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The core function of Texas' intermediate appellate courts is to process, review, and decide by written opinion every appeal that is filed with them from trial courts, in civil and criminal cases, across numerous counties. These appeals include every substantive area of civil and criminal law—except for death penalty cases—and many of them must be decided on an expedited basis as mandated by the Legislature and the rules of appellate procedure.

The courts of appeals must also resolve a large number of original proceedings each fiscal year seeking extraordinary relief—such as a writ of habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, injunction, or quo warranto. Original proceedings, which are often filed during the pendency of litigation, commonly have voluminous records and must also be decided on an expedited basis. And many of them include a request for emergency temporary relief which must be addressed immediately.

Against this backdrop, Texas has gained more residents than any other state during the 21st century. Since 2000, the population of Texas has increased by more than 52%. More than 31 million people now live in Texas. And the vast majority are adults who look to the judiciary for resolution of their disputes as guaranteed by our Constitution. The Legislature has responded to this big population increase by creating nearly 200 new trial courts across Texas. And the Bench and the Bar have taken important steps to increase access to justice for all Texans.

New case filings in the courts of appeals began to return to their pre-COVID levels in fiscal year 2022. During the next three fiscal years (FY '23, FY '24, and FY '25), new case filings in the courts of appeals increased each fiscal year by between 4% to 8%. This is consistent with the increase in new cases experienced by the federal courts of appeals from 2022 to 2025 at nearly 4.4%.

This all changed for Texas' courts of appeals in fiscal year 2026. New case filings are increasing in FY '26 from FY '25 by 20%. And they are increasing by about 30% from FY '24—which was the last fiscal year before the 89th Legislative Session. See Administrator's Statement Exhibit #1 - Table - New Cases Filed by Fiscal Year.

When equalization transfers are taken into account, every court of appeals in Texas (except the 15th court which has different jurisdictional requirements) is experiencing these large increases in new case filings—which are anticipated to continue for the foreseeable future. See Administrator's Statement Exhibit #2 - Table - New Cases Filed by Fiscal Year - After Transfers.

Two important components of this big increase in new case filings are original proceedings and pro se appeals. Together, they constitute 54% of the new cases filed in the courts of appeals in FY '26.

Original proceedings are increasing in FY '26 from FY '25 by 49%. And they are increasing in FY '26 from FY '24 by 83%. See Administrator's Statement Exhibit #3 - Table - Original Proceedings.

Meanwhile, pro se appeals are increasing in FY '26 from FY '25 by 36%. And they are increasing in FY '26 from FY '24 by 68%. See Administrator's Statement Exhibit #3 - Table - New Cases Filed by Pro Se Litigants.

Yet, in the face of this dramatic growth, the number of staff attorneys (and other staff) at the courts of appeals who assist the justices with their workload has remained largely the same.

A key factor in handling the increasing workload without additional justices is the employment of highly skilled and trained staff attorneys (and other staff). They maximize the productivity of justices by processing complex cases, researching and drafting preliminary drafts of orders and opinions, disposing of voluminous motions, and managing accelerated and emergency matters.

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The large population growth across the State and the magnitude of new case filings, in concert with an ever-increasing number of case types requiring expedited review, make it clear that the courts of appeals require additional staff attorneys, and/or other staff, to manage their growing dockets and to efficiently provide the timely, high-quality justice to which all citizens of Texas are entitled.

In that regard, the courts of appeals, collectively, began in the 79th and 80th Legislative Sessions to work toward a zero-based budget model referred to as "Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts." This model quantified the funding required to meet the personnel and operational needs of the courts, thus enabling the courts to accomplish their core function and meet their performance measures. The Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts initiative was fully funded for the first time in 2015, and the courts had been operating under the same zero-based budget model and funding levels until the 88th Legislative Session when the Legislature increased the budgets for the intermediate appellate courts.

Based upon a template of same-sized courts, the courts of appeals are now asking the Legislature for additional staff attorneys, and/or other staff, to match the nearly 30% increase in new case filings since FY '24—subject to the particularized request of each court of appeals. See Administrator's Statement Exhibit #4 - Template of Same-Sized Courts.

Without a sufficient number of qualified staff attorneys, and/or other staff, the courts of appeals are largely unable to handle the increasing volume of new case filings each fiscal year and comply with Legislative mandates to give accelerated and preferential treatment to certain appeals (such as parental-termination and juvenile-certification appeals under the Family Code, mental-health appeals under the Health and Safety Code, and interlocutory appeals under the Civil Practice and Remedies Code) and also comply with the Legislatively mandated Clearance Rate requirement.

The courts of appeals are appreciative of the increased funding for existing staff attorneys received last session. It is important and enables the courts of appeals to hire and retain qualified individuals for their existing staff attorney positions, and other staff. The courts of appeals are now faced with the need to increase the number of their staff attorney positions, and/or other staff, in order to keep pace with the growth of Texas and the large increase in new case filings. But they currently lack the funding to do so.

And now the courts of appeals have been instructed to reduce their base appropriation request for the 2028-29 biennium by 3%. Unlike other state agencies, 96.5% of each court of appeals' budget, on average, is dedicated to salaries and benefits. This budget reduction would thus result in a disproportionate and highly negative impact on the courts of appeals. The only way to absorb such a budget reduction is to cut court staff. This is counter-intuitive and unsustainable in light of the substantial increase in new case filings. Additionally, there is virtually no benefit to the State from a 3% budget cut on the courts of appeals. Indeed, funding for all of the courts of appeals comprises less than 0.04% of the State budget as a whole. And a 3% budget cut on the courts of appeals would approximately yield only a 0.002% reduction in the entire State budget.

Mindful of that, and of the critical role that the courts of appeals perform for all Texans, additional funding for additional staff attorneys, and/or other staff, as specifically requested by each court of appeals, is now necessary for the courts of appeals to ensure the efficient and timely administration of justice going forward.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #1: RESTORE THE 3% BUDGET CUT.

To address the highly negative and disproportionate impact of the required 3% reduction on the courts' funding, especially in light of the substantial increase in new case filings in Fiscal Year ’26, the courts of appeals respectfully submit Exceptional Item #1 requesting the restoration of the 3% budget reduction so that their baseline funding will be the Fiscal Year 2027 budgeted levels. The Second Court of Appeals therefore respectfully requests a restoration to General Revenue funding in the amount of $311,226.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #2: ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME STAFF PERSONNEL DUE TO THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NEW CASE FILINGS.

Due to the substantial increase in new case filings that the courts of appeals are experiencing in FY ‘26 and which are expected to continue for the foreseeable future, and based on the template of same-sized courts above, the Second Court of Appeals respectfully submits its Exceptional Item #2 in which it requests funding for 6 additional full-time employees.

These additional positions are necessary because the Second Court of Appeals has experienced a 25% increase in new case filings from FY ‘25 to FY ‘26, and a 41% increase from FY ‘24 to FY ‘26. These increases are beyond the current capacity of the Second Court of Appeals to handle and comply with the Legislative mandates to give accelerated and preferential treatment to certain appeals (such as parental-termination and juvenile-certification appeals under the Family Code, mental-health appeals under the Health and Safety Code, and interlocutory appeals under the Civil Practice and Remedies Code) and also comply with the Legislatively mandated Clearance Rate requirement.

