

APPELLATE AUXILIARY OPERATIONS Attorney Discipline Program	FY 2022 Budget Request: \$16,026,747	
	Personal Service:	14,534,181
	Nonpersonal Service:	1,492,566
	Maintenance Undistributed:	0

Program Description

This Program provides funding to support the Attorney Grievance Committees and attorney disciplinary proceedings.

Attorney Grievance Committees: Lawyers who are guilty of professional misconduct are subject to discipline for their actions. Under section 90 of the Judiciary Law, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Divisions to oversee the disciplinary process and, where warranted, to impose appropriate sanctions (*e.g.*, censure, suspension from practice, disbarment). In discharge of these responsibilities, the Appellate Divisions have established Attorney Grievance Committees within their respective Departments to investigate allegations of attorney misconduct, privately discipline attorneys in minor matters and, in serious cases of misconduct, prosecute offenders before the Appellate Division.

Summary of FY 2022 Funding Request

The Attorney Discipline Special Revenue Fund budget request is \$16 million or an increase of \$42,331 (0.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation.

The personal service request of \$14.5 million represents an increase of \$0.2 million (1.6%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. This includes funding for all filled nonjudicial positions. Funding is also included for the payment of increments, longevity bonuses, and location pay, as required by law, for all eligible nonjudicial employees.

The nonpersonal service funding supports usual and necessary expenses associated with the operation and administration of the Attorney Discipline Program including; real estate rentals for office space, transcript costs, and other professional services (forensic evaluations) required for disciplinary hearings, legal reference materials and online services, and supplies and materials.

The nonpersonal service request of \$1.5 million reflects a decrease of \$0.2 million (-11.3%) from current year funding. The decrease reflects spending reductions in travel, transcripts, and other court-appointed services. The decrease is offset by increased funding for real estate rentals and rentals of equipment due to contract escalation and new contract costs. The budget also includes undistributed funding to be distributed if fiscal relief is realized.

Appellate Auxiliary Operations
Budget Summary - Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund

Attorney Discipline Program

Attorney Discipline	Personal Service	Nonpersonal Service	Total
1st Department	\$4,601,930	\$190,303	\$4,792,233
2nd Department	6,453,668	821,647	7,275,315
3rd Department	1,557,640	178,265	1,735,905
4th Department	1,920,943	280,851	2,201,794
Undistributed	0	21,500	21,500
Total:	<u>\$14,534,181</u>	<u>\$1,492,566</u>	<u>\$16,026,747</u>

State of New York - Judiciary
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Personal Service</u>			
PS Regular	14,301,558	14,534,181	232,623
Total Personal Service	14,301,558	14,534,181	232,623
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Legal Reference/CALR/Subscriptions	95,110	62,972	(32,138)
Supplies and Materials	95,364	75,257	(20,107)
Travel	55,445	21,861	(33,584)
Equipment Rental and Repairs	91,483	101,317	9,834
Real Estate Rentals	870,679	891,341	20,662
Conferences and Training	8,300	0	(8,300)
Postage and Printing	76,800	51,013	(25,787)
Telecommunications	15,100	12,379	(2,721)
Information Technology Services	3,500	4,050	550
Records Management Services	23,250	24,082	832
Other Professional Services	182,127	133,194	(48,933)
In-Part Services	200	150	(50)
Transcripts	165,500	114,950	(50,550)
Total Nonpersonal Service	1,682,858	1,492,566	(190,292)
 Grand Total	 15,984,416	 16,026,747	 42,331