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**MEETING AGENDA**  
**8:30AM to 12:00 Noon**  
**December 13, 2013**  
**Judicial Meeting Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Supreme Court Building**  
**Tallahassee, FL**

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| 8:30 – 8:40  | I.   | Roll Call and Introduction of Guests<br>Approval of August 3, 2013 and September 17, 2013 Minutes  |
| 8:40 – 9:10  | II.  | Status of FY 2013 – 14 Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Salary Budgets<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Payroll Projections</li><li>2) Positions Vacant for More Than 180 Days</li><li>3) Reclassification Actions</li></ul></li><li>B. Operating Budgets</li><li>C. Trust Fund Cash Balances</li><li>D. Conflict Counsel Cases Over the Flat Fee</li><li>E. Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative</li></ul>                        |
| 9:10 – 9:25  | III. | Personnel Committee Report – Recommendation on the Trial Court Administrator Salary Adjustment Proposal  |
| 9:25 – 10:30 | IV.  | FY 2014 – 15 Supplemental Budget Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Due Process Technology<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Remote Court Interpreting</li><li>2) Maintenance/Refresh of Existing Equipment</li><li>3) Expansion of Due Process Equipment and Maintenance</li></ul></li><li>B. Conflict Counsel Cases Over the Flat Fee</li><li>C. Additional Compensation for County Judges</li><li>D. Courthouse Furnishings</li></ul> |

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| 10:30 – 10:45 | Break  |
| 10:45 – 10:55 | V. Technology Funding Strategies Workgroup                 |
| 10:55 – 11:10 | VI. Florida’s Long Range Financial Outlook                 |
| 11:10 – 11:25 | VII. Update on Revenue Estimating Conferences              |
| 11:25 – 11:35 | VIII. Update from the Chief Justice’s Designee to the CCOC |
| 11:35 – 12:00 | IX. Preparing for 2014 Legislative Session                 |

**I. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests - Approval  
of August 3, 2013 and September 17, 2013  
Minutes**

**Trial Court Budget Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 3, 2013**



**Attendance – Members Present**

The Honorable Margaret Steinbeck, Chair  
The Honorable Catherine Brunson  
The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta  
Mr. Tom Genung  
Ms. Sandra Lonergan  
The Honorable Thomas McGrady  
The Honorable Wayne Miller  
The Honorable Debra Nelson  
The Honorable Gregory Parker  
The Honorable Belvin Perry, Jr  
Ms. Kathy Pugh  
The Honorable James McCune

The Honorable Mark Mahon, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Robert Roundtree  
The Honorable Olin Shinholser  
Mr. Grant Slayden  
The Honorable Elijah Smiley  
Mr. Walt Smith  
The Honorable Bertila Soto  
The Honorable John Stargel  
The Honorable Terry Terrell  
The Honorable Patricia Thomas  
Mr. Mark Weinberg  
Ms. Robin Wright

**Special Note:** It is recommended that these minutes be used in conjunction with the meeting materials.

**Attendance – Members Absent**

None

**Agenda Item I.: Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Judge Steinbeck called the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The roll was taken with a quorum present.

Judge Steinbeck reviewed the decision making process of the commission. At the direction of the Commission Chair, sub-committees and work groups research and evaluate options to address concerns of the commission, and provide recommended options to the commission for consideration. She asked all members to be fully engaged in the sub-committee and work group assignments. Judge Steinbeck further asked members to share the decisions of the TCBC with their colleagues and to explain the rationale behind the decisions.

Judge Steinbeck noted corrections on pages 8 and 16 to the draft meeting minutes from the June 18, 2013 TCBC meeting. Judge Mahon moved to approve the minutes as amended with a second from Judge Brunson. The motion passed without objection.

## **Agenda Item II. : FY 2012-13 Year End Wrap Up**

### **A. Salary Budgets**

Dorothy Wilson provided an overview of the fiscal year end salary budgets for FY 2012-13. Judge Steinbeck complimented staff for their wise management of the salary budget noting that out of \$233 million in payroll liability, the Trial Courts finished the year with \$2.4 million to the good, or roughly a 1% cushion in our salary budget.

### **B. Rate Distribution and Other Salary Adjustments**

Theresa Westerfield provided an overview of the fiscal year end rate distribution, reclassifications, and other personnel actions for FY 2012-13.

### **C. Positions Vacant More Than 180 Days**

Theresa Westerfield provided an overview of positions vacant longer than 180 days as of July 23, 2013.

### **D. Operating Budgets**

Dorothy Wilson provided an overview of the fiscal year end operating budgets for FY 2012-13.

### **E. Trust Fund Cash Balances**

Dorothy Wilson provided an overview of the fiscal year end trust fund cash balances for FY 2012-13.

### **F. Projected Reversions**

Dorothy Wilson provided an overview of the projected reversions for FY 2012-13.

### **G. Global Positioning Devices in Domestic Violence Cases**

Eric McClure provided an overview of the current status of the global positioning satellite (GPS) pilots and provided an overview of the report provided to the Legislature on June 28, 2013.

### **H. Conflict Counsel Cases Over the Flat Fee**

Jessie McMillan Emrich provided an overview of the fiscal year end Conflict Counsel Cases over the Flat Fee.

Eric McClure provided an overview of Lisa Goodner's memorandum to the Trial Court Chief Judges and Trial Court Administrators dated July 22, 2013 regarding a change in the law relating to executive clemency which could affect the courts' liability for payments to private attorneys that exceed the limits established in law.

### **I. Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative**

Kris Slayden provided an overview of the fiscal year end Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative for FY 2012-13.

### **Agenda Item III. : FY 2013-14 Budget Update**

#### **A. Update on General Revenue and Trust Fund Projections**

Alex Krivosheyev provided an overview of the August 3, 2013 General Revenue Estimating Conference estimates for FY 2013-14 through FY 2016-17, and reported that the Article V Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) will meet on August 6, 2013 to review the official State Courts Revenue Trust Fund (SCRTF) projections for FY 2013-14.

#### **B. Trust Fund Cash Balances**

Dorothy Wilson provided an overview of the SCRTF cash analysis for FY 2013-14.

#### **C. Salary Budget and Payroll Projections**

Dorothy Wilson provided an overview of the Trial Court start up salary budgets.

#### **Recommendations for the FY 2013-14 Budget and Pay Administration Memorandum**

Theresa Westerfield provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Budget and Pay Memorandum for section A. and Dorothy Wilson provided an overview of the remaining sections and attachments.

Judge Perry moved to approve the Budget and Pay Administration Memorandum with a second from Judge Miller. The motion passed without objection.

### **Agenda Item IV. : Conferences' Midyear Committee Meeting Request**

Judge Steinbeck reported this was a follow up issue from the June meeting. The Conference of County Court Judges requested at the June meeting to have funding restored for their midyear business meeting. The TCBC requested the County Court Judges Conference as well as the Circuit Court Judges Conference research the issue to determine what level of funding would be required to resume these midyear meetings.

Judge Shinholser, President of the Conference of Circuit Court Judges, presented several funding estimates based upon the number of participants and the location of the circuit conference business meeting. Judge Roundtree motioned to approve the amount of \$33,087 with a second from Judge Ficarrota. Judge Miller proposed an amendment to add \$500 to the proposal to cover meeting room rental. The proposed amendment was accepted, and the

motion to fund the Circuit Court Judges midyear business meeting in the amount of \$33,587 passed without objection.

Judge McCune, President of the Conference of County Court Judges, presented a proposal for \$18,800 to cover the County Court Judges midyear business meeting. Judge Perry made a motion to approve and round up the proposed amount to \$20,000, with a second from Judge Roundtree. The motion passed without objection.

### **Agenda Item V.: FY 2013-14 Child Support Enforcement Allocation**

Jessie McMillan Emrich presented options for modifying the FY 2013-14 child support enforcement grant allocations. Judge McGrady motioned and Judge Miller seconded the motion to approve Option Two (*Based on circuit net need in hearing officers, net need in administrative support, and the 1:1 ratio of hearing officer to support staff, allocate a 0.5 FTE Child Support Enforcement Hearing Office position to the 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit and 1 1.0 FTE Administrative Secretary I position to the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit*). The motion passed without objection.

### **Agenda Item VI. : FY 2014-15 Legislative Budget Request**

#### **A. Enhancing Existing Resources: Employee Pay Issues**

Theresa Westerfield provided an overview of the branch wide salary equity and salary flexibility issues.

Theresa Westerfield provided an overview of the Personnel Committee Workgroup's recommendations regarding trial court law clerk pay.

Personnel Committee Workgroup recommended filing an LBR issue for trial court law clerk pay benchmarked at 95% of the district courts' final LBR request for appellate law clerk pay. Judge McGrady made a motion to approve the workgroup's recommendation with a second from Judge Thomas. The motion passed without objection.

Personnel Committee Workgroup recommend filing an LBR issue to provide an additional \$3,500 incentive for trial court law clerks at the conclusion of their eighth year of service. The TCBC Executive Committee recommended approval of the additional \$3,500 incentive but recommended that it should be funded through the flexibility pay issue, if funded. Kathy Pugh motioned and Judge Nelson seconded to approve the TCBC Executive Committee's recommendation. The motion passed without objection.

## **General Counsels**

Theresa Westerfield provided an overview of the General Counsel issue and presented options regarding funding of additional FTE and Senior Management Service (SMS) Class retirement status.

Regarding additional FTE, the Executive Committee recommended filing an LBR to provide a General Counsel position in each of the circuits that do not currently have a General Counsel. Judge Nelson motioned to approve the recommendation with a second from Tom Genung. The motion passed without objection.

Regarding a change to SMS retirement status for General Counsel positions, Judge McGrady stated there might be other positions classes that may need to be considered for SMS retirement and motioned to refer the SMS retirement issue to the Personnel Committee for additional study. Judge Roundtree seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

## **B. Due Process Issues**

### **1. Remote Court Interpreting**

Patty Harris provided an overview of the current status of the remote interpreting pilot projects. Next progress report to the TCBC will be provided in December, at such time the committee will consider filing a supplemental LBR issue.

### **2. Existing Due Process Equipment: Refresh/Maintenance**

Patty Harris provided an overview of the due process equipment refresh/maintenance issue and presented LBR options.

For maintenance of existing technology, Judge Brunson motioned to approve Option Two (*File an LBR as a placeholder based on circuit requests that are within the approved 13% maintenance cost formula as developed by the DPTW (\$332,238). Allow OSCA to conduct further study based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee to determine potential alternatives to funding this issue. Once the results of the OSCA study are available submit a supplemental LBR in December, if needed*). Judge Parker seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

For refresh of existing technology, Judge Brunson motioned to approve Option Four (*File an LBR as a placeholder based on figures as shown in Option 3 (\$2,251,125 recurring OCO/Expense and \$2,223,562 Non-Recurring OCO/Expense) and allow OSCA to conduct further study based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee to determine potential alternatives to funding this issue. Once the results of the OSCA study are available submit a supplemental LBR in December, if needed*). Judge Parker seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

### **3. Expansion of Due Process Equipment and Maintenance**

Patty Harris provided an overview of the due process equipment refresh/maintenance issue and presented LBR options.

Judge Brunson motioned to approve Option Two (*File an LBR placeholder based on those circuit requests that are within the approved cost standards as developed by the Due Process Technology Workgroup (\$1,093,488 OCO; \$352,626 Expense Non-Recurring; and \$105,240 contractual maintenance for FY 2015-16). Allow OSCA to conduct further study based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee to determine potential alternatives to funding this issue. Once the results of the OSCA study are available submit a supplemental LBR in December, if needed*). Judge Mahon seconded and the motion passed without objection.

### **4. Moving Cost Sharing to Court's Budget**

Dorothy Wilson provided an overview of the cost sharing issue and presented LBR options. Judge Brunson made a motion to approve Option One, (*File an LBR for the FY 2014/15 to move the full cost sharing budget of \$3,695,347 from the Justice Administration Commission (JAC) to the court's budget.*) with a second from Judge Miller. The motion passed without objection.

### **5. Conflict Counsel Cases Over the Flat Fee**

Alex Krivosheyev provided an overview of the conflict counsel cases over the flat fee issue. Judge McGrady motioned to approve the FMC's recommendation (*File a placeholder LBR for \$1,211,877 and consider revising the amount during the supplement LBR process based on additional information received from the circuits regarding the Capital Murder, RICO, and Life Felony pipeline cases.*) with a second from Judge Miller. The motion passed without objection.

## **C. Other Issues**

### **1. Law Clerks to Support Death Penalty Legislation**

Alex Krivosheyev provided an overview of the Law Clerks to Support Death Penalty Legislation and presented LBR options.

Judge Perry motioned to approve Option Two, (*Using methodology developed based on 10 years of cumulative capital murder conviction data, the official judicial Delphi case weight for Capital Murder cases, and a ratio of law clerk workload associated with these cases to the FTE equivalent judicial workload, and a ½ ratio of law clerk workload to judicial workload associated with capital murder cases, filing a LBR issue for 27 law clerk positions for a total of \$1,746,442 (\$76,064 Non-Recurring.)*) with a second from Judge Roundtree. The motion passed without objection.

## **2. Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative**

Alex Krivosheyev provided an overview of the Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative and LBR recommendations. Walt Smith motioned to approve the FMC recommendations, *(File an LBR placeholder in the amount of \$3,837,624 to fully fund the Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative in FY 2014-15. The LBR amount is based on the difference between the funds available to fund the initiative in FY 2014-15 and the full funding recommended by the TCBC Foreclosure Initiative Workgroup for FY 2014-15. Directs staff to evaluate program performance during the fall of 2013 and determine if the amount of the LBR placeholder should be revised.)* with a second from Judge Mahon. The motion passed without objection.

## **3. Additional Compensation for County Judges**

Judge Roundtree provided an overview of the Additional Compensation for County Judges LBR issue and a status report of the TCBC Additional Compensation Subcommittee. The Subcommittee was established by Judge Steinbeck based on discussions of this issue at the June 18, 2013 TCBC meeting.

## **4. Courthouse Furnishings**

Dorothy Wilson provided an overview of LBR requests for courthouse furnishings. Judge Steinbeck reported that the Ninth and Eleventh Circuits had withdrawn their requests for inclusion in the LBR. The Executive Committee recommends that as a policy, only new or expansion projects be considered for inclusion as a LBR issue. Judge Roundtree motioned to approve the policy recommendation of the Executive Committee with a second from Judge Brunson. The motion passed without objection.

After the policy decision, Judge Mahon motioned to approve the remaining requests for courthouse furnishings from the First (\$30,728), Fourth (\$32,119), and Fourteenth (\$53,760) Circuits with a second from Judge Ficarrota. The motion passed without objection.

## **5. Post Adjudicatory Drug Court**

Kris Slayden reported that a letter had been received by Judge Steinbeck from Judge Steve Leifman, Chair of the Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues. The letter requested the TCBC reconsider its decision at the June 18, 2013 meeting not to file a LBR issue for the Post Adjudicatory Drug Court. Judge Stargel motioned to add the issue to the TCBC agenda and Judge Mahon seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Judge Leifman's letter recommended that the TCBC consider filing a LBR issue for only the trial court OPS portion of the issue which is \$540,835. Judge Stargel motioned to approve filing a LBR issue for the OPS portion in the amount of \$540,835 with the opportunity to revisit the issue after the release of the OPPAGA report. Judge Roundtree seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

#### **D. Priority Ranking of LBR Issues**

Judge Steinbeck stated that it is required as part of the LBR instructions to rank the LBR issues in priority order. The Executive Committee recommended the following rankings: 1) Employee Pay Issues; 2) Conflict Counsel Cases over the Flat Fee; 3) Due Process Refresh of Equipment and Maintenance; 4) Due Process Expansion of Equipment and Maintenance; 5) Law Clerks to Support the Death Penalty; 6) Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative; 7) General Counsels in all Circuits; 8) Moving Cost Sharing to the Court's budget; 9) Courthouse Furnishings; 10) Drug Courts. Judge Brunson motioned to approve and Judge Parker seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

#### **Agenda Item VII. : Update on FY 2013-14 Issues**

##### **A. Post Adjudicatory Drug Court**

Rose Patterson provided an overview of the current status of the post adjudicatory drug courts.

##### **B. Veterans Court**

Rose Patterson provided an overview of the current status of the veteran court funding.

##### **C. Foreclosure Initiative**

###### ***1. Update on Rule regarding Use of General Magistrates in Foreclosure Cases***

Susan Dawson provided an overview of the draft response from the TCBC to the Supreme Court in regards to the comments filed regarding the rule amendments to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.490. Judge Roundtree motioned to approve the response with a second from Judge Nelson. The motion passed without objection.

###### ***2. Implementation/Monitoring***

Kris Slayden provided a status update on foreclosure training and developments with the web based data tracking system.

###### ***3. Third Circuit Request for Technology Funds and Budget Amendment Approval for the Deficit***

Kris Slayden reported that Judge Steinbeck had received a letter from Judge Greg Parker, Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, requesting \$40,000 in supplemental funding for their aiSmartBench implementation. Judge Stargel motioned and Judge Perry seconded to add the item to the agenda. The motion passed without objection.

Kris Slayden reported the TCBC had previously approved filing a budget amendment to use operating reserves to cover the deficit amount needed to fully fund the circuit's foreclosure technology needs. The approval of the Third Circuit's request would increase the amount needed to cover the deficit to \$127,309.

Judge McGrady motioned to approve the Third Circuit's request for \$40,000, and to submit a budget amendment to transfer \$127,309 from the operating reserve. Walt Smith seconded the motion, and it passed the commission without objection.

**D. Referral from the Supreme Court regarding Trial Court Technology Funding Strategies**

Kris Slayden reported that Judge Steinbeck received a letter from Chief Justice Ricky Polston regarding recommendations of the Florida Courts Technology Commission (FCTC) related to a report provided by the National Center for State Courts regarding funding strategies to modernize technology in Florida's trial courts. Judge Steinbeck stated that a subcommittee was needed to provide expertise and she was looking for court technology officers from different size circuits, and from urban and rural locations to participate.

**Agenda Item VIII. : Report from the Chief Justice's Designee to the Clerk of the Court Operations Corporation Executive Council**

Judge McGrady reported the Clerks are changing to the county budget year and are operating under an interim plan from July 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013. Judge McGrady also reported the Clerks have concerns about the Supreme Court's requirement for data reporting until the viewers are online.

**Adjournment**

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

**Trial Court Budget Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2013**



**Attendance – Members Present**

The Honorable Margaret Steinbeck, Chair	The Honorable Mark Mahon, Vice Chair
The Honorable Catherine Brunson	The Honorable Robert Roundtree
The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta	The Honorable Olin Shinholser
Mr. Tom Genung	Mr. Grant Slayden
The Honorable Wayne Miller	The Honorable Elijah Smiley
The Honorable Debra Nelson	Mr. Walt Smith
The Honorable Gregory Parker	The Honorable John Stargel
The Honorable Belvin Perry, Jr	The Honorable Terry Terrell
Ms. Kathy Pugh	Mr. Mark Weinberg
The Honorable James McCune	Ms. Robin Wright

**Attendance – Members Absent**

Ms. Sandra Lonergan	The Honorable Thomas McGrady
The Honorable Bertila Soto	The Honorable Patricia Thomas

**Special Note:** It is recommended that these minutes be used in conjunction with the meeting materials.

**Agenda Item I.: Welcome and Roll Call**

Judge Steinbeck called the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The roll was taken with a quorum present.

Judge Steinbeck thanked everyone for their attendance on such short notice. The Supreme Court Conference is scheduled for next week to address the LBR issues and the employee salary issues need to be reconsidered.

**Agenda Item II.: Reconsideration of FY 14/15 Legislative Budget Request for Employee Salary Increases**

Judge Steinbeck provided some background stating the Trial Courts Budget Commission (TCBC) voted at their August 3, 2013 to recommend to the Supreme Court a Legislative Budget Request

(LBR) on employee salary issues. The TCBC voted to request a 6% increase in salaries and benefits, 3.5% for an across the board pay raise and 2.5% for salary flexibility.

At the Joint Budget Leadership (JBL) meeting on September 13, 2013, members expressed a concern that if a portion of the proposal was used for a general increase across the board, the issues of competitiveness and equity would never be fully addressed. The JBL recommended separating the issues into two parts: A request for a 3.5% across the board increase for FY 2014-15 and a request for \$18.8 million to address the equity and retention issues facing the State Courts System. The JBL recognized the considerable size of the equity and retention request and proposed a two year implementation period.

Judge Roundtree motioned to recommend approval of the alternative recommendation with Judge Smiley seconding the motion.

A roll call vote was requested by Judge Steinbeck due to problems with the phones, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

## **II.A.1: Status of FY 2013 – 14 Budget - Salary Budgets – Payroll Projections**

**Trial Court Budget Commission**  
**December 13, 2013**  
**Tallahassee, Florida**

**Agenda Item II.A.1.: Salary Budgets - Payroll Projections**

**FY 2013-14 Trial Courts Salary Budget**  
**General Revenue and State Courts Revenue Trust Fund**  
**November 2013**

<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>1</b>	Projected Full Employment Payroll Liability through June 30, 2013	256,447,154
	<b>2</b>	Salary Appropriation	(254,578,876)
	<b>3</b>	Projected Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	1,868,278
	<b>4</b>	Actual Payroll Adjustment through November 30, 2013	(990,683)
	<b>5</b>	Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	877,595
	<b>6</b>	Estimated Remaining Leave Payouts	607,236
	<b>7</b>	<b>Final - Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment</b>	<b>1,484,831</b>
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>8</b>	Projected Full Employment Payroll Liability through June 30, 2013	80,160,538
	<b>9</b>	Salary Appropriation	(79,872,073)
	<b>10</b>	Projected Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	288,465
	<b>11</b>	Actual Payroll Adjustment through November 30, 2013	(165,838)
	<b>12</b>	Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	122,627
	<b>13</b>	Estimated Remaining Leave Payouts	103,031
	<b>14</b>	<b>Final - Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment</b>	<b>225,658</b>
<b>Trial Court Summary</b>	<b>15</b>	Projected Full Employment Payroll Liability through June 30, 2013	336,607,692
	<b>16</b>	Salary Appropriation	(334,450,949)
	<b>17</b>	Projected Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	2,156,743
	<b>18</b>	Actual Payroll Adjustment through November 30, 2013	(1,156,521)
	<b>19</b>	Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	1,000,222
	<b>20</b>	Estimated Remaining Leave Payouts	710,267
	<b>21</b>	<b>Final - Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment</b>	<b>1,710,489</b>

**Trial Court Budget Commission  
December 13, 2013  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**Agenda Item II.A.1.: Salary Budgets - Payroll Projections (continued)**

**FY 2013-14 Trial Courts Salary Budget  
Federal Grants Trust Fund  
November 2013**

<b>1</b>	Projected Full Employment Payroll Liability through June 30, 2013	5,710,545
<b>2</b>	Salary Appropriation	(5,842,929)
<b>3</b>	Projected Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	(132,384)
<b>4</b>	Actual Payroll Adjustments through November 30, 2013	(28,493)
<b>5</b>	Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	(160,877)
<b>6</b>	Estimated Remaining Leave Payouts	25,794
<b>7</b>	<b>FINAL - Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employemen</b>	<b>(135,083)</b>

**FY 2013-14 Trial Courts Salary Budget  
Administrative Trust Fund  
November 2013**

<b>1</b>	Projected Full Employment Payroll Liability through June 30, 2013	74,494
<b>2</b>	Salary Appropriation	(74,293)
<b>3</b>	Projected Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	201
<b>4</b>	Actual Payroll Adjustments through November 30, 2013	(5,846)
<b>5</b>	Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employment	(5,645)
<b>6</b>	Estimated Remaining Leave Payouts	0
<b>7</b>	<b>FINAL - Adjusted Liability OVER/(UNDER) Salary Appropriation @ Full Employemen</b>	<b>(5,645)</b>

**II.A.2: Status of FY 2013 – 14 Budget - Salary  
Budgets – Positions Vacant for More Than 180  
Days**

**Agenda Item II. A. 2): Vacancies over 180 days as of 12/2/13**

Circuit	Cost Center	Cost Center Title	Position #	CLASS TITLE	FTE	# of Days Vacant	Date Position Vacant	Base Rate
11th Circuit	131	Court Interpreting	010385	COURT INTEPRETER <sup>1,2,3</sup>	1.00	396	11/01/2012	\$37,756
11th Circuit	131	Court Interpreting	010338	COURT INTEPRETER <sup>3</sup>	1.00	247	03/30/2013	\$37,756
11th Circuit	210	Court Administration	009436	TRIAL COURT TECHNOLOGY OFFICER <sup>4</sup>	1.00	205	05/11/2013	\$74,877
17th Circuit	131	Court Interpreting	010700	ASS'T SUPERVISING COURT INTERPRETER <sup>5</sup>	1.00	215	05/01/2013	\$45,304

<sup>1</sup> # of days vacant for position still vacant from August 3, 2013 meeting has been updated as of December 2, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> position was reclassified from Court Translator to Court Interpreter 8/9/13

<sup>3</sup> "The Eleventh Judicial Circuit continues to experience difficulties in hiring Court Interpreters. For several years and to the present date, there has been an ongoing recruitment process for Court Interpreter positions. Recruitment efforts have included advertising in our website, OSCA, reaching out to private foreign language independent contractors, contacting students of the Translation and Interpretation Programs at the Department of Modern Languages at Florida International University and forwarding the job announcement to all Tested Court Interpreters of the OSCA's Court Interpreters Program. Although there have been numerous applicants during our recruitment efforts, currently none are duly qualified in the State of Florida. We have interviewed and tested several candidates but only one was hired effective 9/23/2013. The Circuit's recruiter has been in contact with six candidates who have attended the Orientation Workshop, passed the Written Examination and took the Oral Performance Examination in September, 2013. Unfortunately, none of these candidates passed the Oral Performance Examination. Therefore, they are not duly qualified and cannot be given consideration for hiring at this time. Additionally, there are several candidates that are in the process of either obtaining reciprocity or becoming duly qualified in the State of Florida. We are maintaining open lines of communication with these individuals with the hopes to consider them for employment in the near future.

