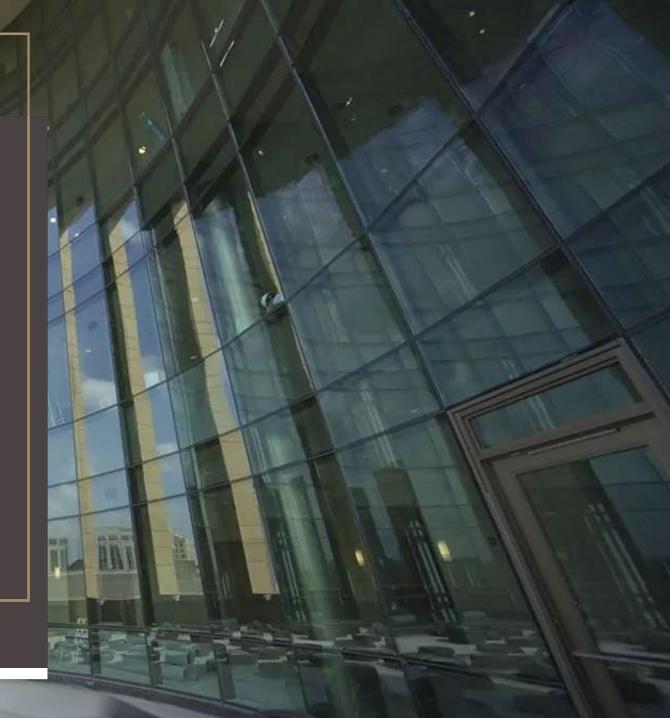


Jeff Okazaki, Clerk of Court | September 9, 2025



#### 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		

# 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

#### 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 coordines are inscarny responsible for the majority or other runctions of the court, including, but not limited to the following: balliffs and court security officers, courthouse building maintenance, and courts and Cour phones and utilities, Clerk of Courts and Register in Probate, staff salaries and benefits, jury costs, psychological exams, guardians ad litem and court-appointed attorneys, expert costs, psychological exams, guardians ad literii and court-appointed attorneys, expert witnesses, interpreters and translation fees, court commissioners, law libraries, corporation wuresets, interpreters and dansiation rees, court commissioners, law invalues, curporation coursel, courtroom technology and audiovisuals, copying machines and other non-CCAP office countries furnitive consistency and technology and audiovisuals are according to the countries of the co technology, office supplies, furniture, recruitment and training, financial collection efforts, mail technicogy, onnce supplies, infinitive, recruitment and training, infancial collection enous, main fees, printing costs, exhibit and file storage, access to state data, insurance, service of court

In 2023, the total cost to Wisconsin counties for running all Circuit Courts was \$237 million and in 2023, the total cost to visconsin counties for running all Circuit Courts was \$237 finition and the direct court support funding from the state to counties was only \$28 million—less than 12

Over the last 10 years, the increase in the county portion of cost to run the courts has been over the last 10 years, the increase in the county polition of cost to run the counts has been nearly six times higher than the increase in the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation provided to

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective upon its passage and DE IL FUNLINEN RESULVEU mai mis resolution strait be effective upon its passage and publication, and that a copy shall be sent to Governor Evers and all Wisconsin State Legislators

#### KEY BUDGET ITEMS



Court Admin 1
New Revenue
& Account
Balancing



Court Admin 2
Bail Revenue
Balancing



Court Admin 3
Budget Neutral
Interpreter Dept.
Allocation



Court Admin 4
Budget Neutral
Phone VS
Software Split



Court Comm 1
Federal IV-D
Child Support
Revenue



DECISION ITEM #1		
Courts Admin 1 - Revenue	Amount	County Exec Budget
Circuit Court Block Grant	\$750,000	Approved
County Ordinance Forfeiture	(\$184,800)	Approved
Co. Share State Fine/Forfeiture	(\$75,455)	Approved
Courts Admin 1 - Expense		
Computer Software	\$19,300	Approved
Record Management	\$21,500	Approved
Interpreter Service	\$180,945	Approved
Messenger Service	\$16,800	Approved
TOTAL GPR Impact	(\$251,200)	



DECISION ITEM #2		
Courts Admin 2 - Revenue	Amount	County Exec Budget
Bail Forfeiture	\$47,800	Approved
TOTAL GPR Impact	(\$47,800)	



DECISION ITEM #3 – Budget Neutral		
Courts Admin 3 - Expense	Amount	County Exec Budget
Interpreter Personnel Cost	\$127,945	Approved
Interpreter Service Expense	(\$127,945)	Approved
TOTAL GPR Impact	\$0	



DECISION ITEM #4 – Budget Neutral		
Courts Admin 4 - Expense	Amount	County Exec Budget
Telephone	(\$31,100)	Approved
Computer Software	\$31,100	Approved
TOTAL GPR Impact	\$0	



DECISION ITEM #5		
Courts Commissioner 1 - Revenue	Amount	County Exec Budget
IV-D Program Revenue	\$111,700	Approved
TOTAL GPR Impact	(\$111,700)	

#### 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 Comm. 1	(\$111,700)	Approved
Net Total GPR Impact	(\$410,700)	
Requested GPR Reduction	(\$410,327)	
Additional GPR Reduction	(\$373)	

