
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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Supreme Court

Item 38	First Year - FY2009	Second Year - FY2010
Administrative and Support Services (39900)	\$29,562,566	\$29,337,566
General Management and Direction (39901)	\$29,562,566	\$29,337,566
Fund Sources:		
General	\$17,666,459	\$17,666,459
Special	\$174,375	\$174,375
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$10,554,781	\$10,329,781
Federal Trust	\$1,166,951	\$1,166,951

Authority: §§ [16.1-69.30](#), [16.1-69.33](#), [17.1-314](#) through [17.1-320](#) and [17.1-502](#), Code of Virginia.

A. The Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall submit a monthly summary to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees and to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, which will report the number of individuals for whom legal or medical services were provided and the nature and cost of such services as are authorized for payment from the criminal fund or the involuntary mental commitment fund.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § [19.2-326](#), Code of Virginia, the amount of attorney's fees allowed counsel for indigent defendants in appeals to the Supreme Court shall be in the discretion of the Supreme Court.

C. The Chief Justice is authorized to reallocate legal support staff between the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of Virginia, in order to meet changing workload demands.

D. Prior to January 1 of each year, the Judicial Council and the Committee on District Courts are requested to submit a fiscal impact assessment of their recommendations for the creation of any new judgeships, including the cost of judicial retirement, to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Courts of Justice, and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

E. Included in this Item is \$3,750,000 the first year and \$3,750,000 the second year from the general fund, which may support computer system improvements for the several circuit and district courts.

F. Given the continued concern about providing adequate compensation levels for court-appointed attorneys providing criminal indigent defense in the Commonwealth, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, in conjunction with the Governor, Attorney General, Indigent Defense Commission, representatives of the Indigent Defense Stakeholders Group and Chairmen of the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees, shall continue to study and evaluate all available options to enhance Virginia's Indigent Defense System.

G. Included in the appropriation for this Item is \$225,000 the first year from the Drug Offender Assessment and Treatment Fund to provide a comprehensive evaluation of drug courts in the Commonwealth.

