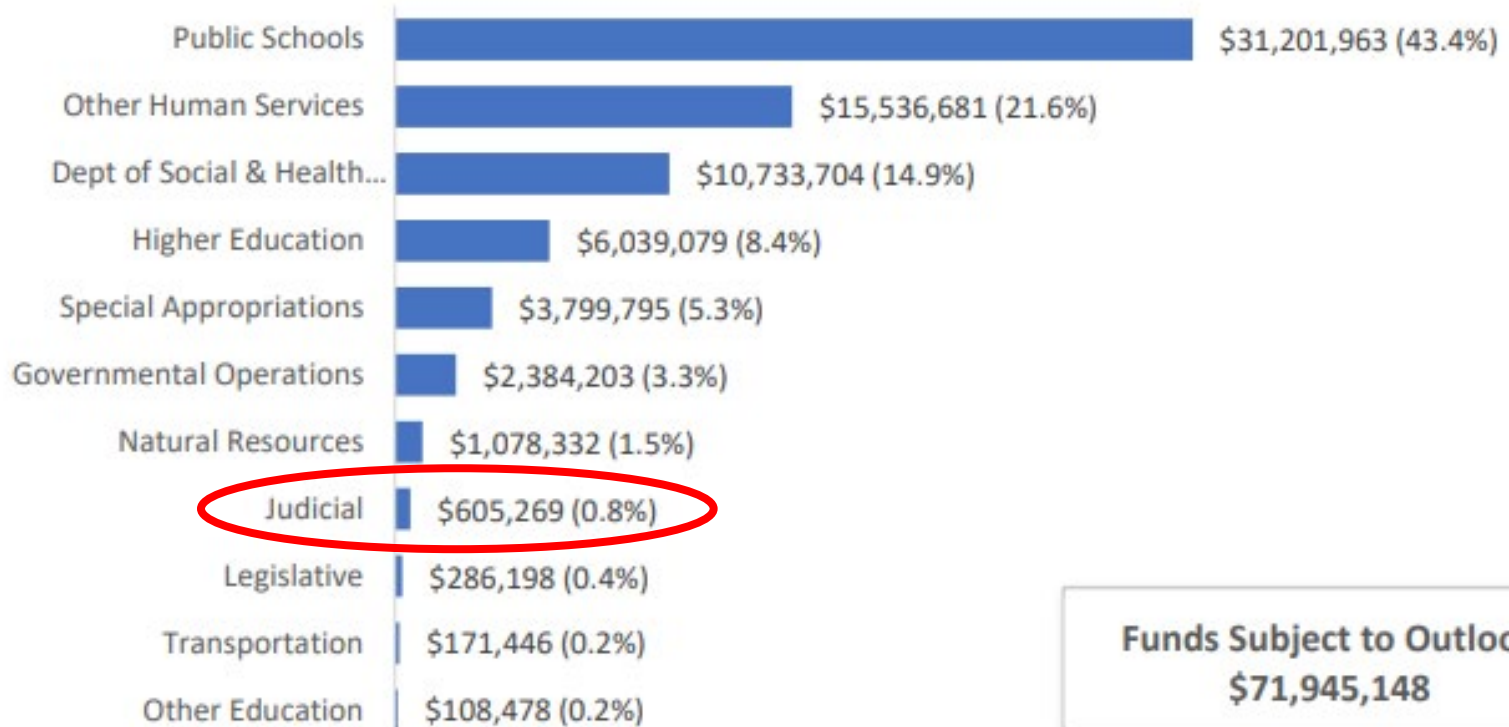


# Interbranch Advisory Committee Budget Report

**Christopher Stanley, CGFM – Chief Financial and Management Officer, AOC**  
November 22, 2024



# Judicial Branch Share of 2023-25 Operating Budget

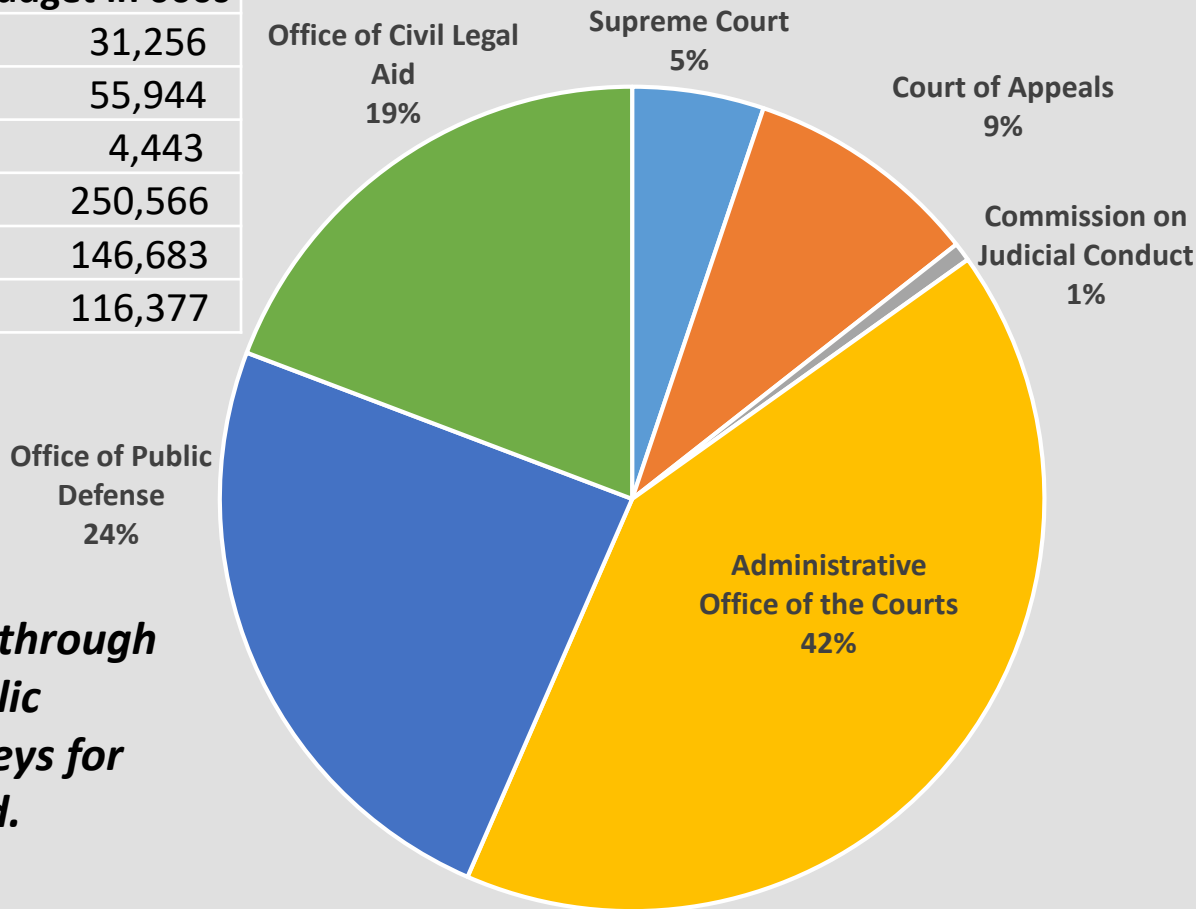


*\*Source: Page O-10 of Legislative Budget Notes for the 2024 Supplemental Budget*

# Judicial Branch Funding Overview



Judicial Branch Entity	Budget in 000s
Supreme Court	\$ 31,256
Court of Appeals	\$ 55,944
Commission on Judicial Conduct	\$ 4,443
Administrative Office of the Courts	\$ 250,566
Office of Public Defense	\$ 146,683
Office of Civil Legal Aid	\$ 116,377



***Most of these funds are passed through directly to local trial courts, public defenders, or contracted attorneys for public defense and civil legal aid.***

*\*Data reflects funds subject to the budget outlook for the 2023-25 biennium as of the 2024 supplemental budget.*