Most recently we identified two duly qualified interpreters and we are in the process of scheduling interviews. If hired, they will be required to become certified one year from the date of court employment. Note at the beginning of the fiscal year there were four vacancies and we were able to fill two vacancies. Our aggressive recruitment efforts to fill the remaining two vacancies will continue."

<sup>4</sup> "This vacancy has been advertised as a SharePoint Developer/Web Designer in order to meet other IT needs. To date, this vacancy has been advertised three times. During one of the advertisements, there was only one applicant who did not meet the minimum qualifications. It was later re-advertised and interviews were held on Thursday, November 14, 2013. During the interviews there was only one qualified candidate currently employed by the City of Miami Beach and he walked out of the interview upon learning the starting salary of \$74,876.64. He stated his current salary with the City of Miami Beach is \$114,000.00. We plan to re-advertise this position immediately with the hopes of recruiting a qualified candidate."

<sup>5</sup> This position is currently being advertised for the second time with an "open until filled" closing date. The 17th Circuit is experiencing difficulty recruiting a qualified applicant, i.e., a Certified Interpreter.

Blue Highlight = Vacant 180 days or more but less than 365 days vacant

Red Highlight = Vacant 365 days or more

## **II.A.3: Status of FY 2013 – 14 Budget - Salary Budgets – Reclassification Actions**

**Agenda Item II. A. 3): Reclassifications and Other Personnel Actions  
as of December 2, 2013**

**TRIAL COURT  
FY 2013-14**

Circuit	Number of Reclasses Requested	Dollar Amount of Requests	Status of Requests as of December 2, 2013	Dollar Amount of Approved Requests	Dollar Amount of Pending Reclass Requests
1	1	2,866	approved	2,866	
2					
3					
4					
5	1	27,550	under review		27,550
6					
7	1 pending from FY 12/13	28,696	approved	28,696	
8					
9	1	6,693	approved	6,693	
10	1	15,956	pending review		15,956
11	2	5,363	1 approved; 1 - requested a review of position with no specific class requested - approved for a reclass	14,479	
12	1	2,725	approved	2,725	
13					
14					
15					
16					
17	1	(10,006)	approved	(10,006)	
18	1	12,546	approved	12,546	
19	2	18,624	2 approved	18,624	
20	1	6,507	pending		6,507
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>117,520</b>		<b>76,623</b>	<b>50,013</b>
<b>Total Approved and Pending</b>				<b>126,636</b>	

Other Personnel Actions: \$5,956 for 3 Lead Workers in the 9th (under review); \$1,959 for 1 Lead Worker in the 15th (approved); and \$2,069 for 1 Lead Worker in the 19th (approved). \$2,439 for 2 Demotion Retain Salary in the the 17th; \$2,240 Demotion Retain Salary (partial) in the the 11th; \$1,220 Demotion Retain Salary in the 12th; and \$4,201 Demotion Retain Salary in the the 13th. (Four of the five "Demotion Retain Salary" actions, in the amount of \$7,860, were for Circuit JAs demoted to County JA.)

## **II.B.: Status of FY 2013 – 14 Budget - Operating Budgets**

**Agenda Item II.B: Operating Budgets**

The data below represents the status of the FY 2013-14 operating budgets as of November 30, 2013.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget Entity</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended/ Encumbered</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>% Expended/ Encumbered</b>
<b>Other Personnel Services</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>915,290</b>	<b>271,445</b>	<b>643,845</b>	<b>29.66%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Circuit	6,977,114	1,638,141	5,338,973	23.48%
	County	3,123,912	1,178,838	1,945,074	37.74%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,101,026</b>	<b>2,816,978</b>	<b>7,284,048</b>	<b>27.89%</b>
<b>Operating Capital Outlay</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>415,883</b>	<b>82,984</b>	<b>332,899</b>	<b>19.95%</b>
<b>Contracted Services</b>	Circuit	6,976,110	663,928	6,312,182	9.52%
	County	204,000	54,538	149,462	26.73%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,180,110</b>	<b>718,466</b>	<b>6,461,644</b>	<b>10.01%</b>
<b>Lease/Lease Purchase</b>	Circuit	181,491	132,418	49,073	72.96%
	County	78,792	22,777	56,015	28.91%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>260,283</b>	<b>155,195</b>	<b>105,088</b>	<b>59.63%</b>
<b>Other Data Processing Services</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>280,963</b>	<b>97,902</b>	<b>183,061</b>	<b>34.85%</b>

**Agenda Item II.B: Operating Budgets**

The data below represents the status of the FY 2013-14 operating budgets as of November 30, 2013.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended/ Encumbered</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>% Expended/ Encumbered</b>
<b>Additional Compensation to County Judges</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>24,025</b>	<b>50,975</b>	<b>32.03%</b>
<b>Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officers</b>	<b>2,123,854</b>	<b>621,651</b>	<b>1,502,203</b>	<b>29.27%</b>
<b>Mediation Services</b>	<b>3,247,831</b>	<b>978,977</b>	<b>2,268,854</b>	<b>30.14%</b>
<b>Due Process - Expert Witness</b>	<b>6,486,936</b>	<b>2,250,422</b>	<b>4,236,514</b>	<b>34.69%</b>
<b>Due Process - Court Reporting</b>	<b>8,824,125</b>	<b>3,217,065</b>	<b>5,607,060</b>	<b>36.46%</b>
<b>Due Process - Court Interpreting</b>	<b>3,000,920</b>	<b>932,317</b>	<b>2,068,603</b>	<b>31.07%</b>
<b>Due Process - Conflict Cases Over the Flat Fee</b>	<b>2,003,810</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,003,810</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Due Process</b>	<b>20,315,791</b>	<b>6,399,803</b>	<b>13,915,988</b>	<b>31.50%</b>

**Trial Court Budget Commission  
December 13, 2013  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**Agenda Item II.B: Operating Budgets**

<b>Senior Judge Activity Summary Regular Senior Judge Allocation November 2013</b>					
<b>Court</b>	<b>Allotment</b>	<b>Days Transferred</b>	<b>Total Days Served</b>	<b>Ending Allotment</b>	<b>Percent Remaining</b>
<b>1st Judicial Circuit</b>	243	-	34	209	86.01%
<b>2nd Judicial Circuit</b>	162	-	35	127	78.40%
<b>3rd Judicial Circuit</b>	89	-	8	81	91.01%
<b>4th Judicial Circuit</b>	362	-	71	291	80.39%
<b>5th Judicial Circuit</b>	542	-	121	421	77.68%
<b>6th Judicial Circuit</b>	441	-	105	336	76.19%
<b>7th Judicial Circuit</b>	285	-	60	225	78.95%
<b>8th Judicial Circuit</b>	146	-	77	69	47.26%
<b>9th Judicial Circuit</b>	430	-	184	246	57.21%
<b>10th Judicial Circuit</b>	258	-	97	161	62.40%
<b>11th Judicial Circuit</b>	778	-	186	592	76.09%
<b>12th Judicial Circuit</b>	195	-	53	142	72.82%
<b>13th Judicial Circuit</b>	397	-	70	327	82.37%
<b>14th Judicial Circuit</b>	134	-	17	117	87.31%
<b>15th Judicial Circuit</b>	346	-	56	290	83.82%
<b>16th Judicial Circuit</b>	46	-	7	39	84.78%
<b>17th Judicial Circuit</b>	550	-	91	459	83.45%
<b>18th Judicial Circuit</b>	276	-	87	189	68.48%
<b>19th Judicial Circuit</b>	190	-	58	132	69.47%
<b>20th Judicial Circuit</b>	329	20	85	264	80.24%
<b>Reserve</b>	50	(20)	-	30	60.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>6,249</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>4,747</b>	<b>75.96%</b>

**Trial Court Budget Commission  
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**Agenda Item II.B: Operating Budgets**

<b>Senior Judge Activity Summary Foreclosure Senior Judge Allocation November 2013</b>					
<b>Court</b>	<b>Allotment</b>	<b>Days Transferred</b>	<b>Total Days Served</b>	<b>Ending Allotment</b>	<b>Percent Remaining</b>
1st Judicial Circuit	221	-	80	141	63.80%
2nd Judicial Circuit	120	-	44	76	0.00%
3rd Judicial Circuit	-	-	-	-	0.00%
4th Judicial Circuit	1,132	-	447	685	60.51%
5th Judicial Circuit	340	-	131	209	61.47%
6th Judicial Circuit	330	-	132	198	60.00%
7th Judicial Circuit	225	-	72	153	68.00%
8th Judicial Circuit	-	-	-	-	0.00%
9th Judicial Circuit	341	-	141	200	58.65%
10th Judicial Circuit	150	-	46	104	69.33%
11th Judicial Circuit	619	-	262	357	57.67%
12th Judicial Circuit	240	-	81	159	66.25%
13th Judicial Circuit	849	-	325	524	61.72%
14th Judicial Circuit	144	-	56	88	61.11%
15th Judicial Circuit	519	-	175	344	66.28%
16th Judicial Circuit	120	-	37	83	69.17%
17th Judicial Circuit	449	-	176	273	60.80%
18th Judicial Circuit	401	-	114	287	71.57%
19th Judicial Circuit	150	-	60	90	60.00%
20th Judicial Circuit	342	-	135	207	60.53%
Reserve	-	-	-	-	0.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>6,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>62.43%</b>

**II.C.: Status of FY 2013 – 14 Budget -Trust Fund  
Cash Balances**

**State Courts System**  
**State Courts Revenue Trust Fund - Monthly Cash Analysis**  
**Fiscal Year Reporting 2013-2014**

Based on Actual Revenues and Expenditures for July -  
 November and REC Revenues and Estimated Expenditures  
 for December-June

**Article V Revenue Estimating Conference Projections**

1	February 6, 2013	9,150,000	9,150,000	9,150,000	9,150,000	8,887,500	8,887,500	8,887,500	7,807,500	7,807,500	7,807,500	7,807,500	7,807,500	102,300,000
2	August 6, 2013	8,184,377	8,288,425	8,474,866	8,163,209	8,357,132	7,806,364	7,760,267	8,243,322	8,786,219	9,099,339	8,547,607	8,806,070	100,517,197
3	December 3, 2013	8,184,377	7,095,068	6,998,227	6,796,200	7,267,278	7,322,692	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,322,693	87,600,000
4	<b>State Courts Revenue Trust Fund</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Year-To-Date Summary*</b>
5	<b>Beginning Balance (Carried Forward Cash from FY 12-13 includes \$2,884,715 in foreclosure funds)</b>	10,418,719	8,908,474	8,746,205	8,460,016	6,855,771	6,495,779	5,229,274	3,338,853	3,159,325	3,486,483	1,440,342	1,151,647	10,418,719
6	Fee and Fine Revenue Received	8,184,377	7,095,068	6,998,227	6,796,200	7,267,278	7,322,692	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,322,693	87,600,000
7	Cost Sharing (JAC transfers/\$3,695,347 due annually)	788,679	135,158		843,026	80,924	615,853			615,853			615,854	3,695,347
8	Refunds/Miscellaneous	50	5,158	786	1,016									7,009
9	<b>Total Revenue Received</b>	8,973,106	7,235,383	6,999,013	7,640,241	7,348,202	7,938,545	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,938,546	7,322,693	7,322,693	7,938,547	91,302,355
10	<b>Available Cash Balance</b>	19,391,826	16,143,857	15,745,218	16,100,257	14,203,973	14,434,324	12,551,967	10,661,546	11,097,871	10,809,176	8,763,035	9,090,194	101,721,075
11	Staff Salary Expenditures	(7,167,344)	(7,211,511)	(7,247,265)	(7,379,173)	(7,493,861)	(7,501,616)	(7,502,221)	(7,502,221)	(7,611,388)	(7,611,388)	(7,611,388)	(7,611,575)	(89,450,950)
12	<b>Prior Year Certified Forwards - Staff Salary</b>	(75,500)												(75,500)
13	Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement Expenditures (From funds allocated in FY 2012-13)				(74,149)	(213,253)	(1,703,434)							(1,990,836)
14	<b>Prior Year Certified Forwards - Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement</b>	(672,818)	(184,831)	(36,230)										(893,880)
15	Conflict Cases Over the Flat Fee												(500,000)	(500,000)
16	<b>Prior Year Certified Forwards - Conflict Cases Over the Flat Fee</b>	(693,241)												(693,241)
17	Refunds	(2,371)	(1,310)	(1,708)	(2,908)	(1,080)								(9,376)
18	<b>Total SCRTF Operating Expenditures</b>	(8,611,274)	(7,397,652)	(7,285,202)	(7,456,229)	(7,708,194)	(9,205,050)	(7,502,221)	(7,502,221)	(7,611,388)	(7,611,388)	(7,611,388)	(8,111,575)	(93,613,782)
19	<i>8% GRSC Executive</i>	(1,872,077)			(1,788,257)			(1,710,894)			(1,757,446)			(7,128,674)
20	<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	8,908,474	8,746,205	8,460,016	6,855,771	6,495,779	5,229,274	3,338,853	3,159,325	3,486,483	1,440,342	1,151,647	978,619	978,619

Estimated 8% GRSC for July 2014 (1,757,446)

**Trial Court Budget Commission**  
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**Tallahassee, Florida**

**Item II.C.: Trust Fund Cash Balances**

**State Courts System**  
**Administrative Trust Fund**  
**November 30, 2013**

Trial Courts	Beginning Balance	Revenue Received	Expenditures	Refunds	Ending Balance
Cost Recovery	1,160,498.11	290,407.24	(392,542.74)	(1,322.00)	1,057,040.61
Service Charge	0.00	0.00	(31,939.70)	0.00	(31,939.70)
Prior Year Warrant Cancellations/Refunds	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00
Attorney Payments Over the Flat Fee	27,122.24	0.00	(14,282.00)	0.00	12,840.24
Ending Cash Balance	1,187,620.35	291,657.24	(438,764.44)	(1,322.00)	1,039,191.15

**II.D.: Status of FY 2013 – 14 Budget - Conflict  
Counsel Cases Over the Flat Fee**

## Trial Court Budget Commission December 13, 2013 Meeting

Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee for Conflict Counsel Criminal Cases  
FY 2008/09 through FY 2013/14 Annualized

Circuit	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee FY 2008/09	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee FY 2009/10	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee FY 2010/11	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee FY 2011/12	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee FY 2012/13	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee FY 2013/14 Annualized*	Difference between FY 2013/14 and FY 2012/13
1	\$37,405	\$32,048	\$148,368	\$296,281	\$243,023	\$30,665	(\$212,359)
2	\$9,328	\$46,778	\$2,250	\$25,370	\$22,310	\$0	(\$22,310)
3	\$14,880	\$3,345	\$4,215	\$99,388	\$12,623	\$87,128	\$74,505
4	\$175,782	\$508,102	\$1,082,531	\$569,386	\$418,630	\$176,963	(\$241,668)
5	\$23,240	\$64,141	\$71,200	\$445,559	\$93,359	\$15,000	(\$78,359)
6	\$6,058	\$72,676	\$186,588	\$112,345	\$219,744	\$162,692	(\$57,052)
7	\$126,160	\$69,819	\$76,698	\$178,148	\$282,231	\$60,390	(\$221,841)
8	\$21,363	\$68,572	\$98,770	\$48,669	\$67,165	\$42,558	(\$24,607)
9	\$10,104	\$45,547	\$18,828	\$72,658	\$29,235	\$117,057	\$87,822
10	\$50,735	\$62,727	\$221,063	\$616,746	\$62,162	\$642,005	\$579,843
11	\$161,635	\$526,888	\$1,008,927	\$1,410,618	\$1,644,640	\$2,142,257	\$497,617
12	\$37,034	\$38,087	\$96,825	\$167,775	\$263,017	\$582,473	\$319,456
13	\$14,705	\$113,070	\$502,964	\$571,502	\$356,374	\$292,158	(\$64,216)
14	\$34,527	\$10,203	\$66,055	\$93,279	\$85,469	\$2,280	(\$83,189)
15	\$65,875	\$154,345	\$454,039	\$1,039,109	\$498,671	\$539,663	\$40,992
16	\$0	\$0	\$1,078	\$0	\$0	\$21,424	\$21,424
17	\$232,890	\$504,275	\$572,326	\$974,248	\$410,698	\$1,237,090	\$826,392
18	\$1,500	\$11,491	\$5,028	\$50,398	\$17,527	\$7,800	(\$9,727)
19	\$16,283	\$75,354	\$23,708	\$123,060	\$211,494	\$492,656	\$281,162
20	\$30,855	\$197,284	\$239,775	\$174,358	\$419,605	\$78,845	(\$340,760)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,070,356</b>	<b>\$2,604,750</b>	<b>\$4,881,233</b>	<b>\$7,068,895</b>	<b>\$5,357,975</b>	<b>\$6,731,103</b>	<b>\$1,373,127</b>

Source: Data provided by the Justice Administrative Commission.

\*Annualized using July through September 2013 data.

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Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee for Conflict Counsel Criminal Cases  
Monthly FY 2013/14

Circuit	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee July 2013*	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee August 2013	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee September 2013	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee October 2013	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee FY 2013/14 YTD	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee FY 2013/14 Annualized <sup>1</sup>
1	\$30,665	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,665	\$30,665
2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	\$0	\$15,655	\$10,888	\$2,500	\$29,043	\$87,128
4	\$29,810	\$1,670	\$5,690	\$32,773	\$69,943	\$176,963
5	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
6	\$18,630	\$0	\$1,027	\$38,263	\$57,919	\$162,692
7	\$0	\$8,455	\$11,675	\$0	\$20,130	\$60,390
8	\$25,839	\$4,560	\$0	\$0	\$30,398	\$42,558
9	\$0	\$18,127	\$0	\$20,893	\$39,019	\$117,057
10	\$131,730	\$40,600	\$77,510	\$21,056	\$270,896	\$642,005
11	\$482,924	\$114,783	\$220,932	\$116,831	\$935,469	\$2,142,257
12	\$29,568	\$18,173	\$112,838	\$19,783	\$180,360	\$582,473
13	\$68,610	\$35,668	\$0	\$25,300	\$129,578	\$292,158
14	\$2,280	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,280	\$2,280
15	\$16,128	\$27,828	\$14,803	\$100,152	\$158,910	\$539,663
16	\$0	\$7,141	(\$7,141)	\$7,141	\$7,141	\$21,424
17	\$35,120	\$51,658	\$180,480	\$95,673	\$362,930	\$1,237,090
18	\$0	\$2,600	\$0	\$0	\$2,600	\$7,800
19	\$22,543	\$0	\$26,970	\$101,243	\$150,755	\$492,656
20	\$4,843	\$0	\$10,280	\$9,903	\$25,025	\$78,845
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$913,686</b>	<b>\$346,915</b>	<b>\$665,950</b>	<b>\$591,509</b>	<b>\$2,518,060</b>	<b>\$6,731,103</b>

Source: Data provided by the Justice Administrative Commission.

\* July 2013 includes payments that ordinarily would have been made from FY 2013/14 funds but instead were paid using OSCA FY 2012/13 funding authority.

<sup>1</sup> Annualized expenditures are based on the average expenditures from July 2013 through October 2013 data with adjustments made to account for the inclusion of payments made using remaining OSCA FY 2012/13 funding authority in July 2013.

**JAC - Criminal Conflict Attorney  
 Payments Over the Flat Fee  
 FY 2013/14  
 July 2013 - October 2013**

<b>Expenditure Summary</b>				
<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>Capital Cases</b>	<b>RICO Cases</b>	<b>Other Cases</b>	<b>TOTAL*</b>
1	\$7,268	\$0	\$23,397	\$30,665
2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	\$0	\$0	\$29,043	\$29,043
4	\$0	\$0	\$69,943	\$69,943
5	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
6	\$38,263	\$0	\$19,656	\$57,919
7	\$0	\$0	\$20,130	\$20,130
8	\$0	\$0	\$30,398	\$30,398
9	\$0	\$0	\$39,019	\$39,019
10	\$249,840	\$0	\$21,056	\$270,896
11	\$597,857	\$119,023	\$218,590	\$935,470
12	\$15,040	\$140,405	\$24,915	\$180,360
13	\$20,158	\$56,773	\$52,648	\$129,579
14	\$0	\$0	\$2,280	\$2,280
15	\$10,130	\$112,348	\$36,433	\$158,911
16	\$0	\$0	\$7,141	\$7,141
17	\$254,670	\$20,280	\$87,980	\$362,930
18	\$0	\$0	\$2,600	\$2,600
19	\$41,150	\$58,832	\$50,774	\$150,756
20	\$0	\$0	\$25,025	\$25,025
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>\$1,249,376</b>	<b>\$507,661</b>	<b>\$761,026</b>	<b>\$2,518,063</b>

<b>Statewide Conflict Counsel Payment Over the Flat Fee Pool</b>				
<b>CIRCUIT</b>	<b>Expenditure Allowance</b>	<b>Other Case Types Expenditures</b>	<b>Circuit Transfers to Date</b>	<b>Monthly (Over) / Under Allowance*</b>
1	\$79,336	\$23,397		\$55,939
2	\$15,896	\$0		\$15,896
3	\$6,610	\$29,043		(\$22,433)
4	\$165,774	\$69,943		\$95,832
5	\$83,999	\$0		\$83,999
6	\$56,974	\$19,656		\$37,318
7	\$58,564	\$20,130		\$38,434
8	\$52,470	\$30,398		\$22,072
9	\$24,071	\$39,019		(\$14,948)
10	\$41,659	\$21,056		\$20,603
11	\$600,916	\$218,590		\$382,327
12	\$96,907	\$24,915		\$71,992
13	\$77,056	\$52,648		\$24,409
14	\$87,685	\$2,280		\$85,405
15	\$202,251	\$36,433		\$165,819
16	\$359	\$7,141		(\$6,783)
17	\$362,222	\$87,980		\$274,242
18	\$13,628	\$2,600		\$11,028
19	\$39,349	\$50,774		(\$11,425)
20	\$130,253	\$25,025		\$105,228
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>\$2,195,979</b>	<b>\$761,026</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,434,954</b>

Note: Data provided by the Justice Administrative Commission.

\*Totals may not be exact due to rounding.

## **II.E.: Status of FY 2013 – 14 Budget - Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative**

**Trial Court Budget Commission**  
**Meeting December 13, 2013**  
**FY 2013/14 Foreclosure Backlog Reduction**  
**October 2013 Status Report**  
**Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Estimated Pending Cases**  
**By Circuit, As of October 2013**

Circuit	Estimated Pending Cases as of June 30, 2012 <sup>1</sup>	Estimated Pending Cases as of June 30, 2013 <sup>2</sup>	July through October 2013 Filings	July through October 2013 Dispositions	Estimated Pending Cases as of October 31, 2013 <sup>3</sup>
1	9,929	9,556	942	2,515	7,983
2	3,463	3,689	403	1,319	2,773
3	1,260	1,236	228	358	1,106
4	19,742	19,828	1,728	5,715	15,841
5	14,686	13,640	1,726	3,943	11,423
6	28,806	28,611	2,106	4,782	25,935
7	18,462	17,867	1,333	3,655	15,545
8	1,902	1,836	368	698	1,506
9	33,512	27,336	2,565	6,789	23,112
10	9,171	8,977	1,061	2,629	7,409
11	52,211	36,389	3,457	12,347	27,499
12	16,629	14,109	1,039	3,268	11,880
13	27,939	21,992	1,543	5,287	18,248
14	3,400	3,359	507	991	2,875
15	32,977	27,651	1,979	7,266	22,364
16	1,723	1,533	129	325	1,337
17	45,118	40,373	2,752	10,218	32,907
18	27,723	25,391	1,298	4,164	22,525
19	13,699	10,791	939	3,541	8,189
20	15,355	15,007	1,620	4,614	12,013
<b>Total</b>	<b>377,707</b>	<b>329,171</b>	<b>27,723</b>	<b>84,424</b>	<b>272,470</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimated Pending Cases as of June 30, 2012 was determined by subtracting the number of SRS Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure dispositions from the number of filings from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated Pending Cases as of June 30, 2013 was determined by subtracting the number of SRS Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure dispositions from the number of filings from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2013.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated Pending Cases as of October 31, 2013 was determined by subtracting the number of July through October 2013 Dispositions from the sum of Estimated Pending Cases as of June 30, 2013 and July through October 2013 Filings.

