

# New Hampshire Judicial Branch

*With respect for the dignity of all we serve*

Presentation to House Finance Committee  
Division 1

January 29, 2025





# Our Mission:

To preserve the rule of law while protecting the rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and New Hampshire Constitutions.

The courts provide accessible, prompt, and efficient forums for the fair and independent administration of justice, with respect for the dignity of all we serve.



# Overview

- 1. Structure of the Judicial Branch**
- 2. Challenges and Opportunities**
- 3. FY 2026-27 Budget Submission**

**Supreme Court**



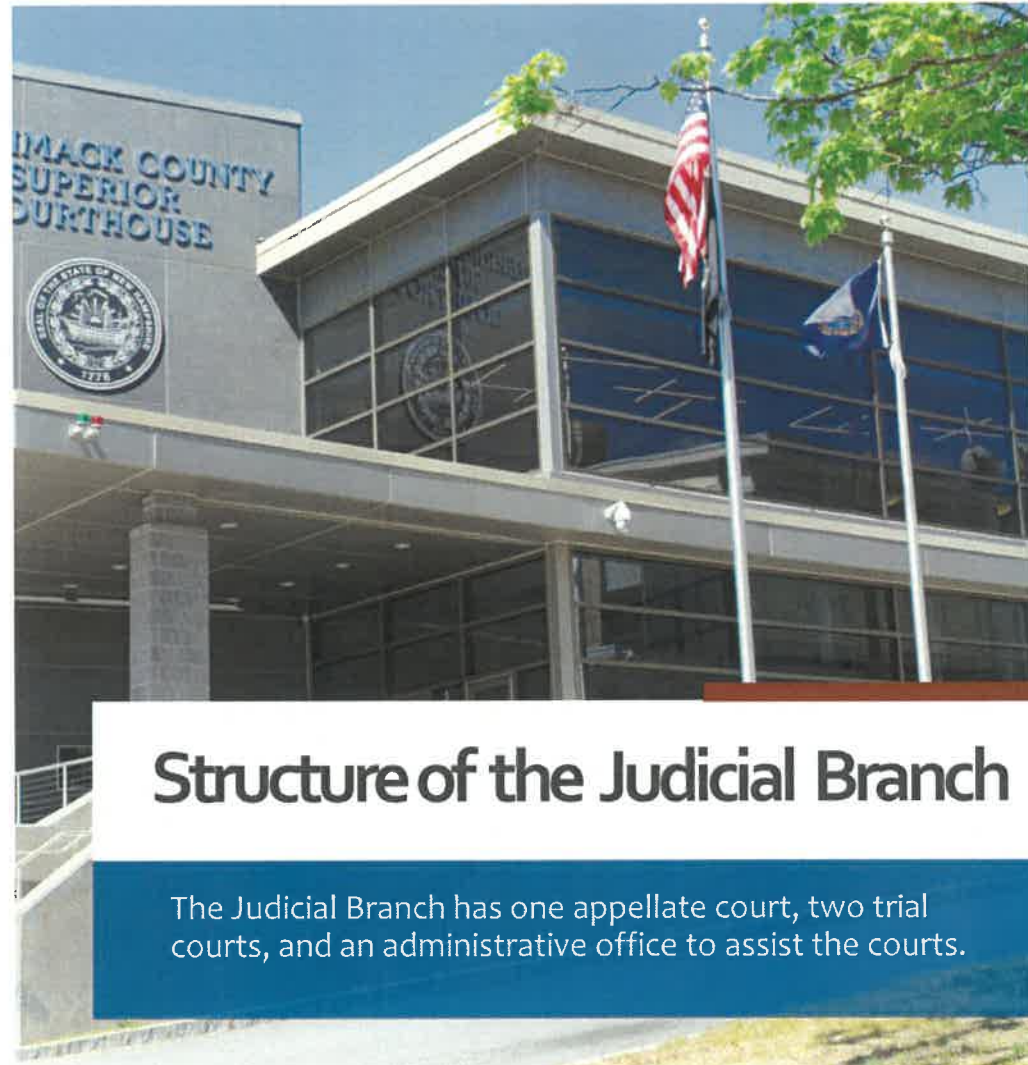
**Superior Court**



**Circuit Court**



**Administrative Office of the Courts**



## Structure of the Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch has one appellate court, two trial courts, and an administrative office to assist the courts.



## Circuit Court

Created in 2011 when the legislature combined the District Court, Probate Court, and Family Division into one unified court with centralized management.

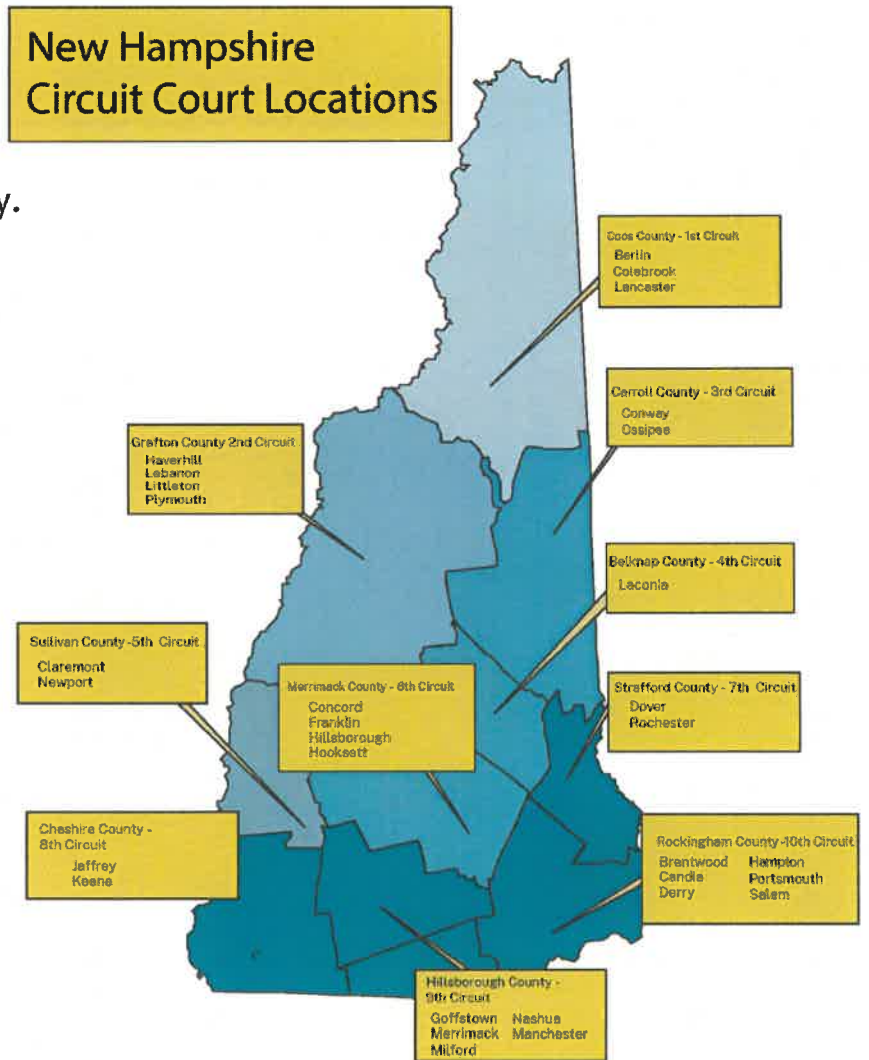
The Circuit Court has jurisdiction to hear and decide cases across three divisions – the District Division, the Family Division, and the Probate Division.

# Circuit Court Locations

The State is divided into 10 Circuits, one for each county. Within those Circuits are 34 Circuit Courts serving local communities.

## 34 Circuit Court Locations

- 10 Probate Divisions
- 31 District Divisions
- 31 Family Divisions



# Circuit Court Judges

As of January 1, 2025 there are now 49 full-time judges on the bench. In addition, the Circuit Court is served by 1 part-time judge, 2 per diem judges, 16 judicial referees, and 4 senior active status judges.

## Circuit Court Judges sitting as of January 1, 2025:

- 49 Full-Time Judges
- 3 Part-Time and Per Diem Judges
- 4 Senior Active Status Judges
- 16 Judicial Referees

\*RSA 490-F:7, “The number of judges and masters in the circuit court shall be not less than the number of authorized judicial and master positions in the former district court, probate court, and judicial branch family division ... on the effective date of this chapter.”

