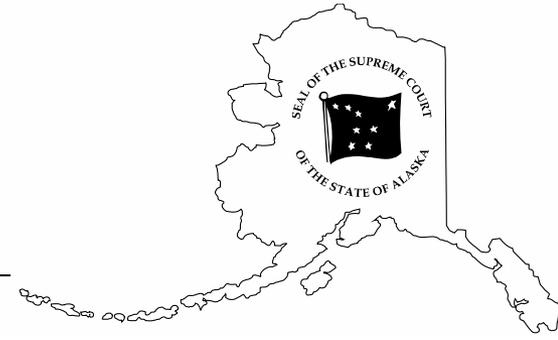


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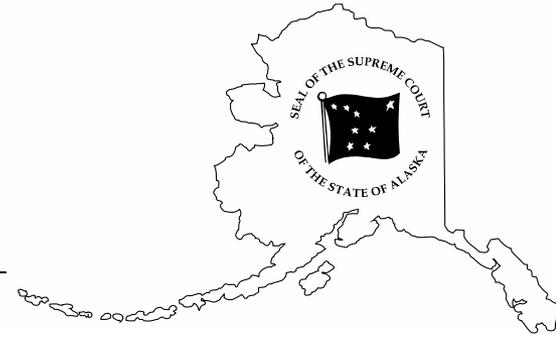
## Mission Statement

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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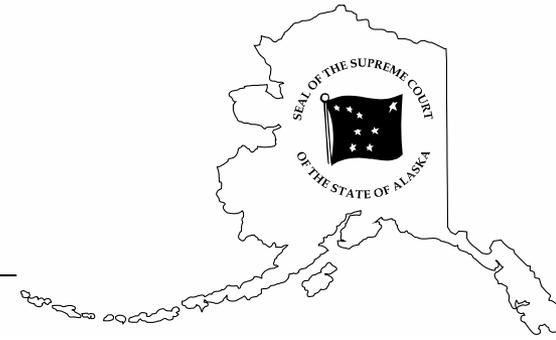
## Distinguishing Characteristics of the Alaska Court System

- State Funded – No County or Municipal Courts
- Unified Judiciary
- Administrative Director Position Established in the Constitution



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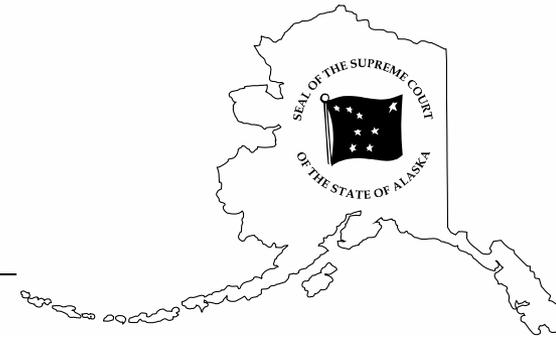
## Distinguishing Characteristics of Alaska Court System vs. Other State Entities

- No Discretionary Functions
- Reactive in Nature
- Must Accept Work Initiated by Others



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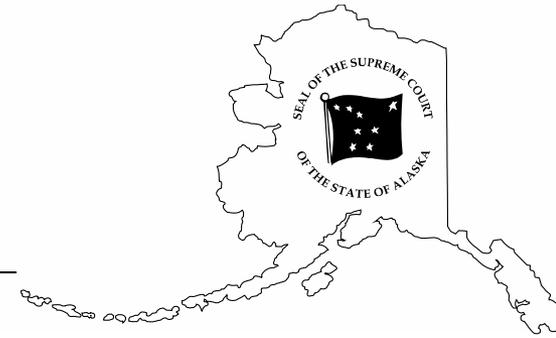
## Factors Impacting Workloads

- Population
- Police
- Economy
- Statutory Changes
- Other



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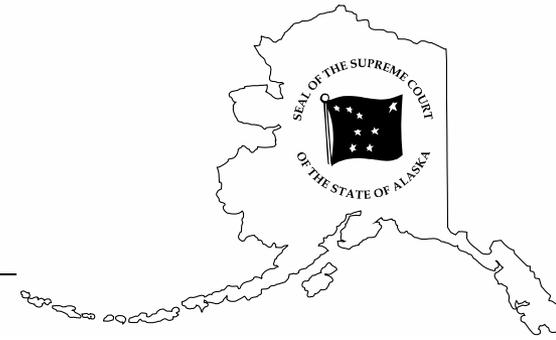
## Caseloads – FY11 vs. FY12