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Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Dispositions  
By Circuit and Disposition Type, As of October 2013**

Circuit	Dismissed <sup>1</sup>	Disposed by Judge <sup>2</sup>	Disposed by Jury Trial	Disposed by Other <sup>3</sup>	Total Disposed
1	804	1,678	1	32	2,515
2	284	966	0	69	1,319
3	107	245	1	5	358
4	1,811	3,785	0	119	5,715
5	1,377	2,535	2	29	3,943
6	1,860	2,883	0	39	4,782
7	1,480	2,094	2	79	3,655
8	252	428	5	13	698
9	4,047	2,681	7	54	6,789
10	1,025	1,560	0	44	2,629
11	5,863	6,346	10	128	12,347
12	1,429	1,778	1	60	3,268
13	1,864	3,374	2	47	5,287
14	267	675	0	49	991
15	2,924	4,194	7	141	7,266
16	166	147	0	12	325
17	4,201	5,981	16	20	10,218
18	1,673	2,462	2	27	4,164
19	901	2,463	16	161	3,541
20	1,935	2,630	0	49	4,614
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,270</b>	<b>48,905</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>84,424</b>

<sup>1</sup> Dismissed includes dismissed before hearing and after hearing.

<sup>2</sup> Disposed by Judge includes disposed by default, judge, and non jury trial.

<sup>3</sup> Disposed by Other includes cases that are consolidated into a primary case, transferred or have a change of venue, etc.

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**Meeting December 13, 2013**  
**FY 2013/14 Foreclosure Backlog Reduction**  
**October 2013 Status Report**  
**Average Monthly Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Dispositions<sup>1</sup>**  
**By Circuit and Month**  
**FY 2011-12, FY 2012-13, and July through October 2013**

Circuit	Average Monthly Dispositions FY 2011-12	Average Monthly Dispositions FY 2012-13
1	339	503
2	154	193
3	48	73
4	519	901
5	659	956
6	1,074	1,191
7	623	801
8	123	200
9	1,292	1,871
10	471	583
11	2,878	3,495
12	536	758
13	990	1,364
14	182	205
15	1,051	1,551
16	64	73
17	1,613	1,939
18	662	988
19	558	760
20	883	1,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,717</b>	<b>19,617</b>

Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13
729	528	620	638
348	325	291	355
101	86	62	109
2,321	1,245	1,116	1,033
950	954	958	1,081
1,181	1,248	1,159	1,194
927	963	814	951
167	174	167	190
1,627	1,624	1,531	2,007
628	624	665	712
2,095	3,650	3,315	3,287
712	692	963	901
1,510	1,393	1,243	1,141
327	208	224	232
1,614	1,958	1,425	2,269
83	84	64	94
2,769	2,659	2,301	2,489
811	1,170	1,064	1,119
863	979	786	913
1,153	1,329	1,082	1,050
<b>20,916</b>	<b>21,893</b>	<b>19,850</b>	<b>21,765</b>

<sup>1</sup> The statistics provided above were extracted from Summary Reporting System (SRS) dynamic database and may be amended by the Clerk of Court.

**Trial Court Budget Commission**  
**Meeting December 13, 2013**  
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**October 2013 Status Report**  
**Average Monthly Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Filings<sup>1</sup>**  
**By Circuit and Month**  
**FY 2011-12, FY 2012-13, and July through October 2013**

Circuit	Average Monthly Filings FY 2011-12	Average Monthly Filings FY 2012-13
1	444	473
2	194	212
3	76	82
4	876	910
5	854	868
6	1,171	1,175
7	767	753
8	161	194
9	1,451	1,357
10	545	567
11	2,051	2,176
12	593	548
13	866	868
14	190	202
15	1,125	1,108
16	61	57
17	1,721	1,604
18	836	795
19	518	518
20	1,054	967
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,554</b>	<b>15,434</b>

Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13
158	234	244	306
68	100	108	127
41	51	49	87
313	446	445	524
247	447	474	558
266	559	606	675
220	356	345	412
62	91	100	115
494	647	660	764
144	291	287	339
450	878	970	1,159
188	252	263	336
199	437	412	495
158	130	95	124
316	522	510	631
26	45	22	36
464	701	742	845
183	300	357	458
184	225	246	284
222	430	439	529
<b>4,403</b>	<b>7,142</b>	<b>7,374</b>	<b>8,804</b>

<sup>1</sup> The statistics provided above were extracted from Summary Reporting System (SRS) dynamic database and may be amended by the Clerk of Court.

FY 2013-14 Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative and National Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement Funds Combined

Cost Center 375 - All Funds

As of November 30, 2013

Circuit	Allotment	Expenditures/Encumbrances							Remaining Allotment Balance	% of Allotment Expended/ Encumbered
		Other Personal Services	Expenses	Compensation to Senior Judges	Contracted Services	Lease/Lease Purchase	Data Processing Services	Total		
0	135,513	0	35,551	0	0	0	41,700	77,251	58,262	57.01%
1	848,902	72,042	0	22,390	0	0	96,425	190,857	658,045	22.48%
2	538,609	28,187	1,079	12,073	0	0	70,346	111,684	426,925	20.74%
3	155,627	28,399	865	0	0	0	0	29,264	126,363	18.80%
4	908,654	64,926	315	128,892	0	0	168,920	363,053	545,601	39.95%
5	1,331,061	98,615	201	35,508	0	0	1,394	135,717	1,195,344	10.20%
6	1,231,352	211,146	17,694	42,964	0	0	0	271,804	959,548	22.07%
7	888,815	61,047	6,342	25,565	0	0	0	92,954	795,861	10.46%
8	659,125	21,883	0	0	25,200	0	159,395	206,478	452,647	31.33%
9	849,968	217,511	8,384	44,384	0	0	44,000	314,279	535,689	36.98%
10	298,685	50,298	5,201	14,203	0	0	0	69,703	228,982	23.34%
11	2,554,047	287,591	37,725	82,712	0	2,063	0	410,092	2,143,955	16.06%
12	423,417	93,837	21,414	22,370	0	0	0	137,621	285,796	32.50%
13	810,200	86,371	681	91,609	13,806	0	0	192,468	617,732	23.76%
14	402,067	15,719	2,654	15,623	0	0	97,902	131,899	270,168	32.81%
15	1,085,055	187,383	9,676	55,747	0	0	215,663	468,468	616,587	43.17%
16	168,406	16,978	2,392	13,138	563	0	0	33,070	135,336	19.64%
17	1,675,815	157,506	3,778	53,261	0	0	74,243	288,787	1,387,028	17.23%
18	858,048	119,272	15,591	33,022	0	0	44,812	212,697	645,351	24.79%
19	539,843	81,441	3,706	17,044	0	0	0	102,191	437,653	18.93%
20	641,511	78,324	33,794	36,928	0	0	0	149,046	492,465	23.23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,004,720</b>	<b>1,978,475</b>	<b>207,043</b>	<b>747,433</b>	<b>39,569</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>1,014,798</b>	<b>3,989,380</b>	<b>13,015,340</b>	<b>23.46%</b>

FY 2013-14 Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative Funds  
 Cost Center 375 - General Revenue  
 As of November 30, 2013

Circuit	Allotment	Expenditures/Encumbrances							Remaining Allotment Balance	% of Allotment Expended/ Encumbered
		Other Personal Services	Expenses	Compensation to Senior Judges	Contracted Services	Lease/Lease Purchase	Data Processing Services	Total		
0	60,000	0	35,551	0	0	0	0	35,551	24,449	59.25%
1	590,597	72,042	0	22,390	0	0	47,681	142,113	448,484	24.06%
2	471,453	28,187	1,079	12,073	0	0	59,229	100,568	370,885	21.33%
3	115,627	28,399	865	0	0	0	0	29,264	86,363	25.31%
4	592,962	64,926	315	128,892	0	0	0	194,133	398,829	32.74%
5	1,210,514	98,615	201	35,508	0	0	1,394	135,717	1,074,797	11.21%
6	845,286	211,146	17,694	42,964	0	0	0	271,804	573,482	32.16%
7	888,815	61,047	6,342	25,565	0	0	0	92,954	795,861	10.46%
8	529,775	21,883	0	0	25,200	0	132,930	180,012	349,763	33.98%
9	802,827	217,511	8,384	44,384	0	0	0	270,279	532,548	33.67%
10	298,685	50,298	5,201	14,203	0	0	0	69,703	228,982	23.34%
11	2,552,128	287,591	37,725	82,712	0	2,063	0	410,092	2,142,036	16.07%
12	423,417	93,837	21,414	22,370	0	0	0	137,621	285,796	32.50%
13	657,282	86,371	681	91,609	13,806	0	0	192,468	464,814	29.28%
14	402,067	15,719	2,654	15,623	0	0	97,902	131,899	270,168	32.81%
15	934,652	187,383	9,676	55,747	0	0	160,365	413,170	521,482	44.21%
16	156,517	16,978	2,392	13,138	563	0	0	33,070	123,447	21.13%
17	1,642,145	157,506	3,778	53,261	0	0	69,660	284,204	1,357,941	17.31%
18	856,984	119,272	15,591	33,022	0	0	44,192	212,077	644,907	24.75%
19	419,708	81,441	3,706	17,044	0	0	0	102,191	317,518	24.35%
20	542,715	78,324	33,794	38,348	0	0	0	150,466	392,249	27.72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,994,156</b>	<b>1,978,475</b>	<b>207,043</b>	<b>748,853</b>	<b>39,569</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>613,351</b>	<b>3,589,354</b>	<b>11,404,802</b>	<b>23.94%</b>

FY 2013-14 National Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement Funds  
 Cost Center 375 - State Courts Revenue Trust Fund  
 As of November 30, 2013

Circuit	Allotment	Expenditures/Encumbrances							Remaining Allotment Balance	% of Allotment Expended/ Encumbered
		Other Personal Services	Expenses	Compensation to Senior Judges	Contracted Services	Lease/Lease Purchase	Data Processing Services	Total		
0	75,513	0	0	0	0	0	41,700	41,700	33,813	55.22%
1	258,305	0	0	0	0	0	48,744	48,744	209,561	18.87%
2	67,156	0	0	0	0	0	11,116	11,116	56,040	16.55%
3	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,000	0.00%
4	315,692	0	0	0	0	0	168,920	168,920	146,772	53.51%
5	120,547	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120,547	0.00%
6	386,066	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	386,066	0.00%
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
8	129,350	0	0	0	0	0	26,465	26,465	102,885	20.46%
9	47,141	0	0	0	0	0	44,000	44,000	3,141	93.34%
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
11	1,919	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,919	0.00%
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
13	152,918	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152,918	0.00%
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
15	150,403	0	0	0	0	0	55,298	55,298	95,105	36.77%
16	11,889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,889	0.00%
17	33,670	0	0	0	0	0	4,583	4,583	29,087	13.61%
18	1,064	0	0	0	0	0	620	620	444	58.27%
19	120,135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120,135	0.00%
20	98,796	0	0	(1,420)	0	0	0	(1,420)	100,216	-1.44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,010,564</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,420)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>401,446</b>	<b>400,026</b>	<b>1,610,538</b>	<b>19.90%</b>

# Trial Court Budget Commission

## Meeting December 13, 2013

### FY 2013/14 Allocated Technology Resources and Status of Implementation

Circuit	FY 2012/13 Carry Forward Balance	FY 2013/14	Total	Status of Implementation
0	-	\$152,768	<b>\$152,768</b>	Reserve
1	\$258,305	\$310,160	<b>\$568,465</b>	A contract was signed to implement Mentis in Okaloosa, and Escambia County. Mentis Implemented in Walton and Santa Rosa County. Encumbered \$41,088 for software in FY 13/14.
2	\$67,156	\$342,000	<b>\$409,156</b>	A contract was signed to with Mentis to implement judicial viewers. Integrating all (6) counties into the one aiSmartBench system. Encumbered \$55,079 for hardware and programming in FY 13/14.
3	\$40,000	\$0	<b>\$40,000</b>	A contract was signed with Mentis to implement judicial viewers. Currently refining server specifications list from Mentis.
4	\$315,692	\$0	<b>\$315,692</b>	Implementing an in-house system called C.O.R.E. C.O.R.E. implemented in Duval County.
5	\$120,547	\$791,104	<b>\$911,651</b>	Will be entering into contract with Mentis for remaining counties. Finalizing contracts and interviewing for User Support Analyst position. Mentis implemented in Lake County. Encumbered \$2,615 for programming in FY 13/14.
6	\$386,066	\$70,000	<b>\$456,066</b>	Implementing the JAWS solution. Work continues on interfacing with JAWS. Encumbered \$0.
7	\$0	\$574,300	<b>\$574,300</b>	In the process of making a decision on a judicial viewer. Encumbered \$0.
8	\$129,350	\$400,000	<b>\$529,350</b>	Implemented the ICMS solution. ICMS became provisionally certified in August 2013. Encumbered \$97,179 for hardware and programming in FY 13/14.
9	\$47,141	\$0	<b>\$47,141</b>	A contract was signed with Mentis to implement judicial viewers. Continue integration with Orange County Clerk of Court system.
10	\$0	\$40,000	<b>\$40,000</b>	Implementing the ICMS solution. Work continues on a NDA in Polk County. Encumbered \$0.
11	\$1,919	\$1,373,675	<b>\$1,375,594</b>	Researching the Mentis solution, a contract has not been executed. Encumbered \$0.
12	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	Implemented the Mentis solution in Desoto and Manatee Counties. Implemented the Pioneer solution in Sarasota County. Judicial viewers were purchased using county funds.
13	\$152,918	\$57,090	<b>\$210,008</b>	Implemented the JAWS solution. Continue working with 6th circuit to gain credentials to access Clericus database. Encumbered \$0.
14	\$0	\$272,250	<b>\$272,250</b>	Implementing the ICMS solution. Encumbered \$61,364 for software and hardware in FY 13/14.
15	\$150,403	\$169,500	<b>\$319,903</b>	Implemented the ICMS solution. Encumbered \$93,152 for programming in FY 13/14.
16	\$21,889	\$10,000	<b>\$31,889</b>	Implementing the JAWS solution. Awaiting access to Clerks maintenance system. Encumbered \$0.
17	\$33,670	\$500,000	<b>\$533,670</b>	Implemented an in-house solution. Encumbered \$74,925 for hardware in FY 13/14.
18	\$1,064	\$235,000	<b>\$236,064</b>	Implementing the ICMS in Brevard County and an in-house solution in Seminole County. Encumbered \$44,191 for hardware in FY 13/14.
19	\$120,135	\$117,500	<b>\$237,635</b>	A contract was signed with Mentis to implement judicial viewers. Case data is being converted in Martin and Okcechobee Counties for use by aiSmartBench. Encumbered \$446 for software in FY 13/14.
20	\$221,658	\$0	<b>\$221,658</b>	A contract was signed with Mentis to implement judicial viewers. Hendry and Lee Counties have installed servers to duplicate data. Other counties have started preliminary discussions and will start after first of year as Mentis becomes ready.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,067,913</b>	<b>\$5,415,347</b>	<b>\$7,483,260</b>	

**III. Personnel Committee Report –  
Recommendation on the Trial Court  
Administrator Salary Adjustment Proposal**

**Item III. Personnel Committee Report – Recommendation on the Trial Court Administrator Salary Adjustment Proposal**

**Issue:** Trial Court Budget Commission Chair, Judge Margaret O. Steinbeck, requested a recommendation from the TCBC Personnel Committee regarding a proposal from Eighth Circuit Chief Judge Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., to correct the salary problem of trial court administrators.

**Discussion:** The TCBC Personnel Committee met by conference call on November 19, 2013 and reviewed the following:

**Attachment 1.** Chief Judge Roundtree’s letter with salary survey of local government employers in the Eighth Circuit.

Chief Judge Roundtree noted in his letter that the current salary structure is “a huge obstacle to hiring a qualified person” for the trial court administrator position and that “the current policy prohibit[s] a competitive job search for a new administrator” in the Eighth Circuit’s current market. Chief Judge Roundtree also posited that “it is time to eliminate the tiered structure for Trial Court Administrators based on a circuit’s population,” noting: “Salary determination made on the basis of population size of a circuit rather than the job responsibilities and skills required do not seem appropriate. A Trial Court Administrator’s responsibilities and the management skills needed are similar regardless of circuit size.”

**Attachment 2.** Notes and comments received in reference to the trial court administrator class received by trial court administrators.

In October, trial court administrators and chief judges were asked for information regarding existing or anticipated recruitment and retention problems in various trial court classes. Sixteen circuits responded to the request. The class of trial court administrator was identified by 11 circuits and ranked number two (tied with trial court technology officer), out of 12 types of classes identified, in priority of concern.

**Attachment 3.** A chart reflecting mean (average), entry, experienced, and median (middle of) salaries for state government management positions.

**Attachment 4.** The rate of pay for Florida elected officers, members of commissions, and designated employees as set in the FY 2013-14 General Appropriations Act.

**Attachment 5.** Options considered at the Personnel Committee meeting (see Options A, B, and C below). (An option of not adjusting the current trial court administrator salaries was also presented.)

The Personnel Committee did not recommend any of the options presented at the meeting. The Committee requested another set of options for a vote by email, and those options are found at **Attachment 6** (see Options D, E, and F below). As a result of the email vote, the **Personnel Committee recommends either Option E or Option F**, neither of which eliminates the tiered salary structure for trial court administrators.

**Items for Consideration:**

1. Should the existing tiered salary structure for trial court administrators be eliminated?

**Personnel Committee Recommendation: No**

2. Should the salaries of trial court administrators as currently contained in the Budget and Pay Administration Memorandum for Fiscal Year 2013-14 be adjusted?

**Personnel Committee Recommendation: Yes. Option E or Option F.**

**Option A.** Increase all trial court administrator salaries to \$120,000 (8<sup>th</sup> Circuit proposal).

**Option B.** Increase all trial court administrator salaries to \$116,147 (current starting salary for “very large” circuit).

**Option C.** Increase trial court administrator salaries based on circuit size: small \$100,000; medium \$120,000; large \$135,000; very large \$150,000.

**Option D.** Increase trial court administrator salaries based on circuit size; benchmark to circuit judge salary: small to 80%, medium to 85%, large to 90%, and very large to 95%.

**Option E.** Increase trial court administrator salaries based on circuit size; benchmark to county judge salary: small to 80%, medium to 85%, large to 90%, and very large to 95%.

**Option F.** Increase trial court administrator salaries based on circuit size comparable to current salaries for executive positions in the state courts system.

**Option G.** Do not adjust the current trial court administrator salaries.

3. Should chief judges be able to hire a trial court administrator above base?

**The Personnel Committee did not address due to the recommendation to adjust the salaries.**

4. If a new salary structure is approved, should existing trial court administrator salaries be adjusted?

**Personnel Recommendation: Yes**

5. If a new salary structure is approved, when should it be effective?

**Personnel Recommendation: As soon as possible (depending upon available salary dollars).**



## Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida

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RE: Agenda TCBC Meeting December - TCA Salary

Dear Judge Steinbeck:

The Eighth Circuit is developing a transition plan to replace our Trial Court Administrator as he approaches retirement age. It has become obvious that the current salary structure for Trial Court Administrators contained in the Budget and Pay Memo of August 13, 2013 is a huge obstacle to hiring a qualified person for this position. Before beginning a formal search for a replacement, I believe it is imperative that this salary “problem” be corrected. The current policy controlling Trial Court Administrator salaries contained in the Budget and Pay Memo states:

The starting salaries for the Trial Court Administrator are \$87,264, \$95,990, or \$105,589, for small, medium, and large circuits; or \$116,147 for very large circuits, which include the Eleventh and Seventeenth Judicial Circuits. All appointment rates for Trial Court Administrators must be at these starting salaries. . .

In our small circuit, the advertised salary for a new Trial Court Administrator is fixed at \$88,264 (\$87,274, plus the \$1,000 salary increase of October 1, 2013). This starting salary and the current policy prohibit a competitive job search for a new administrator in our local market. I have attached a salary survey of local government employers in the Eighth Circuit. There are at least 20 positions each in Alachua County Government, the City of Gainesville, Santa Fe Community College and other governmental employers with salaries that far exceed the starting salary of the Trial Court Administrator. In order to hire a Trial Court Administrator with the management skills, education, training, understanding of and experience with the judicial system, the salary structure must at least be competitive with the local market.

I also believe it is time to eliminate the tiered structure for Trial Court Administrators based on a circuit's population. We are now a statewide court system. Salary determinations made on the basis of population size of a circuit rather than the job responsibilities and skills required do not seem appropriate. A Trial Court Administrator's responsibilities and the management skills needed are similar regardless of circuit size. The job of Trial Court Administrator in a small six county circuit is just as complex as in a larger circuit. An argument could be made that in multi-county circuits, the Trial Court Administrator requires better management skills and knowledge since they must deal daily with multiple clerks, county commissions, sheriffs and court personnel in various counties. As you know, each county has its own culture and political environment.

I request that you place the issue of Trial Court Administrator salaries on the agenda for the December TCBC meeting. I propose the following motion for consideration:

- Amend the existing Budget and Pay memo of August 13, 2013;
- Eliminate the existing tiered salary structure for Trial Court Administrators;
- Make the minimum starting salary of Trial Court Administrators \$120,000/year;
- Chief Judges should be able to hire above base or built in CAD for local economic conditions;
- Existing Trial Court Administrators' salaries below this minimum should be raised to new minimum.

I request that if this change is approved, it be effective immediately.

I understand there are other positions throughout the state court system in need of change and that a proposal is being prepared for approval and presentation to the legislature in 2014 with possible funding in 2014-2015. However, I believe the requested change for the Trial Court Administrators' salaries should not be delayed.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.

