



**NEW YORK STATE
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM**

FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

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To: Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Honorable Carl E. Heastie
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From: Lawrence K. Marks *LM*

I respectfully submit the itemized estimates of the annual financial needs of the Judiciary for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2016. Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution requires the submission of these estimates to the Governor and legislative leaders on or before December 1, 2015.

The 2016-17 General Fund State Operations budget request totals \$1.9 billion, a cash increase of \$44.4 million, or 2.4 percent, over available current-year funds. In this coming fiscal year, the Judiciary must confront significant cost increases, including mandatory salary increases for represented nonjudicial employees, annualization of the cost of the five Family Court judgeships created effective January 1, 2016, and increases in nonpersonal service contractual obligations.

To meet these obligations, it is necessary for the Judiciary to seek an increase in the 2016-17 budget. This budget will allow us to continue our efforts to provide adequate staffing in the courts. Additional funds are also requested for civil legal services to ensure that the most vulnerable New Yorkers are not without counsel in cases involving the essentials of life.