The total anticipated expense for these requested FTEs in Biennium 2028-29 for the Second Court of Appeals is broken down as follows:

Salaries and Wages: $1,704,000
Other Personnel Costs: $2,880
Consumables: $6,000
Travel: $18,000
Other Operating Expense: $165,952

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #3: RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF JUDICIAL-BRANCH STAFF

Recruiting and retaining excellent judicial-branch staff is essential to the fair and efficient administration of justice in Texas. The rising cost of living, combined with the draw of more lucrative employment at other government agencies and the private sector, continue to create staffing challenges for the courts. The courts of appeals join with the Supreme Court of Texas and the other Article IV courts and agencies in requesting a 3% annual increase in staff pay throughout the Article IV courts and agencies in Fiscal Year ‘28 and also in Fiscal Year ‘29 to help maintain the judicial branch’s position in the competitive market for talented, qualified, and experienced lawyers and other staff. The Second Court of Appeals, in conjunction with the rest of the judicial branch, therefore requests a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year ‘28 and an additional 3% increase in Fiscal Year ‘29.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #4: CAPITAL BUDGET FOR RENOVATING AND FURNISHING COURTROOM AND OFFICE SPACE

The Second Court of Appeals' space in the Tim Curry Criminal Justice Center in Fort Worth was constructed nearly thirty years ago. Since then, Tarrant County has experienced dramatic growth in the magnitude of a 46% population increase. Tarrant County's continued growth has placed consistently higher demands for courtrooms, both civil and criminal. This court's current location has become constrained for space as Tarrant County's courts and offices within the building have continued to expand.

In an effort to accommodate the needs of both the Second Court of Appeals and Tarrant County for additional space in the current building, space for the court was planned for and set aside in the new Vandergriff Civil Courts building in Fort Worth. However, the demands on Tarrant County's General Funds have consistently increased as the county's population has expanded, thus constraining county funds as a resource and counteracting the ability to construct the planned space for the Second Court of Appeals. Tarrant County has already expended $1,479,000 to develop building and equipment plans for the space intended for the Second Court of Appeals. With Tarrant County's support, Exceptional Item #4 requests the additional $10,326,331 needed to complete the building project and necessary relocation of the Second Court of Appeals to the new building space.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS/RIDER EXCEPTION REQUESTS:

The courts of appeals also request the following with regard to the SPECIAL PROVISIONS – JUDICIARY found in Article IV (beginning at p. IV-42 of the General Appropriations Act for the 2026-27 Biennium) concerning across-the-board riders:

1. Retain Special Provisions – Judiciary, Sec. 3, Appellate Court Exemptions pertaining to the following Article IX riders: Section 6.10, Limitations on State Employment Levels, Section 6.13, Performance Standards, Section 14.03, Transfers – Capital Budget, and Section 3.04, Scheduled Exempt Positions.

2. Retain Special Provisions – Judiciary, Sec. 5, Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts

3. Retain Special Provisions – Judiciary, Sec. 6, Appellate Court Transfer Authority

Historically, the Legislature has granted the courts' exemption from certain limitations in the General Appropriations Act. The Legislature has also granted the courts the authority to carry over unexpended budget balances between years within the biennium. The flexibility afforded by these measures enhances the courts' management ability, and we seek continuation of these budget features.

4. Add Special Provision – Traveling Justices and Judges and Mileage Reimbursement

Appellate court justices and judges that travel for official state business in a personal vehicle should be exempt from the requirement to complete a comparison worksheet showing that mileage reimbursement for travel in a personal vehicle is more cost-effective than the use of a rental car (as is currently the case for children's court and business court state who travel regularly for official state business). (See Article IV Appropriation for OCA, Texas Judicial Council – Item No. 7 entitled "Mileage Reimbursement for Children's Courts and Business Court Staff).

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT:

In order for the courts of appeals to function efficiently, it is vital that the Office of Court Administration (OCA) be adequately funded. The courts of appeals rely on many of the services provided by OCA and, therefore, the courts of appeals fully support the exceptional items the OCA requests as part of its funding. More specifically, the courts of appeals strongly support the request for funding related to the acquisition of a new appellate case management system to replace the current system known as TAMES as well as a case-level data system.

If the Legislature appropriates a cost-of-living increase to state employees, the courts of appeals request that all court employees be included in any such cost-of-living increase.

Finally, the courts of appeals wish to express appreciation to and support for the Judicial Compensation Commission and the Legislature's efforts to strengthen the justice system by increasing judicial salaries to attract and retain a strong judiciary. The courts of appeals request that the Legislature implement the Judicial Compensation Commission's recommendations for an increase in judicial compensation.

Note: on Appropriated Receipts – At the direction of the LBB & Governor's Office, the Second Court of Appeals has included appropriated receipts in the amount of $7,000 reflecting reimbursement for copies of opinions and other court documents. These amounts are merely an offset for additional expenses incurred by the Court and do not constitute additional funds available for general expenditures for the Court. The amount can vary significantly from year to year.

Administrator's Statement Exhibit #1

New Cases Filed by Fiscal Year

	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26 (Projected)	Difference from FY 25 to FY26	% Difference	Difference from FY 24 to FY26	% Difference	
1st/Houston	952	1,042	1,293	251	24%	341	36%	
2nd/Fort Worth	1,000	1,133	1,411	278	25%	411	41%	
3rd/Austin	922	940	1,193	253	27%	271	29%	
4th/San Antonio	861	864	951	87	10%	90	10%	
5th/Dallas	1,451	1,629	1,896	267	16%	445	31%	
6th/Texarkana	253	269	275	6	2%	22	9%	
7th/Amarillo	308	287	311	24	8%	3	1%	
8th/El Paso	337	221	283	62	28%	-54	-16%	Unusual, one-month spike occurred
9th/Beaumont	408	473	568	95	20%	160	39%	
10th/Waco	444	443	567	124	28%	123	28%	
11th/Eastland	300	290	358	68	23%	58	19%	
12th/Tyler	320	290	351	61	21%	31	10%	
13th/Corpus Christi	509	552	698	146	26%	189	37%	
14th/Houston	923	1,073	1,328	255	24%	405	44%	
15th/Statewide	N/A	135	120	-15	-11%	N/A	N/A	
Total FYTD	**8,988**	**9,641**	**11,603**	**1,962**	**20%**	**2,615**	**29%**	

Administrator's Statement Exhibit #2

New Cases Filed by Fiscal Year - After Transfers

	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26 (Projected)	Difference from FY 25 to FY26	% Difference	Difference from FY 24 to FY26	% Difference	
1st/Houston	981	1,060	1,305	245	23%	324	33%	
2nd/Fort Worth	863	921	1,053	132	14%	190	22%	
3rd/Austin	732	834	879	45	5%	147	20%	
4th/San Antonio	644	782	931	149	19%	287	44%	
5th/Dallas	1,490	1,614	1,817	203	13%	327	22%	
6th/Texarkana	308	330	380	50	15%	72	23%	
7th/Amarillo	431	399	545	146	37%	114	26%	
8th/El Paso	453	319	428	109	34%	-25	-6%	Unusual, one-month spike occurred
9th/Beaumont	417	472	531	59	13%	114	27%	
10th/Waco	322	374	461	87	23%	139	43%	
11th/Eastland	325	330	411	81	25%	86	26%	
12th/Tyler	363	299	427	128	43%	64	18%	
13th/Corpus Christi	626	665	875	210	32%	249	40%	
14th/Houston	950	1,079	1,315	236	22%	365	38%	
15th/Statewide	N/A	254	244	-10	-4%	N/A	N/A	
Total FYTD	**8,905**	**9,732**	**11,602**	**1,870**	**19%**	**2,697**	**30%**	

