 2161.003. AGENCY RULES
Texas Government Code, Sec. 2161.123. STRATEGIC PLANNING
34 TAC 20.284 STATEWIDE ANNUAL HUB UTILIZATION GOALS
34 TAC 20.286 STATE AGENCY PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES

Describe good faith efforts to meet HUB goals in fiscal years 2023 and 2024. The agency should describe the agency's outreach efforts, HUB program staffing, and any other relevant information to describe efforts to meet HUB goals established under Section 2161.123, Government Code.

The Ninth Court supports the HUB procurement program and will continue to make a good faith effort to comply with Statewide HUB procurement goals when at all possible.