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**Salary Survey - Top 20**

**Alachua County**

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
County Manager	Baker, Betty	\$160,000
Assistant County Manager	Hedrick, Richard	\$132,234
Admin Services Director - acting	Baldry, Kim	\$114,222
Finance Director	Hutchinson, Todd	\$119,317
Info / Telecommunication Director	Smith, Kevin	\$116,103
Human Resources Director	Baldry, Kim	\$109,036
Chief of Fire Rescue	Bailey, Edwin	\$118,999
Deputy Chief of Fire Rescue	Northcutt, William	\$110,210
Environment Protection Director	Bird, James	\$121,891
Chief Deputy- Sheriff	Huckstep, David	\$122,181
Public Works Director	Hedrick, Richard	\$111,185
Growth Management Director	Lachnicht, Steven	\$113,299
Assistant Growth Management Dir	Wolf, Richard	\$108,789
County Attorney	Wagner, David	\$154,542
Assistant County Attorney	Livingston, Robert	\$106,276
Assistant County Attorney	Schwartz, David	\$103,099
Library Director	Livingston, Shaney	\$109,242
Community Sup Services Director	Warren, Elmira	\$105,991
Alachua County PIO	Sexton, Mark	\$87,550
Court Services County Prob Dir	Tonkavitch, Tom	\$88,580

**City of Gainesville**

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
City Manager	Blackburn, Russ	\$174,956
City Attorney	Shalley, Nicolle	\$159,000
City Attorney	Waratuke, Elizabeth	\$149,414
City Attorney	Combs, Ronald	\$137,300
Assistant City Manager	Folkers, Paul	\$136,126
Admin Services Director	Rountree, Becky	\$133,580
Police Chief	Jones, Tony	\$132,759
Finance Director	Benton, Mark	\$131,389
Assistant City Manager	Murry, Fredrick	\$128,290
Litigation Attorney	Nee, Daniel	\$120,447
Economic Development	Bredfeldt, Erik	\$117,526
Community Development	Lyons, Anthony	\$117,500
Police Major	Hanna, Richard	\$114,482
City Auditor	Godshalk, Brent	\$113,697
Fire Chief	Prince, Howard	\$112,200
Transit Director	Gomez, Jesus	\$111,543
Assistant Finance Director	Shuping, Mary	\$108,662
Equal Opportunity Director	Howard, Cecil	\$104,040
Director/Parks Rec Cultural Affairs	Phillips, Steven	\$103,236
Planning Manager	Hilliard, Ralph	\$102,482

**University of Florida**

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Sr VP, Professor - Provost	Glover, Joseph	\$360,500
Sr Dean & Prof - Business Admin	Erenguc, Sahin	\$355,977
Dean & Prof - Marketing Business Admin	Alba, Joseph	\$354,691
Dean & Prof - Dean Administration	Dolan, Teresa	\$334,750
General Counsel & VP	Keith, Jamie	\$325,000
Sp Ed Program Director	McClensky, James	\$313,163
ASO Dean & Professor - Business Admin	McGill, Gary	\$293,159
VP - Finance and Administration	Reynolds, Curtis	\$280,000
VP - Chief Info Officer - Administration	Eldayrie, Elias	\$262,350
Program Director & Professor - Law	Mills, Jon	\$253,928
Program Dir & Professor - Bldg Const	Issa, Raja	\$250,257
Dean - Journalism & Communication	McFarlin, Diane	\$242,000
Admin Program Dir - Fire Business Office	Rossi, William	\$238,519
VP - Student Affairs	Thompson, Scott	\$234,737
Sr ASO Dean & Professor - Law	Flournoy, Alyson	\$232,803
VP - Devel/Alumni Affairs	Nias, Danita	\$231,750
Professor & Chair - Operative Division	Roulet, Jean-Francios	\$231,750
Dean & Professor - Grad School Oper	Duncan, RP	\$220,000
Director & Professor - Digital World	Oliverio, James	\$214,590
Act Program Director - Engineering	Arnold, David	\$210,861

**Santa Fe Community College**

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
President	Sasser, Jackson	\$260,000
VP, Academic Affairs	Bonohue, Edward	\$169,716
VP, Administrative Affairs	Gibson, Virginia	\$164,925
VP, Development	Clemons, Charles	\$158,051
VP, Assessment, Research & Technology	Armour, Lisa	\$157,437
General Counsel	Locascio, Patti	\$142,664
Associate VP, Facilities Services	Reese, William	\$137,091
Executive Director, FCSRMC	Fagler, Willard	\$121,230
Associate VP, Information Technology	Nesler, Timothy	\$114,713
Director, Information Technology	Chapman, John	\$113,800
Associate VP, Academic Affairs	Jefferson, Curtis	\$107,984
Associate VP, Development Grants	Suchorski, Joan	\$103,471
Associate VP, Economic Development	Jones, Douglas	\$103,148
ITS Manager, Information Technology	Williamson, Stephen	\$103,017
Assistant VP, Office of Development	Curry, Charles	\$102,793
VP, Student Affairs	Brown, Naima	\$100,674
ITS Manager, Information Technology	West, Patti	\$100,125
Director, Library	Sterrett, Myra	\$99,932
Associate VP, Academic Affairs	McNeely, John	\$99,750
Director, High School Dual Enrollment	Lanza-Kaduce, Linda	\$99,037

**Clerks of Court Other Constitutional Officers and Clerk Staff**

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Alachua County Clerk of Court	Irby, J K Buddy	\$128,564
Alachua Sheriff	Darnell, Sadie	\$137,159
Alachua County Sup of Elections	Carpenter, Pamela	\$108,216
Baker County Clerk of Court	Fraser, Al	\$95,720
Bradford County Clerk of Court	Norman, Ray	\$96,173
Gilchrist County Clerk of Court	Newton, Todd	\$92,440
Levy County Clerk of Court	Shipp, Danny	\$100,132
Union County Clerk of Court	Cornell, Kellie	\$91,988
Alachua - Chief Deputy Clerk	Curtin, Mary Grace	\$98,413
Alachua - Chief Deputy Oper	Stiles, Chuck	\$92,085
Alachua - Technology Officer	Parramore, James	\$96,305

October 2013 Circuit Comments re: **Trial Court Administrators**

*I do believe the court administrator salaries should be reconsidered. The level of responsibility we have, along with the broad scope of knowledge and skills we must have, is significant. Salaries of our employees are creeping up so the gap between our salaries and our employees' salaries is closing. . . . [E]quity seems to require that this be considered given our level of responsibility. Referencing a recent open administrative position with the federal courts, working for one judge and supervising 20 staff, and making \$135,000: Those are the kinds of positions state courts will have to compete with when recruiting new TCAs and retaining them. While I know that salaries similar to the federal courts are out of reach for us, there should be some consideration of this disparity. I also agree . . . that the differentiation between sizes of circuits isn't as relevant anymore. While I may not supervise as many people, I also have less people to whom to delegate*

*I expect that future recruitment for our key positions (e.g., Trial Courts Administrator) will be a challenge since the starting pay is not commensurate with the scope of the position, and is not competitive with similar positions in either the private sector or other public entities. (Ranked Trial Court Administrator class first on list of nine employee classes in which circuit has, or anticipates having, difficulties in recruitment and retention.)*

*The rankings are reflective of the difficulties we'd expect to encounter in filling these positions due to the inadequacies of current starting salaries in relation to the specialized skills necessary to be effective. (Ranked Trial Court Administrator class first on list of nine employee classes in which circuit has, or anticipates having, difficulties in recruitment and retention.)*

*As this circuit develops a plan for transitions in the Court Administrators Office the salary for a new Trial Court Administrator becomes an issue. The starting salary of \$87,264 for a small circuit is very limiting and looking at the attached information is not competitive. . . I urge the Florida Supreme Court through the OSCA and the Trial Court Budget Commission to work quickly to change the pay plan and policies for hiring Trial Court Administrators, Court Technology Officers and other mission critical positions.*

*As supported by employee demographic analysis, our workforce is aging and as TCA's begin to enter the DROP program and/or retire it will become more difficult to attract applicants with the knowledge, skills and leadership ability that is required in this classification at the minimum salaries established for small, medium and large circuits. I suggest that the differentiation of minimum salaries for Trial Court Administrators based on size of the circuit no longer is justified. With the transition to state funding, the functions, knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the duties of Trial Court Administrator are not dependent on the size of the caseload, budgets or number of employees. I suggest that one minimum salary level be created for the Trial Court*

*Administrator position and build in a CAD to adjust for local circuit economic conditions. At a minimum, the starting salary should be \$120,000.*

A TCA emailed that they agreed with the statements made in the above paragraph.

*First, we support a proposal . . . that the TCBC raise the TCA salaries, immediately, separate and apart from the salary study. This is needed so that all circuits are able to compete, financially, for highly skilled administrators and leaders. . . In support of the two recommendations (increase the TCA and CTO salary schedules), listed below are some examples of Palm Beach County directors' salaries. This Circuit will be required to compete against these salaries (when the current TCA leaves or retires and when our CTO leaves or retires) when attempting to recruit and retain persons for the TCA and/or CTO position. Some comparisons include: In the Palm Beach County Government, the **Facilities** Director's job classification's annual pay range is \$106,121.60 - \$186,303.52 and the **Deputy** County Administrator's salary range is \$139,102.08 - \$ 244,219.04, while a State Trial Court Administrator's starting annual salary in this Circuit is \$105,589. In the Palm Beach County Government, the Director of Technical Services job classification's annual pay range is: \$99,174.40 - \$174,125.12, compared to \$74,876.64-\$150,801.58 for a State Trial Court Technology Officer. Additionally, the County government Director positions include car allowances of up to \$550 per month (which results in an extra \$6,600 per year).*

# Florida Occupational Wages

**State Government**

**ATTACHMENT 3**

SOC Code	Occupation Title	2012 Annual Wages			
		Mean	ave of bottom	ave of top two third	Median
		Mean	Entry	Experienced	Median
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	\$51,287	\$26,750	\$63,554	\$37,716
11-1011	Chief Executives	\$216,582	NA	NA	NA
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$128,156	\$87,073	\$148,697	\$120,338
11-1031	Legislators	\$86,085	\$86,087	\$86,084	\$87,200
11-2011	Advertising and Promotions Managers	\$125,336	\$85,725	\$145,142	\$113,388
11-2021	Marketing Managers	\$88,301	\$69,971	\$97,465	\$86,743
11-2022	Sales Managers	\$105,507	\$105,507	\$105,507	\$105,519
11-2031	Public Relations Managers	\$111,498	\$72,440	\$131,028	\$95,278
11-3011	Administrative Services Managers	\$106,902	\$76,267	\$122,220	\$98,852
11-3021	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$98,402	\$75,859	\$109,673	\$92,993
11-3031	Financial Managers	\$104,930	\$72,321	\$121,235	\$99,831
11-3061	Purchasing Managers	\$85,556	\$75,319	\$90,674	\$85,423
11-3071	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$90,331	\$72,559	\$99,216	\$88,598
11-3111	Compensation and Benefits Managers	\$87,069	\$72,669	\$94,269	\$86,453
11-3121	Human Resources Managers	\$107,949	\$75,106	\$124,371	\$93,580
11-3131	Training and Development Managers	\$89,183	\$62,513	\$102,519	\$77,024
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	\$94,434	\$88,163	\$97,569	\$94,445
11-9021	Construction Managers	\$103,516	\$72,299	\$119,124	\$114,837
11-9031	Education Administrators, Preschool and Child Care Center/Program	\$121,002	\$115,668	\$123,670	\$121,013
11-9032	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	\$81,554	\$55,345	\$94,658	\$68,609
11-9033	Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$118,669	\$79,523	\$138,241	\$110,830
11-9039	Education Administrators, All Other	\$105,210	\$75,638	\$119,996	\$92,605
11-9041	Engineering Managers	\$105,459	\$85,218	\$115,579	\$109,451
11-9051	Food Service Managers	\$70,206	\$70,206	\$70,206	\$71,047
11-9071	Gaming Managers	\$100,906	\$86,144	\$108,287	\$100,916
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$97,118	\$81,137	\$105,109	\$100,427
11-9111	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$109,960	\$82,348	\$123,765	\$107,405
11-9121	Natural Sciences Managers	\$88,689	\$74,773	\$95,646	\$86,963
11-9141	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	\$93,702	\$71,204	\$104,951	\$91,966
11-9151	Social and Community Service Managers	\$91,474	\$63,231	\$105,595	\$87,420
11-9161	Emergency Management Directors	\$87,781	\$67,121	\$98,111	\$87,791
11-9199	Managers, All Other	\$80,556	\$51,332	\$95,167	\$78,676

1950A, funds are provided to grant each eligible graduate assistant and graduate health profession assistant a competitive pay adjustment.

(d) EXEMPT FROM CAREER SERVICE

1. Elected officers and full-time members of commissions:

The elected officers, members of commissions, and designated employees shall be paid at the annual rate, listed below, for the 2013-2014 fiscal year; however, these salaries may be reduced on a voluntary basis.

	7/1/13	10/1/13
Governor.....	\$ 130,273	130,273
Lieutenant Governor.....	124,851	124,851
Chief Financial Officer.....	128,972	128,972
Attorney General.....	128,972	128,972
Agriculture, Commissioner of.....	128,972	128,972
Supreme Court Justice.....	161,200	162,200
Judges - District Courts of Appeal.....	153,140	154,140
Judges - Circuit Courts.....	145,080	146,080
Judges - County Courts.....	137,020	138,020
State Attorneys.....	153,140	154,140
Public Defenders.....	153,140	154,140
Commissioner - Public Service Commission.....	130,036	131,036
Public Employees Relations Commission Chair.....	95,789	96,789
Public Employees Relations Commission Commissioners	45,362	45,862
Commissioner - Parole and Probation.....	90,724	91,724
Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsels.....	98,000	99,000

None of the officers, commission members, or employees whose salaries have been fixed in this section shall receive any supplemental salary or benefits from any county or municipality.

2. Senior Management Service and Selected Exempt Service:

Effective, October 1, 2013, funds are provided in Specific Appropriation 1950A to grant each eligible employee of the Senior Management Service and each eligible unit and non-unit employee of the Select Exempt Service a competitive pay adjustment.

(e) CAREER SERVICE EXEMPT AND THE FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD:

Effective October 1, 2013, funds are provided in Specific Appropriation 1950A to grant each eligible employee a competitive pay adjustment, and in lieu thereof and effective July 1, 2013, to grant the military personnel of the Florida National Guard on full-time military duty with The Department of Military Affairs a pay raise to comply with s. 250.10(1), F.S.

(f) JUDICIAL:

Effective October 1, 2013, funds are provided in Specific Appropriation 1950A to grant each eligible employee a competitive pay adjustment.

(g) LOTTERY EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND LOTTERY EXEMPT SERVICE:

Effective October 1, 2013, funds are provided in Specific Appropriation 1950A to grant each eligible Lottery Executive Management Service and each unit and non-unit Lottery Exempt Service employee a competitive pay adjustment.

(h) FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND:

Effective October 1, 2013, funds are provided in Specific Appropriation 1950A to grant each eligible non-career service employee of the School for the Deaf and Blind a competitive pay adjustment. Distribution of the funds for unit employees shall be pursuant to the negotiated collective bargaining agreement, and distribution of the funds for non-unit employees shall be at the discretion of the board of trustees.

(2) SPECIAL PAY ISSUES:

(a) 1. For purposes of this subsection (2), "law enforcement employee" means: (1) each eligible unit employee in the law enforcement collective bargaining unit, special agent collective bargaining unit and Florida Highway Patrol collective bargaining unit; (2) each eligible non-unit employee who is a sworn law enforcement officer and is in the command staff for those unit employees; and, (3) each eligible employee of the Fish and Wildlife Commission, Department of Highway Safety and Motor

current starting salaries by circuit size

small	\$87,264
medium	\$95,990
large	\$105,589
very large	\$116,147

	Option A Costed Out to increase all to \$120,000 <sup>1</sup>	Option B Costed Out to increase all to \$116,147 <sup>2</sup>	Option C Costed Out based on circuit size <sup>3</sup>
small	\$127,842	\$108,577	\$34,615
medium	\$85,466	\$66,201	\$85,466
large	\$42,759	\$27,347	\$123,361
very large			\$54,091
<b>Rate</b>	<b>\$256,067</b>	<b>\$202,125</b>	<b>\$297,533</b>
<b>Dollars</b>	<b>\$322,542</b>	<b>\$254,597</b>	<b>\$374,773</b>

<sup>1</sup> Eighth Circuit proposal

<sup>2</sup> current starting salary for "very large" circuit

<sup>3</sup> Option C:	
small	\$100,000
medium	\$120,000
large	\$135,000
very large	\$150,000

Post-Personnel Committee Meeting Options Costed Out

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current by circuit size	
small	\$87,264
medium	\$95,990
large	\$105,589
very large	\$116,147

benchmark	Option D 80, 85, 90 & 95%, respectively by size, of circuit judge salary \$146,080	Option D Costed Out
small	\$116,864	\$112,162
medium	\$124,168	\$109,579
large	\$131,472	\$102,193
very large	\$138,776	\$31,643
	<b>Rate</b>	<b>\$355,577</b>
	<b>Dollars</b>	<b>\$447,885</b>

benchmark	Option E 80, 85, 90 & 95%, respectively by size, of county judge salary \$138,020	Option E Costed Out
small	\$110,416	\$79,922
medium	\$117,317	\$72,051
large	\$124,218	\$60,766
very large	\$131,119	\$16,329
	<b>Rate</b>	<b>\$229,068</b>
	<b>Dollars</b>	<b>\$288,534</b>

SCS Comparisons		Option F:	Option F costed out	
DCA Marshal	\$103,647	small	\$104,000	\$50,615
Deputy State Ct. Admin.	\$109,208	medium	\$115,000	\$61,106
Clerk - Supreme Court	\$120,000	large	\$120,000	\$42,759
State Courts Admin.	\$135,877	very large	\$130,000	\$14,091
		<b>Rate</b>	<b>\$168,571</b>	
		<b>Dollars</b>	<b>\$212,332</b>	

**IV.A.1.: FY 2014 – 15 Supplemental Budget  
Request - Due Process Technology - Remote  
Court Interpreting**

**Agenda Item IV.A.1.: FY 2014-15 Supplemental Budget Request – Due Process Technology – Remote Court Interpreting**

In June 2013, the Trial Court Budget Commission approved the development of an LBR issue for remote court interpreting.

On July 1, 2013, the Legislature appropriated \$100,000 to support piloting efforts of remote interpreting technology that would allow circuits to share interpreting resources across circuit boundaries. Since then, efforts have been under way by the Due Process Technology Workgroup (DPTW) to initiate the pilot project. Recently, design requirements were determined and necessary quotes were obtained to support project parameters of a regional pilot. The project parameters include:

- OSCA will host a statewide call manager to be installed in the Supreme Court Building;
- 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit will receive equipment for 2 courtrooms and 1 interpreter office;
- 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit will participate in the pilot with 1 interpreter office and 2 courtrooms;
- 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit will participate in the pilot using loaned equipment from Cisco; and
- 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Circuits may also participate in the pilot utilizing equipment set ups for 1 courtroom each.

While it is anticipated that the pilot will begin within the next few months, the DPTW met on November 21, 2013, to determine LBR recommendations for continued remote interpreting expansion. Prior to the meeting, the DPTW sent an email to all trial court administrators asking if any circuit is interested in expanding remote interpreting technology. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Circuits indicated they would like to request funds to expand their participation in the regional pilot. The 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit submitted a request in the amount of \$100,000 to expand remote interpreting technology; however, this request was later withdrawn.

**Funding Methodology Committee Recommendation**

Based on the review by the DPTW, the Funding Methodology Committee recommends the following:

- 1) Submit a supplemental LBR issue in the amount of \$39,162 to support continuation of the remote interpreting regional pilot into the next fiscal year. This will include providing redundancy backup for the statewide call manager (\$11,322 non-recurring), additional bandwidth for the statewide network (\$15,526 recurring), and ongoing maintenance support for the pilot once the initial 1 year warranty expires (\$12,314 recurring).
- 2) Approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Circuits' requests in the amount of \$42,266 to allow them to participate in the regional pilot. This will provide funding to support the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit's request to include 2 courtrooms in the regional pilot (\$24,984 non-recurring); and the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit's request to include an additional 1 courtroom and 1 interpreter office in the regional pilot (\$17,282 non-recurring). If this funding request is approved, it is anticipated recurring maintenance funding will be needed in FY 2015-16 in the amount of \$5,494.

**IV.A.2. and IV.A.3.: FY 2014 – 15 Supplemental  
Budget Request - Due Process Technology -  
Maintenance/Refresh of Existing Equipment -  
Expansion of Due Process Equipment and  
Maintenance**

**Agenda Items IV.A.2. and IV.A.3.: FY 2014-15 Supplemental Budget Request – Due Process Technology – Maintenance/Refresh of Existing Equipment and Expansion of Due Process Equipment and Maintenance**

At the August 3, 2013, meeting, the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) approved an LBR issue for court reporting equipment, as follows:

<b>Court Reporting Equipment</b>	<b>Maintenance/Refresh of Existing Equipment</b>	<b>Expansion of Due Process Equipment and Maintenance</b>
Recurring HW	\$2,251,125	N/A
Non-Recurring HW/SW	\$2,223,562	\$1,446,114
Recurring Maintenance	\$332,238 (FY 14/15)	\$105,240 (FY 15/16)

HW = Hardware; SW = Software

These amounts were approved based on circuit requests within certain cost guidelines as recommended by the Due Process Technology Workgroup. For maintenance/refresh, the TCBC approved a recurring funding request based on the statewide annual average refresh calculated using data submitted via the annual Due Process Technology Inventory. For expansion, the TCBC approved funding based on circuit requests for 124 courtrooms and 62 hearing rooms.

In addition to these requested funding amounts, the TCBC directed the OSCA to study this issue further in consultation with the circuits to determine potential alternatives to funding these needs. In response to this directive, in November 2013, the OSCA conducted conference calls with each of the 20 judicial circuits to discuss how circuits are addressing refresh and expansion issues absent a stable funding source. Overall, several concerns and issues were reported by the circuits during these conference calls. Below is a consensus on their comments:

- Equipment is Past Lifecycle Timeframes. Much of the equipment that is currently in place is older equipment still in service that should have been refreshed beginning in FY 09-10. This older equipment is now creating performance issues and more frequent outages.
- Aged Equipment is Putting Circuits at Greater Risk for Large System Failures. Due to limited availability of funding, some circuits have discontinued vendor hardware maintenance support and transitioned to an in-house maintenance model. This occurred as circuits were willing to assume a greater risk to address technical service needs. Further, this occurred as circuits were able to rely on assistance of county funding for IT support and to stock spares or salvage parts of older equipment. While in-house maintenance has reduced certain vendor costs, it is more difficult to maintain this type of maintenance model with aging systems. Lack of funding to support refresh is placing more burden on existing staff, therefore putting circuits at greater risk to outages.

Circuits have expressed concerns during the calls regarding how due process is a critical service area that should have a proactive maintenance approach to avoid outages rather than a poorly supported break-fix model that inherently involves outages that delay court proceedings.

- Use of County Funds as a Stopgap is Not Feasible in the Long Term. While many circuits currently report using county funds as a stopgap, most circuits indicate continued reliance on county funding assistance is causing a “rippling” effect on other local county technology initiatives. Many circuits have had to use limited county funds to fill the gap for critical need areas such as due process equipment. This reduces that funding source for other items for which it is intended. Thus, other local technology issues suffer if less money is available to support those local ongoing projects. Also, counties are not obligated to support state due process funding needs; therefore, there is no guarantee that necessary funding will be provided for court reporting equipment. If funding is not available, circuits will be left vulnerable to outages. If funding is available, there is no guarantee that counties will purchase the equipment compatible with existing set ups in the circuits.
- 100% Reliance on Available Funds at Year-End is Ineffective and Leads to Project Management Hardships. In the past, year-end spending plans were approved by the TCBC to support court reporting equipment expansion and refresh needs (the most recent year-end spending plan was approved in FY 09-10). While this proved helpful to support the overall goals of implementing digital court recording (DCR) equipment, restrictive timeframes imposed within these spending plans forced circuits to compete for limited vendor and hardware resources. This also led to circuits having to accomplish the complex tasks of ordering, installing, and integrating systems in a very short timeframe. Oftentimes mistakes were made that could not be fixed until after the initial installations were complete. Overall, year-end spending plans provide several challenges in the effective planning and management of DCR technology projects. If funding is available in the future, circuits should be provided with as much advance notice as possible to allow for effective planning and implementation.
- Lack of State Funding to Support Refresh and Expansion will set the Court System Back Several Years Incurring Higher Operational Costs. Overall, the majority of circuits discussed how the trial courts have made substantial strides in bringing about efficiencies in the delivery of court reporting services. The use of digital court recording equipment has been institutionalized in the trial courts and has been successful in containing the overall cost of court reporting services. In comparison to other states, Florida is at the forefront in utilizing digital court reporting. Further, the trial courts continue to make strides with products such as OpenCourt which promise to further contain court reporting costs. If state funding is not provided to support these prior investments, then the court system would be set back several years. For instance, large system failures will result in circuits having to revert back to stenography, which will increase state costs and positions. This will incur significant higher operational costs for the judicial system as more costly stenographers would be needed to match the current service level provided by digital court reporters (as digital court reporters are able to monitor/record up to four proceedings at once; stenographers are able to record one proceeding at a time).

## **Options**

Based on the discussions with the circuits, a major reduction in the overall amount of funding requested for equipment is not recommended. However, based on historical spending, the funding request for recurring maintenance could be absorbed within current contractual funding.

Option One: Modify the LBR to reduce the overall funding request by \$332,238 in recurring maintenance contractual. Allocate the approved requested funding amounts at the beginning of FY 14-15 using due process contractual funds, as available.

Option Two: Do not modify the LBR.

## **Funding Methodology Committee Recommendation**

Reduce the LBR by \$332,238 in contractual based on Option One.

## **Future Considerations**

Circuits also expressed concerns regarding the need for additional state funding to address issues related to network bandwidth, IT support, as well as court reporting staffing. For example, lack of additional state funding to support network bandwidth and IT support issues will inevitably cause service degradation issues in monitoring multiple live court proceedings across counties. Further, lack of additional court reporting staff may cause circuits to incur higher monitoring ratios, thus exceeding the recommended staffing ratios approved by the Supreme Court as a best practice as provided under AOSC10-1.

In light of these concerns, the TCBC may wish to direct a review on the network bandwidth and IT support issues for court reporting in consideration of the FY 15-16 LBR.

**IV.B.: FY 2014 – 15 Supplemental Budget  
Request - Conflict Counsel Cases Over the Flat  
Fee**

**Agenda Item: IV.B. Conflict Counsel Cases Over the Flat Fee**

**Background:**

For FY 2013/14, the Legislature appropriated an increase in the amount of funds in the Justice Administrative Commission's (JAC) budget dedicated to criminal conflict counsel payments in excess of the flat fees from \$3,000,000 to \$3,650,000, increasing the threshold to be reached before responsibility for payment of these bills is transferred to the courts. In addition, the Legislature appropriated additional recurring funding to the courts in the amount of \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 in general revenue funds and \$500,000 in trust authority) for FY 2013/14 to address expenditures in excess of the flat fee. While this will potentially help alleviate some of the estimated costs expected to be borne by the courts, this issue still represents a partially unfunded mandate to the court system's budget.

**Current Issue:**

At the June 18, 2013, meeting, the TCBC approved to consider filing a Legislative Budget Request (LBR) for this issue and directed staff to research pending Capital, Life Felony, and RICO cases in each circuit to include in forecasting future expenditures and requests for funds for cases exceeding the flat fee. During the August 3, 2013, meeting, the TCBC approved filing an LBR placeholder in the amount of \$1,211,877 based on existing data and current estimated expenditures (\$5,861,877). This amount would then be updated during the supplemental LBR submission, when additional information on pending cases can be analyzed.

OSCA staff contacted the circuits seeking input regarding pending court appointed cases in the Capital – Death Penalty, Life Felony (Including Capital Death Penalty Waived), and RICO case categories and the workload that would be required to provide OSCA with the number of pending cases in each circuit for these categories. A majority of the circuits indicated they would not be able to provide data on the number of pending cases or that it would require a significant amount of workload to provide the requested information. Due to the limitations in providing this data, staff did not factor pending case information into the forecasts. Staff did examine four months of FY 2013/14 actual expenditures in developing a revised forecast.