# Circuit Court Filings

## District

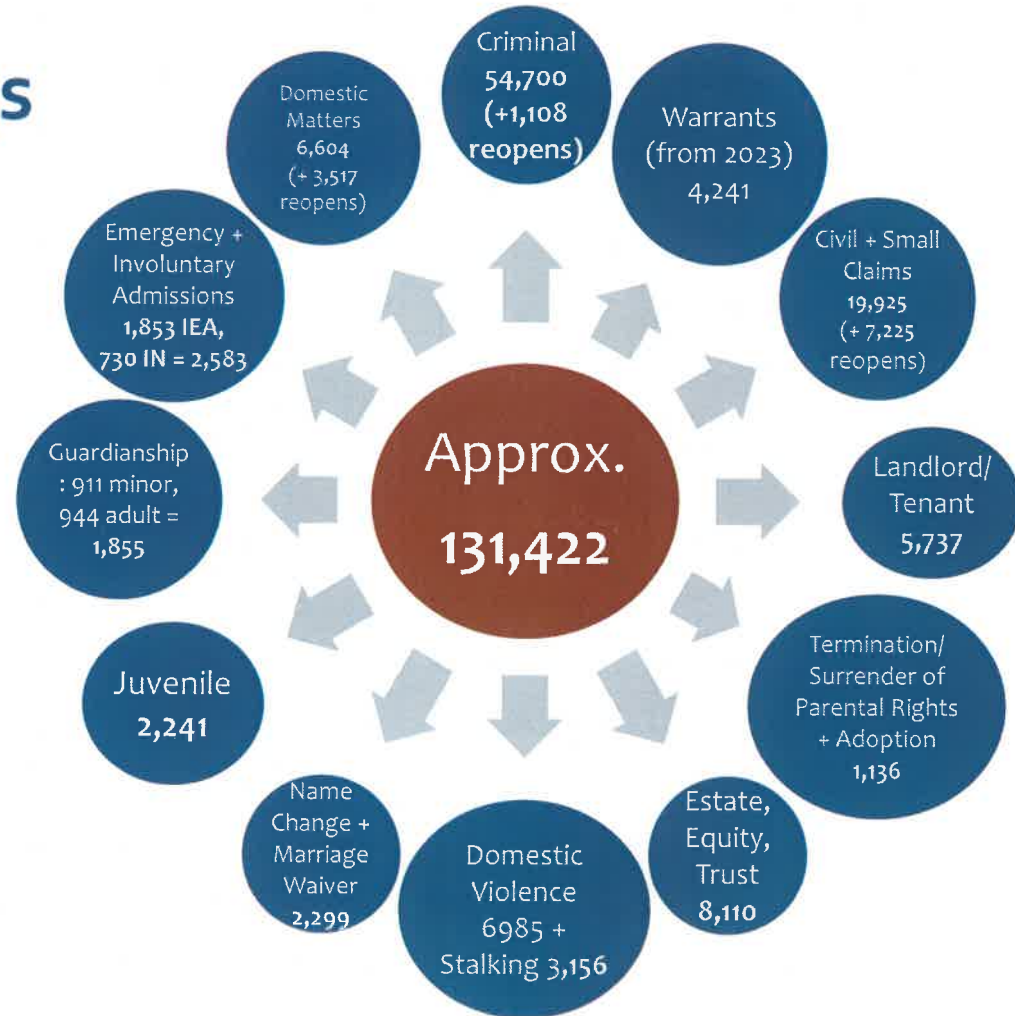
- Misdemeanor and violation level offenses
- Felony offenses (as of January 1, 2024)
- Motor vehicle
- Small claims and civil
- Landlord-tenant
- Stalking

## Family

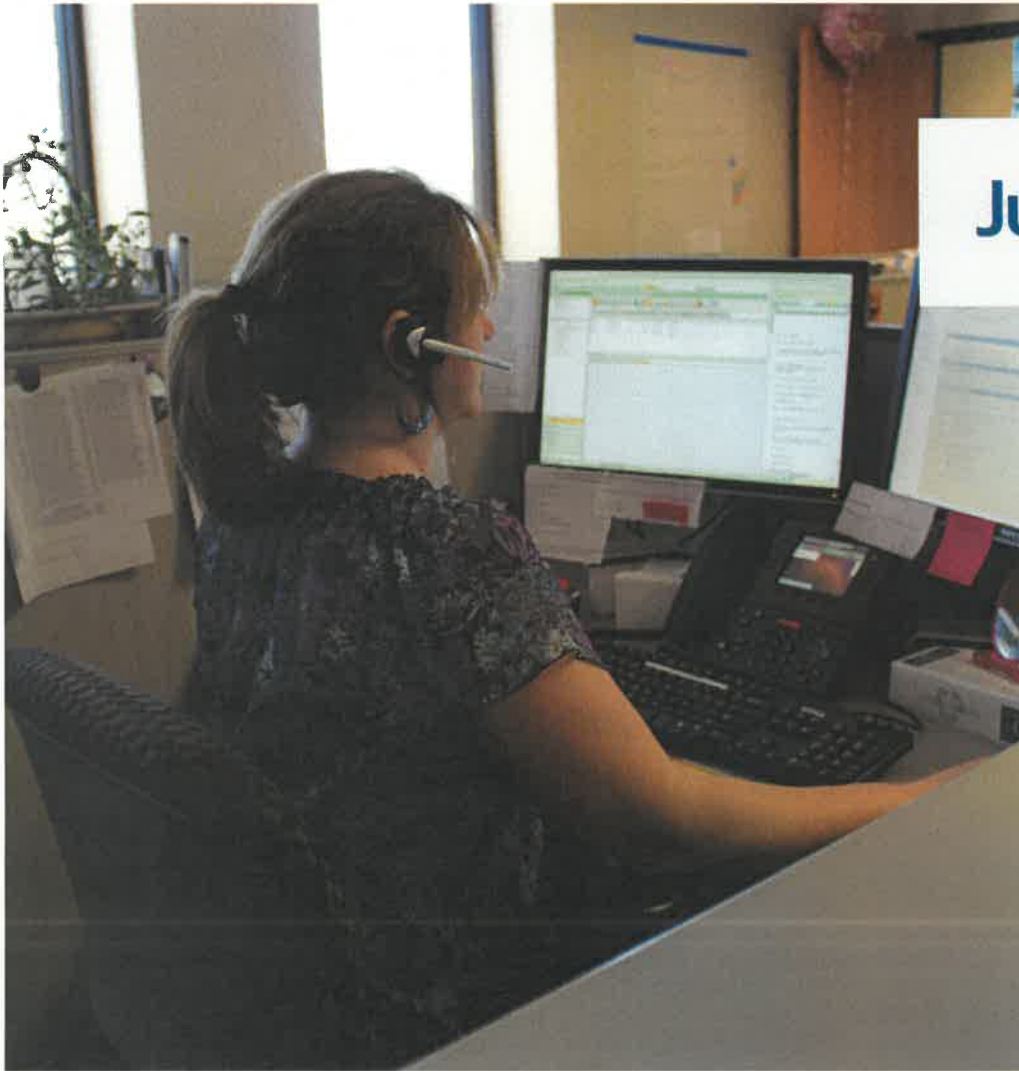
- Divorce/parenting
- Domestic violence
- Guardianship of minors
- Abuse/neglect
- Termination of parental rights, surrender, adoption in abuse/neglect cases
- Juvenile delinquency/CHINS

## Probate

- Trusts and estates
- Guardianship of adults and involuntary commitments
- Adoptions and name changes



2024 Calendar Year figures, except for Warrants



## Judicial Branch Information Center

Just over 30 agents of the New Hampshire Judicial Branch Information Center field more than 400,000 phone calls on cases in the Circuit and Superior Courts every year. Many of these calls come from thousands of self-represented litigants in New Hampshire. In Circuit Court, more than 90% of the litigants represent themselves and have no lawyers.

# New Judicial Officers: Magistrates

Established in 2024 by House Bill 318  
(codified at RSA chapter 491-B)

Supreme Court Administrative Order 2024-03 Authorizes Magistrates to:

- Determine the conditions of release or detention of defendants in criminal cases pursuant to RSA 597:2
- Conduct arraignment hearings and issue orders relative thereto
- Conduct bail and probable cause hearings and issue orders relative thereto
- Issue search and arrest warrants, or other process for arrest
- Administer oaths and affirmations

## Three N.H. attorneys appointed to newly created 'magistrate' position

The new full-time positions were created as one of the bail reform measures that became law this year



**From L-R:** Magistrates Jaye Duncan, Stephanie Johnson, and Frank Weeks were sworn in on December 2, 2024.

- Review and issue orders on requests for the appointment of counsel, counsel invoices, and invoices related to services other than counsel.



# Superior Court

The Superior Court handles all types of civil and criminal trials except those exclusively subject to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court.

