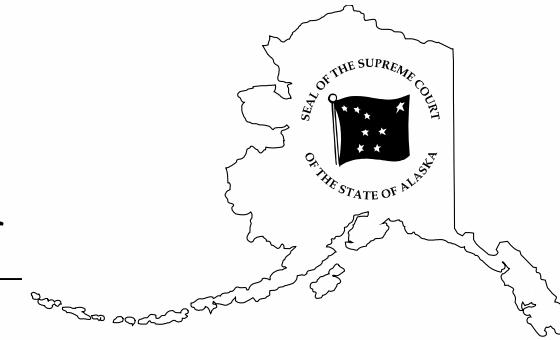


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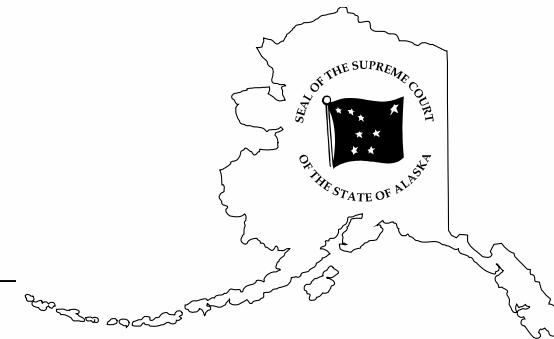
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Doug Wooliver,  
Deputy Administrative Director  
February 20, 2018

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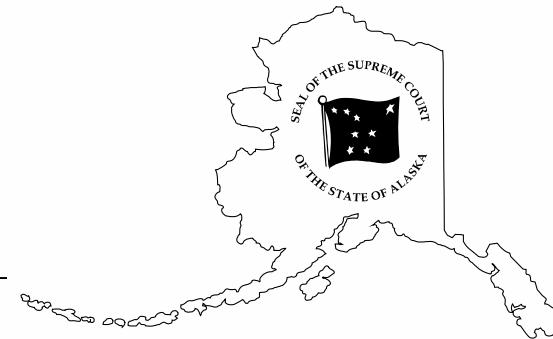


