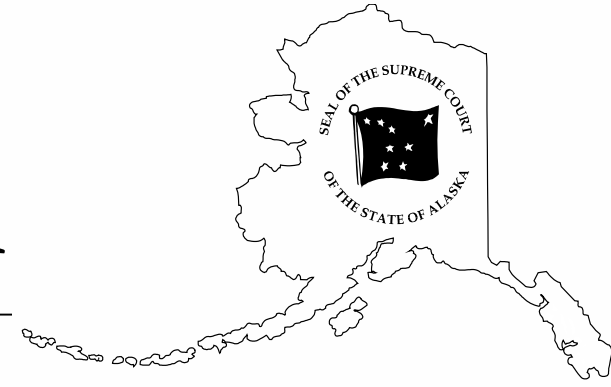


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House Finance Subcommittee Alaska Court System Overview

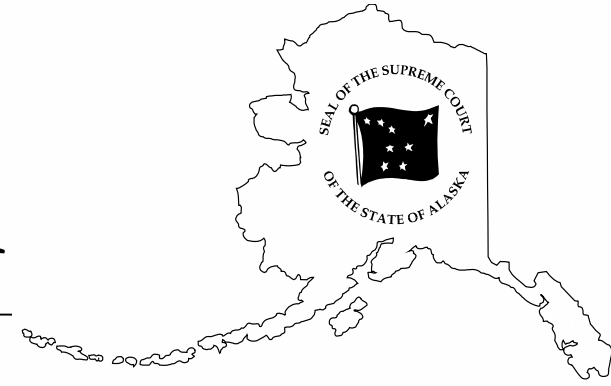
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Deputy Administrative Director

March 8, 2019



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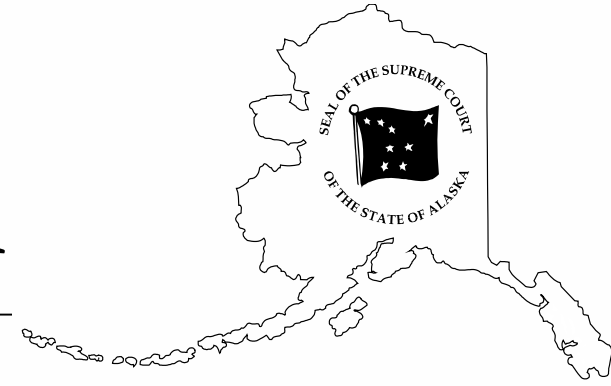
Mission Statement

The mission of the Alaska Court System is to provide an accessible and impartial forum for the just resolution of all cases that come before it, and to decide such cases in accordance with the law, expeditiously and with integrity.

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UGF Budget Changes FY16 – FY19

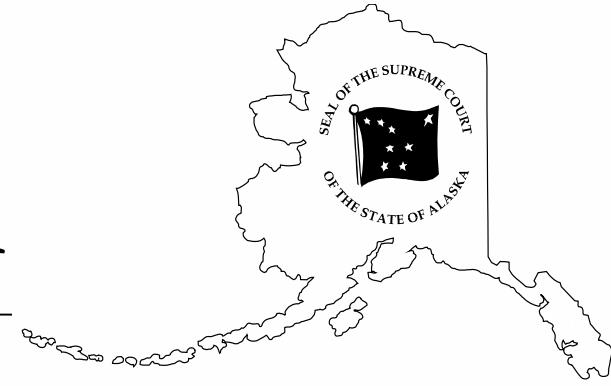
☐ FY16 – (\$3,430,400)	(3.1%)*
☐ FY17 – (\$3,805,000)	(3.5%)
☐ FY18 – (\$3,671,800)	(3.5%)**
☐ FY19 – \$606,300	.6%

* The FY16 cut was offset by a 2.5% salary increase resulting in a net reduction of \$1,427,600.