# Constitutionally Required Elements

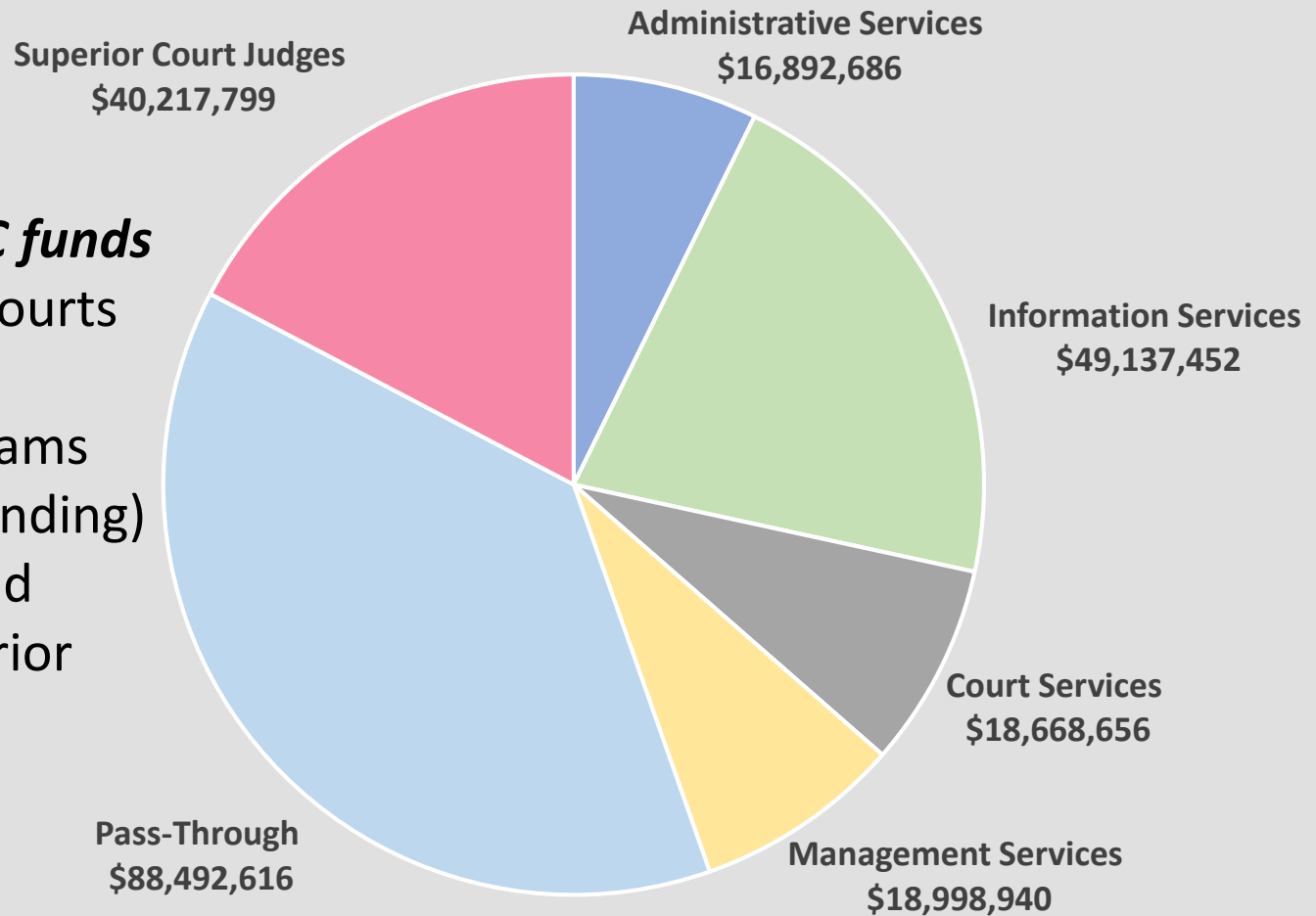


- Washington State Supreme Court
- Washington State Court of Appeals
- Superior Court Judges' salaries and benefits; pro tem costs
- Office of Public Defense indigent defense costs
- Office of Civil Legal Aid legal aid for low-income residents in family and landlord-tenant matters.
- Commission on Judicial Conduct

# Where Does the Money Go?



**55.4% of all AOC funds** are paid out to courts for legislatively-mandated programs (pass-through funding) or for salaries and benefits of superior court judges.