**TCBC Decision Needed:**

Approve one of the following options: (Note: each option assumes that the JAC and the State Courts System will receive the same amount of appropriated resources to cover cases in excess of the flat fee in FY 2014/15)

*Option 1:* Maintain current request of \$1,211,877 (**See Attachment A, Column G**)

*Option 2:* File a supplemental LBR in the amount of \$2,081,103 based on adjusted FY 2013/14 annualized expenditures. (**Attachment A, Column H**)

**FMC Recommendation:**

Approve Option 2

**Trial Court Budget Commission**

**December 13, 2013 Meeting**

Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee for Conflict Counsel Criminal Cases

Monthly FY 2013/14

A	B	C	D	E	F
Circuit	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee July 2013*	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee August 2013	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee September 2013	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee October 2013	Total Amount Paid Over the Flat Fee FY 2013/14 YTD
1	\$30,665	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,665
2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	\$0	\$15,655	\$10,888	\$2,500	\$29,043
4	\$29,810	\$1,670	\$5,690	\$32,773	\$69,943
5	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
6	\$18,630	\$0	\$1,027	\$38,263	\$57,919
7	\$0	\$8,455	\$11,675	\$0	\$20,130
8	\$25,839	\$4,560	\$0	\$0	\$30,398
9	\$0	\$18,127	\$0	\$20,893	\$39,019
10	\$131,730	\$40,600	\$77,510	\$21,056	\$270,896
11	\$482,924	\$114,783	\$220,932	\$116,831	\$935,469
12	\$29,568	\$18,173	\$112,838	\$19,783	\$180,360
13	\$68,610	\$35,668	\$0	\$25,300	\$129,578
14	\$2,280	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,280
15	\$16,128	\$27,828	\$14,803	\$100,152	\$158,910
16	\$0	\$7,141	(\$7,141)	\$7,141	\$7,141
17	\$35,120	\$51,658	\$180,480	\$95,673	\$362,930
18	\$0	\$2,600	\$0	\$0	\$2,600
19	\$22,543	\$0	\$26,970	\$101,243	\$150,755
20	\$4,843	\$0	\$10,280	\$9,903	\$25,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$913,686</b>	<b>\$346,915</b>	<b>\$665,950</b>	<b>\$591,509</b>	<b>\$2,518,060</b>

G	H
Option 1: Maintain Current Estimate and Request	FMC Recommendation Option 2: Supplemental LBR based on Adjusted Annualized Expenditures <sup>1</sup>
	\$30,665
	\$0
	\$87,128
	\$176,963
	\$15,000
	\$162,692
	\$60,390
	\$42,558
	\$117,057
	\$642,005
	\$2,142,257
	\$582,473
	\$292,158
	\$2,280
	\$539,663
	\$21,424
	\$1,237,090
	\$7,800
	\$492,656
	\$78,845
<b>\$5,861,877</b>	<b>\$6,731,103</b>

JAC Appropriation	\$3,650,000	\$3,650,000
SCS Available Resources	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Supplemental LBR Amount</b>	<b>\$1,211,877</b>	<b>\$2,081,103</b>

Source: Data provided by the Justice Administrative Commission.

\* July 2013 includes payments that ordinarily would have been made from FY 2013/14 funds but instead were paid using OSCA FY 2012/13 funding authority.

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted annualized expenditures are based on the average expenditures from July 2013 through October 2013 data with adjustments made to account for the inclusion of payments made using remaining OSCA FY 2012/13 funding authority in July 2013.

**IV.C.: FY 2014 – 15 Supplemental Budget  
Request - Additional Compensation for County  
Judges**

**Agenda Item IV.C. - Additional Compensation for County Judges**

The Conference of County Court Judges requested that the TCBC consider including in the FY 2014/15 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) additional compensation for county judges performing circuit court duties. Currently the appropriation is \$75,000.

At the June 18, 2013, TCBC meeting, the Commission approved considering whether to file an LBR for this issue. An ad hoc subcommittee was created to examine the issue of additional compensation for county court judges performing circuit court work pursuant to F.S. 26.57. The TCBC Executive Committee deferred deciding whether to file an LBR until December 2013, so that the recommendations of the subcommittee could be considered. The Commission would then consider whether filing a supplemental LBR is warranted.

The F.S. 26.57 Additional Compensation Subcommittee (Subcommittee) was directed to consider and make recommendations as to:

- (1) Whether the TCBC should recommend an increase in funding for additional compensation for county judges performing circuit work pursuant to F.S. 26.57; and
- (2) Whether the allocation methodology for existing resources in this budget category should be revised, and, if so, what are the recommended allocation formula and budget implementation criteria?

**Report and Recommendations of the Subcommittee:**

A copy of the Subcommittee's final report and recommendations has been provided in Attachment A. The Subcommittee's proposed recommendations are as follows:

- (1) Do not request funds for additional compensation to county judges until expenditures in this area exceed the current appropriation (\$75,000). Once the appropriation has been exhausted, it would be appropriate to revisit the need for additional funds.
- (2) Maintain the current funding formula to determine initial distributions to the circuits; however, allow circuits who have exhausted their current allotments to seek reimbursement from any remaining statewide unspent funds as part of an end of year settle-up process. Circuits will no longer be required to submit reports of uncompensated hours performed by county judges.

**TCBC Decision Needed:**

Approve or do not approve the Subcommittee's recommendations.

**FMC Recommendation:**

Approve the Subcommittee's recommendations.

**Report and Recommendations of the  
F.S. 26.57 Additional Compensation Subcommittee**

**December 3, 2013**

## F.S. 26.57 Additional Compensation Subcommittee

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### Additional Compensation Subcommittee Members

**The Honorable Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.**, Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, *Chair*

**The Honorable Nina Ashenafi-Richardson**, County Court Judge, Leon County

**The Honorable Carroll J. Kelly**, County Court Judge, Miami-Dade County

**The Honorable Mark Mahon**, Circuit Court Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit

**The Honorable James McCune**, County Court Judge, Marion County, *President of the Conference of County Court Judges*

**The Honorable Wayne Miller**, County Court Judge, Monroe County

**Ms. Kathleen R. Pugh**, Trial Court Administrator, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

**Mr. Walt Smith**, Trial Court Administrator, Twelfth Judicial Circuit

**The Honorable Margaret O. Steinbeck**, Circuit Court Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit, *Chair of the Trial Court Budget Commission*

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## F.S. 26.57 Additional Compensation Subcommittee

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### Introduction:

Judge Kimberly Carlton Bonner, then President of the Conference of County Court Judges (Conference), submitted a letter on April 10, 2013, to the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) requesting that the TCBC consider recommending to the Florida Supreme Court in the FY 2014/15 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) an increase in the additional compensation available for county judges performing circuit court duties. In FY 2006/07 and 2007/08, the courts received a beginning appropriation of \$275,855 for this issue. During the statewide economic downturn, this appropriation was significantly reduced beginning in FY 2007/08 and eliminated entirely by the end of FY 2008/09. This reduction coincided with multiple court funding category reductions during this time period. Funding was restored in FY 2009/10 to \$75,000, and it has remained at that level annually. The appropriation has not been fully expended since being restored. The Conference letter stated, "Restoring the fund to its original amount is a modest expenditure and would restore the compensation historically made available to the many county judges who handle circuit matters." (See Appendix A)

At the June 18, 2013, TCBC meeting, the Commission approved considering whether to file an LBR for this issue. Judge Margaret Steinbeck, Chair of the TCBC, created an ad hoc subcommittee to examine the issue of additional compensation for county court judges performing circuit court work pursuant to F.S. 26.57. The TCBC Executive Committee deferred deciding whether to file an LBR until December 2013, so that the recommendations of the subcommittee could be considered. The Commission would then consider whether filing a supplemental LBR is warranted.

### F.S. 26.57 Additional Compensation Subcommittee:

The F.S. 26.57 Additional Compensation Subcommittee (Subcommittee) consisted of eight members including 4 county judges, 2 circuit judges, and 2 trial court administrators. Judge Robert Roundtree, Chief Judge of the Eighth Circuit, served as Chair of the Subcommittee. This Subcommittee was directed to consider and make recommendations as to:

- (1) Whether the TCBC should recommend an increase in funding for additional compensation for county judges performing circuit work pursuant to F.S. 26.57; and
- (2) Whether the allocation methodology for existing resources in this budget category should be revised, and, if so, what are the recommended allocation formula and budget implementation criteria?

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To accomplish the tasks assigned, the Subcommittee considered multiple issues, including:

- Is the current level of funding adequate?
- If the current funding level is not adequate, what is the methodology to determine the total amount of funding needed and how much should be requested?
- If additional funding should be requested, what is the justification?
- If additional funding should be requested, where does this issue rank with the other funding requests of the judicial branch?
- Is the current methodology for allocating these funds equitable?
- If the current methodology is not equitable, how should the methodology change?

### **Current Legal and Funding Structure:**

To address these issues, the Subcommittee met by conference call on July 29, 2013, to examine the current legal framework establishing compensation for county judges performing circuit work. This included a review of the constitutional provisions, statutes, established judicial rules, and supporting legal cases (see Appendix B: Legal Framework). The Subcommittee also reviewed the LBR process and priorities of the trial courts for FY 2014/15 and the current allocation methodology used to determine FY 2013/14 circuit allotments (see Appendix B: Current Funding Structure). Historical information related to additional compensation to county court judges' budget and expenditures were also provided to the Subcommittee for review and consideration (See Appendix B: Historical Information).

The trial courts have not received appropriations for new judgeships since fiscal year 2006/07 even though a need for additional circuit judges was reported in the judicial certification process. County judges have historically been utilized to help supplement the needed resources of the circuit court and address issues with circuit workloads.

### **Survey of County Judges and Circuit Chief Judges:**

After reviewing the legal framework, current funding structure, and other historical information, the Subcommittee determined it needed two additional pieces of information to develop its recommendations:

- (1) Data on the circuit work that is currently performed by county judges, both compensated and not compensated; and
- (2) The type of circuit work that county judges are assigned and how the Chief Judges are assigning that work.

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In order to obtain this information, two surveys were developed. The first survey was developed by the Conference of County Court Judges and distributed to each circuit's Conference representative. This survey sought information on the number of hours county judges spent performing circuit work within each county and presented those hours in terms of volunteered hours and required hours. These hours were further identified as either compensated or uncompensated. For calendar year 2012, the Conference of County Court Judges reported a total of 26,268 hours spent performing circuit work as part of their required workload, of which 11,072 were reported as compensated. A total of 4,260 hours were reported as work performed on a volunteer basis (271 were reported as compensated). A copy of the survey and analysis of the results are included in Appendix C.

A second survey was sent to each Chief Judge. This survey asked how Chief Judges use county judges to perform circuit work and the reasons necessitating the continuing use of county judges in circuit courts. Information sought included the number of hours county judges spent performing circuit work, the type of circuit work county judges are required to perform as part of their duties, the reasons cited for why county judges are assigned circuit work, and the mechanisms used to assign county judges circuit work. As reported, county judges are assigned circuit work as part of their required workload across various divisions of the circuit courts, most notably the Family and Felony divisions. Eighteen of the 20 judicial circuits cited circuit workload issues as the reason why county judges are assigned circuit work in the various divisions. A copy of the survey and analysis of the results are included in Appendix D.

### **Subcommittee Recommendations:**

At an in-person meeting on October 4, 2013, the Subcommittee again reviewed the historical information along with the information obtained from the county judge and chief judge surveys. Recognizing the vital role that county judges serve in the continuous efforts of processing the circuit work of the trial courts, the Subcommittee developed its final recommendations as follows:

- (1) It is recommended not to request funds for additional compensation to county judges until expenditures in this area exceed the current appropriation (\$75,000). Historical data and current estimates have shown the current appropriation dedicated to compensation of county judges for circuit work performed has not been fully expended for the last several fiscal years. Once the appropriation has been exhausted, it would be appropriate to revisit the need for additional funds.
  
- (2) Maintain the current funding formula to determine initial distributions to the circuits; however, allow circuits who have exhausted their current allotments to seek reimbursement from any remaining statewide unspent funds as part of an end of year

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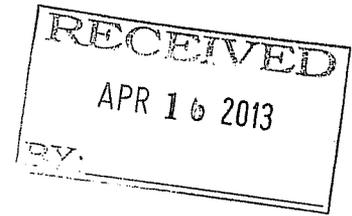
settle-up process. Circuits will no longer be required to submit reports of uncompensated hours performed by county judges.

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### **Appendices**

- A. April 10, 2013 Letter to the Trial Court Budget Commission
- B. Legal Framework, Current Funding Structure, and Historical Information
- C. Conference of County Court Judges Survey and Analysis
- D. Chief Judges Survey and Analysis



*Conference of County Court Judges  
of the State of Florida*

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The Honorable Margaret O. Steinbeck  
Lee County Justice Center  
1700 Monroe Street  
Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Dear Judge Steinbeck:

On behalf of the Conference of County Court Judges, I submit the following items for consideration by the Trial Court Budget Commission.

The conferences of circuit and county judges historically met in person twice a year to conduct business and to provide education to their members. One of these conferences was funded entirely from the FCEC trust fund. The second conference was primarily funded through the commission budget from General Revenue. Due to a significant decline in state revenues, the meeting funded from General Revenue was eliminated as a cost savings measure. As of this year, the state has a budget surplus for the first time since those measures were implemented, and this trend is expected to continue. In light of the economic recovery underway, the Conference requests that the commission consider including in the next Legislative Budget Request the funds necessary to reinstate the second education and business meeting.

Several factors support this request. The conferences have significant business matters to conduct, including financial and educational planning. As with any business, long term planning, discussions, and quality programs depend on the ability of the members to meet in person and take action. Affording only one annual meeting limits the quality and quantity of education, as well inhibits the ability of the conference leadership to effectively engage in strategic planning and provide for the long-term well being of the organization. Due to the decrease of educational offerings, the burden of providing quality and up to date programs has shifted to AJS and Phase II of New Judge's College. In addition, the elimination of the second meeting impairs the productivity of the conference committees, which are the backbone of the conference and contact points for the Bar.

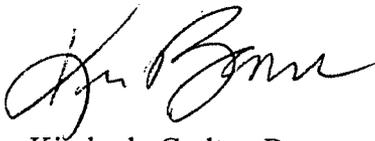
The tangible need for the second meeting can be well demonstrated. In addition, I believe that a permanent reduction to one meeting per year will result in other intangible consequences, including fewer judges volunteering for leadership and faculty roles and the lack of recruitment of new judges for these functions. Consequently, I am requesting that the commission confer with the FCEC and undertake a study of the projected cost of reinstating the second annual

meeting of the conference, including any additional support staff, and that the commission consider including these costs in the next Legislative Budget Request, dependent on other budget priorities.

In addition, the conference requests that the commission consider including in its next Legislative Budget Request additional compensation for county judges performing circuit court duties. These funds were previously eliminated, then reduced due to budget constraints. Restoring the fund to its original amount is a modest expenditure and would restore the compensation historically made available to the many county judges who handle circuit matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Bonner", written in a cursive style.

Kimberly Carlton Bonner  
President – Conference of  
County Court Judges of Florida

cc: Lisa Goodner  
Martha Martin  
Judge Olin Shinholser

## Appendix B. Legal Framework

County Court Judges Assigned to Hear Matters in the Circuit Courts

## Constitution

Article V, section 8 of the Florida Constitution provides no person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served. Neither shall any person be eligible for the office of circuit judge unless he or she is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida.

## Statute

Section 26.57 provides “[a] county court judge may be designated on a temporary basis to preside over circuit court cases by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court upon recommendation of the chief judge of the circuit. He or she may be assigned to exercise all county and circuit court jurisdiction in the county, except appeals from the county court. In addition, he or she may be required to perform the duties of circuit judge in other counties of the circuit as time may permit and as the need arises, as determined by the chief judge of the circuit. A county court judge designated to preside over circuit court cases shall receive the same salary as a circuit court judge, to the extent that funds are specifically appropriated by law for such purposes.”

## Rule

Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(4) provides “[t]he chief judge may assign any judge to temporary service for which the judge is qualified in any court in the same circuit.”

## Cases

Gore v. State, 706 So. 2d 1328 (Fla. 1997) (absent suspension of county court duties, approving as temporary two consecutive six-month assignments of county court judge ultimately presiding over capital sentencing proceeding).

J.G. v. Holtzendorf, 669 So. 2d 1043 (Fla. 1996) (approving repeated appointment of county court judge to successive assignments as temporary circuit court judge hearing most, though not all, juvenile cases, at the same time continuing to perform duties as a county judge).

Wild v. Dozier, 672 So. 2d 16 (Fla. 1996) (county court judge was properly appointed to successive six-month assignments hearing half of circuit’s criminal cases in the county where he continued to fulfill regular responsibilities on the county bench).

Payret v. Adams, 500 So.2d 136 (Fla. 1986) (county court judge annually reassigned over a five-year period to hear all circuit court matters is not temporarily assigned, such successive assignment effectively creating a new circuit judgeship contravening constitutional requirements these positions be filled by election or gubernatorial appointment).

Crusoe v. Rowls, 472 So. 2d 1163 (Fla. 1985) (approving successive and repetitive six-month assignments over two and half years where county court judge hearing a limited class of support

## Appendix B. Legal Framework

orders supplemented efforts of circuit judges). The court explained “temporary” service, suggesting a relatively short assignment, perhaps no more than 60 days, for county judges performing only circuit work, and no more than 6 months for county judges spending less than full time on circuit matters. The court concluded “[c]ross assignments are to be used to aid and assist and are not to be used to redesignate jurisdiction of the respective courts.”

Treadwell v. Hall, 274 So. 2d 537 (Fla. 1973) (holding county judge may be assigned to serve temporarily as circuit judge if a member of the bar for five years preceding assignment and is otherwise qualified to serve on the circuit bench in the same circuit). The court stated this is permissible, in part, “to obviate the need for each incoming chief justice to specifically delegate to the twenty chief judges of the circuits the authority to make assignments.”

**Agenda Item IV.C: FY 2013/14 Circuit Allotments – Revise Non-Due Process Allotments**

Each year, the Funding Methodology Committee (FMC) and the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) review contractual allotments for possible reallocation due to changes in expenditure trends and variability caused by other factors. Enhancements recommended by the FMC and approved by the TCBC at the January 7, 2013 meeting, have been incorporated as appropriate. These enhancements include the use of a three year average of expenditures, contacting those circuits slated to take a 10% or higher reduction from their FY 2012/13 beginning allotments, and with a 10% target for reserve.

Circuit level FY 2013/14 contractual allotments need to be determined. A vote is required by the Commission for all issues listed below:

**1. Additional Compensation to County Court Judges**

*Option 1:* Approve proposed FY 2013/14 circuit allotments using the current methodology which distributes the \$75,000 appropriation (less \$100 in reserve) based on each circuit's percent of the total statewide expenditures using three years of historical expenditure data (**See Attachment C**). It is recommended that work performed by a county judge on a volunteer basis be tracked, in a manner similar to senior judge volunteer hours, for possible allocations or requests for funding in the future.

*Option 2:* Do not approve and consider an alternative.

**FMC Recommendation:**

Approve *Option 1*, including the recommendation that work performed by a county judge on a volunteer basis be tracked, in a manner similar to senior judge volunteer hours, for possible allocations or requests for funding in the future.

**Trial Court Budget Commission**  
**Meeting June 18, 2013**  
**Additional Compensation for County Judges**  
**FY 2013/14 Proposed Contractual Allotment**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Circuit	FY 2012/13 Beginning Contractual Allotment <sup>1</sup>	FY 2010/11 Contractual Expenditures	FY 2011/12 Contractual Expenditures	FY 2012/13 Estimated Contractual Expenditures <sup>2</sup>	Total Contractual Expenditures (FY 2010/11 to FY 2012/13 Estimated Contractual Expenditures)	Percent of Total Contractual Expenditures (FY 2010/11 to FY 2012/13 Estimated Contractual Expenditures)	FMC RECOMMENDATION FY 2013/14 Proposed Contractual Allotment Using Current Methodology <sup>3</sup>	Percent Difference (FY 2012/13 Beginning Contractual Allotment and FMC RECOMMENDATION FY 2013/14 Proposed Contractual Allotment Using Current Methodology)
1	\$1,699	\$1,133	\$1,103	\$1,165	\$3,401	1.9%	\$1,438	-15.4%
2	\$1,840	\$1,250	\$1,172	\$1,213	\$3,635	2.1%	\$1,537	-16.5%
3	\$4,690	\$2,790	\$4,374	\$6,275	\$13,439	7.6%	\$5,684	21.2%
4	\$712	\$895	\$453	\$958	\$2,306	1.3%	\$975	36.9%
5	\$134	\$53	\$180	\$0	\$233	0.1%	\$99	-26.1%
6	\$2,850	\$3,273	\$1,786	\$4,114	\$9,173	5.2%	\$3,880	36.1%
7	\$3,470	\$2,883	\$2,671	\$2,021	\$7,575	4.3%	\$3,204	-7.7%
8	\$3,828	\$4,090	\$1,736	\$2,856	\$8,682	4.9%	\$3,672	-4.1%
9	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	NA
10	\$2,481	\$2,039	\$2,104	\$3,462	\$7,605	4.3%	\$3,216	29.6%
11	\$19,375	\$21,751	\$8,362	\$11,785	\$41,898	23.7%	\$17,722	-8.5%
12	\$183	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	-100.0%
13	\$20,014	\$17,014	\$16,403	\$9,865	\$43,282	24.4%	\$18,306	-8.5%
14	\$808	\$368	\$438	\$842	\$1,648	0.9%	\$697	-13.7%
15	\$1,264	\$787	\$442	\$968	\$2,197	1.2%	\$929	-26.5%
16	\$1,539	\$1,200	\$1,423	\$1,350	\$3,973	2.2%	\$1,680	9.2%
17	\$2,070	\$1,294	\$864	\$814	\$2,972	1.7%	\$1,257	-39.3%
18	\$150	\$152	\$135	\$0	\$287	0.2%	\$121	-19.3%
19	\$1,010	\$827	\$750	\$975	\$2,552	1.4%	\$1,079	6.8%
20	\$6,883	\$6,556	\$7,984	\$7,696	\$22,236	12.6%	\$9,404	36.6%
Reserve							\$100	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$68,355</b>	<b>\$52,380</b>	<b>\$56,359</b>	<b>\$177,094</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

<sup>1</sup> FY 2012/13 Beginning Contractual Allotment as of July 1, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> FY 2012/13 Estimated Contractual Expenditures is based on actual expenditure data from July 2012 to March 2013 and includes an estimate for certified forwards.

<sup>3</sup> FMC RECOMMENDATION FY 2013/14 Proposed Contractual Allotment Using Current Methodology distributes \$75,000 based on the Percent of Total Contractual Expenditures.

**Funding Methodology Committee  
Conference Call  
June 6, 2011**

**Item I.B.3: FY 2011-12 Allotments - Additional Compensation for County Judges**

**Background:**

In FY 2009/10, the legislature appropriated \$75,000 in spending authority from the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund (SCRTF) for additional compensation for county judges. At the June 26, 2009 meeting, the TCBC approved to make \$25,000 available on a first come, first serve basis with the remainder placed in reserve until other allocation options were developed. The TCBC asked the Conference of County Court Judges to recommend allocation methodologies for the August 18, 2009 meeting. The Conference recommended a pro-rata calculation based on three years of historical expenditure data. The Executive Committee approved the methodology as recommended by the Conference. The Executive Committee also recommended that the \$50,000 allocated to the circuits be utilized before the \$25,000 pooled funds.

In FY 2010/11, the legislature again appropriated spending authority of \$75,000 from the SCRTF. At the May 21, 2010 meeting, the FMC recommended the FY 2010/11 contractual allotment be based on each circuit's percent of the total statewide expenditures using on FY 2009/10 expenditure data. The Executive Committee approved the methodology as recommended by the FMC. At the June 4, 2010 meeting, the TCBC approved the FY 2010/11 contractual allotment based on each circuit's percent of the total statewide expenditures using three years of historical expenditure data.

**Issue:**

Circuit level FY 2011/12 contractual authority allotments need to be determined. The total statewide contractual authority appropriation for additional compensation for county judges is \$75,000. The hourly pay differential is \$3.80.

As of April 30, 2011, a total of \$62,822 of the \$75,000 appropriated has been expended. Although there is a balance of \$12,178 remaining for the months of May 2011 and June 2011, three circuits currently have expenditures greater than their FY 2010/11 allotment and two circuits have only \$1 remaining.

**Options:**

*Option 1:* Allot contractual authority based on each circuit's percent of the total statewide expenditures using three years of historical expenditure data.

*Option 2:* Allot contractual authority based on each circuit's percent of the total statewide expenditures using only annualized FY 2010/11 expenditure data.