** The FY18 cut was offset by increased healthcare costs resulting in a net reduction of \$1,821,400.



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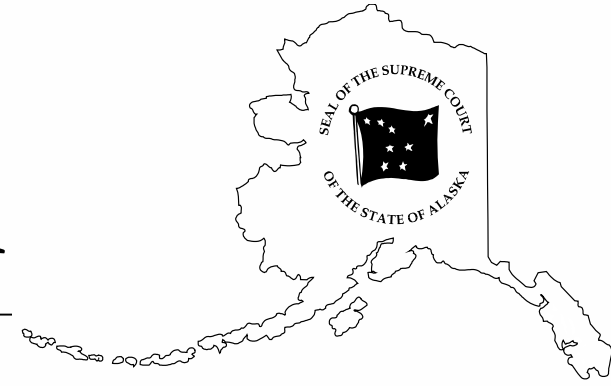


Alaskans Served in 2018

- 123,247 new cases filed (trial and appellate)
- 7,022 contacts through the Family Law Self Help Center
- 22,629 jurors reported for service
- 8,964 law library patrons
- 672,882 citizens passed through security screening
- 5,230,089 visits to the court's website
- 1,441,445 CourtView searches
- 19,256 online payments made
- 439 therapeutic court participants
- Thousands of on-line court forms accessed or downloaded



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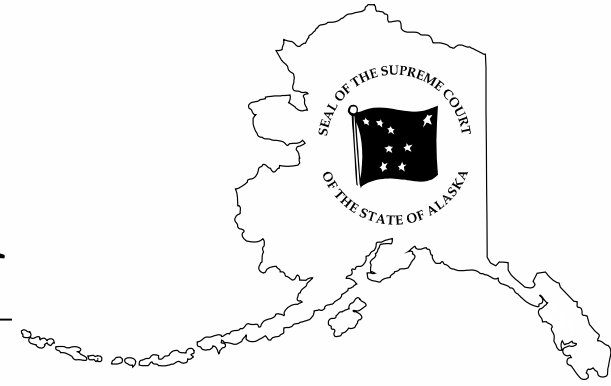


Examples of Cost-Savings Measures

- Between FY16 and FY19, Deleted 44 PFT, 14 PPT, and 2 Temporary Positions for a total of 60 Deleted Positions
- Salary Schedules Capped at “R” Step
- Holding Positions Vacant to Generate Savings
- Friday Afternoon Closures
- E-Distribution Project
- Expanded Use of Videoconferencing



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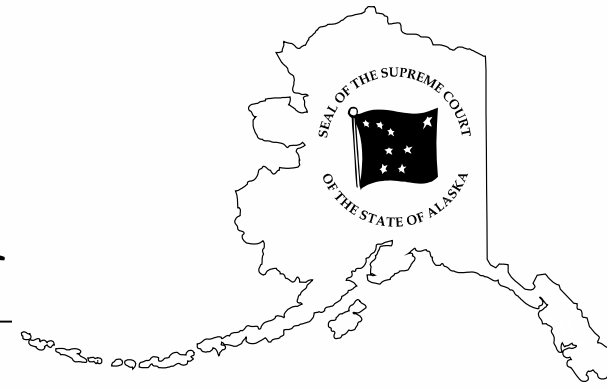


FY19 Operating Budget Increases

- \$ 510,000 Jury Expenses
- \$ 96,300 Veterans' Court
 - ❑ Funding is for a dedicated Veterans' Court coordinator



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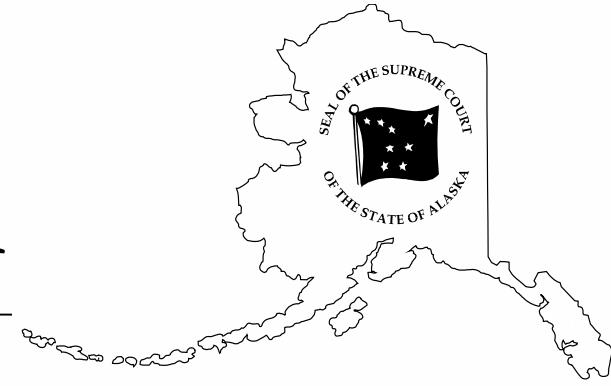


FY20 Governor's Amended Request

- \$ 393,800 Facility Expenses
- \$3,098,000 Full-Day Fridays
- \$ 3,491,800 Total FY20 Increments



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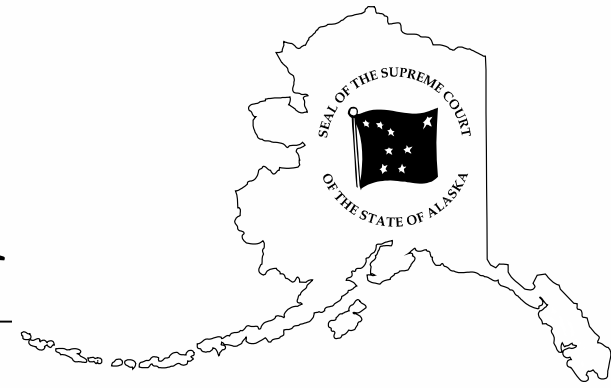


