

## CLERK OF COURT – COUNTY SUMMARY

Clerk of Court / Register in Probate				
2025 Total Employees	110.5			
General Court Support	75.5			
Court Commissioner Center	29.5			
Guardian Ad Litem	0.5			
Judicial Staff Attorney	5.0			
Budget Overview				
Total 2025 Department Spending	\$19,426,377			
Total 2025 GPR Spending	\$10,258,177			
Total GPR Reduction Requested	\$410,327			
Other Revenue Funding Department				
Court Fees, Fines, & Forfeitures				
WI Circuit Court Support Payment				
Client & Program Reimbursement				
Federal 4D Program Revenue				

## EXECUTIVE'S BUDGET SUMMARY

Clerk of Court 2026 Budget Summary		
Decision Items	Net GPR	County Exec Budget
Courts Admin 1	(\$251,200)	Approved
Courts Admin 2	(\$47,800)	Approved
Courts Admin 3	\$0	Approved
Courts Admin 4	\$0	Approved
Courts Admin 5	(\$226,200)	Pending
Courts Comm. 1	(\$111,700)	Approved
Net Total GPR Impact	(\$636,900)	
Requested GPR Reduction	(\$410,327)	



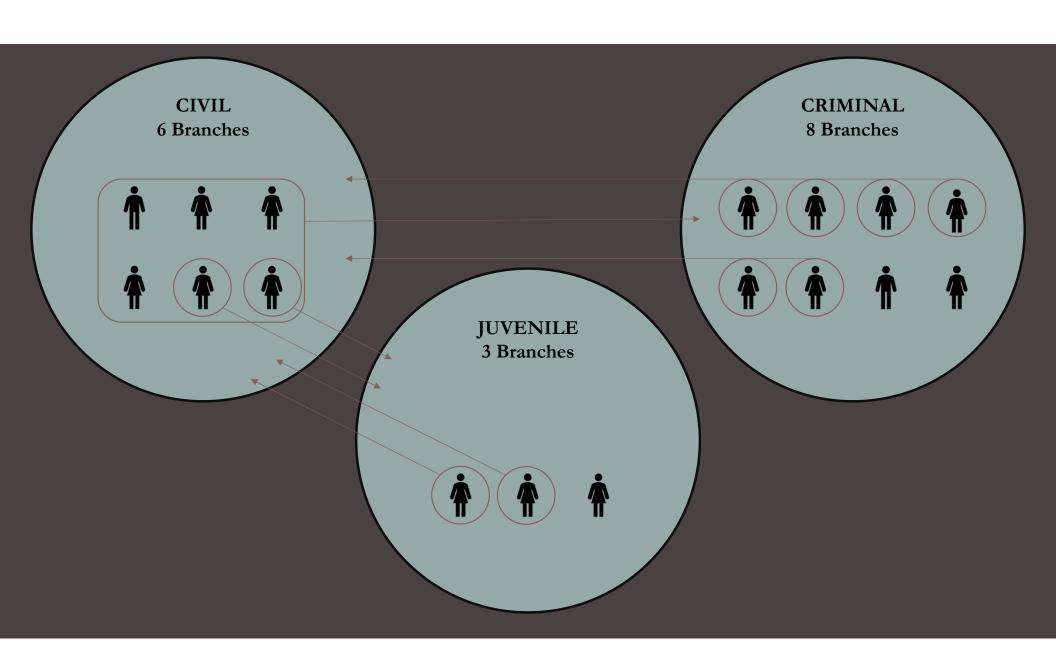
# BUDGET – DECISION ITEMS

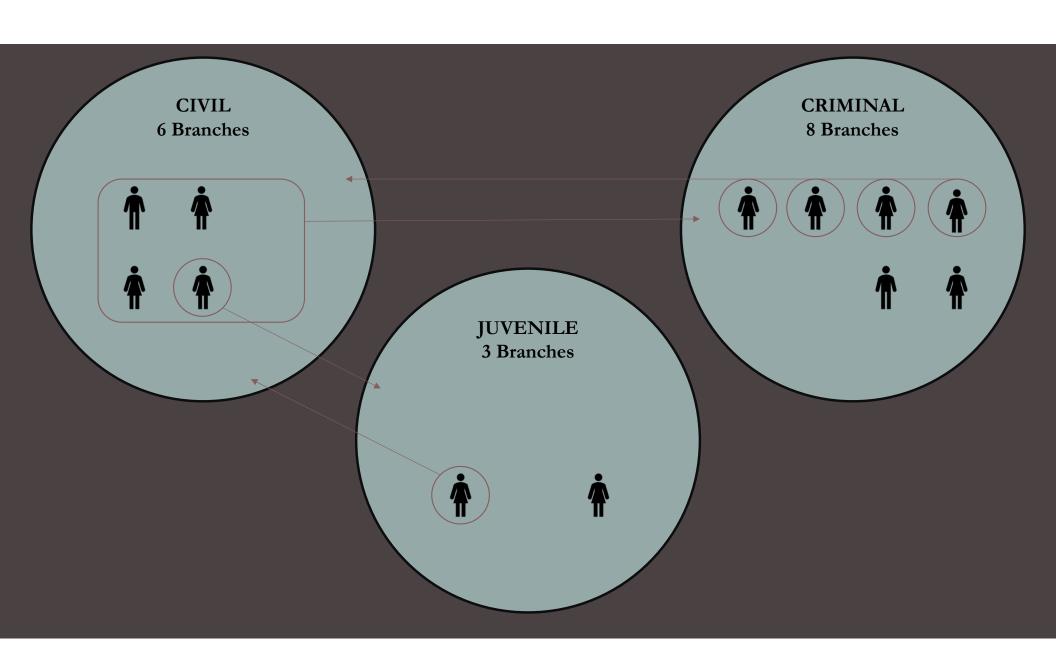
DECISION ITEM #5 – Exec Added		
Courts Admin 5 - Expense	Amount	County Exec Budget
#33 Clerk III g13 – Branch 4	(\$113,100)	Proposed
#34 Clerk III g13 – Branch 13	(\$113,100)	Proposed
TOTAL GPR Impact	(\$226,200)	

