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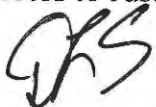
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FROM: Debra Stephens, Chief Justice 

RE: 2021-2023 Biennial Budget Development and Submittal

It's time to begin the development of our biennial branch budget. I am hopeful that our branch will receive the necessary support from the State Legislature that will put us on the path towards adequate, long term stable funding.

I intend to keep the previous budget development and submittal process intact. Dates will change, but the overall process designed to be transparent and inclusive will remain.

In summary:

- The process will begin with the development of proposed budget requests,
- AOC will then review the requests,
- The BJA Budget and Funding Committee (BFC) will vet and make priority recommendations to BJA for those state general funding (SGF) requests that flow through the AOC,
- All branch and outside entities requesting additional funding will present their proposals to the Court Funding Committee (CFC),
- BJA makes priority recommendations to the CFC for those SGF requests that flow through the AOC ,
- Priority recommendations are forwarded to the Supreme Court Budget Committee (SCBC),
- Final priorities are set by the Supreme Court.

Once the priority recommendations are established, the full court will consider a number of factors when deciding which budget requests to move forward to the Legislature. Factors include priorities set by the BFC, recommendations made by the BJA and CFC, the current and future economic environment, constitutional and statutory requirements and other factors.

Adherence to the established procedures and timeline is necessary to ensure that the process remains consistent and objective, ensuring that all requests forwarded to the Legislature are sound and well vetted.

All budget requests are due **June 5, 2020**. Please send all budget requests to Ramsey Radwan at Ramsey.radwan@courts.wa.gov.

Details regarding presentations before the CFC will be sent at a later date.

Detailed information about our budget process can be found at https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/aocwho/?fa=atc_aocwho.display&fileID=msd/budgetDevelopment.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your continued dedication to the judicial branch and the citizens of Washington State. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 357-2049 or call Ramsey Radwan at (360) 357-2406.

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