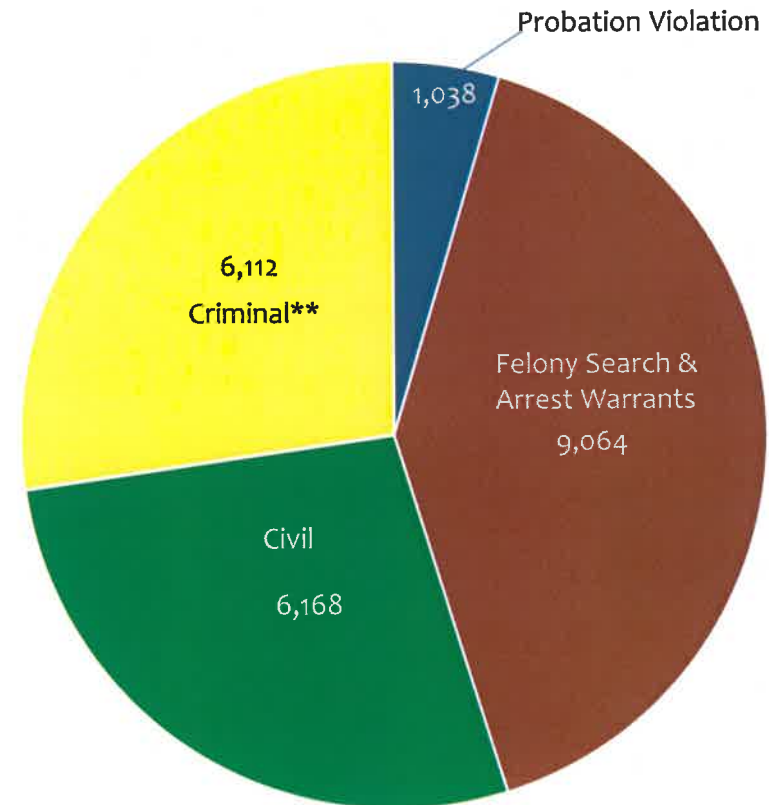
The Superior Court hears the following types of cases:

- Felonies (major crimes such as homicides; sexual assaults on children and adults; fentanyl, meth and other drug offenses, burglary, theft, and financial fraud and elder abuse). Criminal docket also includes class A misdemeanor appeals from the Circuit Court District Division.
- Civil cases, such negligence, contracts, and other matters with a minimum claim of \$1,500 in damages in which either party requests a trial by jury. Equity jurisdiction to determine property rights, injunctions and attachments.
- Land Use Appeals and Business and Commercial Disputes
- Treatment Courts, including Adult Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, Veterans Court, and Young Adult Treatment Court

# Superior Court Filings\*

- Felony level criminal offenses (Once bound over from Circuit Court)
- Civil cases
- Probation Violations
- Felony Search and Arrest Warrants
- 1,353 YDC Claims in Superior Court
  - 1,204 in Rockingham County
  - 149 in Merrimack County

**Total Caseload Exceeds 22,500 New Filings Per Year**

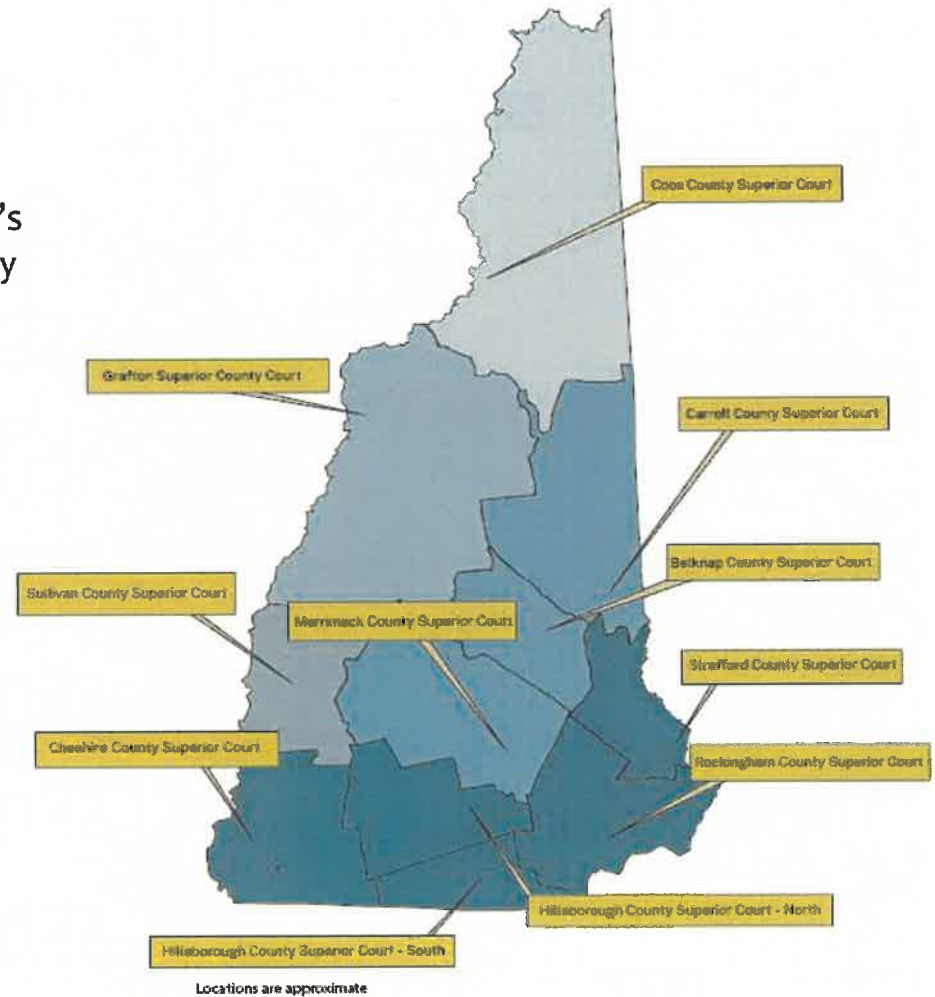


\*Figures represent Superior Court cases filed during 2024 calendar year

\*\*Down 1,888 cases from 2023, which is due to felonies reverting to beginning in Circuit Court. Superior Court did not start receiving bind over felony cases from Circuit until mid-February to early March

# Superior Court Locations

There is a Superior Court in each of New Hampshire's ten counties. Hillsborough County is the only county with two Superior Courts.