## Mission Statement

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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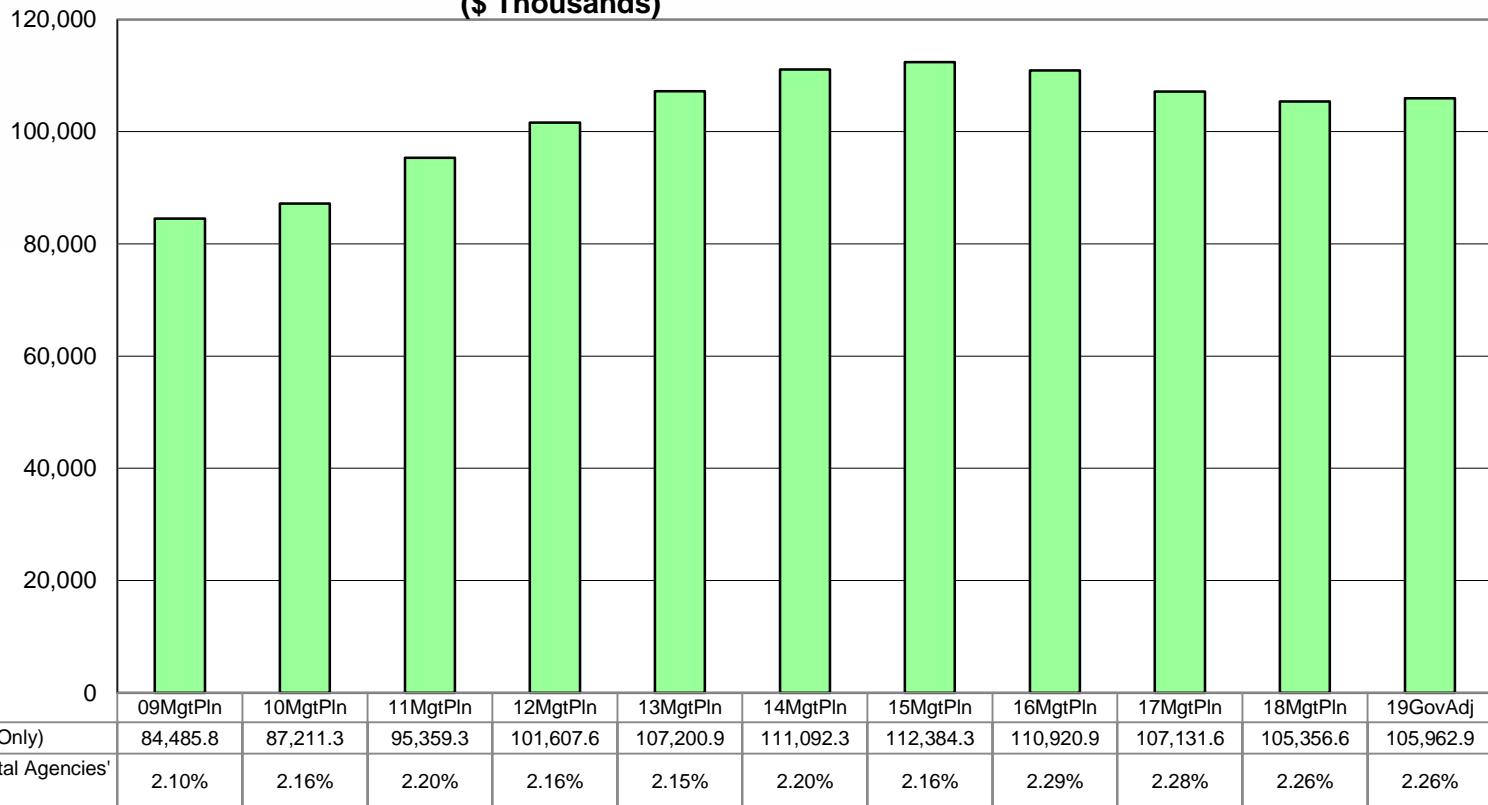
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**Judiciary's Share of Total Agency Operations**  
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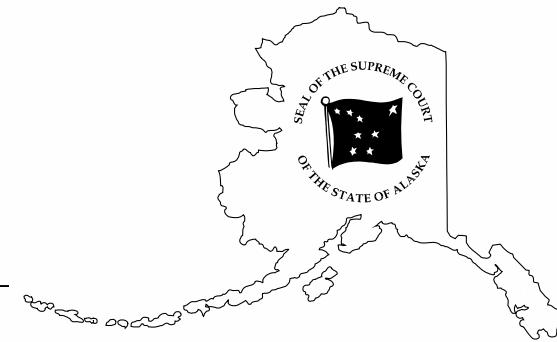
The Judiciary's GF budget grew by \$21 million (25%) between FY09 and the FY19 Governor's Request -- an average annual growth rate of 3.2%.

\* The agency's total FY19 Governor's Requested GF budget equals \$318 per resident worker.



\* According to the Department of Labor, there were 332,583 resident workers in Alaska in 2015.

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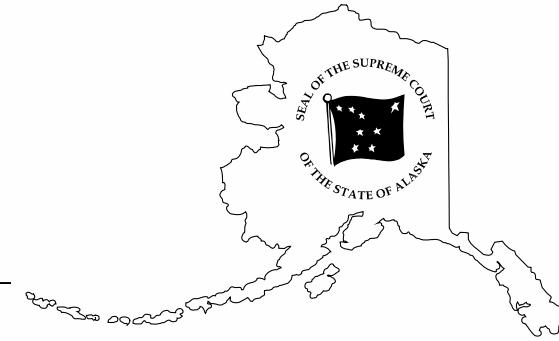