Administrator's Statement Exhibit #3

Original Proceedings

Court	22	23	24	25	FY 26 (projected)	Difference from FY 25 to FY26	% Difference	Difference from FY 24 to FY26	% Difference
1	221	176	176	186	252	66	36%	76	43%
2	80	55	97	120	200	80	66%	103	106%
3	144	113	122	159	261	102	64%	139	114%
4	112	112	115	141	199	58	41%	84	73%
5	214	228	225	297	465	168	56%	240	106%
6	31	29	19	38	49	11	28%	30	157%
7	59	38	40	25	23	-2	-7%	-17	-42%
8	29	26	29	49	87	38	78%	58	201%
9	46	56	51	49	82	33	66%	31	60%
10	86	81	58	58	115	57	99%	57	99%
11	48	45	30	34	39	5	15%	9	30%
12	39	58	36	45	58	13	29%	22	61%
13	90	97	90	115	190	75	65%	100	111%
14	219	178	159	187	239	52	28%	80	50%
15	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	26	-6	-18%	N/A	N/A
Total original proceedings filed	**1,418**	**1,292**	**1,247**	**1,535**	**2,286**	**751**	**49%**	**1,039**	**83%**
New cases filed	**8,034**	**8,668**	**8,988**	**9,641**	**11,603**				
Orig proceedings as % of new cases filed	**18%**	**15%**	**14%**	**16%**	**20%**				

New Cases Filed by Pro Se Litigants

Court	22	23	24	25	FY 26 (projected)	Difference from FY 25 to FY26	% Difference	Difference from FY 24 to FY26	% Difference
1	242	228	226	289	357	68	24%	131	58%
2	198	221	267	334	439	105	31%	172	64%
3	205	202	229	320	447	127	40%	218	95%
4	144	151	141	201	265	64	32%	124	88%
5	373	420	527	600	728	128	21%	201	38%
6	42	50	39	67	95	28	41%	56	142%
7	122	119	90	108	124	16	15%	34	37%
8	61	66	70	62	158	96	154%	88	125%
9	73	99	86	97	177	80	83%	91	106%
10	144	120	118	125	191	66	53%	73	62%
11	110	103	93	103	95	-9	-8%	2	2%
12	77	56	77	72	92	20	28%	15	20%
13	136	148	148	167	254	87	52%	106	72%
14	252	246	236	321	429	108	34%	193	82%
15	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	89	56	169%	N/A	N/A
Total cases filed by pro se litigants	**2,179**	**2,229**	**2,347**	**2,899**	**3,939**	**1,040**	**36%**	**1,592**	**68%**
New cases filed	**8,034**	**8,668**	**8,988**	**9,641**	**11,603**				
% of new cases filed by pro se litigants	**27%**	**26%**	**26%**	**30%**	**34%**				

Administrator's Statement Exhibit #4

Template of Same-Sized Courts

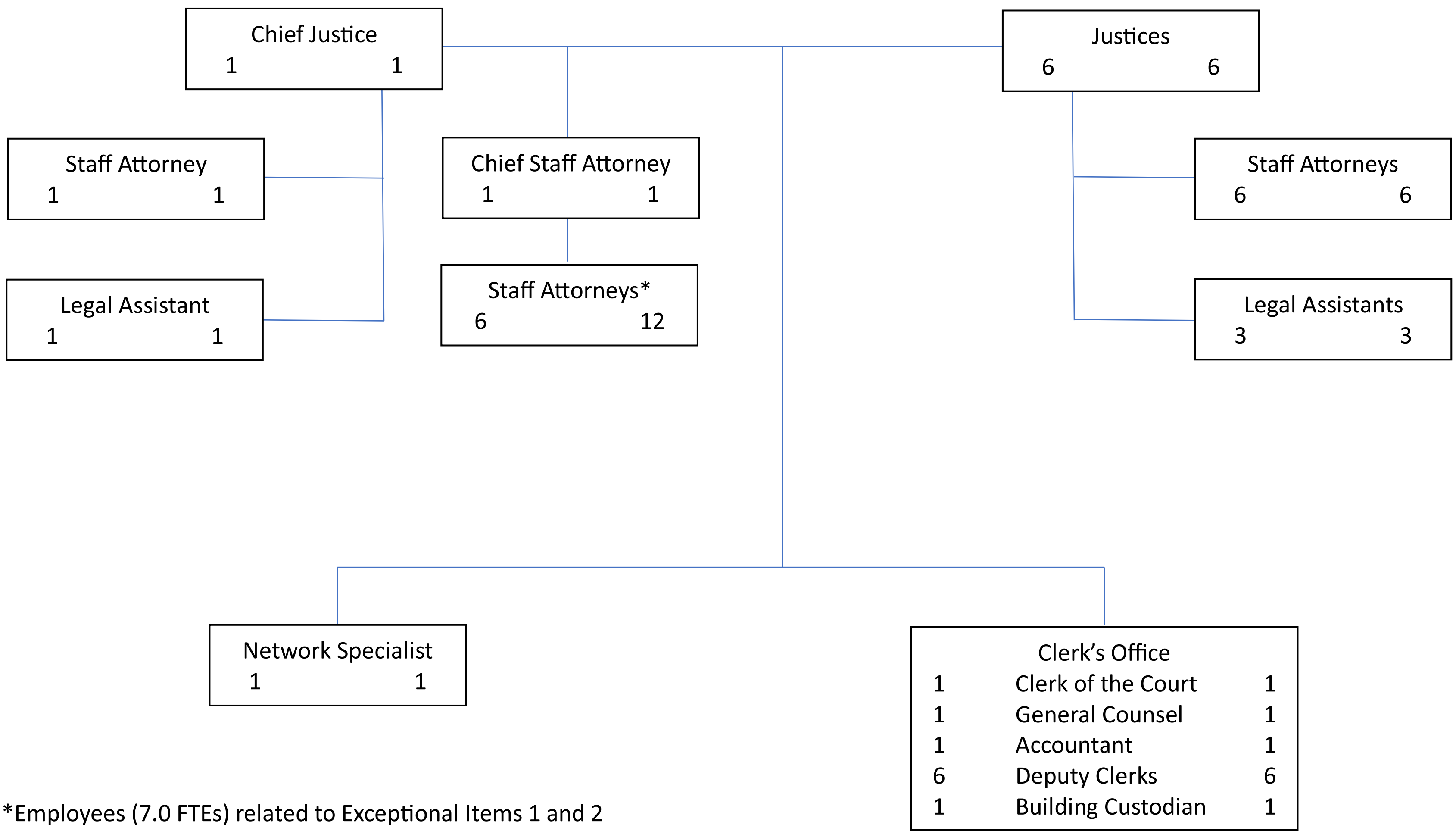
COURT SIZE	NUMBER OF NEW STAFF ATTORNEYS AND/OR STAFF
13 JUSTICES	9
9 JUSTICES	8
6-7 JUSTICES	6
3-4 JUSTICES	4

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Second Court of Appeals

2027 (2028–29)

Attached is an organizational chart of the Second Court of Appeals. The number on the left is the number of budgeted positions for fiscal year 2027. The number on the right is the number of positions requested for quality legal and non-legal staff for FY 2028–29, including exceptional item positions.



*Employees (7.0 FTEs) related to Exceptional Items 1 and 2

CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Second Court of Appeals

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency Legislative Appropriations Request filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division, is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the electronic submission to the LBB via the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and the PDF file submitted via the LBB Document Submission application are identical.