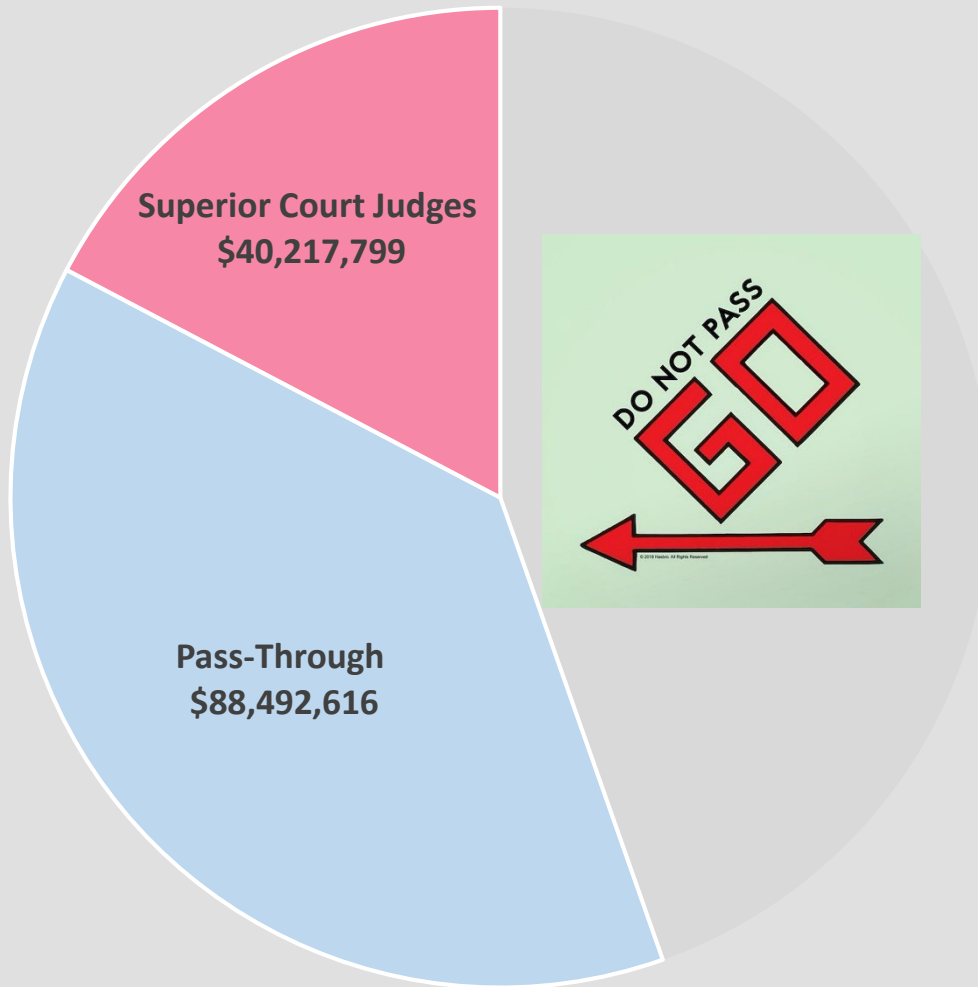
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# 55% *Direct to Courts*



## FOR EXAMPLE:

PROGRAM
Blake – Resentencing
Therapeutic Courts
Becca*
Interpreter Services
CASA*
Uniform Guardianship Act*
Water Rights Adjudication
Juror Pay Pilot Project
FJCIP
Rural Court Security*
Self-Help Centers*

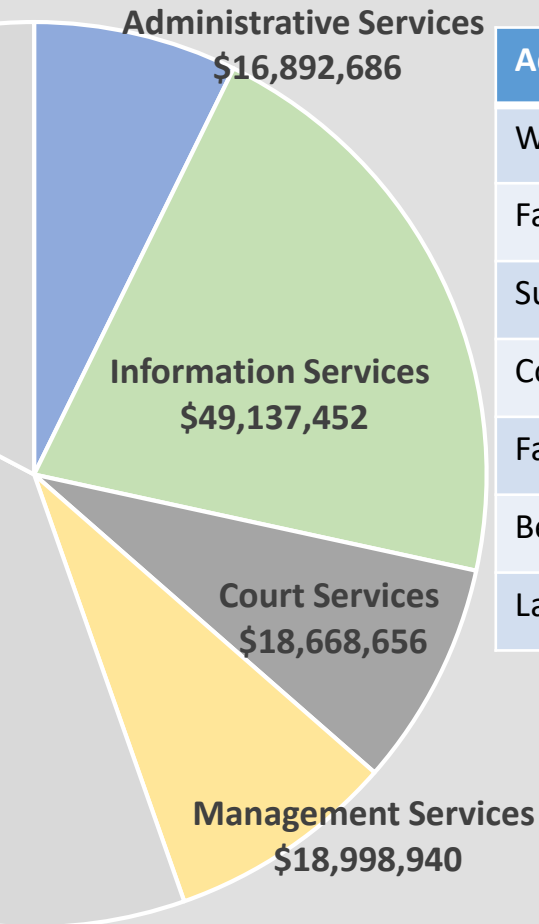


*\*Asterisk denotes no legislatively-funded staff to manage the program.*

# 45% *Supporting Courts*



## FOR EXAMPLE:



### Administrative Services Division

- Washington State Center for Court Research
- Family Treatment Court Team
- Supreme Court Commission Support
- Court Association Support
- Family & Youth Justice Programs
- Behavioral Health
- Language Access Team