- 150,956 New Cases Filed in FY12
  - Nearly Two-Thirds of All Cases Originated in the Anchorage/Palmer/Kenai Courts
- No significant change in Superior Court Caseload; District Court Caseloads are down 9%
- Probate Cases up 4%
- Domestic Violence Cases up 10%



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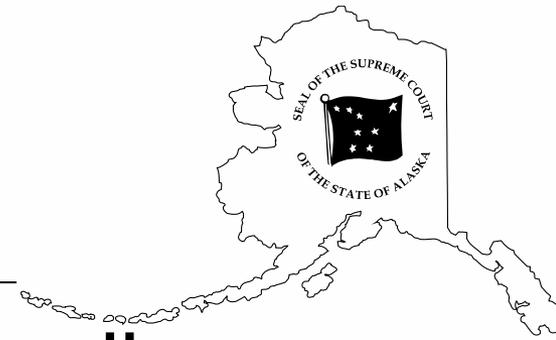


## Court System Employees

- About 800 Permanent (GF-Funded)
  - Primarily Clerical Employees
  - Five Supreme Court Justices
  - Three Court of Appeal Judges
  - 42 Superior Court Judges
  - 23 District Court Judges
  - 44 Magistrates



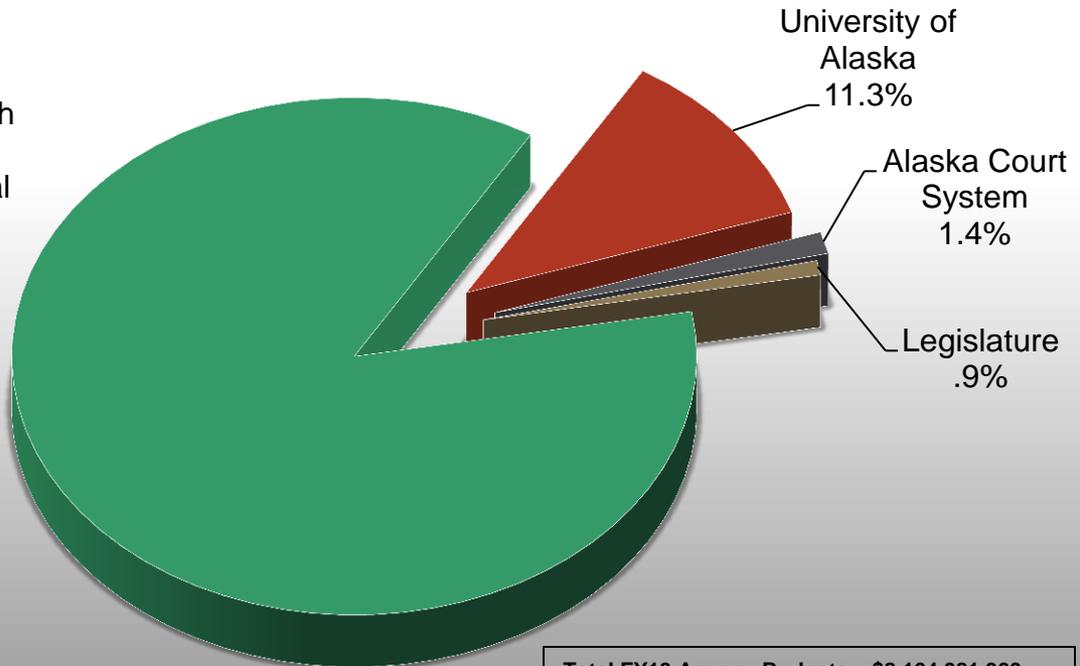
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## FY13 State of Alaska Funding – All Sources



Executive Branch  
(excludes debt  
service & special  
appropriations)  
86.4%

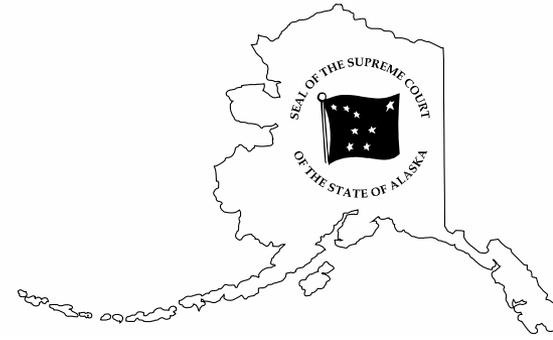


Source: Legislative Finance Division,  
Summary of Appropriations - 2012 Legislature