Additionally, should it become likely at any time that unexpended balances will accrue for any account, the LBB and the Office of the Governor will be notified in writing in accordance with Senate Bill 1, Article IX, Section 7.01, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge

Bonnie Sudderth

Signature

Bonnie Sudderth

Printed Name

Chief Justice

Title

August 7, 2026

Date

Board or Commission Chair

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Chief Financial Officer

Clarissa Hodges

Signature

Clarissa Hodges

Printed Name

Clerk of the Court

Title

August 7, 2026

Date

222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

Appropriation Years: 2028-29

	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS		GR DEDICATED		FEDERAL FUNDS		OTHER FUNDS		ALL FUNDS		EXCEPTIONAL ITEM FUNDS
	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2028-29
Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations											
1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	7,515,204	7,289,752					122,000	118,000	7,637,204	7,407,752	12,690,182
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	2,858,990	2,773,216					426,100	426,100	3,285,090	3,199,316	85,774
Total, Goal	**10,374,194**	**10,062,968**					**548,100**	**544,100**	**10,922,294**	**10,607,068**	**12,775,956**
Total, Agency	**10,374,194**	**10,062,968**					**548,100**	**544,100**	**10,922,294**	**10,607,068**	**12,775,956**
Total FTEs									**35.8**	**35.0**	**7.0**

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Goal / *Objective* / STRATEGY	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 *Appellate Court Operations*					
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	3,491,380	3,818,602	3,818,602	3,703,876	3,703,876
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	1,290,774	1,642,545	1,642,545	1,599,658	1,599,658
TOTAL, GOAL 1	**$4,782,154**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	**$4,782,154**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				**$0**	**$0**
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	**$4,782,154**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**

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Goal / *Objective* / STRATEGY	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	4,495,241	5,187,097	5,187,097	5,031,484	5,031,484
SUBTOTAL	**$4,495,241**	**$5,187,097**	**$5,187,097**	**$5,031,484**	**$5,031,484**
Other Funds:					
573 Judicial Fund	213,050	213,050	213,050	213,050	213,050
666 Appropriated Receipts	19,863	7,000	7,000	5,000	5,000
777 Interagency Contracts	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000
SUBTOTAL	**$286,913**	**$274,050**	**$274,050**	**$272,050**	**$272,050**
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	**$4,782,154**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**

*Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
GENERAL REVENUE					
1 General Revenue Fund					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	$4,401,066	$0	$0	$0	$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	$0	$4,681,276	$4,681,276	$0	$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	$0	$0	$0	$5,031,484	$5,031,484
RIDER APPROPRIATION					
Art. IX, Sec. 18.83, Contingency for SB 293	$0	$326,675	$326,675	$0	$0

Comments: Additional allocation from Comptroller necessary to implement judicial salary increase.

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
TRANSFERS					
Art IX, Sec 17.16, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for General State Employees (2024-25 GAA)	$38,273	$0	$0	$0	$0

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
GENERAL REVENUE					
Comments: Additional allocation from Comptroller necessary to implement 5 percent salary increase.					
Art. IX, Sec. 17.15, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions (2026-27 GAA)	$0	$129,256	$129,256	$0	$0
Comments: Additional allocation from Comptroller necessary to implement 6 percent salary increase for attorneys in certain positions.					
BASE ADJUSTMENT					
Strategy A.1.2 Appellate Justice Salaries, Estimated and Nontransferable	$55,902	$0	$0	$0	$0
Comments: Increase in estimated and non-transferable Strategy A.1.2. funds due to changes in judicial salary requirements.					
Strategy A.1.2 Appellate Justice Salaries, Estimated and Nontransferable	$0	$49,890	$49,890	$0	$0
Comments: Increase in estimated and non-transferable Strategy A.1.2. funds due to changes in judicial salary requirements.					
TOTAL, General Revenue Fund	**$4,495,241**	**$5,187,097**	**$5,187,097**	**$5,031,484**	**$5,031,484**
TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE	**$4,495,241**	**$5,187,097**	**$5,187,097**	**$5,031,484**	**$5,031,484**

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
OTHER FUNDS					
573 Judicial Fund No. 573					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	$213,050	$0	$0	$0	$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	$0	$213,050	$213,050	$0	$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	$0	$0	$0	$213,050	$213,050
TOTAL, Judicial Fund No. 573	**$213,050**	**$213,050**	**$213,050**	**$213,050**	**$213,050**
666 Appropriated Receipts					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	$8,000	$0	$0	$0	$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	$0	$7,000	$7,000	$0	$0

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
OTHER FUNDS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	$0	$0	$0	$5,000	$5,000
RIDER APPROPRIATION					
Art IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2024-25 GAA)	$15,000	$0	$0	$0	$0
Comments: Art. IV, Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department, Rider 9 reimbursement for fees paid to staff attorneys assisting judges assigned to cases in addition to their ordinary caseload.					
LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	$(3,137)	$0	$0	$0	$0
Comments: Collections less than the Regular Appropriations amount.					
TOTAL, Appropriated Receipts	**$19,863**	**$7,000**	**$7,000**	**$5,000**	**$5,000**
777 Interagency Contracts					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	$54,000	$0	$0	$0	$0

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
OTHER FUNDS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	$0	$54,000	$54,000	$0	$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	$0	$0	$0	$54,000	$54,000
TOTAL, Interagency Contracts	**$54,000**	**$54,000**	**$54,000**	**$54,000**	**$54,000**
TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS	**$286,913**	**$274,050**	**$274,050**	**$272,050**	**$272,050**
GRAND TOTAL	**$4,782,154**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	37.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	36.0	36.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.0	35.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP					
Unauthorized Number Under (Below) Cap	(0.7)	(0.2)	(0.2)	0.0	0.0
Unauthorized Number Under (Below) Cap	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	**36.3**	**35.8**	**35.8**	**35.0**	**35.0**

NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs

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OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	$4,380,143	$5,063,182	$5,086,833	$4,900,626	$4,900,626
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	$182,473	$155,640	$82,068	$102,304	$102,304
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	$0	$2,490	$1,500	$500	$500
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	$10,903	$13,613	$15,000	$16,000	$16,000
2004 UTILITIES	$1,516	$1,417	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500
2005 TRAVEL	$13,113	$10,139	$43,000	$41,500	$41,500
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	$858	$861	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	$193,148	$213,805	$230,246	$240,104	$240,104
5000 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	**$4,782,154**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**
OOE Total (Riders)					
Grand Total	**$4,782,154**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
2	Postage	$2,000	$3,000	$3,500	$4,000	$4,000
5	Westlaw/Lexis	29,499	34,175	37,000	45,000	45,000
6	Registrations/Training	2,090	6,670	11,500	11,000	11,000
7	Subscriptions/Periodicals	6,300	6,780	7,500	7,500	7,500
13	Furniture & Equipment (Expensed)	3,966	1,254	4,000	5,000	5,000
15	Printing & Reproduction	301	200	700	700	700
24	Freight/Delivery	622	800	700	800	800
25	Advertising	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
26	Books (expensed)	28,923	32,000	35,000	37,000	37,000
27	Membership Dues	13,498	13,491	14,000	15,000	15,000
28	Liability Insurance	8,593	9,799	10,000	11,000	11,000
35	Computer Equip./Software, Non-cap	1,170	9,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
64	SORM Assessment	5,265	4,077	6,000	6,000	6,000
67	Cleaning Services	64	150	150	200	200
111	Purchased Contract Services	32,500	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
157	Fees and Other Charges	125	612	700	700	700
166	Other Personnel Cost	0	0	0	0	0
213	ERS 1% & .5%	45,728	51,877	53,000	50,095	50,095
	Total, Operating Costs	**$180,644**	**$197,885**	**$214,250**	**$224,495**	**$224,495**

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 1-1-2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
187	1% salary benefits fee	$12,504	$15,920	$15,807	$15,609	$15,609
	Total, Operating Costs	**$12,504**	**$15,920**	**$15,807**	**$15,609**	**$15,609**