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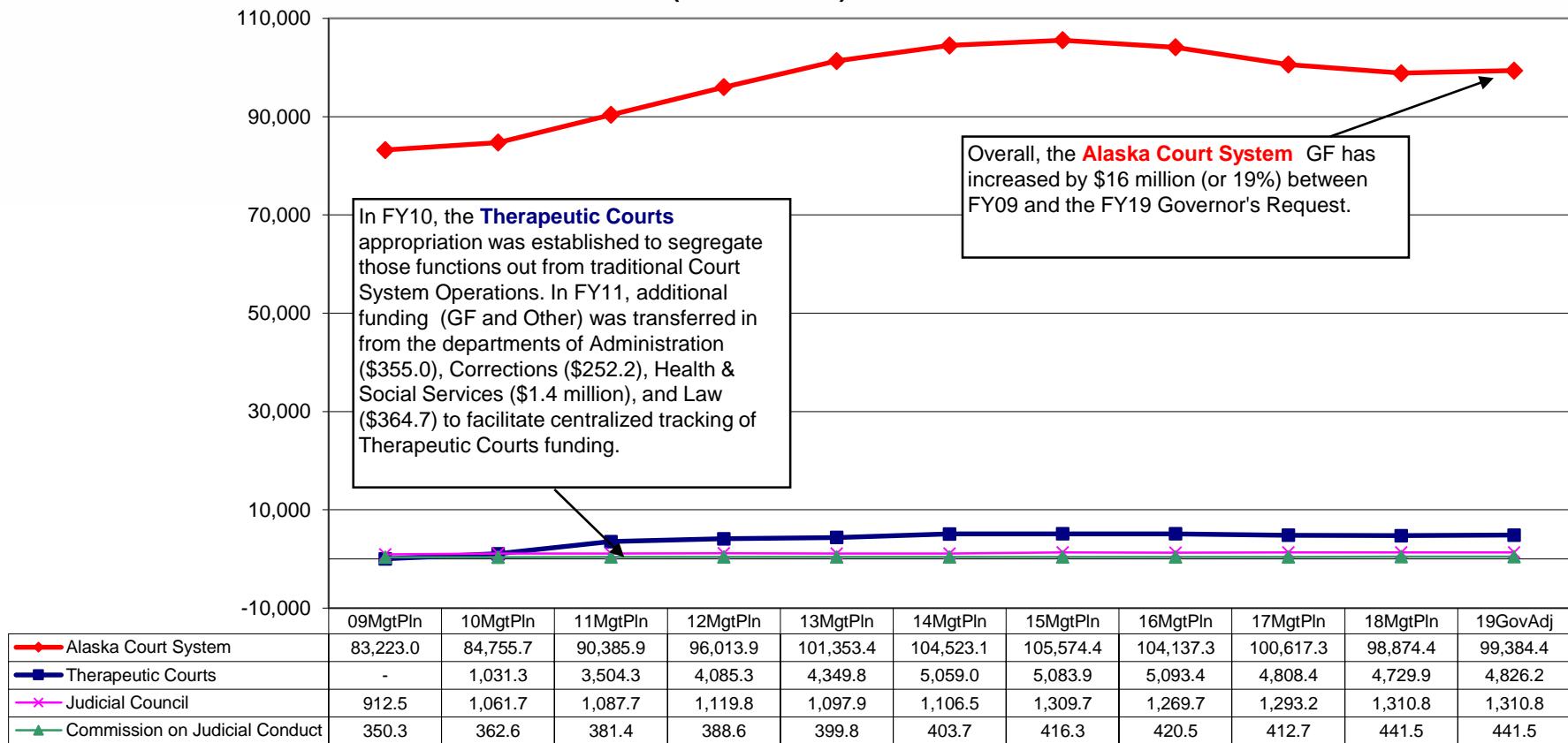
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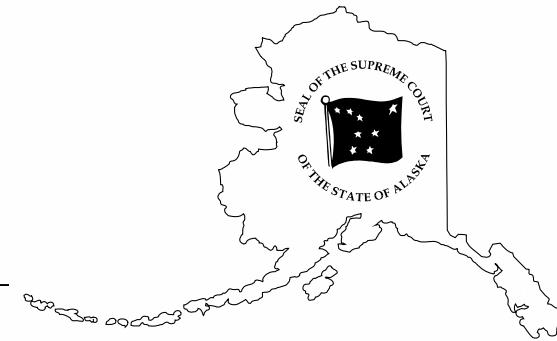
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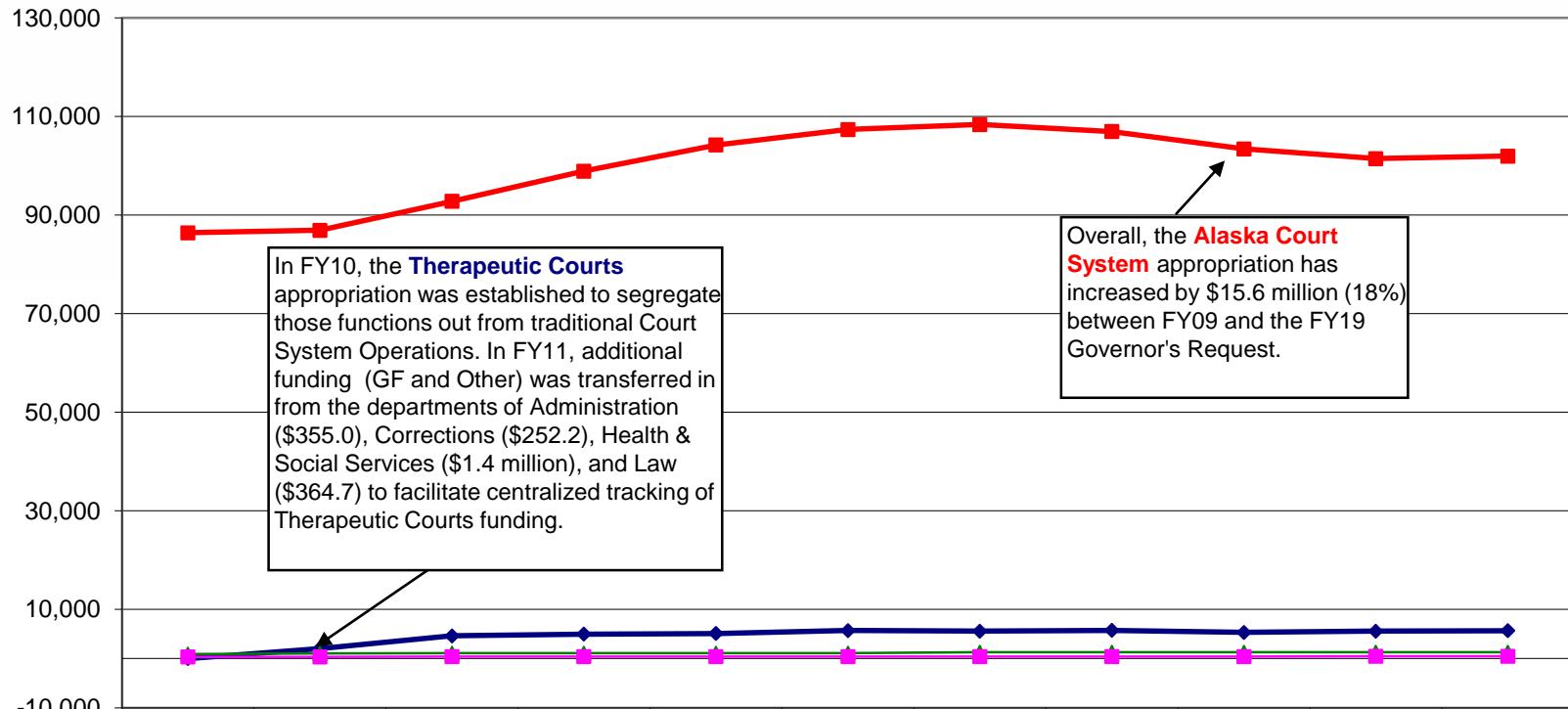
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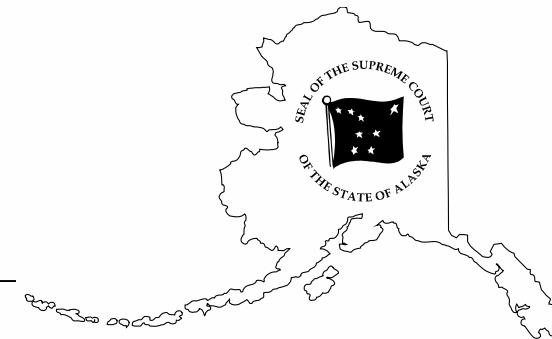
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Alaska Court System	86,392.4	86,916.3	92,795.0	98,904.3	104,204.7	107,374.4	108,385.7	106,948.6	103,428.6	101,465.7	101,975.7
Therapeutic Courts	-	2,027.6	4,619.7	4,976.5	5,088.6	5,685.2	5,565.2	5,714.7	5,304.7	5,570.3	5,666.6
Judicial Council	912.5	1,061.7	1,087.7	1,119.8	1,097.9	1,106.5	1,309.7	1,269.7	1,293.2	1,310.8	1,310.8
Commission on Judicial Conduct	350.3	362.6	381.4	388.6	399.8	403.7	416.3	420.5	412.7	441.5	441.5