Policy Change – Full Day Fridays

- Court system will resume a 37.5 hour workweek and remain open for full days on Fridays
- More time for calendaring proceedings and less delay in handling court proceedings
- Alaskans will have access to courts on Friday afternoons to conduct business



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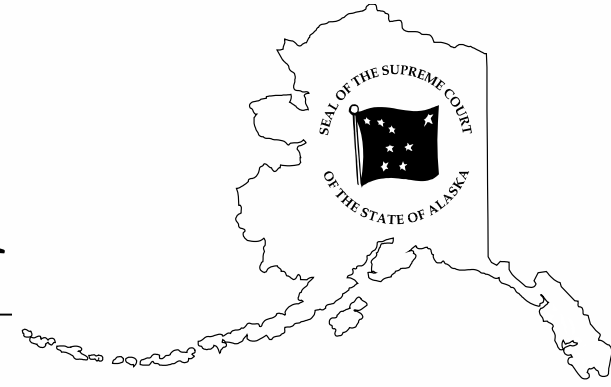


Other FY20 Budget Considerations:

- \$ 1,756,300 Union Salary Parity
- \$ 313,300 Therapeutic Courts' Resources
- \$ 2,069,600 Other Budget Considerations



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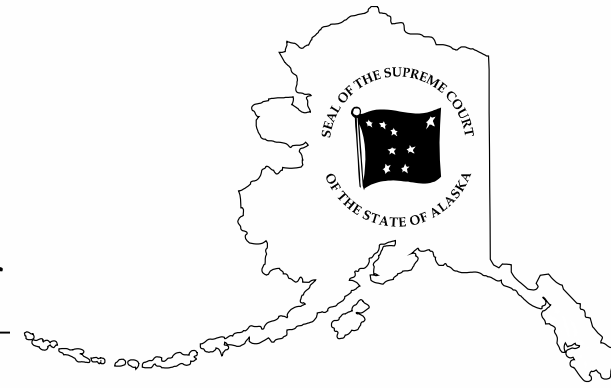


Effectiveness Ratings and Measures

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs
- Customer Surveys/Juror Surveys
- Jurors and Vendors Paid Timely
- Electronic Efficiencies



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Judiciary

Appropriation/Allocation	FY19 Management Plan (thousands)	FY19 Permanent Employees	FY20 Governor's Amended (thousands)	FY20 Permanent Employees (Proposed)	Proposed Funding Difference FY19 to FY20 (all UGF)	Proposed Change in Number of Employees FY19 to FY20
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Appellate Courts	\$7,106.4	57	\$7,203.9	56	\$97.5	(1)
Trial Courts	\$84,221.6	600	\$87,261.0	615	\$3,039.4	15
Administration	\$10,397.7	80	\$10,712.3	78	\$314.6	(2)
Therapeutic Courts	\$5,666.6	13	\$5,706.9	13	\$40.3	0
Alaska Judicial Council	\$1,310.8	9	\$1,310.8	9	\$0.0	0
Commission on Judicial Conduct	\$441.5	2	\$441.5	2	\$0.0	0
Judiciary Total	\$109,144.6	761	\$112,636.4	773	\$3,491.8	12

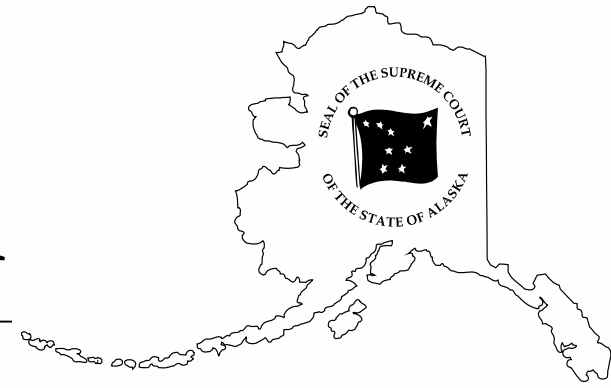
FY19 Funding Allocation (thousands):

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$105,444.9
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$518.0
Interagency Receipts	\$1,401.7
Federal Receipts	\$975.6
Other (MHTAAR, Program Receipts)	\$804.4
Total All Funding Sources	\$109,144.6

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