

FY 2027 Budget Performance Review
67700 Supreme Court

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Agency Mission

Division and Program Descriptions

Note: Please define any acronyms used in program descriptions.

Administrative Office of the Courts

The Administrative Director and staff assist the Chief Justice in the administrative duties of the Oklahoma judicial system, including accounting, payroll, training, data systems, research and other responsibilities. The Administrative Office of the Court also provides leadership and administrative support for various judicial boards and commissions.

Justices and Staff

The Supreme Court makes final determination of issues of a civil nature. The Supreme Court has administrative responsibility for the entire Oklahoma judicial system. Support staff is responsible for handling Justice's calendars, preparing dockets for conferences and circulating proposed opinions and orders. Staff attorneys aid the Justices in research and drafting proposed opinions.

Appellate Court Clerk

As the Court's record-keeper, the Clerk maintains official hearing records, operates recording and timing equipment and ensures that proper courtroom procedures are preserved. The Clerk's office maintains operational contact with the parties and attorneys for all cases and is the repository for all filings made in connection with any case. The Clerk also serves as the Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Civil Appeals, the Court of the Judiciary and the Court of Tax Review.

Court of Civil Appeals

Responsible for the appellate decisions regarding civil matters as assigned by the Supreme Court, with offices in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Administers the Dispute Resolution Act providing convenient access to conflict resolution (mediation) services to Oklahoma citizens using certified volunteer mediators. It also promulgates rules and establishes jurisdictional guidelines for mediation programs.

Management Information Services

Responsible for the Oklahoma Supreme Court Network (OSCN), designed to provide the public and the Bar with access to the public legal documents of the State of Oklahoma. Media, business and private entities all benefit from the information provided by OSCN at no cost. OSCN provides access to thousands of published Oklahoma appellate cases, statutes, Attorney General's opinions, certiorari dispositions, court rules, forms, and many other documents.

Family Representation and Advocacy Program

Responsible to ensure uniform and high quality legal representation for children and indigent parents, legal guardians, and Indian custodians in deprived child actions brought by the state.

FY'26 Budgeted Department Funding By Source

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local ¹	Other ²	Total
0100001	Justices and Staff	\$7,819,114					\$7,819,114
0200001	Administrative Office of the Courts	\$1,408,621	\$686,090	\$6,192,215			\$8,286,926
3000001	Court of Civil Appeals - OKC	\$3,660,480					\$3,660,480
3000002	Court of Civil Appeals - Tulsa	\$3,773,797					\$3,773,797
4000001	Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$0		\$1,479,158			\$1,479,158
6000001	Family Representation and Advocacy Program	\$10,500,000					\$10,500,000
8000001	Appellate Court Clerk	\$1,020,927		\$136,780			\$1,157,707
8800002	Management Information Services	\$675,850		\$15,655,925			\$16,331,775
Total		\$28,858,789	\$686,090	\$23,464,078	\$0	\$0	\$53,008,957

1. Please describe source of Local funding not included in other categories:

2. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding if applicable for each department:

Balances of Appropriated Funds from Prior Fiscal Years

3-digit Class Fund #	Class Fund Name	GA Bill # and Section #	Fiscal Year of Original Appropriation	Original Appropriation Amount (\$)	Total Expended Amount as of 8/31/2025 (\$)	Balance as of 8/31/2025 (\$)
194	Appropriations for Duties		FY25	\$2,015,811	\$2,014,763	\$1,048
195	Appropriations for Duties		FY25	\$17,908,232	\$16,297,021	\$1,611,211
<i>Total remaining prior year appropriation balance:</i>						
\$1,612,259						

Report appropriations that have existing balances from all prior fiscal years at the 3-digit class fund number (i.e. 194, 195). Do not report carryover class funds separately. Include appropriations located in disbursing funds. Report PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.

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What changes did the agency make between FY'25 and FY'26?

- 1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?
- 2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?
- 3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?
- 4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required?

Some staff received market adjustments paid out of a revolving fund.

Appropriation Increase Review

Appropriation Increase Purpose	Appropriation Increases (Additional to Agency Base Appropriation)			Expenditures	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total Amount Received FY 2024-2025	Total Expenditure of Increase as of 6/30/2025	If funds have not been spent, please explain why.
Staff salary increases	\$480,476	\$128,968	\$609,444	\$609,444	
SB907 Family Representation and Advocacy Program	\$4,600,000	\$5,900,000	\$10,500,000	\$6,456,046	
Computer replacement		\$675,850	\$675,850	\$675,850	
Computers - one time		\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	
Judicial Data Center Infrastructure - power and cooling system		\$1,325,811	\$1,325,811	\$1,325,811	
Phone system upgrade		\$365,000	\$365,000	\$365,000	
Judicial Training		\$80,000	\$80,000	\$10,000	
Reduce for debt service annual adjustment		-\$29,012	-\$29,012		
Total:	\$5,080,476	\$8,771,617	\$13,852,093	\$8,441,340	

List appropriation increases that the agency has received in the prior two years. List amounts received in each year. Include PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.