Total FY13 Agency Budgets = \$8,164,081,300  
Court System Budget = \$110,791,000  
(includes Judicial Council & Judicial Conduct)

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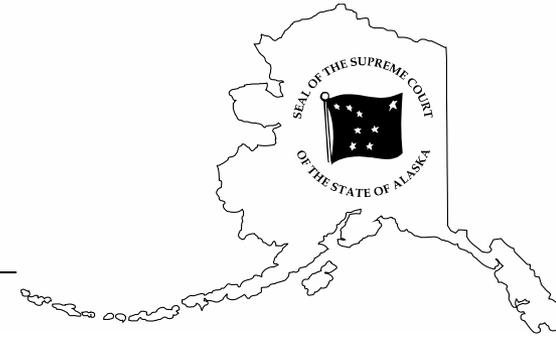
## Breakdown of FY13 Funding (GF)

- Personal Services Costs – 77.1%
- Travel Costs – 1.3%
- Services – 18.4%
- Supplies/Commodities – 2.9%
- Capital Outlay - .3%



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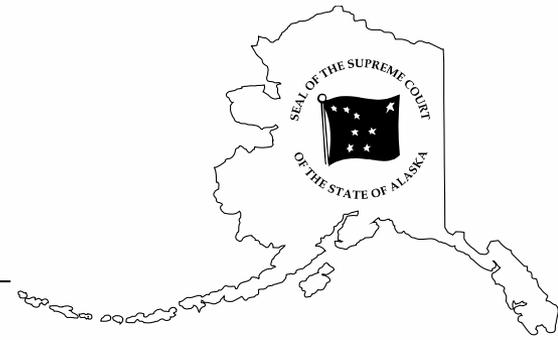
## Increments Funded in FY13

- No Dark Courtrooms – Six Clerical Positions
- Geographic Differential for Non-Judicial Employees
- Maintenance Costs for Leases, Utilities, Security Screening and Software



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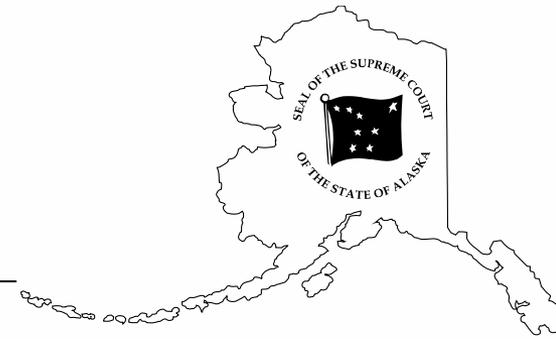
## FY14 Funding Requested

- Bethel Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodation - \$456,800
- Wide Area Network Bandwidth Expansion - \$691,700
- GF/MH Mental Health Trust Authority Recommended Projects – \$1,165,000
  - Replace Federal Pass-Through Funding



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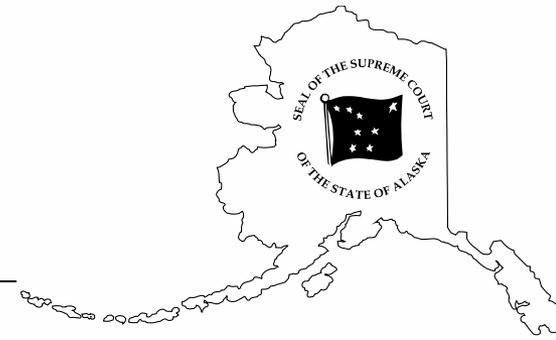
## FY14 Funding Requested (Cont.)