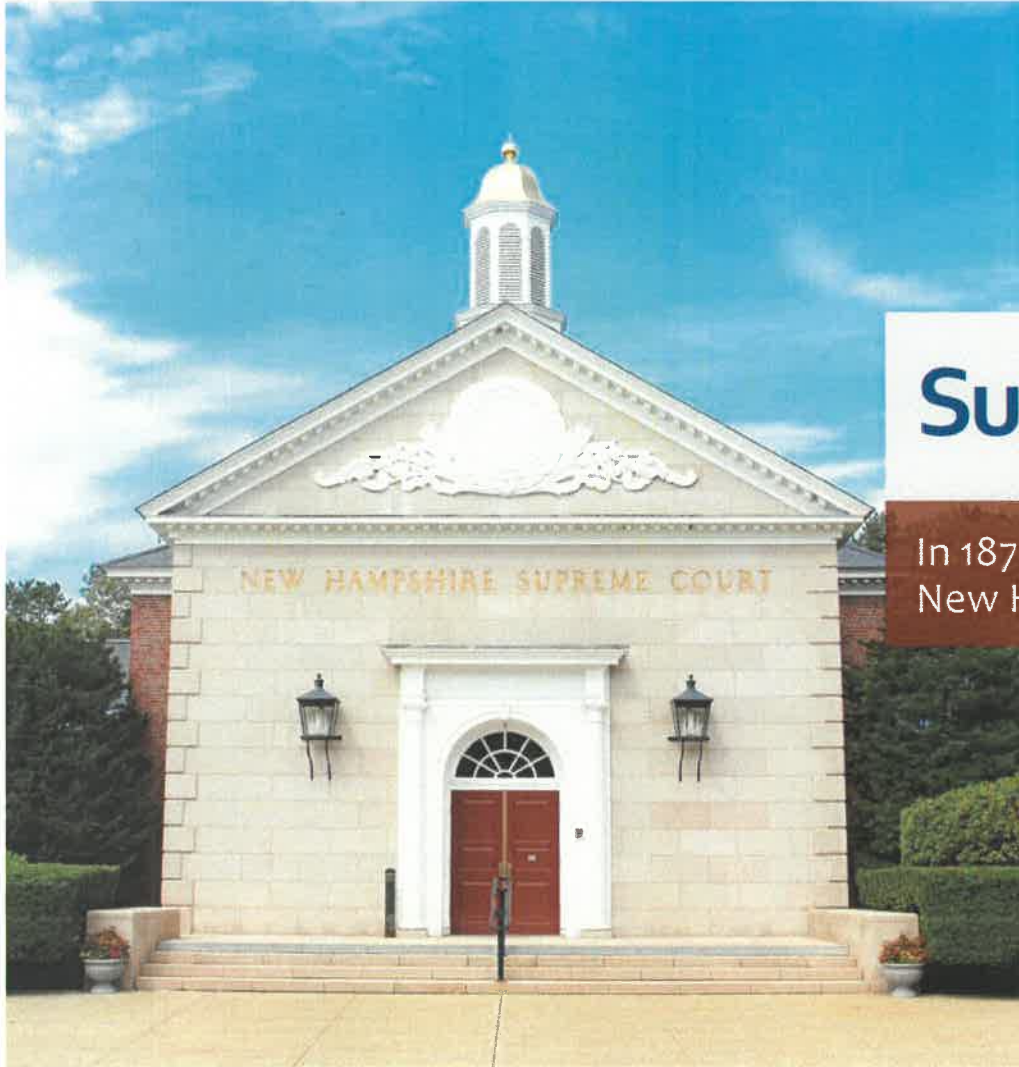
## Superior Court Judges

As of January 1, 2025, the Superior Court has its full statutory complement of 23 full-time judges. In addition, the Superior Court is served by 2 Senior Active Status justices who are available on a limited basis, and 4 Judicial Referees (retired judges over 70) who have limited constitutional authority.

### Superior Court Judges as of January 1, 2025:

23 Full-Time Judges  
2 Senior Active Status Judges  
4 Judicial Referees

\*RSA 491:1, “The superior court shall consist of a chief justice... and 22 associate justices.”



# Supreme Court

In 1876, an act was passed creating the Supreme Court as New Hampshire's highest and only appellate court.

The Supreme Court has jurisdiction to review and decide appeals from the State trial courts and from many State administrative agencies.

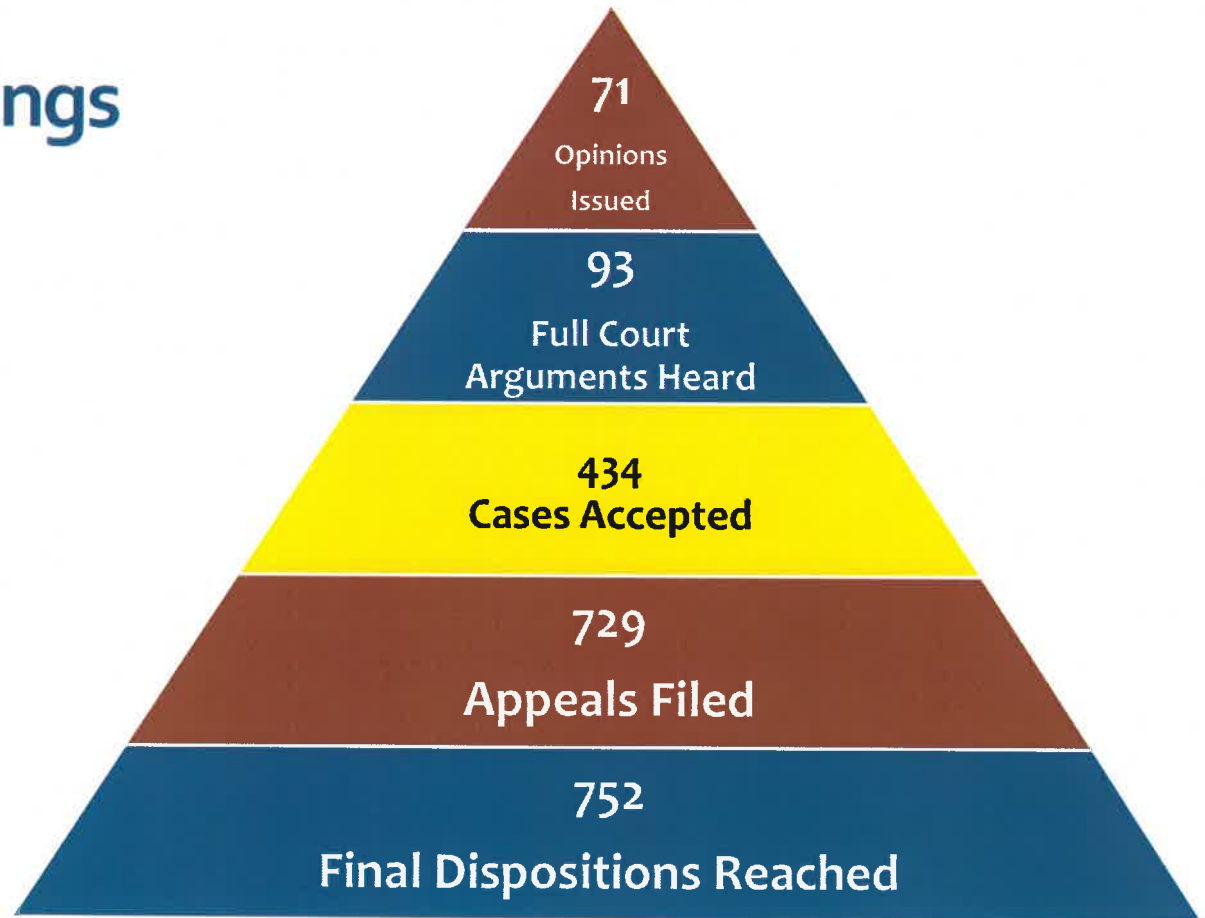
# Supreme Court

- The Supreme Court is comprised of 4 Associate Justices and 1 Chief Justice
- The Chief Justice serves as the administrative head of the Judicial Branch
- The Supreme Court has significant non-judicial duties including oversight of bar admissions and attorney discipline, liaison with the New Hampshire Bar, and development of court rules



# Supreme Court Filings

- Sits all year round
- Oral arguments are streamed live on our website
- Opinions and final orders in cases with or without oral argument are posted on our website





## Administrative Office of the Courts

In 1983, the New Hampshire Supreme Court created the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

The AOC provides operational support to New Hampshire's unified court system in its constitutional responsibility to provide for the administration of justice.

# Providing Administrative Support for Our Courts

The AOC is responsible for the Judicial Branch's statewide functions of:

- Operations and Audit
- Fiscal and Strategic Funding Initiatives
- Accounting & Payroll
- General Counsel and Government Relations
- Human Resources
- Communications
- Court Security
- Treatment Court Coordination
- Access and Community Engagement
- Justice Data & Statistics
- Mental Health & Wellness
- Information Technology
- Facilities and Buildings & Grounds
- Procurement and Purchasing





# Challenges and Opportunities



# Challenges

1. Safety and Security
2. YDC Cases in Superior Court
3. Access to Justice



# Opportunities

1. Treatment Courts
2. Mental Health Initiative
3. Continued Innovation



## Challenges

# Safety and Security

- Courthouse Security is provided in partnership between County Sheriffs (Superior Court) and AOC Court Security Officers (Circuit Court)
- Increased Threat Environment
- **Recent Initiatives:**
  - Enhanced engagement with law enforcement partners
  - Police Standards and Training to provide first-ever training to court security officers
  - Courthouse physical threat assessments
  - Standardized weapons and equipment for court security officers

## Challenges

# YDC Cases in Superior Court

The claims settlement process created by the legislature in 2022 was designed to expedite resolution of claims for those who wish to waive their right to a jury trial and seek a more efficient means of seeking compensation.

As of January 2025, 1,353 YDC cases were pending in Superior Court. Of those, 1,204 are pending in Rockingham County, and 149 are pending in Merrimack County.

Approximately 500 of these involve claims against private contractor defendants who operated juvenile homes through a contract with the State.

As extraordinarily complex cases, they may remain in litigation for significant periods of time, a substantial draw on resources.