222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

Goal/ *Objective* / **Outcome**			**Exp 2025**	**Est 2026**	**Bud 2027**	**BL 2028**	**BL 2029**
1 Appellate Court Operations							
1 Appellate Court Operations							
KEY	**1**	**Clearance Rate**	99.09%	95.00%	86.00%	71.00%	64.00%
KEY	**2**	**Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year**	97.90%	99.40%	95.00%	90.00%	90.00%
KEY	**3**	**Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years**	99.81%	99.99%	95.00%	90.00%	90.00%

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

Priority	Item	2028 GR and GR/GR Dedicated	2028 All Funds	2028 FTEs	2029 GR and GR Dedicated	2029 All Funds	2029 FTEs	Biennium GR and GR Dedicated	Biennium All Funds
1	Restore the 3% Budget Cut	$155,613	$155,613	1.0	$155,613	$155,613	1.0	$311,226	$311,226
2	Additional FTEs	$1,000,316	$1,000,316	6.0	$896,516	$896,516	6.0	$1,896,832	$1,896,832
3	Staff Recruitment and Retention	$106,219	$106,219		$135,348	$135,348		$241,567	$241,567
4	Capital Request	$10,326,331	$10,326,331		$0	$0		$10,326,331	$10,326,331
Total, Exceptional Items Request		**$11,588,479**	**$11,588,479**	**7.0**	**$1,187,477**	**$1,187,477**	**7.0**	**$12,775,956**	**$12,775,956**

Method of Financing	2028 GR and GR/GR Dedicated	2028 All Funds	2028 FTEs	2029 GR and GR Dedicated	2029 All Funds	2029 FTEs	Biennium GR and GR Dedicated	Biennium All Funds
General Revenue	$11,588,479	$11,588,479		$1,187,477	$1,187,477		$12,775,956	$12,775,956
General Revenue - Dedicated								
Federal Funds								
Other Funds								
	$11,588,479	**$11,588,479**		**$1,187,477**	**$1,187,477**		**$12,775,956**	**$12,775,956**
Full Time Equivalent Positions			**7.0**			**7.0**		
Number of 100% Federally Funded FTEs								

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

Goal/*Objective*/**STRATEGY**	**Base 2028**	**Base 2029**	**Exceptional 2028**	**Exceptional 2029**	**Total Request 2028**	**Total Request 2029**
1 Appellate Court Operations						
1 *Appellate Court Operations*						
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	$3,703,876	$3,703,876	$11,545,592	$1,144,590	$15,249,468	$4,848,466
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	1,599,658	1,599,658	42,887	42,887	1,642,545	1,642,545
TOTAL, GOAL 1	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**	**$11,588,479**	**$1,187,477**	**$16,892,013**	**$6,491,011**
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**	**$11,588,479**	**$1,187,477**	**$16,892,013**	**$6,491,011**
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST						
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**	**$11,588,479**	**$1,187,477**	**$16,892,013**	**$6,491,011**

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

Goal/*Objective*/**STRATEGY**	**Base 2028**	**Base 2029**	**Exceptional 2028**	**Exceptional 2029**	**Total Request 2028**	**Total Request 2029**
General Revenue Funds:						
1 General Revenue Fund	$5,031,484	$5,031,484	$11,588,479	$1,187,477	$16,619,963	$6,218,961
	$5,031,484	**$5,031,484**	**$11,588,479**	**$1,187,477**	**$16,619,963**	**$6,218,961**
Other Funds:						
573 Judicial Fund	213,050	213,050	0	0	213,050	213,050
666 Appropriated Receipts	5,000	5,000	0	0	5,000	5,000
777 Interagency Contracts	54,000	54,000	0	0	54,000	54,000
	$272,050	**$272,050**	**$0**	**$0**	**$272,050**	**$272,050**
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**	**$11,588,479**	**$1,187,477**	**$16,892,013**	**$6,491,011**
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	**35.0**	**35.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**42.0**	**42.0**

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

Goal/ *Objective* / **Outcome**	BL 2028	BL 2029	Excp 2028	Excp 2029	Total Request 2028	Total Request 2029
1 Appellate Court Operations						
1 *Appellate Court Operations*						
KEY 1 Clearance Rate						
	71.00%	64.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year						
	90.00%	90.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years						
	90.00%	90.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:	
STRATEGY:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service: 01	Income: A.2	Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Output Measures:						
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	588.00	675.00	672.00	624.00	624.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	390.00	396.00	448.00	416.00	416.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	636.00	889.00	967.00	1,087.00	1,207.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	497.00	522.00	644.00	724.00	804.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	0.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	212.00	362.00	403.00	453.00	503.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	$3,129,743	$3,471,207	$3,487,234	$3,339,677	$3,339,677
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	$154,603	$120,990	$55,118	$79,204	$79,204
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	$0	$2,490	$1,500	$500	$500
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	$10,903	$13,613	$15,000	$16,000	$16,000
2004	UTILITIES	$1,516	$1,417	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500
2005	TRAVEL	$13,113	$10,139	$43,000	$41,500	$41,500
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	$858	$861	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	$180,644	$197,885	$214,250	$224,495	$224,495
5000	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	**$3,491,380**	**$3,818,602**	**$3,818,602**	**$3,703,876**	**$3,703,876**
	Method of Financing:					
1	General Revenue Fund	$3,417,517	$3,757,602	$3,757,602	$3,644,876	$3,644,876
	SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	**$3,417,517**	**$3,757,602**	**$3,757,602**	**$3,644,876**	**$3,644,876**
	Method of Financing:					
666	Appropriated Receipts	$19,863	$7,000	$7,000	$5,000	$5,000
777	Interagency Contracts	$54,000	$54,000	$54,000	$54,000	$54,000
	SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)	**$73,863**	**$61,000**	**$61,000**	**$59,000**	**$59,000**
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				**$3,703,876**	**$3,703,876**
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	**$3,491,380**	**$3,818,602**	**$3,818,602**	**$3,703,876**	**$3,703,876**
	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	**29.3**	**28.8**	**28.8**	**28.0**	**28.0**

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations — Service Categories:

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations — Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029

The Second Court of Appeals was created in 1892 by the 2nd Leg., 1st Session, General Laws of Texas, and the Texas Constitution. The Second Court of Appeals District is composed of twelve counties: Archer, Clay, Cooke, Denton, Hood, Jack, Montague, Parker, Tarrant, Wichita, Wise, and Young. This court has intermediate appellate jurisdiction of all civil and criminal cases appealed from approximately 100 lower courts in these twelve counties. Cases include civil appeals in which the amount of the trial court's judgment exceeds $250, exclusive of costs and interest, and all criminal appeals except appeals from cases in which the death penalty has been imposed, which are appealed directly to the Court of Criminal Appeals. The Second Court of Appeals also has jurisdiction over original proceedings--such as writs of mandamus, injunction, prohibition, and habeas corpus--arising from cases in the twelve counties it serves. The court processes, reviews, and decides each case filed in the court by written opinion or order. This process requires a highly skilled and trained professional workforce, including appellate lawyers and clerical staff, who assist the justices of the court in disposing of cases and researching and writing opinions.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

The Second Court of Appeals District's population and caseload have more than doubled since 1983, when the court's size was increased to its current number of 7 justices. In 1983, the population in our district was 1.4 million and has now grown to approximately 4 million. In the same time period, the court's workload has increased from 491 cases filed in 1983 to over 1,400 projected to be filed in FY 2026. Filings have steadily increased since 2020 as the State rebounds from the effects of COVID-19, and filings have now exceeded pre-pandemic levels. Without additional justices to handle the increased workload, the court must maintain sufficient funding to recruit and retain professional, qualified staff to handle the increases in volume of cases filed, the number of accelerated and expedited matters on the court's docket, and the requests for access to court records from litigants, the public, and their counsel.