- \$691,300 is requested for:
  - Utilities and Operating Leases
  - New Leases – Craig and Sand Point
  - Contractual Services Increases
- Six New Positions - \$651,100
  - Magistrate Performance Analyst
  - Programmer/Analyst
  - Security Analyst
  - Contracts and Leasing Manager
  - Senior Accounting Clerk
  - Records Technician



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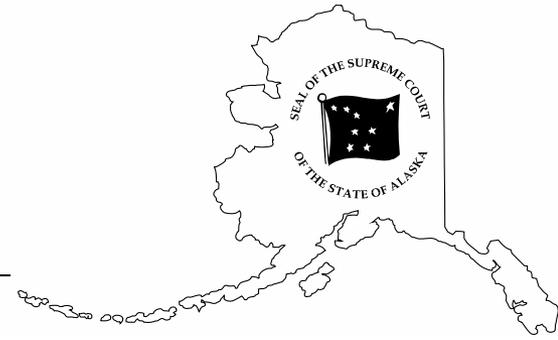
## FY14 Funding Requested (Cont.)

- Projects Targeted at Alcohol Abuse - \$90,000
  - Operators without Licenses (OWL) Program
  - Fairbanks 24/7 Sobriety Pilot Program
- Computer Replacement Funding - \$175,000
  - Increase base funding to \$600,000
- Software Support - \$114,900
- Interpreter and Translation Services - \$25,000



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## Funding Changes FY05 to FY14

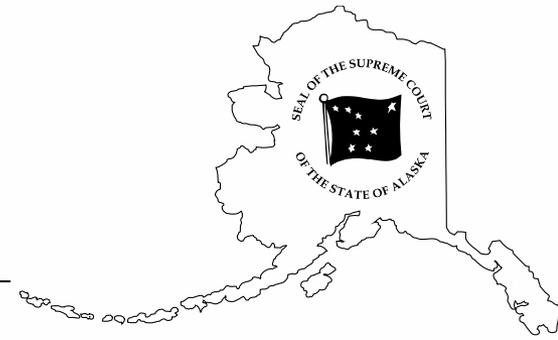
### Personal Services:

- Salary Adjustments
- New Judges – Eight Superior Court and Three District Court
- No Dark Courtrooms Initiative



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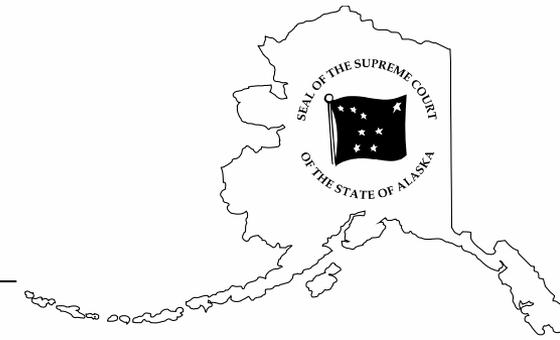
## Funding Changes FY05 to FY14

### Services:

- Leased Facility Expenses including Public Building Fund Participation
- Utility and Maintenance Costs
- Software Support Costs
- Therapeutic Courts



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The Court System's GF budget grew by \$53 million between FY05 and the FY14 Governor's Request -- an average annual growth rate of 7.4%.

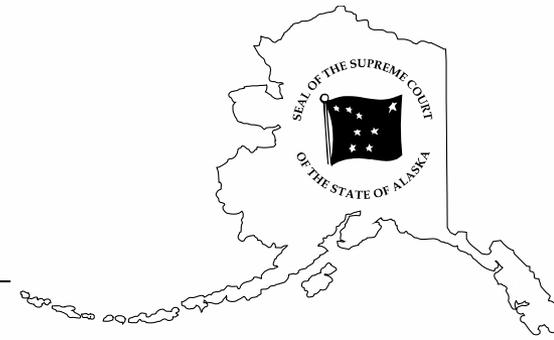
\* The agency's total FY14 GF budget equates to \$340 per resident worker.

Alaska Court System's Share of Total Agency Operations  
(GF Only)  
(\$ Thousands)