## Challenges

# Access to Justice



- Up to 90% of litigants in Circuit Court are self-represented
- **Crisis in the criminal defense system:** October 2024 **Internal Control Review** finding by the Legislative Budget Assistant:

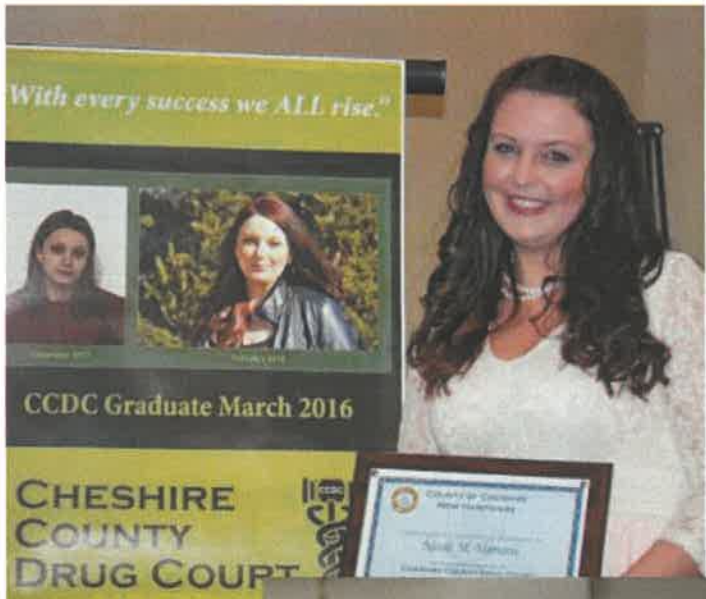
### *Findings And Recommendations*

March 2024, the number of incarcerated defendants awaiting counsel services ranged from 20 to 40, non-incarcerated defendants awaiting counsel services ranged from 100 to 125, and there were approximately ten juveniles awaiting counsel services. The lack of timely assignment of counsel to indigent defendants violates the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the rights of the defendants. The Judicial Council reports this is the result of the noncompetitive fee structure.

- **Recent Initiatives:**
  - Legislation authorizing paraprofessionals in specified case types in Circuit Court
  - ARPA funded programs to enhance navigation and information for self-represented litigants
  - Lexis/Nexis & Westlaw at Public Libraries

# Opportunities Treatment Courts

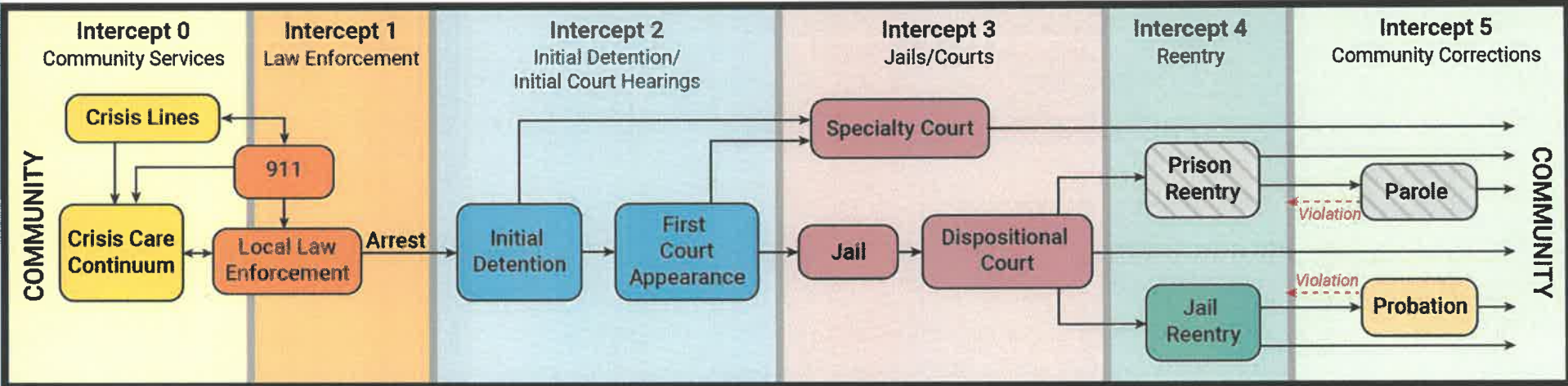
- Adult Drug Court (10 Superior Courts)
- Mental Health Courts (Superior and Circuit Court)
- Veterans Court (newly established by statute)
- Young Adult Court pilot (Hillsborough North Superior)
- Homelessness Court Initiative with City of Manchester
- Family Treatment Court (Newport and Claremont Circuit Courts)





# Improving Court and Community Response to Mental Illness

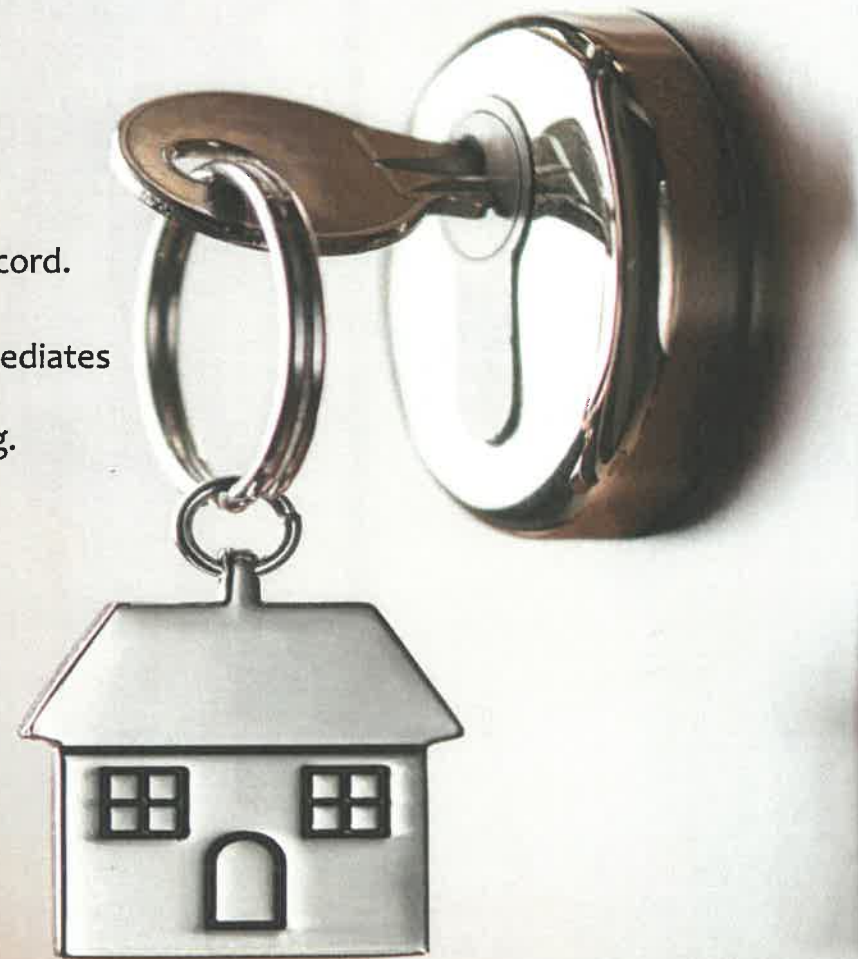
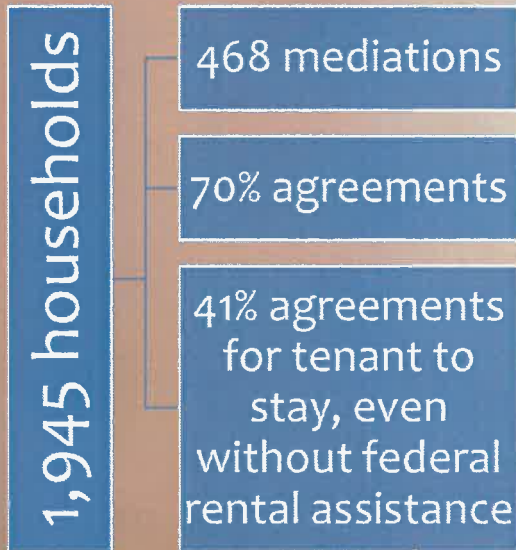
# The Sequential Intercept Model



## Innovation

# Landlord/Tenant Pre-filing Diversion (RSA 490-E:2(V))

- Mediation available post-filing in Manchester, Nashua, and Concord.
- Pre-filing diversion mediation information on Eviction Notice.
- Expert facilitator discusses options with landlord and tenant, mediates and navigates before a case is filed.
- Funded with ERA 1, ERA 2, and HUD Community Project Funding.
- Began November 1, 2021. Stats through May 31, 2024.



## Innovation

# Case Center

- Since 2023, the New Hampshire Superior Court implemented a digital evidence platform in all Superior Court civil and criminal cases.
- Case Center exhibit management software is used to organize, annotate, and present all types of evidence in the courtroom.
- Superior Courts in Grafton and Coos Counties transitioned to Case Center in the Summer of 2024. Phase 1 of the project is complete in all counties, which includes Bench Trials and Evidentiary Hearings.
- Phase 2 of the Case Center project began in Rockingham County in October 2024, bringing Case Center to Jury Trials. We expect to complete the Jury Trial roll-out in all counties by the end of 2025.