## Funding Methodology Committee Meeting June 6, 2011

### Additional Compensation for County Judges FY 2011/12 Proposed Contractual Authority Allotment Options

Circuit	FY 2010/11 Current Contractual Allotment <sup>1</sup>	FY 2007/08 Expenditures	FY 2009/10 Expenditures	FY 2010/11 Expenditures As of April 30, 2011	Total Expenditures (2007/08 to 2010/11)	Option 1		Annualized FY 2010/11 Expenditures <sup>3</sup>	Option 2	
						Percent of Total Expenditures (2007/08 to 2010/11)	FY 2011/12 Proposed Contractual Authority Allotment <sup>2</sup>		Percent of FY 2010/11 Annualized Expenditures	FY 2011/12 Proposed Contractual Authority Allotment <sup>4</sup>
1	\$2,115	\$1,944	\$2,151	\$1,133	\$5,228	2.8%	\$2,096	\$1,473	1.8%	\$1,353
2	\$1,606	\$1,894	\$1,707	\$1,193	\$4,794	2.6%	\$1,922	\$1,551	1.9%	\$1,424
3	\$3,600	\$4,840	\$3,271	\$2,276	\$10,387	5.6%	\$4,164	\$2,959	3.6%	\$2,717
4	\$887	\$42	\$135	\$895	\$1,072	0.6%	\$430	\$1,164	1.4%	\$1,069
5	\$179	\$292	\$19	\$53	\$364	0.2%	\$146	\$69	0.1%	\$63
6	\$3,292	\$0	\$893	\$3,273	\$4,166	2.2%	\$1,670	\$4,255	5.2%	\$3,907
7	\$3,083	\$3,809	\$2,356	\$2,146	\$8,311	4.4%	\$3,332	\$2,790	3.4%	\$2,562
8	\$2,956	\$3,194	\$2,367	\$3,917	\$9,478	5.1%	\$3,799	\$5,092	6.2%	\$4,676
9	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0
10	\$2,040	\$2,039	\$873	\$2,039	\$4,951	2.6%	\$1,985	\$2,651	3.2%	\$2,434
11	\$18,225	\$19,422	\$11,479	\$20,118	\$51,019	27.3%	\$20,451	\$26,153	32.0%	\$24,017
12	\$0	\$185	\$417	\$0	\$602	0.3%	\$241	\$0	0.0%	\$0
13	\$18,753	\$18,941	\$11,882	\$15,052	\$45,875	24.5%	\$18,389	\$19,568	24.0%	\$17,970
14	\$1,119	\$1,226	\$902	\$368	\$2,496	1.3%	\$1,000	\$478	0.6%	\$440
15	\$2,597	\$3,659	\$1,517	\$699	\$5,875	3.1%	\$2,355	\$909	1.1%	\$835
16	\$1,466	\$1,181	\$969	\$907	\$3,057	1.6%	\$1,225	\$1,179	1.4%	\$1,083
17	\$3,805	\$4,261	\$2,747	\$1,218	\$8,226	4.4%	\$3,297	\$1,583	1.9%	\$1,454
18	\$322	\$554	\$14	\$152	\$720	0.4%	\$289	\$198	0.2%	\$182
19	\$828	\$442	\$497	\$827	\$1,766	0.9%	\$708	\$1,075	1.3%	\$987
20	\$6,637	\$8,349	\$3,808	\$6,556	\$18,713	10.0%	\$7,501	\$8,523	10.4%	\$7,827
Reserve	\$1,490		\$24,924							
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$76,274</b>	<b>\$72,928</b>	<b>\$62,822</b>	<b>\$187,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$81,670</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> FY 2010/11 Current Contractual Allotment as of April 30, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Option 1 FY 2011/12 Proposed Contractual Authority Allotment distributes \$75,000 based on the Percent of Total Expenditures for FY 2007/08 to FY 2010/11. Totals may not be exact due to rounding.

<sup>3</sup> Annualized FY 2010/11 Expenditures based on expenditures from July 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011 and includes an estimate for certified forwards. Totals may not be exact due to rounding.

<sup>4</sup> Option 2 FY 2011/12 Proposed Contractual Authority Allotment distributes \$75,000 based on the Percent of FY 2010/11 Annualized Expenditures. Totals may not be exact due to rounding.

### Additional Compensation to County Judges Ten-Year Funding and Expenditure History

Fiscal Year	Beginning Appropriation	Reductions				Ending Appropriation	Annual Expenditures	Remaining Balance/ Reversions	Allocation Methodology Approved by TCBC
		FY 07-08 SB 2-C	FY 07-08 HB 7009	FY 08-09 HB 5001	FY 08-09 SB 2-A				
FY 03-04	275,855					275,855	162,514	113,341	Statewide pool, first come-first served
FY 04-05	275,855					275,855	231,476	44,379	Statewide pool, first come-first served
FY 05-06	275,855					275,855	139,866	135,989	Statewide pool, first come-first served
FY 06-07	275,855					275,855	127,645	148,210	Statewide pool, first come-first served
FY 07-08	275,855	(100,000)	(70,633)			105,222	76,313	28,909	Statewide pool, first come-first served
FY 08-09	105,222			(100,222)		5,000	0	0	
FY 08-09	5,000				(5,000)	0	0	0	
FY 09-10	75,000					75,000	72,927	2,073	\$25,000 to statewide pool for first come-first served access and hold remaining in Reserve for County Judges Conference recommendation. \$50,000 to circuits based on each circuit's percent of the total statewide expenditures using three years of historical expenditure data (as recommended by the County Judges Conference).
FY 10-11	75,000					75,000	68,354	6,646	Allot \$75,000 to circuits based on three years of historical expenditures
FY 11-12	75,000					75,000	54,081	20,919	Allot \$75,000 to circuits based on three years of historical expenditures
FY 12-13	75,000					75,000	62,863	12,137	Allot \$75,000 to circuits based on three years of historical expenditures

### ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO COUNTY JUDGES APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Appropriation Change	Proviso Language
1974-1975	187,200	187,200	Provided, that Item 733A will be used to pay salary differential on pro rata basis to be certified by the chief judge of the judicial circuit.
1975-1976	50,000	(137,200)	Provided, that Item 794 will be used to pay salary differential on pro rata basis to be certified monthly by the Chief Judge of the Judicial Circuit to the Judicial Administrative Commission. A county court judge of a county of less than 40,000 population assigned to active judicial service in any of the courts created by Article V of the State Constitution, other than to a county court of a county having a population of less the 40,000 shall be paid as additional compensation for such service the difference between his normal salary and the salary then currently paid to a judge of the court to which he is assigned. The amount of such differential shall be computed on the basis of an eight hour day, or major fraction thereof and certified by the Chief Judge to the Judicial Administrative Commission on a monthly basis. <b>Provided, however, that as of September 30, 1975, 131 state-paid county support positions in the offices of the clerks of the circuit court are abolished.</b>
1976-1977	50,000	-	Provided that a county court judge of a county of less than 40,000 population assigned to active judicial service in any of the courts created by Article V of the State Constitution, other than to a county court of a county having a population of less than 40,000 shall be paid as additional compensation for such service the difference between his normal salary and the salary then currently paid to a judge of the court to which he is assigned. The amount of such difference shall be computed on the basis of an eight hour day, or major fraction thereof, and certified by the chief judge to the Judicial Administrative Commission on a monthly basis.
1977-1978	75,000	25,000	Same as FY 1976-1977
1978-1979	25,000	(50,000)	Same as FY 1976-1977
1979-1980	20,000	(5,000)	Same as FY 1976-1977
1980-1981	20,000	-	Same as FY 1976-1977
1981-1982	20,000	-	No proviso
1982-1983	20,000	-	No proviso
1983-1984	20,000	-	No proviso

### ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO COUNTY JUDGES APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Appropriation Change	Proviso Language
1984-1985	35,000	15,000	No proviso
1985-1986	35,000	-	No proviso
1986-1987	35,000	-	No proviso
1987-1988	135,000	100,000	No proviso
1988-1989	135,000	-	No proviso
1989-1990	209,494	74,494	<b>From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1175, \$74,494 from the General Revenue Fund is provided contingent upon passage of substantive legislation increase the appellate filing fee in the district courts of appeal to at last \$250.</b>
1990-1991	264,772	55,278	Funds are provided in Specific Appropriation 1286 for county judges assigned to active judiciary service in any of the courts created by Article V of the State Constitution. Such funds shall be paid as additional compensation for such service, and shall be computed based on the salary then currently paid to a judge of the court to which the assignment is made, and shall be computed on the basis of an eight hour day, or major fraction thereof.
1991-1992	264,722	(50)	Same as FY 1990-1991
1992-1993	264,722	-	Funds are provided in Specific Appropriation 1142U for county judges assigned to active judiciary service in any of the courts created by Article V of the State Constitution. Such funds shall be paid as additional compensation for such service, and shall be computed based on the salary then currently paid to a judge of the court to which the assignment is made, and shall be computed on the basis of an eight hour day, or major fraction thereof. <b>From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1142U, \$150,000 is contingent upon Senate Bill 68H, the Tax Amnesty Bill, or similar legislation on tax amnesty becoming law.</b>
1993-1994	330,855	66,133	Funds are provided in Specific Appropriation 1483 for county judges assigned to active judiciary service in any of the courts created by Article V of the State Constitution. Such funds shall be paid as additional compensation for such service, and shall be computed based on the salary then currently paid to a judge of the court to which the assignment is made, and shall be computed on the basis of an eight hour day, or major fraction thereof.
1994-1995	330,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994

### ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO COUNTY JUDGES APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Appropriation Change	Proviso Language
1995-1996	330,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
1996-1997	305,855	(25,000)	Same as FY 1993-1994
1997-1998	305,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
1998-1999	275,855	(30,000)	Same as FY 1993-1994
1999-2000	275,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
2000-2001	275,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
2001-2002	275,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
2002-2003	275,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
2003-2004	275,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
2004-2005	275,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
2005-2006	275,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
2006-2007	275,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
2007-2008	275,855	-	Same as FY 1993-1994
2007-2009		(100,000)	(Special Session 2-C) No proviso
2007-2008		(70,633)	(HB 7009) No proviso
2008-2009	5,000	(100,222)	No proviso
2008-2009		(5,000)	(Special Session 2-A) No proviso
2009-2010	75,000		No proviso
2010-2011	75,000		No proviso
2011-2012	75,000	-	No proviso
2012-2013	75,000	-	No proviso
2013-2014	75,000	-	No proviso

**Additional Compensation to County Judges  
Ten-Year Allotment and Expenditure History by Circuit**

Circuit	FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06		FY 06-07		FY 07-08		FY 08-09		FY 09-10		FY 10-11		FY 11-12		FY 12-13	
	Allotment	Expenditures	Allotment	Expenditures	Allotment	Expenditures	Allotment	Expenditures	Allotment	Expenditures	Allotment	Expenditures	Allotment	Expenditures	Allotment	Expenditures	Allotment	Expenditures	Allotment	Expenditures
0	275,855	162,514	275,855	231,476	275,855	139,866	275,855	127,645	275,855	76,313	0	0	25,000	24,924	0	0	0	1,702	0	0
1													2,148	2,151	2,115	1,133	2,222	1,103	1,699	2,313
2													1,533	1,707	1,606	1,250	2,038	1,172	1,840	1,384
3													3,406	3,271	4,472	2,790	4,415	4,374	4,690	5,437
4													1,441	135	887	895	456	453	712	663
5													190	19	179	53	155	180	134	133
6													922	893	2,992	3,273	1,771	1,786	2,850	2,848
7													2,380	2,356	3,083	2,883	3,533	2,671	3,470	2,742
8													2,366	2,367	2,956	4,090	2,956	1,736	3,828	3,847
9													0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10													873	873	2,015	2,039	2,105	2,104	2,481	2,480
11													11,738	11,479	18,225	21,751	18,225	8,362	19,375	16,361
12													417	417	618	0	256	0	183	0
13													11,881	11,882	19,053	17,014	19,501	16,403	20,014	11,328
14													902	902	1,144	368	1,061	438	808	756
15													1,526	1,517	2,597	787	2,497	442	1,264	1,100
16													967	969	1,466	1,200	1,300	1,423	1,539	1,548
17													2,748	2,747	3,805	1,294	3,497	864	2,070	2,034
18													254	14	322	152	306	135	150	0
19													500	497	828	827	751	750	1,010	1,009
20													3,808	3,808	6,637	6,556	7,955	7,984	6,883	6,882
<b>Total</b>	<b>275,855</b>	<b>162,514</b>	<b>275,855</b>	<b>231,476</b>	<b>275,855</b>	<b>139,866</b>	<b>275,855</b>	<b>127,645</b>	<b>275,855</b>	<b>76,313</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>72,927</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>68,354</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>54,081</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>62,863</b>
<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>113,341</b>		<b>44,379</b>		<b>135,989</b>		<b>148,210</b>		<b>199,542</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>2,073</b>		<b>6,646</b>		<b>20,919</b>		<b>12,137</b>	

## Judge Jim McCune

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**Subject:** RE: Additional Compensation Survey Form

Dear Circuit Reps: Please find below the **additional compensation survey form** to use in making your reports as discussed by me in prior emails to you. Much effort has been made to create this process and to maximize ease in responding and the corresponding response rate. Please **use this form to make your reports** and please make your reports to insure the integrity of this process and our credibility as a Conference. As you can see from the form itself, a separate response will need to be made by each of you for each of the counties in your Circuit. As such, I should end up receiving a total of 67 separate forms submitted by 20 Circuit Representatives. This is what our OSCA friends are planning to receive from me and work with to compile the necessary summary reports. **To make your response**, please do the following:

1. CLICK the "Message" tab in Outlook and then CLICK the "Reply" button to this email from me [**NOT "reply to all"**];
2. NAVIGATE the cursor to be inside the first empty box on the form being the box for your name and circuit number to be inserted then CLICK – the cursor should then be fixed in the center of that empty box and blinking;
3. TYPE in your name with appropriate spacing followed by your Circuit number;
4. NAVIGATE the cursor to be inside the next empty box on the form being just below and the box for a county name to be inserted then CLICK;
5. TYPE in the name of the county in your Circuit that you will first be reporting on;
6. NAVIGATE the cursor to be inside one of the 8 remaining empty boxes on the form and follow the procedure I've set forth here to TYPE the number of hours you are reporting for each metric – obviously this step will need to be done 8 times to provide a statistic for each box or category being measured;
7. When done completing the form, consider whether any narrative report should be included to explain any special circumstances associated with your efforts in this matter or with the data you are reporting or not able to report for that specific county – should you decide to include a narrative, then please NAVIGATE the cursor to be in the empty space between the subject line [included in the entire grey header bar] and the form itself and CLICK to activate the cursor in that space;
8. TYPE whatever narrative you deem important to best understand the report you are making; and
9. Now done, please "cc" your reply to yourself and then CLICK "Send" to send your report to me.

Of course this entire process will **need to be repeated** as many times as the number of counties you have in your Circuit. In that regard, you should start from the beginning by reopening the original email from me and following steps 1 through 9 above to create an individual report for each of your constituent counties. **ALL OF THIS NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is a one-time historical survey so no worry about any repeat performances. You should also know that this effort is separate from the activity of the Chief Judges pertaining to our additional compensation issues. This effort will obviously involve some time, effort and attention to detail. Please know that **all of us are counting on you** to do your best to – repeating myself - insure the integrity of this process and our credibility as a Conference. Please ask your respective District VPs for any help you might need in this matter. If all else fails, then please call me for help. I have copied the VPs to keep them informed along with our officers and others associated with the TCBC. THANK YOU!! Sincerely, Jim

## Estimated County Judge Hours Spent Performing Circuit Work

On June 18, 2013, Judge Margaret Steinbeck, Chair of the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC), established the Additional Compensation Subcommittee of the TCBC and tasked the Subcommittee with answering the following questions:

- (1) Whether the TCBC should recommend an increase in funding for additional compensation for County Judges performing Circuit work pursuant to F.S. 26.57 ; and
- (2) Whether the allocation methodology for existing resources in this budget category should be revised, and, if so, what is the subcommittee’s recommended allocation formula and budget implementation criteria?

To answer these questions and to support and justify any possible legislative budget request for this issue, the Subcommittee needs historic data on circuit hours that county judges work and get paid for and the circuit hours county judges work and do not get paid for.

Given that we are requesting historical information, please complete this form by responding with your best **estimate**. Please email this form to me at [jmccune@circuit5.org](mailto:jmccune@circuit5.org) no later than **August 9, 2013**.

In the space provided, please indicate your name and circuit number.	
In the space provided, please indicate the county in which the reported hours were served (If served in multiple counties, please complete a separate survey for each county in which the hours were served).	

**This section pertains to the estimated hours that were performed as a routine or required aspect of a County Judge's workload (please round to the nearest whole hour).**

January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012		January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013	
Compensated	Uncompensated	Compensated	Uncompensated

**This section pertains to the estimated hours that were “volunteered” or performed gratuitously by a County Judge (please round to the nearest whole hour).**

January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012		January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013	
Compensated	Uncompensated	Compensated	Uncompensated

## TCBC Additional Compensation to County Judges Subcommittee Summary of Analysis

<b>1</b>	FY 2013/14 Trial Court Appropriation*	<b>\$366,101,085</b>
<b>2</b>	FY 2013/14 Circuit Court Appropriation*	\$291,393,209
<b>3</b>	FY 2013/14 County Court Appropriation*	\$74,707,876
<b>4</b>	FY 2013/14 Additional Compensation to County Judges Specific Appropriation	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>5</b>	FY 2014/15 Branch-Wide Salary Equity and Flexibility LBR Issue	<b>\$9,866,302</b>

### Additional Compensation to County Judges

		Allotment	Actual Expenditures	Unspent Balance
<b>6</b>	FY 2011/12	\$75,000	\$52,380	\$22,620
<b>7</b>	FY 2012/13	\$75,000	\$61,861	\$13,139

### Change in the Additional Compensation Rate Per Hour Due to Change in Cost of Benefits

		Actual Expenditures	Actual Hours Worked	Rate Per Hour Including Benefits	Available Working Hours Based on a \$75,000 Specific Appropriation
<b>8</b>	CY 2012	\$47,276	10,587	\$4.47	<b>16,796</b>
<b>9</b>	CY 2013 YTD	\$42,636	7,537	\$5.66	<b>13,258</b>

### Conference of County Judges Survey Hours Spent by County Judges Performing Circuit Work

		CY 2012			CY 2013 YTD		
Type of Hours		Compensated	Uncompensated	Total	Compensated	Uncompensated	Total
<b>10</b>	Required	11,072	15,196	26,268	8,127	9,350	17,476
<b>11</b>	Volunteered	271	3,990	4,260	288	3,600	3,888
<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,343</b>	<b>19,186</b>	<b>30,528</b>	<b>8,415</b>	<b>12,949</b>	<b>21,364</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Comparison to Annualized 2013</b>	<b>11,343</b>	<b>19,186</b>	<b>30,528</b>	<b>16,830</b>	<b>25,898</b>	<b>42,728</b>

<b>14</b>	Hypothetical FY 2014/15 LBR Issue for Additional Funds Based on the Annualized CY 2013 Required Uncompensated Hours	<b>\$98,357</b>
<b>15</b>	Hypothetical FY 2014/15 LBR Issue for Additional Funds Based on the Annualized CY 2013 Required and Volunteered Uncompensated Hours	<b>\$136,223</b>

\*Source: General Appropriations Act less Governor's vetoes.

**Required and Volunteered County Judge Hours Spent Performing Circuit Work  
Comparison of Reported Compensated Hours to Estimated Compensated Hours Based on  
Actual Expenditures  
Calendar Year 2012**

A		B	C		D	E		F
Circuit	County	Estimated Hours Based On Actual Expenditures	Required Hours		Volunteered Hours		Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours
			Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours		
1	Escambia		0.0	483.5	0.0	10.0		
	Okaloosa		54.5	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Santa Rosa		0.0	58.0	0.0	0.0		
	Walton		0.0	500.0	0.0	0.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>207.3</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>1,041.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>		
2	Franklin		0.0	58.0	0.0	0.0		
	Gadsden		0.0	165.0	0.0	0.0		
	Jefferson		0.0	36.0	0.0	0.0		
	Leon		0.0	231.0	0.0	0.0		
	Liberty		186.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Wakulla		101.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>255.3</b>	<b>287.0</b>	<b>490.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>			
3	Columbia		0.0	24.0	0.0	0.0		
	Dixie		384.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Hamilton		0.0	240.0	0.0	0.0		
	Lafayette		0.0	204.0	0.0	0.0		
	Madison		0.0	240.0	0.0	0.0		
	Suwannee		636.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Taylor		0.0	124.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,121.3</b>	<b>1,020.0</b>	<b>832.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>			
4	Clay		0.0	816.0	0.0	0.0		
	Duval		0.0	0.0	50.0	73.0		
	Nassau		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>816.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>73.0</b>			
5	Citrus		0.0	0.0	0.0	97.0		
	Hernando		0.0	0.0	0.0	135.0		
	Lake		0.0	49.0	0.0	0.0		
	Marion		0.0	0.0	0.0	189.0		
	Sumter		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>421.0</b>			
6	Pasco		0.0	35.0	0.0	46.5		
	Pinellas		1,540.0	144.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>242.3</b>	<b>1,540.0</b>	<b>179.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>46.5</b>			
7	Flagler		4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Putnam		553.3	0.0	28.0	0.0		
	St.Johns		13.3	0.0	7.5	7.5		
	Volusia		100.0	12.0	82.0	157.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>563.8</b>	<b>671.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>117.5</b>	<b>164.5</b>			
8	Alachua		122.0	24.0	0.0	36.0		
	Baker		110.0	108.0	0.0	0.0		
	Bradford		0.0	0.0	0.0	130.0		
	Gilchrist		8.0	75.0	0.0	0.0		
	Levy		149.0	136.0	0.0	0.0		
	Union		56.0	68.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185.3</b>	<b>445.0</b>	<b>411.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>166.0</b>			
9	Orange		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Osceola		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>			
10	Hardee		0.0	624.0	0.0	0.0		
	Highlands		96.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Polk		673.0	79.0	17.0	32.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>327.5</b>	<b>769.0</b>	<b>703.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>			
11	Dade		2,126.0	2,607.0	0.0	303.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,388.0</b>	<b>2,607.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>303.0</b>			

**Required and Volunteered County Judge Hours Spent Performing Circuit Work  
Comparison of Reported Compensated Hours to Estimated Compensated Hours Based on  
Actual Expenditures  
Calendar Year 2012**

A		B	C		D	E		F
Circuit	County	Estimated Hours Based On Actual Expenditures	Required Hours		Volunteered Hours			
			Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours		
12	Desoto		0.0	960.0	0.0	0.0		
	Manatee		0.0	115.0	0.0	50.5		
	Sarasota		0.0	16.0	0.0	45.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,091.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>95.5</b>		
13	Hillsborough		2,768.5	0.0	0.0	390.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,268.0</b>	<b>2,768.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>390.0</b>		
14	Bay		0.0	0.0	0.0	104.0		
	Calhoun		0.0	0.0	0.0	196.0		
	Gulf		0.0	296.0	0.0	13.0		
	Holmes		0.0	60.0	0.0	60.0		
	Jackson		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Washington		186.0	0.0	78.0	0.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186.0</b>	<b>186.0</b>	<b>356.0</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>373.0</b>		
15	Palm Beach		0.0	2,735.0	0.0	333.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>178.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,735.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>333.0</b>		
16	Monroe		340.0	302.0	0.0	0.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>306.0</b>	<b>340.0</b>	<b>302.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>		
17	Broward		0.0	128.0	0.0	1,400.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,400.0</b>		
18	Brevard		25.0	672.0	8.0	54.0		
	Seminole		0.0	470.0	0.0	0.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>1,142.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>54.0</b>		
19	Indian River		0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0		
	Martin		0.0	158.0	0.0	0.0		
	Okeechobee		0.0	346.8	0.0	0.0		
	St.Lucie		0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>594.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>		
20	Charlotte		291.0	593.0	0.0	0.0		
	Collier		131.0	266.0	0.0	76.0		
	Glades		226.0	460.0	0.0	0.0		
	Hendry		44.0	88.0	0.0	0.0		
	Lee		148.0	300.0	0.0	52.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,846.0</b>	<b>840.0</b>	<b>1,707.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>128.0</b>		
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>		<b>10,587.3</b>	<b>11,072.0</b>	<b>15,196.3</b>	<b>270.5</b>	<b>3,989.5</b>		

## Required and Volunteered County Judge Hours Spent Performing Circuit Work

Comparison of Reported Compensated Hours (January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013) to Estimated Compensated Hours Based on Actual Expenditures (January 1, 2013 - August 22, 2013)