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## UGF Budget Cuts FY16 – FY18

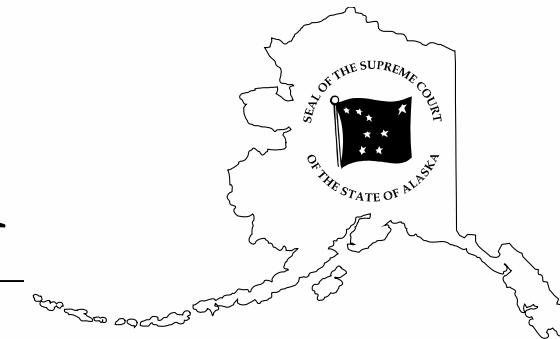
- FY16 – \$3,430.4 (3.1%)\*
- FY17 – \$3,805.0 (3.5%)
- FY18 – \$3,671.8 (3.5%)\*\*

\* The FY16 cut was offset by a 2.5% salary increase resulting in a net reduction of \$1,427.6.

\*\* The FY18 cut was offset by increased healthcare costs resulting in a net reduction of \$1,821.4.

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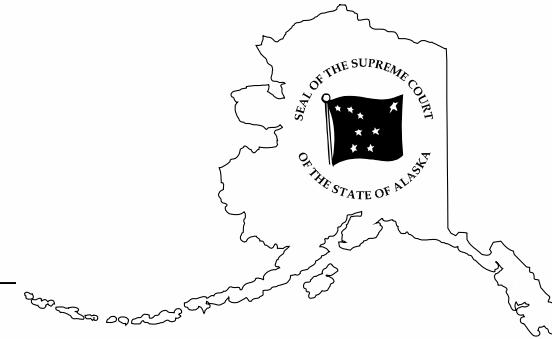


## Examples of Cost-Savings Measures

- E-Distribution Project
- In FY18, Deleted 29 PFT, 14 PPT, and 2 Temporary Positions for a total of 45 Deleted Positions
- Salary Schedules Capped at “R” Step
- Holding 32 Positions Vacant
- Continuing with Friday Afternoon Closures
- Expanded Use of Videoconferencing

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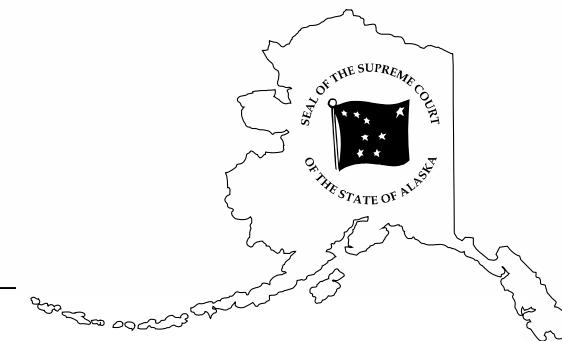
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## FY19 Operating Budget Increases

- **\$ 510.0 Jury Expenses**
  - FY18 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter trial rates for Bethel and Dillingham are up 50% from FY16 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and up 36% from FY17 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter trial rates
  
- **\$ 96.3 Veterans' Court**
  - Funding is for a dedicated Veterans' Court coordinator

