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**NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM**

**BUDGET**  
GENERAL STATE CHARGES

**FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

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MEMORANDUM

November 29, 2013

To:           Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo           Honorable Sheldon Silver  
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              Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins   Honorable Brian M. Kolb  
              Honorable John DeFrancisco       Honorable Herman D. Farrell, Jr.  
              Honorable Liz Krueger           Honorable Robert C. Oaks  
              Honorable John J. Bonacic       Honorable Helene E. Weinstein

From:       A. Gail Prudenti

I respectfully submit the itemized estimates of the annual financial needs of the Judiciary for General State Charges for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2014. Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution requires the submission of these estimates to the Governor and legislative leaders on or before December 1, 2013.

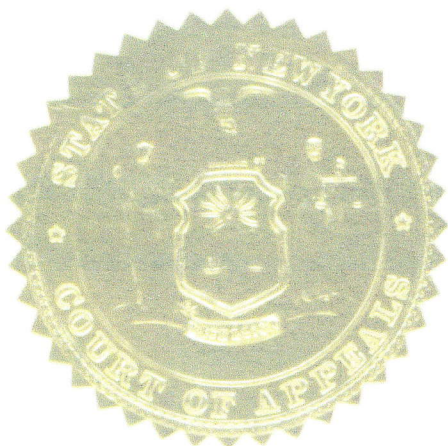
For the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, the Judiciary is again submitting itemized estimates of funding for General State Charges necessary to pay the fringe benefits of judges, justices and nonjudicial employees separately from itemized estimates of the annual operating needs of the Judiciary. This presentation follows the long-standing practice of the Executive and Legislative Branches of separately presenting requests for funding of fringe benefit costs and requests for operating funds. The Judiciary will submit a single budget bill, which includes requests for funding for operating expenses and fringe benefit costs for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

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CHIEF JUDGE'S CERTIFICATION

ITEMIZED ESTIMATES OF THE  
FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE JUDICIARY  
FOR GENERAL STATE CHARGES

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York, I certify that the attached schedules are the itemized estimates of the financial needs of the Judiciary for General State Charges for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2014 and that they have been approved by the Court of Appeals.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Lippman", is written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan Lippman  
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

ATTEST: Andrew W. Klein  
Clerk of the Court of Appeals

Date: November 26, 2013

COURT OF APPEALS APPROVAL

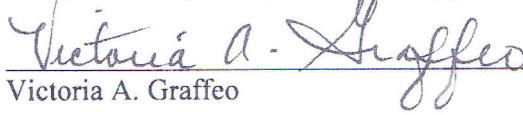
ITEMIZED ESTIMATES OF THE  
FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE JUDICIARY  
FOR GENERAL STATE CHARGES

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York, the Court of Appeals approves the attached itemized estimates of the financial needs of the Judiciary for General State Charges for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2014.




Jonathan Lippman  
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

Associates Judges of the Court of Appeals:



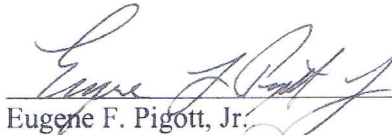
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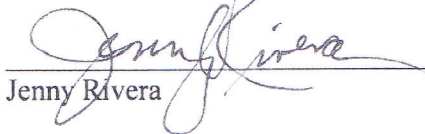
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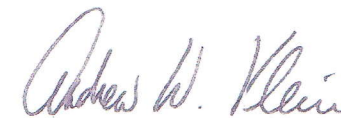


Jenny Rivera



Sheila Abdus-Salaam

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Court of Appeals

Date: November 26, 2013



JUDICIARY  
2014-15 BUDGET REQUEST  
GENERAL STATE CHARGES

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General State Charges	2013-14 <u>Available</u>	2014-15 <u>Required</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	\$634,428,210	\$642,103,529	\$7,675,319
NYC County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund	\$10,371,843	\$10,542,570	\$170,727
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund	\$7,473,130	\$7,935,997	\$462,867
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund - Other	\$7,479,647	\$7,570,875	\$91,228
Court Facilities Incentive Fund	\$748,344	\$771,722	\$23,378
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	\$159,433	\$209,098	\$49,665
<b>General State Charges - All Funds</b>	<b>\$660,660,607</b>	<b>\$669,133,791</b>	<b>\$8,473,184</b>

Unified Court System  
 2014-15 Budget Request  
 All Funds Disbursement Requirements  
 General State Charges  
 (Millions \$)

	<u>2013-14</u> <u>Adjusted</u>	<u>2014-15</u> <u>Required</u>	<u>Change</u>
General State Charges			
General Fund	634.4	642.1	7.7
NYC County Clerks' Operations Offset Fund	10.4	10.5	0.1
Judiciary Data Processing Offset Fund	7.5	7.9	0.4
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund - Other	7.5	7.6	0.1
Court Facilities Incentive Aid Fund	0.7	0.8	0.1
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	0.2	0.2	0.0
<u>General State Charges - All Funds Total</u>	<u>660.7</u>	<u>669.1</u>	<u>8.4</u>

STATE OF NEW YORK

FY 2014-15

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# General State Charges



Major Purpose Summary	2014-15 All Funds Budget Request:	\$669,133,791
GENERAL STATE CHARGES	General Fund:	642,103,529
	Special Revenue Funds:	27,030,262

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### Major Purpose Description

This Major Purpose includes funding required for fringe benefits provided to state-paid judges and nonjudicial employees. Appropriations are required for pension contributions, Social Security and Medicare, health insurance premiums, dental, vision and life insurance for judges and management/confidential employees, and employee benefit funds. These General State Charges appropriations are included in the 2014-15 budget bill submitted by the Judiciary.