A		B	C		D	E		F	
Circuit	County	Estimated Hours Based on Actual Expenditures	Required Hours						
			Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	
1	Escambia		0.0	202.5	0.0		4.0		
	Okaloosa		142.8	0.0	0.0		0.0		
	Santa Rosa		0.0	70.0	0.0		0.0		
	Walton		8.5	240.0	0.0		0.0		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>193.8</b>	<b>151.3</b>	<b>512.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>4.0</b>	
2	Franklin		0.0	13.0	0.0		0.0		
	Gadsden		0.0	85.0	0.0		0.0		
	Jefferson		0.0	18.0	0.0		0.0		
	Leon		0.0	110.0	0.0		0.0		
	Liberty		108.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		
	Wakulla		33.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>161.8</b>	<b>141.0</b>	<b>226.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>		
3	Columbia		0.0	12.0	0.0		0.0		
	Dixie		160.0	32.0	0.0		0.0		
	Hamilton		0.0	120.0	0.0		0.0		
	Lafayette		17.0	85.0	0.0		0.0		
	Madison		0.0	120.0	0.0		0.0		
	Suwannee		318.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		
	Taylor		62.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>568.8</b>	<b>557.0</b>	<b>369.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>		
4	Clay		0.0	408.0	0.0		0.0		
	Duval		0.0	0.0	163.0		250.0		
	Nassau		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>408.0</b>	<b>163.0</b>		<b>250.0</b>		
5	Citrus		0.0	0.0	0.0		60.0		
	Hernando		0.0	0.0	0.0		110.0		
	Lake		15.0	34.0	0.0		0.0		
	Marion		0.0	0.0	0.0		31.0		
	Sumter		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>201.0</b>		
6	Pasco		0.0	35.0	0.0		3.0		
	Pinellas		786.5	144.0	0.0		0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>412.0</b>	<b>786.5</b>	<b>179.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>3.0</b>		
7	Flagler		66.3	0.0	46.3		0.0		
	Putnam		291.3	0.0	0.0		10.0		
	St.Johns		71.5	0.0	0.0		0.0		
	Volusia		60.0	4.0	16.0		101.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>399.0</b>	<b>489.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>62.3</b>		<b>111.0</b>		
8	Alachua		184.0	34.0	0.0		18.0		
	Baker		28.0	10.0	0.0		0.0		
	Bradford		0.0	0.0	0.0		70.0		
	Gilchrist		22.0	4.0	0.0		0.0		
	Levy		122.0	20.0	0.0		0.0		
	Union		19.0	1.0	0.0		0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>654.5</b>	<b>375.0</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>88.0</b>		
9	Orange		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		
	Osceola		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>		
10	Hardee		0.0	312.0	0.0		0.0		
	Highlands		83.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		
	Polk		274.0	0.0	27.0		16.0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>278.8</b>	<b>357.0</b>	<b>312.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>		<b>16.0</b>		

Required and Volunteered County Judge Hours Spent Performing Circuit Work

Comparison of Reported Compensated Hours (January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013) to Estimated Compensated Hours Based on Actual Expenditures (January 1, 2013 - August 22, 2013)

A		B	C		D	E	F
Circuit	County	Estimated Hours Based on Actual Expenditures	Required Hours		Volunteered Hours		
			Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	
11	Dade		1,826.0	2,098.0	0.0	185.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,661.3</b>	<b>1,826.0</b>	<b>2,098.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>185.0</b>	
12	Desoto		0.0	480.0	0.0	0.0	
	Manatee		0.0	45.0	0.0	15.5	
	Sarasota		0.0	10.0	0.0	5.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>535.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	
13	Hillsborough		1,455.0	0.0	0.0	195.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,830.8</b>	<b>1,455.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>195.0</b>	
14	Bay		0.0	0.0	0.0	58.0	
	Calhoun		0.0	0.0	0.0	196.0	
	Gulf		0.0	182.0	0.0	8.0	
	Holmes		0.0	30.0	0.0	30.0	
	Jackson		0.0	0.0	10.0	30.0	
	Washington		152.0	0.0	26.0	0.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>152.0</b>	<b>212.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>322.0</b>	
15	Palm Beach		0.0	1,757.0	0.0	649.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,757.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>	
16	Monroe		170.0	188.0	0.0	0.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189.0</b>	<b>170.0</b>	<b>188.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
17	Broward		0.0	936.0	0.0	1,397.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>936.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,397.0</b>	
18	Brevard		17.0	368.0	0.0	30.0	
	Seminole		0.0	235.0	0.0	0.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>603.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	
19	Indian River		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Martin		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Okeechobee		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	St.Lucie		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
20	Charlotte		583.0	301.0	0.0	0.0	
	Collier		262.0	131.0	0.0	76.0	
	Glades		450.0	235.0	0.0	0.0	
	Hendry		44.0	88.0	0.0	0.0	
	Lee		296.0	152.0	0.0	52.0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>870.0</b>	<b>1,635.0</b>	<b>907.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>128.0</b>	
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>		<b>7,536.8</b>	<b>8,126.8</b>	<b>9,349.5</b>	<b>288.3</b>	<b>3,599.5</b>	

## Hours Per County Judge (Required and Volunteered) Calendar Year 2012

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Single-Judge Counties					Multi-Judge Counties				
COUNTY	Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	Number of County Judges	Total Compensated and Uncompensated Hours Per Judge	COUNTY	Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	Number of County Judges	Total Compensated and Uncompensated Hours Per Judge
Baker	110.0	108.0	1	218.0	Clay	0.0	816.0	2	408.0
Bradford	0.0	130.0	1	130.0	Hernando	0.0	135.0	2	67.5
Calhoun	0.0	196.0	1	196.0	Indian River	0.0	40.0	2	20.0
Citrus	0.0	97.0	1	97.0	Putnam	581.3	0.0	2	290.6
Columbia	0.0	24.0	1	24.0	Santa Rosa	0.0	58.0	2	29.0
Desoto	0.0	960.0	1	960.0	St.Johns	20.8	7.5	2	14.1
Dixie	384.0	0.0	1	384.0	Charlotte	291.0	593.0	3	294.7
Flagler	4.5	0.0	1	4.5	Lake	0.0	49.0	3	16.3
Franklin	0.0	58.0	1	58.0	Martin	0.0	158.0	3	52.7
Gadsden	0.0	165.0	1	165.0	Okaloosa	54.5	0.0	3	18.2
Gilchrist	8.0	75.0	1	83.0	Bay	0.0	104.0	4	26.0
Glades	226.0	460.0	1	686.0	Manatee	0.0	165.5	4	41.4
Gulf	0.0	309.0	1	309.0	Marion	0.0	189.0	4	47.3
Hamilton	0.0	240.0	1	240.0	Monroe	340.0	302.0	4	160.5
Hardee	0.0	624.0	1	624.0	Osceola	0.0	0.0	4	0.0
Hendry	44.0	88.0	1	132.0	St.Lucie	0.0	50.0	4	12.5
Highlands	96.0	0.0	1	96.0	Alachua	122.0	60.0	5	36.4
Holmes	0.0	120.0	1	120.0	Escambia	0.0	493.5	5	98.7
Jackson	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	Leon	0.0	231.0	5	46.2
Jefferson	0.0	36.0	1	36.0	Sarasota	0.0	61.0	5	12.2
Lafayette	0.0	204.0	1	204.0	Collier	131.0	342.0	6	78.8
Levy	149.0	136.0	1	285.0	Seminole	0.0	470.0	6	78.3
Liberty	186.0	0.0	1	186.0	Pasco	0.0	81.5	7	11.6
Madison	0.0	240.0	1	240.0	Lee	148.0	352.0	8	62.5
Nassau	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	Polk	690.0	111.0	10	80.1
Okeechobee	0.0	346.8	1	346.8	Volusia	182.0	169.0	10	35.1
Sumter	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	Brevard	33.0	726.0	11	69.0
Suwannee	636.0	0.0	1	636.0	Duval	50.0	73.0	17	7.2
Taylor	0.0	124.0	1	124.0	Hillsborough	2,768.5	390.0	17	185.8
Union	56.0	68.0	1	124.0	Pinellas	1,540.0	144.0	17	99.1
Wakulla	101.0	0.0	1	101.0	Orange	0.0	0.0	18	0.0
Walton	0.0	500.0	1	500.0	Palm Beach	0.0	3,068.0	19	161.5
Washington	264.0	0.0	1	264.0	Broward	0.0	1,528.0	32	47.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,264.5</b>	<b>5,308.8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>229.5</b>	Dade	2,126.0	2,910.0	43	117.1
					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,078.0</b>	<b>13,877.0</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>79.4</b>

# Hours Per County Judge (Required and Volunteered)

## January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Single-Judge Counties					Multi-Judge Counties				
COUNTY	Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	Number of County Judges	Total Compensated and Uncompensated Hours Per Judge	COUNTY	Compensated Hours	Uncompensated Hours	Number of County Judges	Total Compensated and Uncompensated Hours Per Judge
Baker	28.0	10.0	1	38.0	Clay	0.0	408.0	2	204.0
Bradford	0.0	70.0	1	70.0	Hernando	0.0	110.0	2	55.0
Calhoun	0.0	196.0	1	196.0	Indian River	0.0	0.0	2	0.0
Citrus	0.0	60.0	1	60.0	Putnam	291.3	10.0	2	150.6
Columbia	0.0	12.0	1	12.0	Santa Rosa	0.0	70.0	2	35.0
Desoto	0.0	480.0	1	480.0	St.Johns	71.5	0.0	2	35.8
Dixie	160.0	32.0	1	192.0	Charlotte	583.0	301.0	3	294.7
Flagler	112.5	0.0	1	112.5	Lake	15.0	34.0	3	16.3
Franklin	0.0	13.0	1	13.0	Martin	0.0	0.0	3	0.0
Gadsden	0.0	85.0	1	85.0	Okaloosa	142.8	0.0	3	47.6
Gilchrist	22.0	4.0	1	26.0	Bay	0.0	58.0	4	14.5
Glades	450.0	235.0	1	685.0	Manatee	0.0	60.5	4	15.1
Gulf	0.0	190.0	1	190.0	Marion	0.0	31.0	4	7.8
Hamilton	0.0	120.0	1	120.0	Monroe	170.0	188.0	4	89.5
Hardee	0.0	312.0	1	312.0	Osceola	0.0	0.0	4	0.0
Hendry	44.0	88.0	1	132.0	St.Lucie	0.0	0.0	4	0.0
Highlands	83.0	0.0	1	83.0	Alachua	184.0	52.0	5	47.2
Holmes	0.0	60.0	1	60.0	Escambia	0.0	206.5	5	41.3
Jackson	10.0	30.0	1	40.0	Leon	0.0	110.0	5	22.0
Jefferson	0.0	18.0	1	18.0	Sarasota	0.0	15.0	5	3.0
Lafayette	17.0	85.0	1	102.0	Collier	262.0	207.0	6	78.2
Levy	122.0	20.0	1	142.0	Seminole	0.0	235.0	6	39.2
Liberty	108.0	0.0	1	108.0	Pasco	0.0	38.0	7	5.4
Madison	0.0	120.0	1	120.0	Lee	296.0	204.0	8	62.5
Nassau	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	Polk	301.0	16.0	10	31.7
Okeechobee	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	Volusia	76.0	105.0	10	18.1
Sumter	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	Brevard	17.0	398.0	11	37.7
Suwannee	318.0	0.0	1	318.0	Duval	163.0	250.0	17	24.3
Taylor	62.0	0.0	1	62.0	Hillsborough	1,455.0	195.0	17	97.1
Union	19.0	1.0	1	20.0	Pinellas	786.5	144.0	17	54.7
Wakulla	33.0	0.0	1	33.0	Orange	0.0	0.0	18	0.0
Walton	8.5	240.0	1	248.5	Palm Beach	0.0	2,406.0	19	126.6
Washington	178.0	0.0	1	178.0	Broward	0.0	2,333.0	32	72.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,775.0</b>	<b>2,481.0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>129.0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,640.0</b>	<b>10,468.0</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>59.2</b>

## Additional Compensation to County Judges Comparison of Actual Expenditures FY 2011/12 to FY 2012/13

A	B	C	D		E	F	G	H	I
FY 2011/12				FY 2012/13					
Circuit	Allotment	Actual Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Circuit	Allotment	Actual Expenditures <sup>1</sup>	Unexpended Balance	FY 2011/12 to FY 2012/13 % increase / decrease in expenditures	
1	\$2,222	\$1,103	\$1,119	1	\$1,699	\$2,313	(\$614)	109.7%	
2	\$2,038	\$1,172	\$866	2	\$1,840	\$1,384	\$456	18.1%	
3	\$4,415	\$4,374	\$41	3	\$4,690	\$5,437	(\$747)	24.3%	
4	\$456	\$453	\$3	4	\$712	\$663	\$49	46.4%	
5	\$155	\$180	(\$25)	5	\$134	\$0	\$134	-100.0%	
6	\$1,771	\$1,786	(\$15)	6	\$2,850	\$2,848	\$2	59.5%	
7	\$3,533	\$2,671	\$862	7	\$3,470	\$2,742	\$728	2.7%	
8	\$2,956	\$1,736	\$1,220	8	\$3,828	\$3,847	(\$19)	121.6%	
9	\$0	\$0	\$0	9	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	
10	\$2,105	\$2,104	\$1	10	\$2,481	\$2,480	\$1	17.9%	
11	\$18,225	\$8,362	\$9,863	11	\$19,375	\$16,359	\$3,016	95.6%	
12	\$256	\$0	\$256	12	\$183	\$0	\$183	-	
13	\$19,501	\$16,403	\$3,098	13	\$20,014	\$11,244	\$8,770	-31.5%	
14	\$1,061	\$438	\$623	14	\$808	\$756	\$52	72.6%	
15	\$2,497	\$442	\$2,055	15	\$1,264	\$1,100	\$164	148.9%	
16	\$1,300	\$1,423	(\$123)	16	\$1,539	\$1,548	(\$9)	8.8%	
17	\$3,497	\$864	\$2,633	17	\$2,070	\$1,249	\$821	44.6%	
18	\$306	\$135	\$171	18	\$150	\$0	\$150	-100.0%	
19	\$751	\$750	\$1	19	\$1,010	\$1,009	\$1	34.5%	
20	\$7,955	\$7,984	(\$29)	20	\$6,883	\$6,882	\$1	-13.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$52,380</b>	<b>\$22,620</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$61,861</b>	<b>\$13,139</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Actual expenditures for FY 2012/13 are as of August 22, 2013, and are subjected to change pending finalization of certified forwards.

**1). Summary of Analysis:**

- There is variation in the benefits portion of the hourly rate paid to county judges for performing circuit work, which is dependent on the drop status and retirement benefit of the judge. Between CY 2012 and CY 2013 YTD, the statewide average hourly rate increased from \$4.47 per hour to \$5.66 per hour due to a change in the retirement portion of judicial compensation (lines 8 – 9).
- Based on the annualized Conference of County Judges Survey data (January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013), a hypothetical LBR issue (lines 14 -15) to fund the volunteered and required uncompensated hours would be approximately (\$136,000). A hypothetical LBR issue for the required uncompensated hours would be (\$98,357).

**2). CY 2012 and January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013 Conference Survey data:**

- It is interesting that in both years they report that they worked more non-compensated **required** hours than compensated – definitely a question for the Chief Judges.
- In comparing the estimated compensated hours based on expenditures (column B) to the Conference Survey compensated hours (sum of columns C and E), there appear to be discrepancies of greater than 100 hours for the majority of the circuits (the 6<sup>th</sup> circuit appears to have the largest discrepancy in CY 2012), although the state totals are not too far off (10,587.3 based on expenditures in CY 2012 compared to 11,342.5 based on the survey; and 7,536.8 in for January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013, based on expenditures compared to 8,415.1 based on the survey).

**3). Comparison of Conference Survey data for single-judge and multi-judge counties in terms of average hours per judge:**

- Based on the Conference Survey hours and on the total number of county judges in the state, it appears that judges in single-judge counties (column E) spent more time (both volunteered and compensated) performing circuit work than judges in multi-judge counties (column J). However, since this data was not reported by judge, it is impossible to discern if the Conference Survey hours were reported by one, several, or all judges in a multi-judge county. We would need to request judge-specific survey data to accurately calculate the statistic in column J.

**4). FY 2011/12 and FY 2012/13 percent change in actual expenditures in the Additional Compensation to County Judges element:**

(Please note that we are comparing CY to FY data in the below issues).

- The Conference Survey shows an increase of 48% in compensated hours (summing columns C and E) from CY 2012 to annualized CY 2013. However, actual expenditures increased only 18% between FY 2011/12 and FY 2012/13.

- For CY 2012, the Conference Survey shows that 62.8% of all of the hours reported (both required and volunteered) went uncompensated (sum of columns D and F). However, In FY 2011/12, 30.1% of the statewide allotment for additional compensation to county judges was unspent (column D). For CY 2013 to date, the Conference Survey shows that 60.6% of all of the hours went uncompensated (sum of columns D and F). However, in FY 2012/13, 17.5% of the allotment was unspent (column H). Below are a few circuits examples of large number of uncompensated hours and large unspent balances:
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit – Conference Survey shows 2,910 uncompensated hours in CY 2012, yet \$9,863 was unspent in FY 2011/12.
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit – Conference Survey shows 2,283 uncompensated hours in CY 2013 to date, yet \$3,016 was unspent in FY 2012/13.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit – Conference Survey shows 1,051.5 uncompensated hours in CY 2012, yet \$1,119 was unspent in FY 2011/12.
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit – Conference Survey shows 1,528 uncompensated hours in CY 2012, yet \$2,633 was unspent in FY 2011/12.

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**Cc:** Steinbeck, Margaret

**Subject:** TCBC Subcommittee on Additional Compensation for County Judges performing Circuit work

Chief Judges,

On June 18, 2013, Judge Margaret Steinbeck, Chair of the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC), created the Additional Compensation Subcommittee of the TCBC. The Subcommittee's charge was to determine if it should recommend that the TCBC ask the legislature for additional funding for compensation paid to County Judges who perform circuit work pursuant to F.S. 26.57; and, whether to recommend to the TCBC that the circuit funding allocation methodology be changed.

The Subcommittee is requesting input from the Chief Judges on how you utilize County Judges for **required work** in the circuit court. We are not asking for information on volunteered work by County Judges who volunteer their services on an occasional basis. For example, if a County Judge volunteers to cover for a Circuit Judge who is ill for a day or on vacation, this would be considered "volunteered" work. However, if you or your administrative judges request that a County Judge cover domestic violence hearings for an extended period as part of their assignment, even if that judge volunteered to do it, this would be considered "required" work.

We are looking at both compensated and uncompensated hours for required circuit work. For the purposes of answering the questions below, "required" circuit work is defined as circuit work that a County Judge performs at the direction of the Chief Judge or an Administrative Judge on a regular basis, regardless of whether they were compensated for their circuit court work. I have included for your review data regarding the circuits' actual expenditures for circuit work and data obtained from a survey by the Conference of County Judges in August 2013. Please note that a definition of "required" work was not provided to the survey responders. In the space provided in this form, please respond to the following four questions by **Friday, September 20, 2013.**

- 1). Please describe the type of **required** circuit work performed by County Judges (i.e. uncontested dissolutions of marriage, domestic violence injunctions, etc) and the frequency of the assignment:
  
- 2). Please describe why County Judges are required to perform circuit work (i.e. coverage of circuit workload need, single judge county, etc):
  
- 3). On a calendar year basis, how many **total** hours do **all** County Judges in your circuit spend performing **required** circuit work:
  
- 4). Please describe how County Judges are assigned circuit work (i.e. blanket administrative orders, assignment of specific types of work via an administrative order, informal assignments, etc):

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bob Roundtree

## Additional Compensation Subcommittee of the TCBC

Comparison of Hours Reported by the Conference of County Judges to the Hours  
Reported by the Chief Judges (Defined)

Circuit	Compensated and Uncompensated Hours Spent Performing <b>Required</b> Circuit Work On a Calendar Year Basis (As Reported by the Chief Judges)	Compensated and Uncompensated Hours Spent Performing <b>Required</b> Circuit Work in Calendar Year 2012 (As Reported by the Conference of County Judges)
1	725	1,096
2	857	777
3	1,800	1,852
4	Cannot Ascertain	816
5	300-350	49
6	2,240	1,719
7	550	683
8	614	856
9	Does not use county judges to do circuit work	0
10	480	1,472
11	Compensated hours as reported the Conference of County Judges. Uncompensated hours difficult to ascertain.	4,733
12	Approximately 960	1,091
13	2,770	2,769
14	Confirmed hours reported by the Conference of County Judges	542
15	2,735	2,735
16	642	642
17	500	128
18	2,500	1,167
19	Approximately 300	595
20	1,947	2,547

Please note the shaded rows (5 of the 20 circuits) represent circuits that confirmed the data submitted by the Conference of County Judges.

## Additional Compensation Subcommittee of the TCBC

### What Type of Circuit Work are County Judges Required to Perform

	Felony (Including Arraignments)	General Civil	Juvenile Delinquency	Juvenile Dependency	Drug Court (Includes Felony and Diversion Drug Court)	Veteran's Court	Family (Including Domestic Violence / Simplified Dissolution / Dissolution / Child Support)	Mental Health Court (Baker Act / Marchment Act / Jimmy Rice)	Probate / Guardianship	Other
1	X	X			X			X		
2	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
3		X	X	X			X	X	X	
4	X	X					X			X
5	X			X	X	X	X	X		
6	X						X	X	X	
7				X	X		X			
8	X		X	X	X		X	X		
9	<b>Does Not Require County Judges to Perform Circuit Work</b>									
10							X			
11	X	X	X				X	X		
12		X					X			
13	X						X		X	
14	X	X	X				X		X	
15		X			X	X	X		X	
16	X	X	X		X			X	X	
17		X		X			X			
18	X						X			
19			X		X					
20	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		

Note: May not include all work performed by County Judges, as many circuits indicated that other work is performed on an as needed basis.

## Additional Compensation Subcommittee of the TCBC

### Reasons Cited for Why County Judges are Assigned Circuit Work

	Circuit Geography / Population	Circuit Workload Issues <sup>1</sup>	Circuit Judicial Vacancies	County Judges Express Interest / Aptitude in Specialty Court Work <u>or</u> Circuit Court Work	Single Judge Counties
1		X		X	
2		X			
3		X			
4		X			
5		X			
6		X			
7		X		X	
8	X	X	X	X	
9	<b>Does Not Require County Judges to Perform Circuit Work</b>				
10		X			
11	X				
12		X		X	
13		X		X	
14	X	X			
15		X		X	
16	X	X			
17		X	X		
18		X			
19		X			
20		X		X	X

<sup>1</sup> Include excess workload in the circuit court and/or a lack of workload in the county court.

Note: May not represent all reasons why County Judges perform circuit work.

# Additional Compensation Subcommittee of the TCBC

## How County Judges are Assigned Circuit Work

	AO Giving Blanket Authority for County Judges to Perform Circuit Work <b>and</b> Assigning Specific Circuit Work	AO Giving Blanket Authority for County Judges to Perform Circuit Work	AO Giving Specific Circuit Assignments to County Judges	Circuit Work is Assigned Informally
1		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
2			<b>X</b>	
3	<b>X</b>			
4	<b>X</b>			
5			<b>X</b>	
6	<b>X</b>			
7	<b>X</b>			
8	<b>X</b>			
9	<b>Does Not Require County Judges to Perform Circuit Work</b>			
10			<b>X</b>	
11	<b>X</b>			
12				<b>X</b>
13			<b>X</b>	
14		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
15		<b>X</b>		
16		<b>X</b>		
17			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
18		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
19	<b>X</b>			
20			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

**IV.D.: FY 2014 – 15 Supplemental Budget  
Request - Courthouse Furnishings**

**Item IV.D.: FY 2014-15 Supplemental Budget Request – Courthouse Furnishings**

A new 20-story main courthouse building is being constructed in Broward County for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit. The project includes 714,000-square-feet of new office space featuring 77 new courtrooms with additional space for expansion. The estimated occupancy date is May 2015.

The Seventeenth Circuit is requesting \$837,392 in non-recurring funds (\$544,670 in Expenses and \$292,722 in Operating Capital Outlay) to furnish private areas for 77 judicial chambers and eighty-five staff offices within the new courthouse building. This request is consistent with provisions in s. 29.008, Florida Statutes, and Department of Financial Services' guidelines for furniture purchases.

The Seventeenth Circuit reports furniture within the existing courthouse is not compatible and will not meet the needs of the new courthouse due to functional, ergonomic, aesthetic, and environmental considerations. Existing furniture in many cases may be contaminated with mold or mildew, is in poor condition, and will violate all (LEED)-building warranties.

See the attached chart for detail of expenditures submitted by the circuit.