### Court Services Division

- Trial Court Legal Services
- Court Education
- Pattern Forms/Pattern Instructions
- Court Business Office
- Data Quality

### Information Services Division

- CLJ-CMS Project (ISD Only)
- Web Services
- IT Infrastructure Management
- Superior Court E-Filing
- Applications & Operations Management
- Enterprise Data Services Management
- Disaster Recovery

### Management Services Division

- Office of Guardianship & Elder Services
- Blake Implementation & Refund Bureau
- Back-Office Functionality

# 2025-27 Biennial Budget Request: \$49,348,000 / biennium



## Support Trial Courts

## Right-Size Staff & Program Operations

## Maintain IT Infrastructure

1. Maintain Judicial Branch Education
2. Continue Securing Small & Rural Courts
3. Fund New Judges in Asotin/Columbia/Garfield & Skagit Superior Courts
4. Continue Data for Justice Initiative
5. Sustain Courtroom Technology
6. Preserve Court User Self-Help Centers
7. Continue Civil Protection Order Support for Judges
8. Fund Judicial Needs Estimate

**Total: \$19,323,000**

1. Continue Funding Blake Implementation
2. Retain & Recruit Staff with Competitive Salaries
3. Fulfill Water Rights Obligation
4. Stabilize Interpreter Reimbursement Program
5. Continue Pre-Trial Services for Indigent Defendants
6. Support Court Management and Operations
7. Expand Court Research Capacity
8. Improve Family Law and Domestic Violence Research
9. Enhance Behavioral Health Pgm

**Total: \$16,647,000**

1. Migrate Court Reporting Tools to the Cloud
2. Continue Transition to Cloud-Based Services
3. Continue Funding Data Quality Initiative
4. Fully Support the CLJ-CMS Project

**Total: \$13,378,000**



# 2025-27 Biennial Budget Request: What's in it for Superior Courts?



## Support Trial Courts

## Right-Size Staff & Program Operations

## Maintain IT Infrastructure

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|---|--|--|
| 1. Maintain Judicial Branch Education                                   | 1. Continue Funding Blake Implementation               | 1. Migrate Court Reporting Tools to the Cloud  |
| 2. Continue Securing Small & Rural Courts                               | 2. Retain & Recruit Staff with Competitive Salaries    | 2. Continue Transition to Cloud-Based Services |
| 3. Fund New Judges in Asotin/Columbia/Garfield & Skagit Superior Courts | 3. Fulfill Water Rights Obligation                     | 3. Continue Funding Data Quality Initiative    |
| 4. Continue Data for Justice Initiative                                 | 4. Stabilize Interpreter Reimbursement Program         | 4. Fully Support the CLJ-CMS Project           |
| 5. Sustain Courtroom Technology   | 5. Continue Pre-Trial Services for Indigent Defendants |  |
| 6. Preserve Court User Self-Help Centers                                | 6. Support Court Management and Operations             |  |
| 7. Continue Civil Protection Order Support for Judges                   | 7. Expand Court Research Capacity                      |  |
| 8. Fund Judicial Needs Estimate   | 8. Improve Family Law and Domestic Violence Research   |  |
|   | 9. Enhance Behavioral Health Pgm                       |  |

*Visible text indicates that some or all of the package benefits the superior courts.*

# 2025-27 Biennial Budget Request: What's in it for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction?



## Support Trial Courts

## Right-Size Staff & Program Operations

## Maintain IT Infrastructure

1. Maintain Judicial Branch Education
2. Continue Securing Small & Rural Courts
3. Fund New Judges in Asotin/Columbia/Garfield & Skagit Superior Courts
4. Continue Data for Justice Initiative
5. Sustain Courtroom Technology
6. Preserve Court User Self-Help Centers
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3. Continue Funding Data Quality Initiative
4. Fully Support the CLJ-CMS Project

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# What Happens Next



- 1. Questions from Legislative Staff**
- 2. Formal Submission of Governor's Budget  
(December 20 or earlier)**
- 3. Meetings with Legislative "Champions"**
- 4. Legislative Session Begins (January 13, 2025)**
- 5. Legislative Session Ends / Budget Passes (April 27, 2025)**