FY'27 Requested Funding By Department and Source

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Other ¹	Total	% Change
0100001	Justices and Staff	\$8,425,578	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,425,578	7.76%
0200001	Administrative Office of the Courts	\$170,308	\$686,090	\$6,192,215	\$0	\$7,048,613	-14.94%
3000001	Court of Civil Appeals - OKC	\$3,985,573	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,985,573	8.88%
3000002	Court of Civil Appeals - Tulsa	\$4,098,319	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,098,319	8.60%
4000001	Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$5,951	\$0	\$1,479,158	\$0	\$1,485,109	0.40%
6000001	Family Representation and Advocacy Program	\$12,333,333	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,333,333	17.46%
8000001	Appellate Court Clerk	\$1,086,081	\$0	\$136,780	\$0	\$1,222,861	5.63%
8800002	Management Information Services	\$1,102,151	\$0	\$15,655,925	\$0	\$16,758,076	2.61%
Total		\$31,207,294	\$686,090	\$23,464,078	\$0	\$55,357,462	4.43%

1. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding for each department:

FY'27 Top Five Incremental Appropriated Funding Increase Requests

Request by Priority	Request Description	Is this a Supplemental Request? (Yes/No)	Timeframe (One-Time or Recurring)	Appropriation Request Increase Amount (\$)
Request 1:	Judicial Salary Increase	No	Recurring	\$924,235
Request 2:	Staff Salary Increase	No	Recurring	\$1,004,634
Request 3:	Judicial Security Officer	No	Recurring	\$122,553
Request 4:	Family Representation and Advocacy Program	No	Recurring	\$1,833,333
Request 5:	Payoff of Lease 2015B	No	Recurring	-\$1,536,250
Top Five Request Subtotal:				\$2,348,505

Total Increase above FY-26 Budget (including all requests)

Difference between Top Five requests and total requests:

* Capital requests in the table above should be listed in the next table.

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What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?

Description of requested increase in order of priority	Total Project Cost (\$)	Needed State Funding for Project (\$)	Submitted to LRCPC? (Yes/No)
Priority 1			
Priority 2			
Priority 3			

Does the agency has any costs associated with the Pathfinder retirement system and federal employees? If so, please describe the impact.

* Include the total number of federally funded FTE in the Pathfinder system.

How would the agency be affected by receiving the same appropriation for FY '27 as was received in FY '26? (Flat / 0% change)

The legislatively enacted Family Representation and Advocacy Program (FRAP) would not be able to continue moving into the remaining counties of the state. A Judicial Security Officer would not be able to be hired and the Court would not be able to provide the judicial salary increase recommended by the Board on Judicial Compensation or the salary increase for staff.

How would the agency handle a 2% appropriation reduction in FY '27?

The Supreme Court would delay filling vacant positions and may need to temporarily reduce staff. The FRAP program would be negatively impacted as it could not continue implementation in all counties across the state.

Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY '27?

Description of requested increase in order of priority	Fee Increase Request (\$)	Statutory change required? (Yes/No)
Increase 1		
Increase 2		
Increase 3		

Federal Funds

CFDA	Federal Program Name	Agency Dept. #	FY 26 budget (\$)	FY 25 actuals (\$)	FY 24 actuals (\$)	FY 23 actuals (\$)	FY 25 budgeted FTE (#)
93586	Oklahoma Court Improvement Program	0200005	686,090	511,396	530,385	645,087	3

Federal Government Impact

1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?

None

2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?

N/A

3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?

Oklahoma would be the only state without a Court Improvement Program which provides safety, well-being and permanence of children in the foster care system by training judges and attorneys handling juvenile deprived cases.

4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?

Only the Court Improvement Program has the potential to be impacted.

5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?

No

FY 2026 Budgeted FTE

Division #	Division Name	Supervisors	Non-Supervisors	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$100K	\$100K+
0100001	Justices and Staff	9	33			6	6
0200001	Administrative Office of the Courts	6	20			8	12
3000001	Court of Civil Appeals - OKC	6	15			3	1
3000002	Court of Civil Appeals - Tulsa	6	15			3	2
4000001	Alternative Dispute Resolution	1	0				1
8000001	Appellate Court Clerk	1	9			9	
8800002	Management Information Services	11	65.5			20.5	41
Total		40	157.5	0	49.5	63	85

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FTE History by Fiscal Year							
Division #	Division Name	FY 2026 Budgeted	FY 2026 YTD	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2017
All FTE		200.5	174.0	183.0	185.0	179.2	
Total		200.5	174.0	183.0	185.0	179.2	0.0

Performance Measure Review					
Program Name	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021

Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)			
	FY'23-25 Avg. Revenues	FY'23-25 Avg. Expenditures	June 2025 Balance
200 Information Systems Revolving Fund	\$11,449,309	\$12,033,774	\$4,933,248
205 Supreme Court Revolving Fund	\$333,900	\$178,452	\$944,474
210 Supreme Court Administrative Revolving Fund	\$149,324	\$127,916	\$2,154,455
215 Law Library Revolving Fund	\$1,488,743	\$1,227,984	\$3,397,044
220 Dispute Resolution Revolving Fund	\$1,413,541	\$1,365,666	\$383,284
230 State Judicial Revolving Fund	\$26,532,003	\$2,923,614	\$12,432,929
240 Judicial Center Revolving Fund	\$6,108	\$1,490	\$23,196
250 Family Representation and Advocacy Program	\$5,033,333	\$1,762,477	\$9,812,569

FY 2026 Current Employee Telework Summary

List each agency physical location (not division), then report the number of employees associated with that location in the teleworking categories indicated. Use "No specified location" to account for remote employees not associated with a site. Use actual current employees (headcount), not budgeted or actual FTE.

Full-time and Part-time Employees (#)

Agency Location / Address	City	County	Onsite (5 days onsite, rarely remote)	Hybrid (2-4 days onsite weekly)	Remote (1 day or less weekly onsite)	Total Employees
						0
Total Agency Employees						0