**Options:**

1. File issue as requested.
2. Do not file issue.

**FY 2014-15 LBR FURNITURE REQUEST TEMPLATE**

Circuit: 17th

County: Broward

Facility: New

Broward County Courthouse

Location/Room Type	# of Rooms	Item	Unit Cost	# of Units	Expense	Operating Capital Outlay (OCO)	Totals	Notes (clarification, justification if over standard amounts, etc.)
<b>Level 1</b>							-	
Court Admin Storage	1	CH1S - Low Stool	675	3	2,025		2,025	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	1	WB1 - Work Bench	592	3	1,776		1,776	60x30 workbench with shop top
	1	SH1 - Shelving	153	5	765		765	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
<b>Level 19</b>					-	-	-	
Court Reporting	6	CH1 - Task Chair	571	45	25,676		25,676	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	3	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	6	893		893	Upholstered seat and back chair
	1	CH7 - Conference Room Chair	392	6	2,351		2,351	suspension seat and back chair
	1	CH8 - Stacking Chair	93	4	371		371	Contoured molded seat
	1	T-13 - Breakroom Table	189	2	379		379	HP plastic laminate square top
	3	PO4 - Private Office Desk	1,636	3		4,908.96	4,909	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	2	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	2	1,059.36		1,059	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	3	SH1 - Shelving	153	23	3,519.00		3,519	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	3	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	3	426.00		426	keyboard/mouse support
Court Mediation Office / Teen Court	15	CH1 - Task Chair	571	30	17,117.10		17,117	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	9	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	17	2,529.26		2,529	Upholstered seat and back chair
	8	CH7 - Conference Room Chair	392	54	21,161.52		21,162	suspension seat and back chair
	4	T21 - Printer Table	180	4	721.00		721	HP plastic laminate square top
	7	PO4 - Private Office Desk	1,636	7		11,454.24	11,454	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	7	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	7	3,707.76		3,708	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	1	LF1 - Lateral File w/ flip door	484	16	7,741.44		7,741	4 drawers w/ flip door
	2	SH1 - Shelving	153	11	1,683.00		1,683	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	7	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	7	994.00		994	keyboard/mouse support
Foreclosure Office	5	CH1 - Task Chair	571	26	14,834.82		14,835	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	4	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	8	1,190.24		1,190	Upholstered seat and back chair
	4	PO1 - Private Office Desk	1,614	4		6,457.36	6,457	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	1	WS14 - Workstation sets	1,800	22		39,600.00	39,600	L-Shape Workstations
	4	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	4	2,118.72		2,119	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	4	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	4	568.00		568	keyboard/mouse support

Location/Room Type	# of Rooms	Item	Unit Cost	# of Units	Expense	Operating Capital Outlay (OCO)	Totals	Notes (clarification, justification if over standard amounts, etc.)
Probate	4	CH1 - Task Chair	571	5	2,852.85		2,853	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	2	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	4	595.12		595	Upholstered seat and back chair
	1	T11B - Work Table	390	1	389.69		390	HP plastic laminate flip top
	1	PO2 - Private Office Desk	1,638	1		1,638.33	1,638	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	1	PO4 - Private Office Desk	1,636	1		1,636.32	1,636	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	2	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	2	1,059.36		1,059	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	1	LF1 - Lateral File w/ flip door	484	9	4,354.56		4,355	4 drawers w/ flip door
	2	SH1 - Shelving	153	11	1,683.00		1,683	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	2	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	2	284.00		284	keyboard/mouse support
UFC Case Management	25	CH1 - Task Chair	571	37	21,111.09		21,111	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	22	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	44	6,546.32		6,546	Upholstered seat and back chair
	1	CH7 - Conference Room Chair	392	10	3,918.80		3,919	suspension seat and back chair
	22	PO4 - Private Office Desk	1,636	22		35,999.04	35,999	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	22	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	22	11,652.96		11,653	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	2	LF1 - Lateral File w/ flip door	484	18	8,709.12		8,709	4 drawers w/ flip door
	2	SH1 - Shelving	153	10	1,530.00		1,530	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	22	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	22	3,124.00		3,124	keyboard/mouse support
Shared Ancillary Space 19th Floor	1	CH8 - Stacking Chair	93	10	927.10		927	Contoured molded seat
	1	T13 - Breakroom Table	189	4	757.00		757	HP plastic laminate square top
<b>Level 20</b>					-	-	-	
Court Administration / Chief Judge	10	CH1 - Task Chair	571	13	7,417.41		7,417	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	7	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	31	4,612.18		4,612	Upholstered seat and back chair
	2	CH7 - Conference Room Chair	392	36	14,107.68		14,108	suspension seat and back chair
	1	CH8 - Stacking Chair	93	4	370.84		371	Contoured molded seat
	1	T13 - Breakroom Table	189	1	189.25		189	HP plastic laminate square top
	2	T15 - Round Table	250	2	499.04		499	3 'Round Table w/ single col. base
	1	PO1 - Private Office Desk	1,614	1		1,614.34	1,614	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	3	PO2 - Private Office Desk	1,638	3		4,914.99	4,915	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	2	PO4 - Private Office Desk	1,636	2		3,272.64	3,273	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	2	BK1 - Bookshelf	272	4	1,087.68		1,088	4 adjustable metal shelves
	5	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	5	2,648.40		2,648	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	2	LF1 - Lateral File w/ flip door	484	8	3,870.72		3,871	4 drawers w/ flip door
	6	SH1 - Shelving	153	26	3,978.00		3,978	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	1	SH1A - Shelving	180	13	2,340.00		2,340	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	6	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	6	852.00		852	keyboard/mouse support

Location/Room Type	# of Rooms	Item	Unit Cost	# of Units	Expense	Operating Capital Outlay (OCO)	Totals	Notes (clarification, justification if over standard amounts, etc.)
Justice Information System	7	CH1 - Task Chair	571	24	13,693.68		13,694	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	2	CH1S - Low Stool	675	5	3,375.00		3,375	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	6	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	12	1,785.36		1,785	Upholstered seat and back chair
	1	CH7 - Conference Room Chair	392	8	3,135.04		3,135	suspension seat and back chair
	1	WB2 - Workbench	847	1	846.95		847	72x30 workbench w/ ESD laminate
	1	T11D - ESD Adjustable Table	566	4	2,264.52		2,265	ESD Plastic laminate
	5	PO2 - Private Office Desk	1,638	5		8,191.65	8,192	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	2	BK1 - Bookshelf	272	7	1,903.44		1,903	4 adjustable metal shelves
	6	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	7	3,707.76		3,708	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	4	SH1 - Shelving	153	59	9,027.00		9,027	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	2	SH1A - Shelving	180	52	9,360.00		9,360	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	5	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	5	710.00		710	keyboard/mouse support
	1	C1 & C2 - HDF Cabinets	6,300			6,300	6,300	High Density Filing Systems
Personnel and HR	8	CH1 - Task Chair	571	8	4,564.56		4,565	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	8	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	16	2,380.48		2,380	Upholstered seat and back chair
	1	CH7 - Conference Room Chair	392	12	4,702.56		4,703	suspension seat and back chair
	1	T15 - Round Table	250	1	249.52		250	3 'Round Table w/ single col. Base
	3	PO2 - Private Office Desk	1,638	3		4,914.99	4,915	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	4	PO4 - Private Office Desk	1,636	4		6,545.28	6,545	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	7	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	7	3,707.76		3,708	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	1	LF1 - Lateral File w/ flip door	484	27	13,063.68		13,064	4 drawers w/ flip door
	7	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	7	994.00		994	keyboard/mouse support
Purchasing and Finance	9	CH1 - Task Chair	571	9	5,135.13		5,135	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	8	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	16	2,380.48		2,380	Upholstered seat and back chair
	1	PO1 - Private Office Desk	1,614	1		1,614.34	1,614	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	7	PO4 - Private Office Desk	1,636	7		11,454.24	11,454	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	1	BK1 - Bookshelf	272	2	543.84		544	4 adjustable metal shelves
	7	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	7	3,707.76		3,708	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	2	LF1 - Lateral File w/ flip door	484	7	3,386.88		3,387	4 drawers w/ flip door
	1	SH1 - Shelving	153	4	612.00		612	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	1	SH2 - Shelving	162	58	9,396.00		9,396	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	1	SH3 - Shelving	152	4	606.00		606	22-gauge steel adjustable shelves
	8	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	8	1,136.00		1,136	keyboard/mouse support

Location/Room Type	# of Rooms	Item	Unit Cost	# of Units	Expense	Operating Capital Outlay (OCO)	Totals	Notes (clarification, justification if over standard amounts, etc.)
Judicial Staff Attorney	21	CH1 - Task Chair	571	21	11,981.97		11,982	Aeron Chair w/ pneumatic lift
	21	CH2 - Guest / Side Chair	149	42	6,248.76		6,249	Upholstered seat and back chair
	1	CH7 - Conference Room Chair	392	8	3,135.04		3,135	suspension seat and back chair
	21	PO2 - Private Office Desk	1,638	21		34,404.93	34,405	L-Shape Desk w/ overhead storage
	21	BK1 - Bookshelf	272	21	5,710.32		5,710	4 adjustable metal shelves
	21	BK2 - Lateral Files w/ cabinet	530	21	11,123.28		11,123	3 drawers w/ overhead cabinet
	21	AC1 - Keyboard-Mouse Support	142	21	2,982.00		2,982	keyboard/mouse support
Shared Ancillary Space 20th Floor	1	CH8 - Stacking Chair	93	4	370.84		371	Contoured molded seat
	1	T13 - Breakroom Table	189	1	189.25		189	HP plastic laminate square top
Judge's Office Throughout CH	77	Sofa	1,400	77		107,800.00	107,800	*Sofa picked shall be at state cost
<b>Totals</b>				<b>1350</b>	<b>\$373,192</b>	<b>\$292,722</b>	<b>\$665,913</b>	
<b>Freight (10%)</b>					\$66,591	\$0	\$66,591	*Percentage shown based on industry standard data
<b>Installation (15%)</b>					\$99,887	\$0	\$99,887	*Percentage shown based on industry standard data
<b>Equipment &amp; File Move Cost</b>					\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	Relocate existing HDF system and move files.
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>1350</b>	<b>\$544,670</b>	<b>\$292,722</b>	<b>\$837,392</b>	

## **V. Technology Funding Strategies Workgroup**

**Agenda Item V.: Technology Funding Strategies Workgroup**

There are no materials for this agenda item.

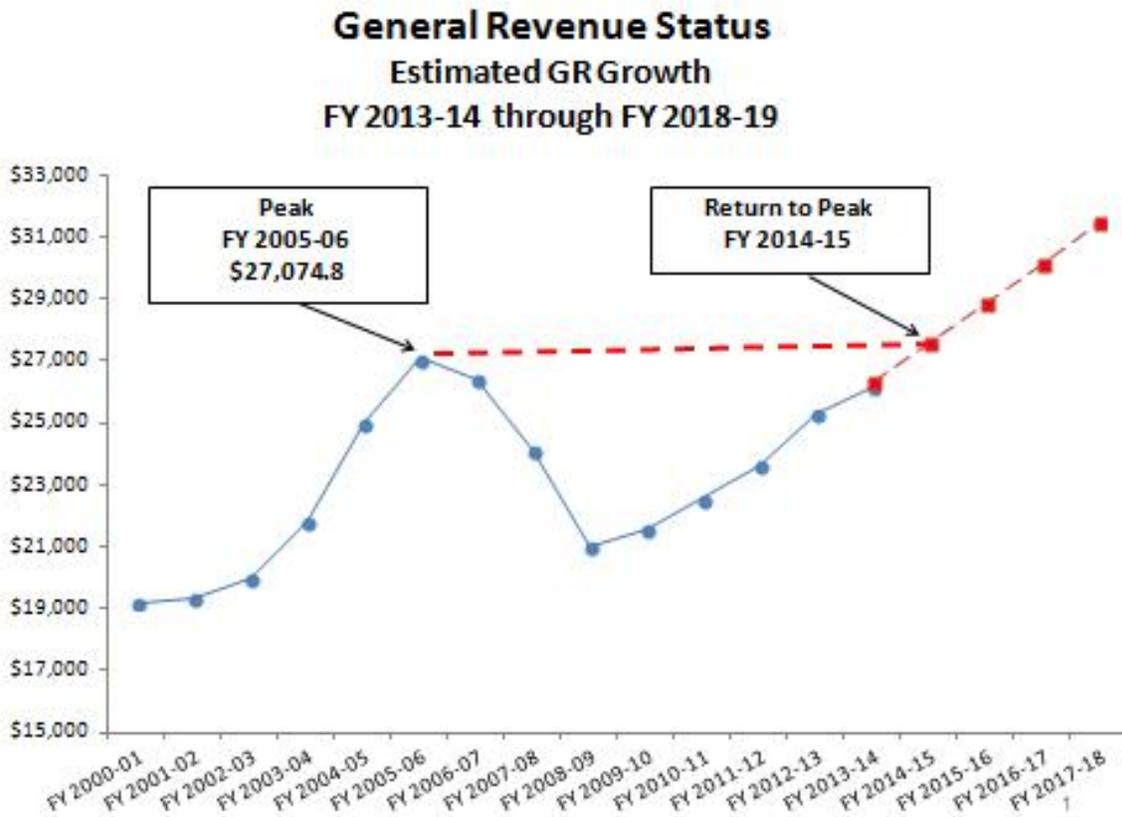
## **VI. Florida's Long Range Financial Outlook**

**Agenda Item VI.: Florida’s Long Range Financial Outlook**

By September 15 of each year, the Legislative Budget Commission is required to issue the Long-Range Financial Outlook, setting out recommended fiscal strategies for the state to assist the Legislature in making budget decisions. It integrates projections of the major programs driving Florida's annual budget requirements with the revenue estimates and covers the upcoming three fiscal years: 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17.

Based on the latest revenue estimating conferences and most current Outlook, Florida’s economy continues to improve; however, it will take a few more years to get back to the growth levels that existed pre-recession. Florida’s population growth is recovering and the housing market is generally improving. A clear revenue indication of the improvements to Florida’s real estate activity is documentary stamp collections, which have increased year-over-year for the last three years.

As indicated in the chart below, General Revenue is anticipated to return to its historic peak collections in FY 2014-15, based on the General Revenue Estimating Conference that was held on December 6, 2013.



<b>Updated Outlook Projection – FY 2014-15*</b> (in millions)			
	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total
Revenues	27,310.0	1,967.2	29,277.2
Expenditures / Needs	26,913.3	518.2	27,431.5
Balance**	396.7	1,449.0	1,845.7

**Recurring and nonrecurring General Revenue expenditures / needs are less than the available General Revenue dollars, meaning there is no budget gap for FY 2014-15.**

\* Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Florida Legislature, as of September 2013.  
 \*\* Includes a \$1.0 Billion reserve.

The chart above shows an anticipated net positive balance in Fiscal Year 2014-15. Fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 also show projected budget needs within the available revenue for Critical and Other Needs. Medicaid remains the single-largest budget driver.

Risks to the state’s budget are continued negative effects from the automatic federal sequester and the federal debt ceiling (suspended through February 7, 2014) and the continued fragile housing market, which is vulnerable to increasing mortgage rates and the pace of foreclosures.

**Decision Needed:**

None. For informational purposes only.

**VII. Update on Revenue Estimating Conferences**

## **Agenda Item VII.: Update on Revenue Estimating Conferences**

### **Article V Revenue Estimating Conference:**

The Article V Revenue Estimating Conference met on December 3, 2013, to revise the official revenue projections for the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund (SCRTF) for current year and the next four fiscal years. Proposed forecasts were provided to the conference principals by the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research, the Executive Office of the Governor, the Office of the State Courts Administrator, and the Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.

For FY 2013/14, the conference principals adopted a revenue estimate of \$87.6 million, which is a decrease of \$12.9 million from the previous estimate (**see Attachment A**). The revenue estimate was decreased due to foreclosure filings coming in below forecast.

As indicated in **Attachment B**, for FY 2014/15 and FY 2015/16, the principals adopted revenue estimates of \$97.4 and \$91.3 million, respectively. The FY 2016/17 estimate is \$79.3 million, and the FY 2017/18 revenue estimate is \$79.8 million. The estimates for FY 2014/15 and FY 2015/16 were increased slightly from the previous estimates due to an anticipated increase in foreclosure filings in those years.

### **General Revenue Estimating Conference:**

The General Revenue (GR) estimating conference met on December 6, 2013, to revise the official GR estimates for FY 2013/14 through FY 2018/19. A verbal update will be provided during the meeting.

### **Decision Needed:**

None. For informational purposes only. The OSCA will continue to monitor GR and trust fund revenues closely.

**Trial Court Budget Commission**  
**Meeting December 13, 2013**  
Article V Revenue Estimating Conference  
Revenue Projections by Source  
State Courts Revenue Trust Fund  
FY 2013/14  
(in Millions)

Source	FY 2013/14 Projected Revenue <sup>1</sup>	Percent of Total Revenue
\$5 Civil Traffic Assessment	\$12.0	13.7%
\$25 Speeding Fine Increase	\$6.1	7.0%
18% Driving School Reduction	\$4.7	5.4%
Real Property/Foreclosure Revenue: \$770 Portion of the Total \$1,900 Filing Fee	\$20.6	23.5%
\$115 Increase in Probate	\$6.8	7.8%
\$195 Redirect/Increase in Circuit Civil (Excluding Foreclosures)	\$22.4	25.6%
\$95 Redirect in Family	\$6.8	7.8%
Appellate \$50 Filing Fee	\$0.3	0.3%
\$10 County Civil Claims (Evictions)	\$1.4	1.6%
\$15 County Civil Claims	\$2.0	2.3%
\$1 Circuit and County Proceedings	\$1.1	1.3%
Court Ordered Mediation Services <sup>2</sup>	\$3.4	3.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$87.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Projected Revenues from the December 3, 2013, Article V Revenue Estimating Conference.

<sup>2</sup> Court Ordered Mediation Services includes the fee charged for Mediation Certification Licenses.

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Meeting December 13, 2013**

Article V Revenue Estimating Conference  
State Courts Revenue Trust Fund Projections  
FY 2013/14 through FY 2017/18  
(in Millions)

	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
August 6, 2013 Conference (OLD)	\$100.5	\$96.4	\$87.4	\$80.3	\$80.7
December 13, 2013 Conference (NEW)	\$87.6	\$97.4	\$91.3	\$79.3	\$79.8

## **VIII. Update from the Chief Justice's Designee to the CCOC**

**Agenda Item VIII.: Update from the Chief Justice's Designee to the CCOC**

There are no materials for this agenda item.

## **IX. Preparing for 2014 Legislative Session**

**Agenda Item IX: Preparing for 2014 Legislative Session**

The 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature will convene on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, and, assuming there are no extensions, it will conclude on Friday, May 2. Pre-session committee meetings have occurred throughout the fall and will continue during the weeks of:

- January 6;
- January 13;
- February 3;
- February 10; and
- February 17, 2014.

If things hold true to form, the January and February meetings will see increased emphasis by the appropriations committees on agency legislative budget requests, the Governor’s proposed budget, and the Legislature’s own budget-development activities.

**Approved Judicial Branch Legislative Agenda**

Distinct from the fiscal year [2014-15 judicial branch legislative budget request](#), the Supreme Court has approved for pursuit or support the following proposed statutory changes and related issues identified by judicial conferences, court committees, or others. These issues comprise the [Judicial Branch 2014 Legislative Agenda](#). (The table below identifies a Senate or House bill if one has been filed.)

Issue	Supreme Court Action
<p><b>Mental Health Treatment:</b> Supporting passage of legislation that authorizes an admitting physician at a civil or forensic facility to order continuation of psychotherapeutic medications a client was receiving at the jail and that provides for dismissal of certain charges against a defendant who is adjudicated mentally incompetent to proceed if the individual remains incompetent after three years rather than five years under current law. (See SB 1420 from the 2013 legislative session, which the Governor vetoed.)</p>	<p>The Court has no objection to the Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Courts supporting passage of this issue.</p>

Issue	Supreme Court Action
<p><b>Forensic Diversion Program:</b> Expanding into other areas of the state the concept of the existing Miami-Dade Forensic Alternative Center, under which individuals who are incompetent to stand trial, are not expected to receive long sentences, and are refusing treatment are placed in a locked community facility where there is a dual focus on competency restoration and community reintegration.</p>	<p>The Court has no objection to involvement by the Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Courts in pursuit of this issue with the Legislature.</p>
<p><b>Pay and Benefit-Related Issues</b></p>	<p>The Court affirmatively supports pursuit of the following issues with the Legislature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining current retirement benefits and keeping the defined-benefit retirement program open for new and existing judges;</li> <li>• Maintaining health insurance contributions at the current level; and</li> <li>• Exempting newly retired judges from having to wait a year to serve as senior judges without jeopardizing retirement benefits.</li> </ul> <p>The Court has no objection to the judicial conferences supporting passage of the following issue: Increasing the constitutionally mandated retirement age for justices and judges to age 75 from age 70.</p>
<p><b>Conference of Circuit Judges Statute:</b> Revising the statute authorizing the Conference of Circuit Judges of Florida in order to ensure consistency with the judicial branch governance opinion of the Supreme Court and court rule provisions relating to judicial conferences.</p> <p>House PCB CJS 14-01 (as yet unnumbered)</p>	<p>The Court affirmatively supports pursuit of this issue with the Legislature.</p>
<p><b>Judicial Notice – Imminent Danger to Persons or Property:</b> Allowing family courts to take judicial notice of court records without first providing an opportunity for parties to be heard, if there is imminent danger to persons or property and advance notice is not practical.</p> <p>SB 104</p>	<p>The Court has no objection to involvement by the Steering Committee on Families and Children in the Court in pursuit of this issue with the Legislature.</p>

Issue	Supreme Court Action
<p><b>Confidentiality of Behavioral Health Records:</b> Creating a public records exemption for behavioral health evaluations filed with the court under the forensic statute (ch. 916, F.S.).</p> <p>SB 256; HB 111</p>	<p>The Court has no objection to involvement by the Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Courts in pursuit of this issue with the Legislature.</p>
<p><b>Confidentiality of Drug Court Records:</b> Creating a public records exemption for screenings, evaluations, and other information relating to individuals in or being considered for drug court.</p> <p>SB 280; HB 109</p>	<p>The Court has no objection to involvement by the Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Courts in pursuit of this issue with the Legislature.</p>
<p><b>Florida Innocence Commission Recommendations:</b> Supporting the recommendations of the commission.</p>	<p>The Court has no objection to involvement by the members of the Florida Innocence Commission in pursuit of the commission’s recommendations with the Legislature.</p>

### Court-Related Issues of Interest to Policymakers

The pre-session or interim legislative period has illustrated interest by policymakers in a number of issues related to the State Courts System. The courts system has been asked to present before legislative committees or serve on panel discussions to address a number of these issues. In addition, the Office of the State Courts Administrator has received inquiries from legislative staff, as well as gubernatorial staff, on some of them.

- ***Mortgage Foreclosure Filings and Dispositions:*** State Courts Administrator Lisa Goodner updated the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee on progress in implementing the courts’ foreclosure backlog reduction initiative and on use of funding provided through the state budget.
- ***Electronic Filing and Case Management:*** Lisa Goodner also presented before the House Civil Justice Subcommittee and the Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Subcommittee on the courts system’s movement toward electronic case management in the trial and appellate courts. Both presentations followed presentations from the clerks of court on the status of electronic filing.
- ***Security of Sentencing Orders:*** The use of fraudulent documents to facilitate the temporary escape of two inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections prompted two Senate committees to seek input on actions the courts, clerks of court, and department are taking to ensure the security of court orders modifying sentences. Chief Judge Belvin Perry, Jr., of the Ninth Judicial Circuit and Lisa Goodner testified before one of the committees.
- ***Jimmy Ryce/Civil Commitment:*** In response to a newspaper series that reported on potential gaps in the law, both the House and the Senate are exploring revisions to the Jimmy Ryce law, which provides for sexually violent predators to be civilly committed following their prison sentences. Circuit Judge Frank E. Sheffield of the Second Judicial Circuit served on a panel discussion in the Senate.
- ***Child Welfare Reform:*** Two judges – Circuit Judge Katherine G. Essrig of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and Circuit Judge Larry Schack of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit – appeared

before Senate and House committees, respectively, to discuss problems confronting the child welfare system.

- ***Juvenile Justice Code Revisions***: The Department of Juvenile Justice is developing revisions to the state's juvenile justice law (chapter 985, F.S.), with input from the Steering Committee on Families and Children in the Court.
- ***Summary Judgment Standard***: The House Civil Justice Subcommittee heard testimony from attorney practitioners on whether Florida should adopt the standard for summary judgment developed under federal case law.
- ***Veterans' courts and other problem-solving courts***: Both legislative staff and gubernatorial staff have inquired about the implementation status of funding that five counties received in the current-year budget to create or expand veterans' courts (Clay, Okaloosa, Pinellas, and Pasco counties (nonrecurring) and Alachua County (recurring)). County Judge Steven Leifman of Miami-Dade County and Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, both members of the Supreme Court Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Courts, presented before Senate and House committees, respectively, on problem-solving courts and other task force initiatives.

### **Emerging Overall Policy Issues**

A number of broader public policy and fiscal issues also emerged during the interim legislative period, including:

- ***Tax Relief/Economic Development***: The Governor and some legislative leaders have expressed interest in wide variety of tax-relief policies designed to spur economic activity.
- ***State Retirement (Defined Contribution/401(k))***: The House pursued a plan during the 2013 session to close the defined benefit or pension plan of the Florida Retirement System to new enrollees and direct them into the defined contribution or 401(k)-style plan. The Senate offered a compromise position to close the pension plan to some future enrollees. The chambers failed to reach agreement, but comparable proposals are expected to resurface during the 2014 session.
- ***Common Core Education Standards***: The Legislature is expected to debate to what extent Florida will participate in national standards for math and reading.
- ***Medicaid Expansion***: During the 2013 session, policymakers disagreed on whether Florida should expand Medicaid as part of implementation of the new federal health care law. The prospect of an infusion of federal dollars to the state as a result of expanding Medicaid is likely to sustain the debate in the coming session.
- ***Legalized Gambling and Gaming***: Legislators are evaluating the findings of a specially commissioned gambling impact study that addresses economic effects and social costs.
- ***Stand Your Ground***: Multiple legislators have filed bills addressing the terms and conditions of the state's self-defense laws, in the wake of the high-profile trial of a neighborhood watch volunteer charged in the death of an unarmed minor.

### **Decision Needed:**

This item is included on the meeting agenda solely for informational purposes. No TCBC action is required.

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