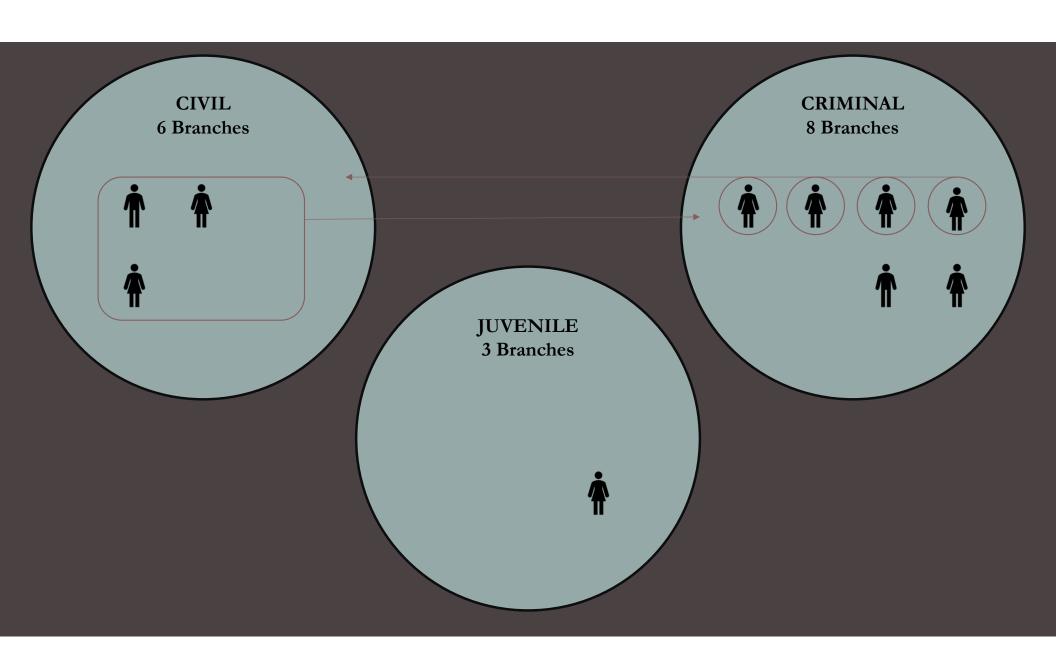
#### BRANCH CT III DUTIES

- ♦ Prepare Daily Calendars
- ♦ Prepare Minute Sheets
- ♦ Finalize Interpreter Attendance
- ♦ Support Jury Clerk Summoning
- ♦ Writing, Printing, & Mailing Court Correspondence
- ♦ Organize Files for Hearings
- ♦ Cover Public Reception 14+ Days a Month
- ♦ Receive & Review Branch Mail & Paper Filings
- ♦ Review Branch Electronic Filings & Signatures
- ♦ Document Scanning
- ♦ Create Orders/Documents

- ♦ Enter Warrants
- ♦ Assist Branch Jurors
- ♦ Docket Judgements
- ♦ Back Scan Case Files
- ♦ Manage 2+ Phone Lines & Email for Hundreds of Active Cases
- ♦ Cover In Court for Court Clerk
- ♦ Cover ME Hearings or Preliminary Hearings with Commissioner
- ♦ Cross Cover Other Branches
- ◆ Assist Judge or Court Clerk with Admin Tasks
- ♦ Assist Chief/Presiding in Administrative Duties







### SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS



Increased Cost
Overtime & Higher
Paid Coverage



Slow/Rescheduled

Court

Slower Processing, Impact
on Transportation



Limited
Communication
Staff Availability &
Impact on Parties



Longer Case
Resolutions



Errors
Staff Burnout &
Training Limitations

## COURT SUPPORT VICTORY



Successful Clerk of Court-led advocacy to increase state support



2025: \$425,000 of additional, new

dollars

2026: \$750,000+



\$1,175,000 brought back to our county to help relieve residents of their tax burden for the court

2024 RES-354 URGING GOVERNOR EVERS AND THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY COURTS The Circuit Court system is intended to be a state-county partnership. The state's fiscal responsibilities include judges, court reporters, CCAP equipment, and direct court support funding through the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation.

Counties are fiscally responsible for the majority of other functions of the court, including, but not limited to the following: bailiffs and court security officers, courthouse building maintenance, phones and utilities, of Courts and feet in Probate, staff salaries and benefits, costs, psychological exams, guardians ad litem and court-appointed attorneys, expert witnesses, interpreters and translation fees, court commissioners, law libraries, corporation countries, and other non-COAP office witnesses, interpreters and translation tees, court commissioners, law libraries, corporation courses, court orbinology and audionistatis, copying machines and other non-CCAP office (technology, office supplies, furniture, recruitment and training, financial collection efforts, mail research in the contraction of the comments within and file storage, access to state data, insurance, service of court documents within staff attorness and ensime of renair

In 2023, the total cost to Wisconsin counties for running all Circuit Courts was \$237 million and the direct court support funding from the state to counties was only \$28 million—less than 12 percent of the actual cost to run the local courts.

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The court expenses shouldered by counties and court revenues returned to the state by counties have led to deeply unbalanced net costs that force counties to pay almost 5150,000,000 more than the state to run the Circuit Courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dane County Board of Supervisors that Dane County Supports the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Count Association (WCCCA) in its efforts to increase the state's Circuit Court Cost Appropriation by \$70 million payable to Wisconsin State Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective upon its passage and publication, and that a copy shall be sent to Governor Evers and all Wisconsin State Legislators representing Dane County.

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