222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:	
STRATEGY:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service: 01	Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		BIENNIAL	EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE	
Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)	Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)	CHANGE	$ Amount	Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
$7,637,204	$7,407,752	$(229,452)	$(225,452)	1 - General Revenue Fund - 3% reduction in FY2028-29 baseline request from FY2026-27 GR base amount, resulting in a reduction of 1 FTE
			$(4,000)	666 - Appropriated Receipts - Additional appropriated receipts in FY2026-27
			$(229,452)	**Total of Explanation of Biennial Change**

222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

Service Categories:

Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	$1,250,400	$1,591,975	$1,599,599	$1,560,949	$1,560,949
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	$27,870	$34,650	$26,950	$23,100	$23,100
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	$12,504	$15,920	$15,996	$15,609	$15,609
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		**$1,290,774**	**$1,642,545**	**$1,642,545**	**$1,599,658**	**$1,599,658**
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	$1,077,724	$1,429,495	$1,429,495	$1,386,608	$1,386,608
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		**$1,077,724**	**$1,429,495**	**$1,429,495**	**$1,386,608**	**$1,386,608**
Method of Financing:						
573	Judicial Fund	$213,050	$213,050	$213,050	$213,050	$213,050
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		**$213,050**	**$213,050**	**$213,050**	**$213,050**	**$213,050**
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					**$1,599,658**	**$1,599,658**
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		**$1,290,774**	**$1,642,545**	**$1,642,545**	**$1,599,658**	**$1,599,658**
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**

222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations			
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:		
STRATEGY:	2	Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable	Service: NA	Income: NA	Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The 86th Legislature established current levels of judicial compensation that are fixed by statute and added Strategy A.1.2., Appellate Justice Salaries, which holds estimated and nontransferable funds that are dedicated to judicial salaries and are unable to be spent on any other category of appellate court operations.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

Judicial salaries are established by statute and cannot be increased or decreased by the court. Salaries vary among the justices, depending on their level of judicial experience. The court cannot predict with certainty the exact funding needs for judicial salaries in the future due to unforeseeable changes to the composition of the court that may arise as a result of elections, resignations, retirements, or deaths. The estimated and nontransferable funds in Strategy A.1.2. are expected to fluctuate throughout the biennium due to changes in the makeup of the court.

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		BIENNIAL	EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE	
Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)	Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)	CHANGE	$ Amount	Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
$3,285,090	$3,199,316	$(85,774)	$(85,774)	1 - General Revenue Fund - 3% reduction in FY2028-29 baseline request from FY2026-27 GR base amount
			$(85,774)	**Total of Explanation of Biennial Change**

SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	**$4,782,154**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	**$4,782,154**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,461,147**	**$5,303,534**	**$5,303,534**
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	**36.3**	**35.8**	**35.8**	**35.0**	**35.0**

3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request

Agency Code: 2XX	Agency Name: Court of Appeals, District	Prepared By:	Date:	Request Level: Baseline

Current Rider Number	Page Number in 2026–2027 GAA	Proposed Rider Language
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8		**No changes recommended for Riders 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8**
5	IV-43	**Sec. 5. Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts.** Out of funds appropriated in this Article to Strategies A.1.1., Appellate Court Operations, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals, or any of the 15 Courts of Appeals may enter into a contract with the Office of the Comptroller for fiscal years ~~2026~~2028 and ~~2027~~2029, for the purpose of reimbursing the Comptroller for amounts expended for judges assigned under Chapter 74, Government Code to hear cases of the appellate courts. It is the intent of the Legislature that any amounts reimbursed under this contract for judges assigned to the appellate courts are in addition to amounts appropriated for the use of assigned judges in Strategy A.1.3. Visiting Judges – Appellate in the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department. ***Adjusting the years in the rider for the 2028-2029 biennium.***
9	IV-44	**Sec. 9. Unexpended Balance Authority.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in non-estimated strategies at the Supreme Court of Texas, Court of Criminal Appeals, 15 Courts of Appeals, Office of Court Administration, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney, State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and State Law Library as of August 31, ~~2026~~2028, are appropriated to the respective court or agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, ~~2026~~2028, for the same purpose. ***Updating the rider to adjust the years for the 2028-2029 biennium.***
701	IV	**Mileage Reimbursement for Appellate Court Staff.** Appellate court staff who travel regularly to hear case dockets may be reimbursed for mileage at the state-approved rate when they travel for official state business in a personal vehicle. These staff are also exempt from the requirement to complete a comparison worksheet showing that mileage reimbursement for travel in a personal vehicle is more cost-effective than the use of a rental car.

Requesting addition of the cost comparison exemption for the appellate courts that is afforded to the other court personnel within the judiciary.

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029

Item Name: Restore the 3% Cut to the LBB-Approved 2026-27 GR Baseline
Item Priority: 1
IT Component: No
Anticipated Out-year Costs: No
Involve Contracts > $50,000: No
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations
01-01-02 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	153,522	153,522
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	2,091	2,091
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	**$155,613**	**$155,613**
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	155,613	155,613
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	**$155,613**	**$155,613**
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		1.00	1.00

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

This exceptional item requests the restoration of the 3% budget reduction so that the court's baseline funding will return to current budgeted levels. Because nearly all the court's budget is dedicated to salaries and benefits, the required 3% budget reduction would force the court to eliminate one staff attorney position. Especially given the substantial increase in new case filings over recent years, the court cannot lose staff and still meet its performance goals. Restoration of this funding will continue support for the Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts funding model and will allow the court to retain one staff attorney FTE.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

The court expects case filings to continue to increase in the next biennium. Hiring and retaining qualified support staff is critical to the court's ability to manage its docket and efficiently resolve the cases before it, particularly with the anticipated increase in the court's workload. Restoring the court's funding would enable the court to retain experienced lawyers and support staff with the requisite knowledge and skills to assist the court in meeting its performance measures and fulfilling its core function of timely processing and disposing of appeals.

Without restoration of the court's zero-based funding (Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts model), the court will be forced to undertake significant staffing cuts. This reduction in staffing will result in failure to meet performance standards, including (1) a reduction in disposition of appeals, preventing the courts from clearing older cases and reaching the disposition target of 100% of new appeals filed in the biennium, and (2) an increase in the time for which appeals remain pending.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

CODE	**DESCRIPTION**	**Excp 2028**	**Excp 2029**

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029

Item Name: Additional FTEs Due to the Substantial Increase in New Case Filings
Item Priority: 2
IT Component: No
Anticipated Out-year Costs: Yes
Involve Contracts > $50,000: No
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	852,000	852,000
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	1,440	1,440
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	3,000	3,000
2005	TRAVEL	9,000	9,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	134,876	31,076
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	**$1,000,316**	**$896,516**

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1	General Revenue Fund	1,000,316	896,516
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	**$1,000,316**	**$896,516**
	FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):	6.00	6.00

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Exceptional Item No. 2 would enable the court to employ six additional FTEs to assist the justices with adjudicating the exponential increase in new cases filed, which is not expected to slow due to the continued population growth in the Second District and parties' increasing use of AI to draft filings. Because a significant portion of this court's docket is accelerated or preferential -- requiring these cases to be handled first, regardless of when other cases were filed -- the additional staff would extend the court's ability to address the continuous flow of cases filed on a daily basis. The requested funding for additional staff will allow this court to properly dispose of all cases and provide preferential treatment as required by statute or rule.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

The number of new cases filed in this court has surged to record levels over the past biennium; the court has experienced a 25% increase in new case filings from FY25 to FY26, and a 41% increase from FY24 to FY26. Further increases are expected as a result of continued business expansion and population migration to the Second District. The court's current staffing level is operating at its full capacity; consequently, the continuous increases in case filings anticipated over the next biennium will overwhelm the court's ability to meet its legislatively mandated performance expectations without additional staff.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029

DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

Salary and operational costs associated with employing the 6 new FTEs beyond the FY28-29 biennium.

ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

	2030	2031	2032
OUT-YEAR ALL FUNDS:	$896,516	$896,516	$896,516
OUT-YEAR GR ONLY COSTS FOR ITEM:			
1 General Revenue Fund	$896,516	$896,516	$896,516
TOTAL OUT-YEAR GR ONLY:	$896,516	$896,516	$896,516

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029

Item Name: Recruitment and Retention of Judicial-Branch Staff: Increase in Staff Salaries
Item Priority: 3
IT Component: No
Anticipated Out-year Costs: No
Involve Contracts > $50,000: No
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	104,649	133,348
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	1,570	2,000
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	**$106,219**	**$135,348**

METHOD OF FINANCING:

		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
1	General Revenue Fund	106,219	135,348
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	**$106,219**	**$135,348**

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Recruiting and retaining excellent judicial-branch staff is essential to the fair and efficient administration of justice in Texas. The rising cost of living combined with the draw of more lucrative employment at other government agencies and the private sector continue to create staffing challenges for the courts. The courts of appeals join with the Supreme Court of Texas and the other Article IV courts and agencies in requesting a 3% annual increase in staff pay throughout the Article IV courts and agencies in Fiscal Year ‘28 and also in Fiscal Year ’29 to help maintain the judicial branch’s position in the competitive market for talented, qualified, and experienced lawyers and other staff. The Second Court of Appeals, in conjunction with the rest of the judicial branch, therefore requests a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year ‘28 and an additional 3% increase in Fiscal Year ‘29.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

The court must employ a highly skilled and trained professional workforce, including appellate lawyers and clerical staff, to assist the justices in processing cases, researching and drafting orders and opinions, disposing of voluminous motions, and managing accelerated and emergency matters. The ability to maintain salaries in parity with other appellate courts would enable the court to attract and retain experienced and competent lawyers and support staff, who are integral to the fair and efficient processing of appeals.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029

Item Name: Capital Request to Furnish and Equip Courtroom and Office Space for the Second Court of Appeals
Item Priority: 4
IT Component: No
Anticipated Out-year Costs: No
Involve Contracts > $50,000: No
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
5000	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	10,326,331	0
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	**$10,326,331**	**$0**

METHOD OF FINANCING:

		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
1	General Revenue Fund	10,326,331	0
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	**$10,326,331**	**$0**

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

The Second Court of Appeals' current space on the 9th floor of the Tim Curry Criminal Justice Center in Fort Worth was designed and constructed in 1997 to accommodate one courtroom, seven Justices, and associated staff within a secure environment. Since then, Tarrant County has experienced dramatic growth in the magnitude of a 46% population increase over the years 1997–2026. In response to the growth pattern and increased demand for services, Tarrant County constructed the Tom Vandergriff Civil Courts Building in 2015. This 201,000 square foot, six-story modern building includes a planned space for the Second Court of Appeals to relocate. The entire space is 34,501 square feet, of which 28,380 square feet is planned to house the Court and associated offices and will provide modernized current security measures, HVAC systems, data access, and audio-visual needs of a current, modern court environment. The remainder of the area on the floor is committed to common areas (corridors, stairwells, restrooms, mechanical and janitorial spaces).

This building project has been fully designed and is ready for permitting and competitive bid processes. Tarrant County has already committed $1,479,000 toward this project to date, as well as committing the floor within the newest building in the County's portfolio. The $10,326,331 requested by this exceptional item represents the additional amount needed to complete the building project and necessary relocation of the Second Court of Appeals to the new building space.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Tarrant County's continued growth has placed consistently higher demands for courtrooms, both civil and criminal. The current location of the Second Court of Appeals in the Tim Curry Criminal Justice Center has become constrained for space as Tarrant County's courts and offices within that same building have continued to expand in response to the population growth. In an effort to accommodate Tarrant County's needs for additional space in the current building, space for the Second Court of Appeals was planned for and set aside in the new Vandergriff building. However, the demands on Tarrant County's General Funds have consistently increased as the County's population has expanded, thus constraining County funds as a resource and counteracting the ability to construct the planned space for the Second Court of Appeals.

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

Code Description		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:	Restore the 3% Cut to the LBB-Approved 2026-27 GR Baseline		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations		
STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES:			
1	Clearance Rate	77.00%	69.00%
2	Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	90.00%	90.00%
3	Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	90.00%	90.00%
OUTPUT MEASURES:			
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	672.00	672.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	448.00	448.00
EXPLANATORY/INPUT MEASURES:			
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	1,087.00	1,207.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	724.00	804.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	5.00	5.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	453.00	503.00
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	111,060	111,060
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	1,666	1,666
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		**$112,726**	**$112,726**
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	112,726	112,726
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		**$112,726**	**$112,726**
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		1.0	1.0

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

Code Description		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:	Restore the 3% Cut to the LBB-Approved 2026-27 GR Baseline		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	42,462	42,462
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	425	425
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		**$42,887**	**$42,887**
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	42,887	42,887
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		**$42,887**	**$42,887**

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

Code Description		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:	Additional FTEs Due to the Substantial Increase in New Case Filings		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations		
STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES:			
1	Clearance Rate	100.00%	100.00%
2	Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00%	100.00%
3	Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100.00%	100.00%
OUTPUT MEASURES:			
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	875.00	971.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	583.00	648.00
EXPLANATORY/INPUT MEASURES:			
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	1,087.00	1,207.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	724.00	804.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	5.00	5.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	453.00	503.00
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	852,000	852,000
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	1,440	1,440
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	3,000	3,000
2005	TRAVEL	9,000	9,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	134,876	31,076
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		**$1,000,316**	**$896,516**
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	1,000,316	896,516
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		**$1,000,316**	**$896,516**
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		6.0	6.0

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

Code	Description	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:	Recruitment and Retention of Judicial-Branch Staff: Increase in Staff Salaries		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	104,649	133,348
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	1,570	2,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		**$106,219**	**$135,348**
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	106,219	135,348
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		**$106,219**	**$135,348**

Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

Code	Description	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:	Capital Request to Furnish and Equip Courtroom and Office Space for the Second Court of Appeals		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
5000	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	10,326,331	0
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		**$10,326,331**	**$0**
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	10,326,331	0
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		**$10,326,331**	**$0**

Agency Code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations
OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations
STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:
Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES:			
1	Clearance Rate	100.00 %	100.00 %
2	Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00 %	100.00 %
3	Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100.00 %	100.00 %
OUTPUT MEASURES:			
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	875.00	971.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	583.00	648.00
EXPLANATORY/INPUT MEASURES:			
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	1,087.00	1,207.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	724.00	804.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	5.00	5.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	453.00	503.00
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	1,067,709	1,096,408
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	1,440	1,440
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	3,000	3,000
2005	TRAVEL	9,000	9,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	138,112	34,742
5000	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	10,326,331	0
	Total, Objects of Expense	**$11,545,592**	**$1,144,590**
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	11,545,592	1,144,590

Agency Code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Total, Method of Finance	**$11,545,592**	**$1,144,590**
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):	7.0	7.0