### Summary of 2014-15 Funding: General State Charges

The General State Charges Major Purpose All Funds budget requirement is \$669.1 million, or an increase of \$8.5 million (1.3%) over the current year adjusted appropriation. Required amounts for payment of fringe benefits include funding for the continuation of all statutorily-required and collectively bargained benefit provisions, as follows:

#### Nonpersonal Service

Pension: \$270.1 million

The amount required reflects an estimated obligation of \$268.9 million, as amortized, to the New York State Employees' Retirement System, which includes the repayment of amortized amounts from prior years. This represents an increase of \$5.7 million (2.2%) over the current year's projected obligation. The funding requirement also reflects an estimated obligation of \$1.3 million to the New York City Retirement System for certain retirees who elected to remain in that retirement system.

Social Security and Medicare: \$104.7 million

The amount reflects a statutorily-mandated employer contribution rate of 7.65% applied to earnings up to \$117,000 and 1.45% on earnings exceeding \$117,000. This represents an increase of \$1.6 million (1.6%) over the current year, reflecting an increase in the Social Security wage ceiling.

Health, dental, vision & life insurance: \$270.5 million

This requirement reflects an increase of \$0.9 million (0.3%) over the 2013-14 adjusted appropriation. The requested amount reflects increases in health insurance premiums as projected by the NYS Department of Civil Service, offset by an anticipated credit provided by the federal government for employers who provide retiree prescription drug coverage. Funding is also included for retired employees' health insurance; administrative costs payable to the NYS Department of Civil Service, and funds necessary to reimburse localities for certain retirees who elected to remain in local health plans.

The amount also includes costs associated with dental, vision and life insurance coverage for judges, as well as unrepresented and managerial/confidential nonjudicial employees.

Employee Benefit Funds: \$23.9 million

The amount includes contractual obligations to employee benefit funds for eligible employees and retirees. Employees participating in these funds are generally ineligible for other judiciary dental plans and in some instances, the prescription drug reimbursement plan, thus reducing the amounts required for health and dental insurance.

State of New York - Judiciary  
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

ALL FUNDS  
GENERAL STATE CHARGES

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	264,373,845	270,118,967	5,745,122
Social Security and Medicare	103,092,143	104,691,702	1,599,559
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	269,594,511	270,455,905	861,394
Employee Benefit Funds	23,600,108	23,867,217	267,109
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>660,660,607</u>	<u>669,133,791</u>	<u>8,473,184</u>
 <b>Grand Total</b>	 <b>660,660,607</b>	 <b>669,133,791</b>	 <b>8,473,184</b>

State of New York - Judiciary  
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

GENERAL STATE CHARGES  
STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	254,273,875	259,617,686	5,343,811
Social Security and Medicare	99,259,581	100,621,655	1,362,074
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	258,292,190	259,000,379	708,189
Employee Benefit Funds	22,602,564	22,863,809	261,245
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>634,428,210</u>	<u>642,103,529</u>	<u>7,675,319</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>634,428,210</b>	<b>642,103,529</b>	<b>7,675,319</b>

State of New York - Judiciary  
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

GENERAL STATE CHARGES  
NYC CO CLERKS' OPERATIONS OFFSET  
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	3,552,860	3,652,646	99,786
Social Security and Medicare	1,346,146	1,415,679	69,533
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	5,027,069	5,030,194	3,125
Employee Benefit Funds	445,768	444,051	(1,717)
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>10,371,843</u>	<u>10,542,570</u>	<u>170,727</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,371,843</b>	<b>10,542,570</b>	<b>170,727</b>

State of New York - Judiciary  
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

GENERAL STATE CHARGES  
JUDICIARY DATA PROCESSING  
OFFSET FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	3,114,425	3,298,618	184,193
Social Security and Medicare	1,180,027	1,278,466	98,439
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	2,919,771	3,086,450	166,679
Employee Benefit Funds	258,907	272,463	13,556
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>7,473,130</u>	<u>7,935,997</u>	<u>462,867</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,473,130</b>	<b>7,935,997</b>	<b>462,867</b>

State of New York - Judiciary  
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

GENERAL STATE CHARGES  
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE  
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	3,050,830	3,144,465	93,635
Social Security and Medicare	1,155,931	1,218,720	62,789
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	3,006,306	2,947,494	(58,812)
Employee Benefit Funds	<u>266,580</u>	<u>260,196</u>	<u>(6,384)</u>
Total Nonpersonal Service	7,479,647	7,570,875	91,228
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,479,647</b>	<b>7,570,875</b>	<b>91,228</b>

State of New York - Judiciary  
Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

GENERAL STATE CHARGES  
COURT FACILITIES INCENTIVE AID  
FUND

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	308,647	318,967	10,320
Social Security and Medicare	116,943	123,624	6,681
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	296,465	302,433	5,968
Employee Benefit Funds	26,289	26,698	409
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>748,344</u>	<u>771,722</u>	<u>23,378</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>748,344</b>	<b>771,722</b>	<b>23,378</b>



State of New York - Judiciary  
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GENERAL STATE CHARGES  
 LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT  
 PROTECTION

	<u>Current Appropriation as Adjusted</u>	<u>UCS Recommended</u>	<u>Changes to Current Appropriation</u>
<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>			
Pension	73,208	86,585	13,377
Social Security and Medicare	33,515	33,558	43
Health, Dental, Vision and Life	52,710	88,955	36,245
Total Nonpersonal Service	<u>159,433</u>	<u>209,098</u>	<u>49,665</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>159,433</b>	<b>209,098</b>	<b>49,665</b>