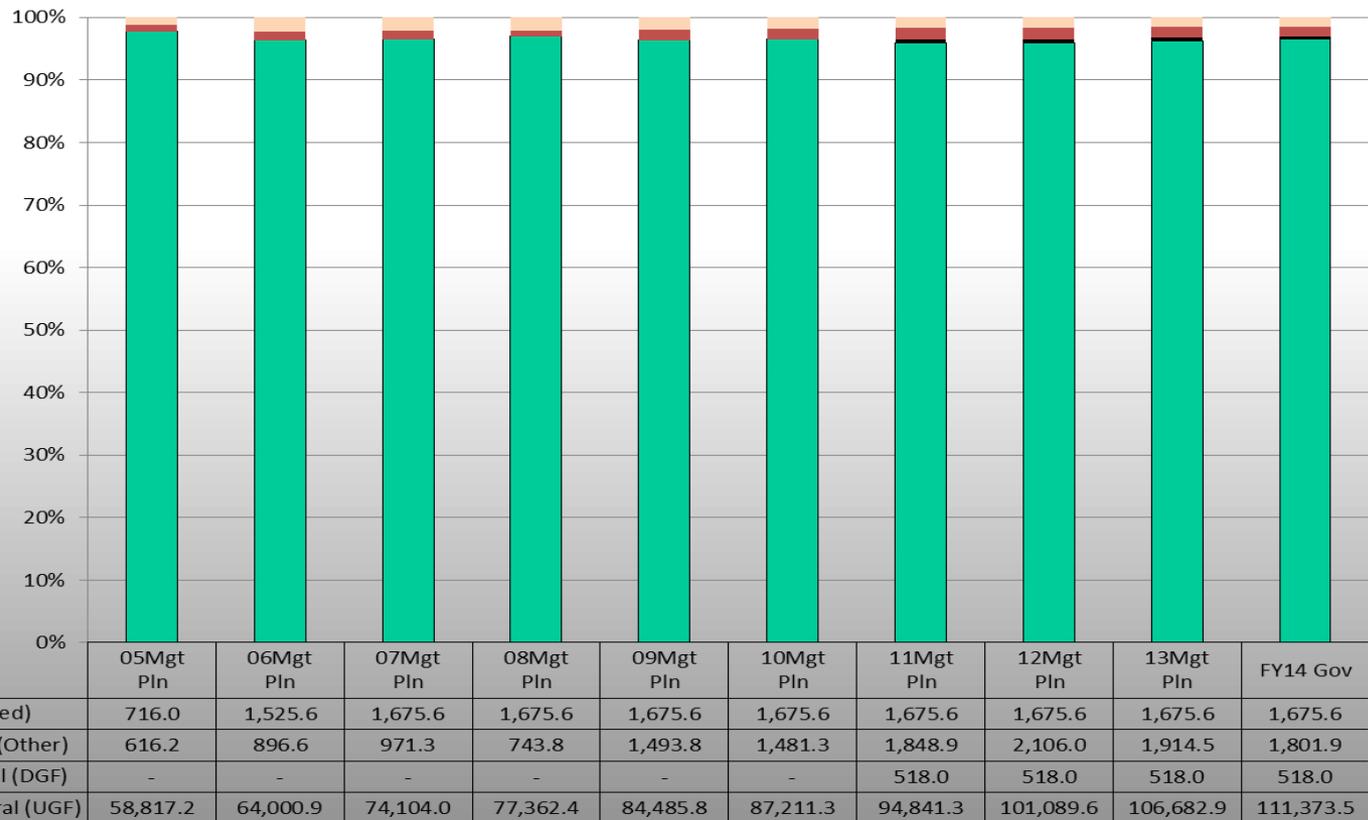


\* According to the Department of Labor, there were 328,611 resident workers in Alaska in 2010.

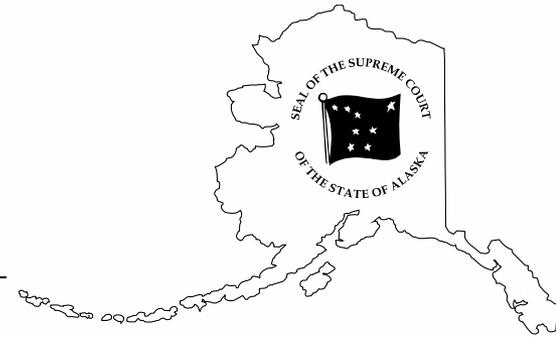
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Alaska Court System  
 Percent of the Total Agency's Budget by Fund Group  
 (All Funds)  
 (Thousands)