## Innovation

# Case Center

- All evidence/exhibits are easily accessible online.
- Sharing exhibits with practice administrators, opposing counsel, and the court is easy.
- Evidence viewing equipment provided by the court.
- Extensive exhibit management tools are available to all litigators.

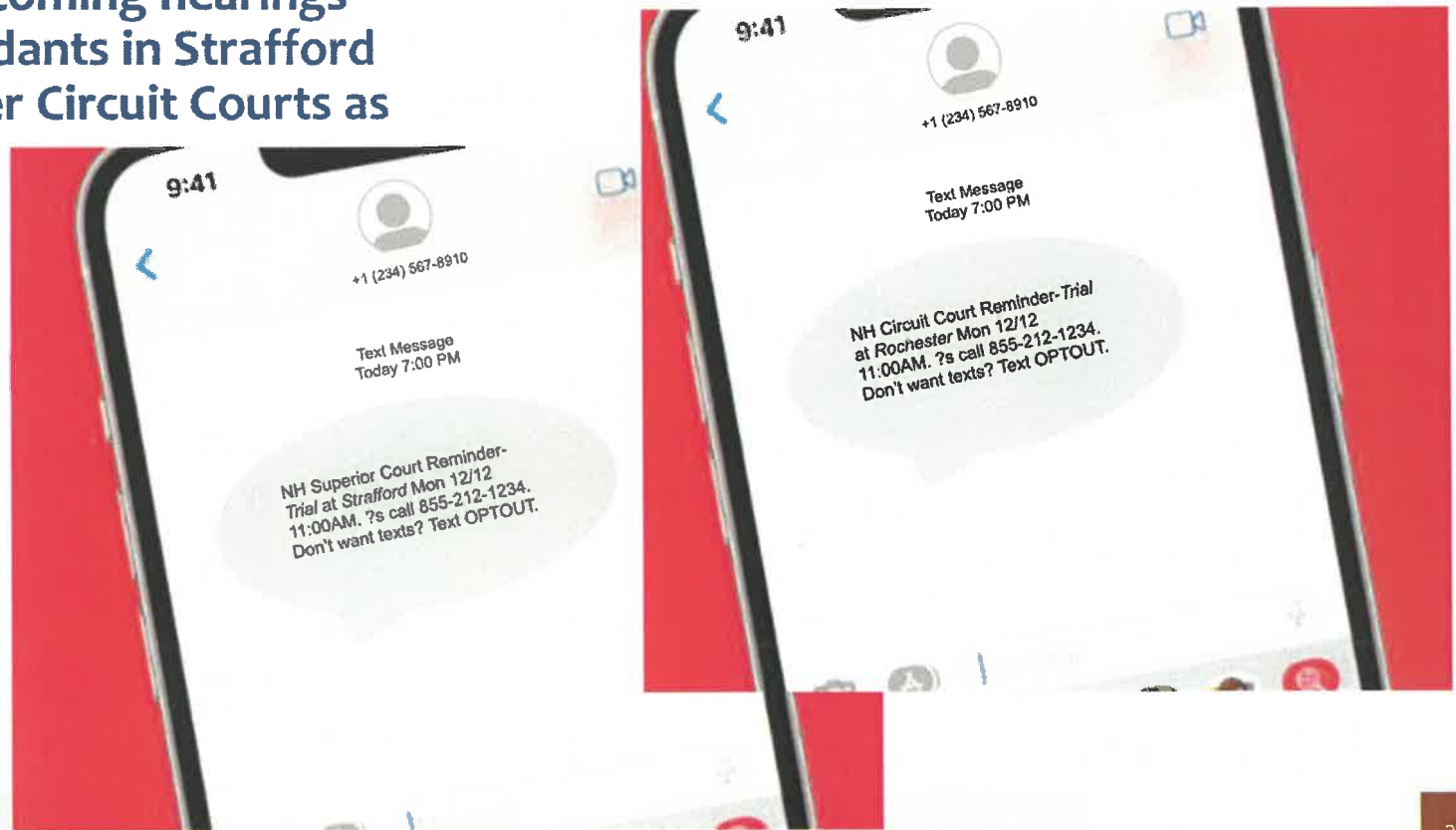


## Innovation

# Text Reminder Pilot Program in Rochester Circuit/Strafford Superior Courts

Text reminders for upcoming hearings sent to criminal defendants in Strafford Superior and Rochester Circuit Courts as of November 1, 2024

- Similar program in family cases resulted in 40% reduction in failures to appear





# FY26-27 Budget Request

## N.H. Rev. Stat. § 9:4-a

### Section 9:4-a - Judicial Branch Budget

The supreme court, in consultation with the judicial branch administrative council appointed pursuant to supreme court rule 54, shall prepare the judicial branch budget for review and processing by the legislature according to the same time schedule for budgetary review and analysis required of executive agencies. The judicial branch budget shall be prepared upon forms and according to procedures prescribed by the commissioner of administrative services. The budget request documents and such additional information as may be requested shall be submitted to the commissioner of administrative services to be included in the governor's budget in the amounts requested, and with such comments as the governor deems appropriate.

*RSA 9:4-a*

Amended by 2015, 102:1, eff. 1/1/2016.

*1969, 21:1. 1979, 403:2. 1983, 381:6. 1985, 399:3, 1. 1995, 9:2, eff. June 11, 1995. 2015, 102:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2016.*



# Facts Governing the Judicial Branch Budget

- Personnel is 75% of the budget
  - *Costs are essentially fixed*
- Limited control over major non-personnel cost centers
  - *Transfer to Sheriffs*
  - *Transfer to Department of Administrative Services / Bureau of Court Facilities*
  - *Rent*
  - *Technology*
- Approximately 92% General Funds



## FY 2026-27 Efficiency Budget Submission – Operational impacts

- Met Governor's Target (4% decrease plus flat funding)
- Closure of Circuit Courthouses in Candia and Claremont.
- Elimination of Jury Trials in Superior Court for two months each year.
- Reducing the number of funded non-judge positions by 31.4 Full-Time Equivalents.
- Curtailing appropriations for per diem courthouse security coverage in the Circuit Courts and for training for court security personnel.
- Curtailing reimbursement payments to county sheriffs for courthouse security in Superior Court.
- Deferring implementation of the Veterans Treatment Court.
- Curtailing reimbursements to treatment providers for adult drug court participants and for trainings for adult drug court providers.



## Prioritized Budget Needs as Submitted September 16, 2024\*

- **Additional Resources to Manage Impact of Youth Development Center (YDC) Cases**
  - FY 2026: \$438,946
  - FY 2027: \$438,561
- **Court Security Officer Training**
  - FY 2026: \$95,456
  - FY 2027: \$95,456
- **Court Security Per Diem Days**
  - FY 2026: \$919,324
  - FY 2027: \$919,324
- **Restore Funding for Sheriffs' Reimbursement**
  - FY 2026: \$1,125,031
  - FY 2027: \$1,125,031
- **Circuit Court Positions**
  - FY 2026: \$804,775
  - FY 2027: \$806,440
- **Interpreter Costs**
  - FY 2026: \$111,702
  - FY 2027: \$111,702



\*This is not the complete list of prioritized needs

## FY26-27 Judicial Branch Budget Overview (Note 1)

	<u>FY2024 Actual</u>	<u>FY2025 Adj Auth</u>	<u>FY2026 Efficiency Budget</u>	<u>FY2027 Efficiency Budget</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$114,068,309	\$130,536,743	\$128,245,976	\$130,572,483
<b>Breakout by Fund Source:</b>				
Federal Funds	\$431,404	\$964,150	\$310,000	\$310,000
Other Funds	\$6,900,104	\$6,603,803	\$7,749,462	\$7,678,613
Highway Funds	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
General Funds	\$104,736,802	\$120,968,790	\$118,186,514	\$120,583,870
<b>Total</b>	\$114,068,309	\$130,536,743	\$128,245,976	\$130,572,483
<b>General Funds as % of Total</b>	<b>91.8%</b>	<b>92.7%</b>	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>92.4%</b>

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<b>Breakout by Expense Type:</b>				
Salaries + Benefits (all funds)	\$83,520,610	\$96,413,339	\$95,430,108	\$97,597,199
DAS-BCF/EAP/PCI Audit (GF)	\$10,589,415	\$11,729,332	\$10,705,216	\$10,725,268
Drug Court (GF)	\$2,904,450	\$4,687,500	\$4,376,316	\$4,376,316
Sheriffs Reimbursements (GF)	\$4,482,296	\$4,258,600	\$4,232,261	\$4,232,261
IT Maint/Support (all funds)	\$3,925,325	\$3,966,827	\$4,159,231	\$4,170,091
Jury Fees (GF)	\$633,951	\$650,000	\$599,500	\$599,500
All Other (all funds)	\$8,012,262	\$8,831,145	\$8,743,345	\$8,871,849
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$114,068,309</b>	<b>\$130,536,743</b>	<b>\$128,245,976</b>	<b>\$130,572,483</b>
Personnel as % of Total	73.2%	73.9%	74.4%	74.7%
Other Fixed Costs as % of Total	19.8%	19.4%	18.8%	18.5%
All Other Costs as % of Total	7.0%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%

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<b>HB318/Bail Reform General Funds included in above total</b>			<b>\$1,828,919</b>	<b>\$1,847,621</b>
<b>General Funds excluding Bail Reform GF</b>	<b>\$104,736,802</b>	<b>\$120,968,790</b>	<b>\$116,357,594</b>	<b>\$118,736,249</b>

## Questions from Rep. McGuire

### 1. New General Fund Appropriations:

- Please list any new General Fund appropriations your agency has received over the last five years for new programs established.
- Provide the current status of these programs.
- Indicate whether the allocated funding was fully utilized or if any portion lapsed back to the General Fund.