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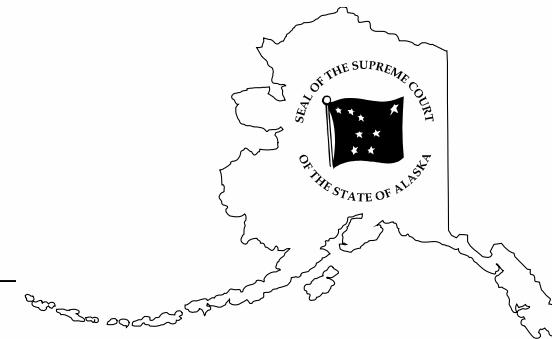
## Judiciary



Appropriation/Allocation	FY19 Budget Request (thousands)	FY18 Permanent Positions		Constitutional Requirement?	Required by Statute?
		Permanent Employees	Held Vacant		
<b>Alaska Court System:</b>					
Appellate Courts	\$7,106.4	57	2	Yes	
Trial Courts	\$84,396.6	616	25	Yes	
Administration	\$10,472.7	80	5		Yes
Therapeutic Courts	\$5,666.6	12			Yes
Alaska Judicial Council	\$1,310.8	9		Yes	
Commission on Judicial Conduct	\$441.5	2		Yes	
<b>Judiciary Total</b>	<b>\$109,394.6</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>32</b>		
<b>FY19 Funding Allocation:</b>					
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$102,799.1			Fines and Forfeitures	\$4,141.9
General Funds Mental Health (GF/MH)	\$2,645.8			Filing Fees	\$3,003.0
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$518.0			Miscellaneous	\$611.0
Interagency Receipts	\$1,401.7			Cost Recovery	\$226.6
Federal Receipts	\$1,225.6			Service Fees	\$47.7
Other (MHTAAR, Program Receipts)	\$804.4			Interest Earnings	\$11.3
<b>Total All Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$109,394.6</b>			<b>Total Fees/Revenues</b>	<b>\$8,041.5</b>
<b>FY17 Fees/Revenues (General Fund) = 7.6% of Costs</b>					

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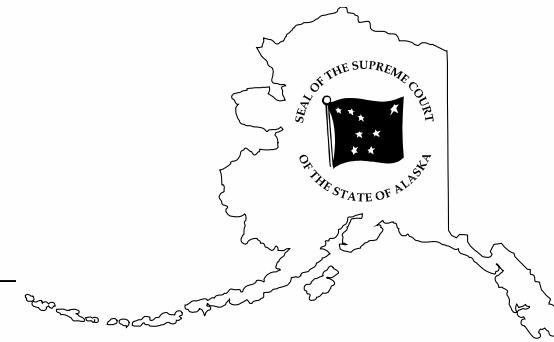


## Alaskans Served in 2017

- 121,636 new cases filed (trial and appellate)
- 7,000 contacts through the Family Law Self Help Center
- 24,112 jurors reported for service
- 8,856 law library patrons
- 672,829 citizens passed through security screening
- 5,056,210 visits to the court's website
- 1,145,167 CourtView searches
- 19,109 online payments made
- 525 therapeutic court participants
- Thousands of on-line court forms accessed or downloaded

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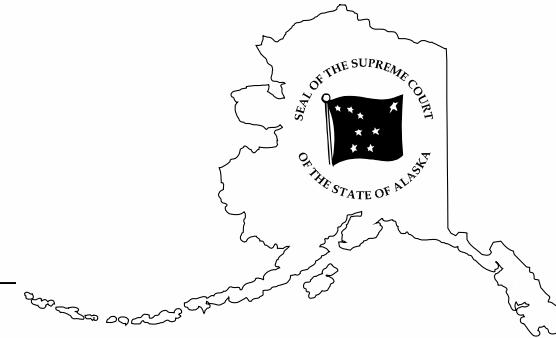


## Effectiveness Ratings and Measures

- Case Clearance Rates
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs
- Customer Surveys
- Jurors and Vendors Paid Timely
- Electronic Efficiencies

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Questions?