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Restore the 3% Cut to the LBB-Approved 2026-27 GR Baseline

Additional FTEs Due to the Substantial Increase in New Case Filings

Recruitment and Retention of Judicial-Branch Staff: Increase in Staff Salaries

Capital Request to Furnish and Equip Courtroom and Office Space for the Second Court of Appeals

Agency Code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations
OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations
STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

Service Categories:
Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:		
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	42,462	42,462
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	425	425
Total, Objects of Expense	**$42,887**	**$42,887**
METHOD OF FINANCING:		
1 General Revenue Fund	42,887	42,887
Total, Method of Finance	**$42,887**	**$42,887**

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Restore the 3% Cut to the LBB-Approved 2026-27 GR Baseline

Agency Code: **222** Agency: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

COMPARISON TO STATEWIDE HUB PROCUREMENT GOALS

A. Fiscal Year - HUB Expenditure Information

Statewide HUB Goals	Procurement Category	% Goal	HUB Expenditures FY 2024 % Actual	Diff	Actual $	Total Expenditures FY 2024	% Goal	HUB Expenditures FY 2025 % Actual	Diff	Actual $	Total Expenditures FY 2025
11.2%	Heavy Construction	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	$0	$0	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	$0	$0
21.1%	Building Construction	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	$0	$0	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	$0	$0
32.9%	Special Trade	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	$0	$0	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	$0	$0
23.7%	Professional Services	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	$0	$0	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	$0	$0
26.0%	Other Services	26.0 %	0.1%	-25.9%	$61	$96,123	26.0 %	0.0%	-26.0%	$0	$72,592
21.1%	Commodities	21.1 %	32.6%	11.5%	$3,426	$10,521	21.1 %	37.3%	16.2%	$3,629	$9,719
	Total Expenditures		**3.3%**		**$3,487**	**$106,644**		**4.4%**		**$3,629**	**$82,311**

B. Assessment of Attainment of HUB Procurement Goals

Attainment:

The Second Court of Appeals exceeded $3,426 of $10,521, or 32.6%, of the applicable agency HUB procurement goals in commodity purchasing in fiscal year 2024 and $3,629 of $9,719, or 37.3%, in fiscal year 2025.

Applicability:

The Heavy Construction, Building Construction, Special Trade Construction, and Professional Services categories were not applicable to the court's operations in either FY 2024 or FY 2025 because the court did not have any strategies related to construction or any need for professional services.

Factors Affecting Attainment:

Approximately 95% of the court's appropriations is expended on salaries and personnel costs. Sole-source purchases, including highly specialized legal publications purchased directly from the publishers, comprise a large portion of the court's remaining expenditures. Additionally, the Office of Court Administration performs most of the computer-related purchases for the court. But overall, due to the small size of the court and the nature of its function (judicial services), the court does not make a large amount of purchases during any given fiscal year, and many of the purchases made by the court are small spot purchases using time-efficient, noncompetitive procedures. Therefore, the opportunities for the court to make HUB purchases are limited.

C. Good-Faith Efforts to Increase HUB Participation

Outreach Efforts and Mentor-Protégé Programs:

Whenever possible and feasible, the court's purchases are carried out through TXSmartBuy, WorkQuest, TCI, and other set-aside contractors, as required by the Comptroller. The court makes efforts to identify HUB vendors selling through TXSmartBuy.

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HUB Program Staffing:

Due to the small size of the court (36 authorized FTEs), the court is unable to dedicate full-time staffing to increasing participation of HUBs. The court's accountant, who performs most purchasing activities for the court, makes a good-faith effort to identify and consider HUB vendors when making purchasing decisions.

Current and Future Good-Faith Efforts:

The court made good-faith efforts in both FY 2024 and FY 2025 to increase purchases from HUB vendors. However, there are instances when HUB vendors' products, services, and pricing (including shipping and handling) are more costly than those of non-HUB vendors, especially for the small spot purchases that made up much of the court's expenditures on commodities and services. Under such circumstances, the court chooses the best value as it expends taxpayer dollars. The court will continue to make good-faith efforts to meet or exceed its HUB goals in the coming biennium.

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Fund Name	2028-2029 Outside GAA Pattern Total	Estimated Beginning Balance in 2026	FY 2026 Revenue	FY 2027 Revenue	FY 2026 - 2027 Total	Estimated Beginning Balance in 2028	FY 2028 Revenue	FY 2029 Revenue	FY 2028 - 2029 Total
Chapter 22	1,271,624	461,832	405,312	405,312	1,272,456	461,000	405,312	405,312	1,271,624
Total Sources:	**$1,271,624**	**$461,832**	**$405,312**	**$405,312**	**$1,272,456**	**$461,000**	**$405,312**	**$405,312**	**$1,271,624**

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Fund Name	Constitutional or Statutory Creation and Use of Funds	Method of Calculation and Revenue Assumption	FY 2028 - 2029 Total
Chapter 22	The appellate judicial system fund for the Second Court of Appeals is established pursant to section 22.229 of the Texas Government Code. A fee of $5 is set for each non-indigent civil suit filed in each county court, statutory county court, staturory probate court, and district court in the counties served by the Second Court of Appeals. Management of the system is vested in the court's chief justice, and funds received from such fees shall be used to defray costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the Second Court of Appeals.	Revenue assumptions are bases on current year collections. The number of civil suits filed determines the actual revenue received. The above annual revenue is reduced by the mandatory salary supplement and payroll-related costs for each Justice, and by county-related overhead costs that must be paid directly from these funds. Additional overhead expenditures that exceed the amount of funds appropriated by the State, due to the underfunded State budget, also reduce the balance of this fund.	$1,271,624

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Date: August 7, 2026		

Funding Agency	Recipient Strategy	Description of Service Provided	Expended FY 2024	Expended FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026	Budgeted FY 2027	Requested FY 2028	Requested FY 2029
212 Office of Court Administration	A.1.1.	The court employs one technical computer employee, whose duties include installing and supporting state-owned desktop and laptop computers, mobile devices, printers, network servers and devices, and installing and troubleshooting software as required. Duties also include assisting with the on/off boarding of court staff and escalating issues to OCA support as appropriate. OCA reimburses the court for computer maintenance services provided by the technical computer employee. This interagency contract is intended to fulfill the provisions of Rider 3 of the OCA appropriation in Article IV of the General Appropriations Act (Senate Bill 1, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025).	$ 54,000	$ 54,000	$ 54,000	$ 54,000	$ 54,000	$ 54,000

8. Summary of Requests for Facilities-Related Projects

90th Regular Session, Agency Submission

Agency Code: 222	Agency: Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth		Prepared by: Clarissa Hodges												
Date: August 7, 2026			Amount Requested												
			Project Category												
Project ID #	Capital Expenditure Category	Project Description	New Construction	Health and Safety	Deferred Maintenance	Maintenance	2028-29 Total Amount Requested	MOF Code #	MOF Requested	Can this project be partially funded?	Requested in Prior Session?	Value of Existing Capital Projects	2028-29 Estimated Debt Service (If Applicable)	Debt Service MOF Code #	Debt Service MOF Requested
1	5003 Repairs or Rehabilitation	Remodeling/finishing office space for relocation of the court due to current space constraints	X				$ 7,992,155	1	General Revenue Fund	No	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	5005 Acquisition of Information Resources Technologies	VOIP telephone system and access controls (card readers and related equipment)	X				$ 290,419	1	General Revenue Fund	No	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	5007 Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items	Furniture and equipment for office space	X				$ 2,043,757	1	General Revenue Fund	No	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a