- **Answer:**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date Effective</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>
HB318	Bail Reform	10/7/2024	General	\$1,886,775	\$1,870,108	\$1,891,725

The funds are new and were appropriated in this fiscal year and do not lapse, per the bill's language

## Questions from Rep. McGuire

### 2. New Positions Established:

- Provide a list of any new positions established and funded over the last five years.
- Include the current status of these positions, the associated cost and funding source.

- **Answer:**

- **See attached insert**

### 3. General Funds and ARPA Funds:

- Specify any General Funds that were used to replace previously received ARPA funds.

- **Answer:** (thru 12/31/24)

**Position Title**

**Sal+Ben (GF)**

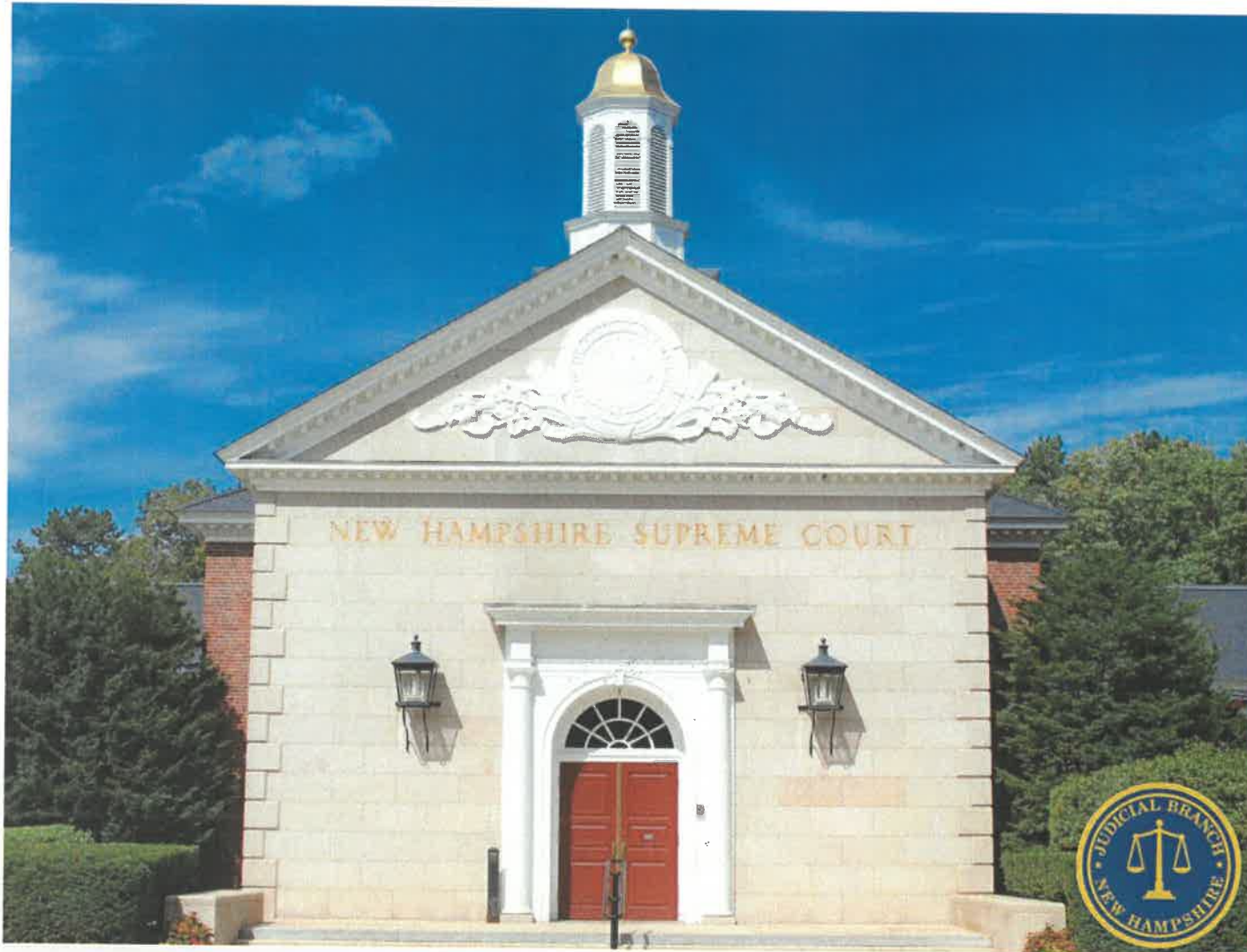
**Case Manager**

**\$48,283**

#	Current Position Title	Current Pos Status	Fund Source	Fiscal Year Position		FY2026 - Budgeted Salaries + Benefits			
				Created		General	Other	Federal	Total
1	JudicialFT	Filled	General Funds	2020		\$290,599	\$0	\$0	\$290,599
2	JudicialFT	Filled	General Funds	2020		\$318,525	\$0	\$0	\$318,525
3	JudicialFT	Filled	General Funds	2020		\$335,623	\$0	\$0	\$335,623
4	Cybersecurity Manager	Filled	General Funds	2020		\$173,251	\$0	\$0	\$173,251
5	Ct. Monitor/Assistant	Filled	General Funds	2020		\$53,058	\$0	\$0	\$53,058
6	Staff Attorney II	Filled	General Funds	2020		\$165,361	\$0	\$0	\$165,361
7	Court Operations Specialist	Vacant*	General Funds	2020		\$73,140	\$0	\$0	\$73,140
8	Court Operations Specialist	Vacant*	General Funds	2020		\$73,140	\$0	\$0	\$73,140
9	Court Operations Specialist	Vacant	General Funds	2020		\$73,140	\$0	\$0	\$73,140
10	Court Operations Specialist	Vacant	General Funds	2020		\$73,140	\$0	\$0	\$73,140
11	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Vacant	General Funds	2020		\$79,214	\$0	\$0	\$79,214
12	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Vacant	General Funds	2020		\$79,214	\$0	\$0	\$79,214
13	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Vacant	General Funds	2020		\$79,214	\$0	\$0	\$79,214
14	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Vacant	General Funds	2020		\$79,214	\$0	\$0	\$79,214
15	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Vacant	General Funds	2020		\$79,214	\$0	\$0	\$79,214
16	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Vacant	General Funds	2020		\$79,214	\$0	\$0	\$79,214
17	Court Operations Supervisor	Vacant*	General Funds	2020		\$83,241	\$0	\$0	\$83,241
18	Case Manager - IEA	Filled	Other-ARPA - IEA (Invol Early Admission)	2022		\$0	\$123,621	\$0	\$123,621
19	Case Manager - IEA	Filled	Other-ARPA - IEA (Invol Early Admission)	2022		\$0	\$90,094	\$0	\$90,094
20	Case Manager - IEA	Filled	GF (ARPA - IEA (Invol Early Admission) Originally)	2022		\$101,987	\$0	\$0	\$101,987
21	Case Manager - IEA	Vacant*	Other (ARPA - IEA (Invol Early Admission) Originally)	2022		\$0	\$83,241	\$0	\$83,241
22	JudicialFT	Filled	General Funds	2022		\$335,623	\$0	\$0	\$335,623
23	JudicialFT - IEA	Filled	Other-ARPA - IEA (Invol Early Admission)	2022		\$0	\$291,573	\$0	\$291,573
24	Community Housing Admin Assistant	Filled	Other-Community Housing Program	2022		\$0	\$101,565	\$0	\$101,565
25	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds (Originally Other-ARPA, then Federal-HUD)	2022		\$100,777	\$0	\$0	\$100,777
26	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds (Originally Other-ARPA, then Federal-HUD)	2022		\$78,625	\$0	\$0	\$78,625
27	JudicialFT	Filled	General Funds	2022		\$290,599	\$0	\$0	\$290,599
28	JudicialFT	Filled	General Funds	2022		\$314,412	\$0	\$0	\$314,412
29	Court Navigator Program Manager	Filled	General Funds	2022		\$124,664	\$0	\$0	\$124,664
30	Court Service Navigator Coordinator	Filled	General Funds	2022		\$127,266	\$0	\$0	\$127,266
31	Support Desk Technician I	Filled	General Funds	2022		\$123,571	\$0	\$0	\$123,571
32	JudicialFT	Filled	General Funds	2022		\$336,160	\$0	\$0	\$336,160
33	JudicialFT	Filled	General Funds	2022		\$335,623	\$0	\$0	\$335,623
34	JudicialFT	Filled	General Funds	2022		\$292,422	\$0	\$0	\$292,422
35	Access and Community Engagement Coordinator	Filled	Other-ARPA - Access to Justice	2023		\$0	\$127,568	\$0	\$127,568
36	Strategic Funding Initiatives Specialist	Filled	GF & Other-Community Housing Program	2023		\$39,957	\$93,233	\$0	\$133,190
37	Strategic Funding Initiatives Coordinator	Filled	GF & Other-Com Hsing Prog & Fed-Court Improv Proj	2023		\$66,790	\$53,432	\$13,358	\$133,579
38	Executive Assistant/YDC Claims Admin (Part-Time 26 hrs/wk)	Filled	Other-YDC Claims Administration	2023		\$0	\$62,642	\$0	\$62,642
39	YDC Claims Administrator	Filled	Other-YDC Claims Administration	2023		\$0	\$206,085	\$0	\$206,085
40	Senior Paralegal-Investigative Paralegal	Filled	Other-YDC Claims Administration	2023		\$0	\$113,254	\$0	\$113,254
41	Admin Asst II YDC Claims GC	Filled	Other-YDC Claims Administration	2023		\$0	\$70,543	\$0	\$70,543
42	General Counsel, YDC Claims Office	Filled	Other-YDC Claims Administration	2023		\$0	\$130,630	\$0	\$130,630
43	Executive Assistant to the YDC Claims Assistant Admin	Filled	Other-YDC Claims Administration	2025		\$0	\$54,906	\$0	\$54,906
44	Admin Asst II YDC Claims (Part-Time 26 hrs/wk)	Filled	Other-YDC Claims Administration	2025		\$0	\$115,245	\$0	\$115,245
45	Assistant Director - Administration and Operations	Filled	General Funds	2023		\$167,181	\$0	\$0	\$167,181
46	Statewide Treatment Court Coordinator	Filled	Other-Byrne SCIP	2024		\$0	\$204,042	\$0	\$204,042
47	Grant Accounting Specialist	Filled	General Funds & Indirect Costs to Partially Recoup Costs	2024		\$77,833	\$0	\$0	\$77,833
48	Statewide Mental Health Coordinator	Filled	Federal-Justice & Mental Health Collaboration	2024		\$0	\$0	\$175,976	\$175,976

#	Current Position Title	Current Pos Status	Fund Source	Fiscal Year Position		FY2026 - Budgeted Salaries + Benefits			
				Created		General	Other	Federal	Total
49	Purchasing Coordinator	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$84,160	\$0	\$0	\$84,160
50	Justice Data and Statistics Manager/Data Analyst	Vacant*	General Funds	2024		\$172,346	\$0	\$0	\$172,346
51	Support Desk Technician III	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$136,948	\$0	\$0	\$136,948
52	Administrative Court Assistant	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$124,822	\$0	\$0	\$124,822
53	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$84,582	\$0	\$0	\$84,582
54	Law Clerk/Superior Ct.	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$81,230	\$0	\$0	\$81,230
55	JudicialFT-Superior	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$335,623	\$0	\$0	\$335,623
56	Administrative Court Assistant	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$80,709	\$0	\$0	\$80,709
57	Ct. Monitor/Assistant	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$99,287	\$0	\$0	\$99,287
58	Information Center Rep I	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$46,379	\$0	\$0	\$46,379
59	Information Center Rep I	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$46,379	\$0	\$0	\$46,379
60	Information Center Rep I	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$58,901	\$0	\$0	\$58,901
61	Information Center Rep I	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$65,063	\$0	\$0	\$65,063
62	Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$72,442	\$0	\$0	\$72,442
63	Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$94,892	\$0	\$0	\$94,892
64	Court Operations Specialist	Vacant	General Funds	2024		\$73,140	\$0	\$0	\$73,140
65	Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$92,718	\$0	\$0	\$92,718
66	Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$75,863	\$0	\$0	\$75,863
67	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$91,482	\$0	\$0	\$91,482
68	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$112,258	\$0	\$0	\$112,258
69	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$97,958	\$0	\$0	\$97,958
70	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$65,317	\$0	\$0	\$65,317
71	Court Operations Supervisor	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$112,749	\$0	\$0	\$112,749
72	Court Operations Supervisor	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$119,166	\$0	\$0	\$119,166
73	Court Operations Supervisor	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$71,557	\$0	\$0	\$71,557
74	JudicialFT-Circuit	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$304,001	\$0	\$0	\$304,001
75	Court Clerk VI	Filled	General Funds	2024		\$151,801	\$0	\$0	\$151,801
76	Volunteer Coordinator (Part-Time 29 hrs/wk)	Filled	Other - ARPA	2025		\$0	\$46,362	\$0	\$46,362
77	Community Housing Program Coord (Opioid Abatement)	Filled	Other-Opioid Abatement Housing	2025		\$0	\$117,684	\$0	\$117,684
78	Information Center Rep I	Filled	General Funds	2025		\$73,140	\$0	\$0	\$73,140
79	Information Center Rep I	Vacant	General Funds	2025		\$73,140	\$0	\$0	\$73,140
80	Accounting and Payroll Specialist (Part-Time 26 hrs/wk)	Vacant	General Funds	2025		\$43,040	\$0	\$0	\$43,040
81	Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2025		\$70,015	\$0	\$0	\$70,015
82	Court Serv. Rep II - Staff Trainer	Vacant	General Funds	2025		\$95,005	\$0	\$0	\$95,005
83	Senior Court Operations Specialist	Filled	General Funds	2025		\$93,613	\$0	\$0	\$93,613
84	JudicialFT-Circuit	Filled	General Funds	2025		\$329,900	\$0	\$0	\$329,900
85	JudicialFT-Circuit	Filled	General Funds	2025		\$329,900	\$0	\$0	\$329,900
86	JudicialFT-Circuit	Filled	General Funds	2025		\$335,623	\$0	\$0	\$335,623
87	JudicialFT-Circuit	Filled	General Funds	2025		\$329,900	\$0	\$0	\$329,900

\*Unfunded in FY26/27 Budget Submission of 9/16/24



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# Judicial Branch Budget Note 1

Figures have been adjusted as follows:

All figures for FY2026 and FY2027 are as submitted on 09/16/24 and do not reflect Health & Dental rates revised by Risk Management on 12/13/24  
 Revised Health & Dental rates represent a savings of \$570,987 in FY26 and \$245,845 in FY27

All fiscal years include 6 Accounting Units that had not been included in budget submissions prior to FY26/27 budget

<u>AU</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Part of Operating Budget</u>
1467	Attorney Discipline Office	100% Other Funds	Fees Assessed	12/30/22
1640	Office of Bar Admissions	100% Other Funds	Fees Assessed	12/30/22
2727	VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)	100% Other Funds	MOU w/ NH DOJ	
3312	Mediation, Access & Visitation	100% Other Funds	MOU w/ NH DHHS	
5948	Court Improvement Project	100% Federal Funds	US DHHS Grant	
7151	Community Housing Program	100% Other Funds	MOU w/ NH DHHS	

FY26 and FY27 include 1 New Accounting Unit that had not been included in budget submissions prior to FY26/27 budget

<u>AU</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Part of Operating Budget</u>
8347	Bail Reform	100% General Funds	HB318	10/07/24

# Judicial Branch Budget Note 1 (continued)

The **Judicial** Branch utilizes the following **expense classes** differently than the **Executive** Branch:

## Exp Class Description

10	Full-time clerical staff
11	Judicial staff (full-time, part-time, non-retired per diem, referees)
12	Retired judges
16	Marital masters
28	Department of Administrative Services/Bureau of Court Facilities
49	DHHS/Employee Assistance Program, DAS/PCI Audit
50	Part-time and per diem clerical staff
73	Statewide drug court
74	Community housing program (100% Other Funds)