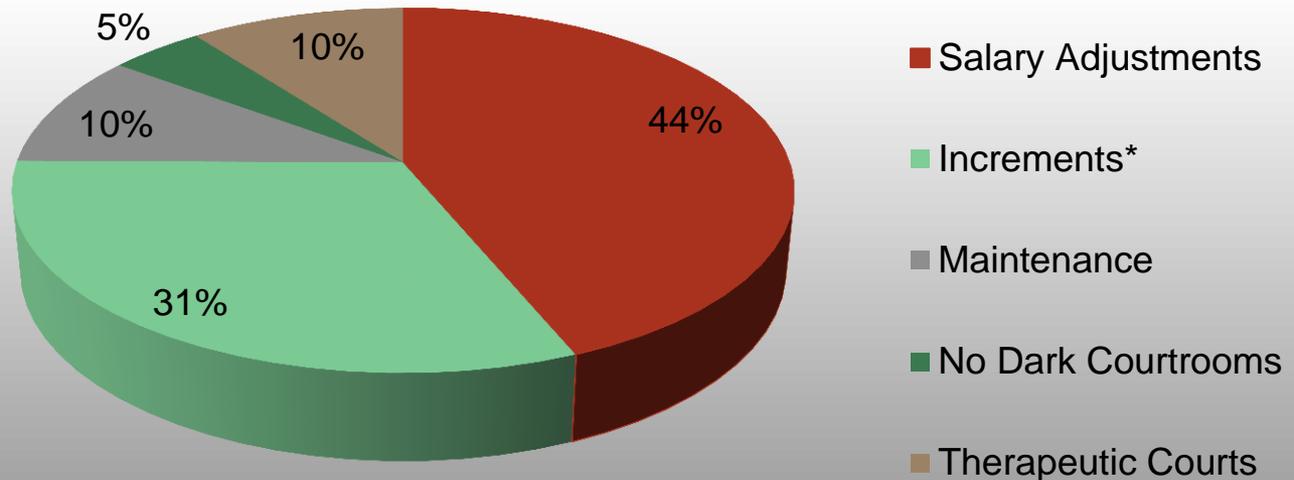


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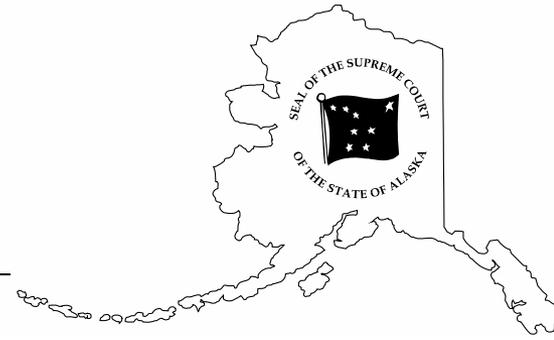
### Allocation of Increased GF



\*Increments include new leases, positions, and contractual services

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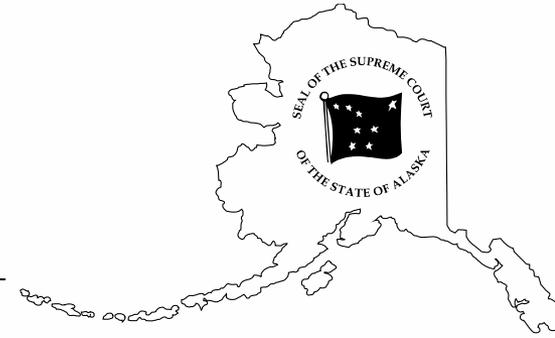
## FY15 and Beyond...

- Respond to Work Initiated by Others
  - Makes Planning for the Next Ten Years Very Difficult



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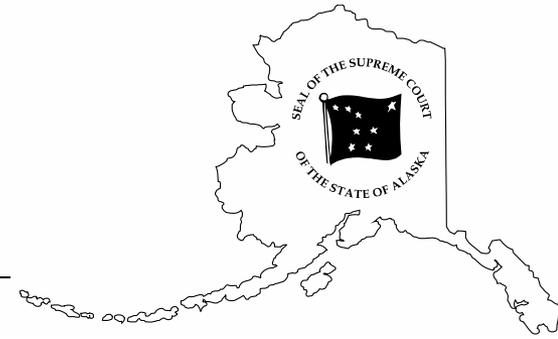
## FY15 and Beyond...(Cont.)

- Electronic Document Management (E-Filing) Project
  - Impact to All Justice Agencies
  - Improve Public Access to Data and Case Information
  - Facilitate Data Exchanges Between Justice Agencies
  - Improve Case Processing Efficiencies



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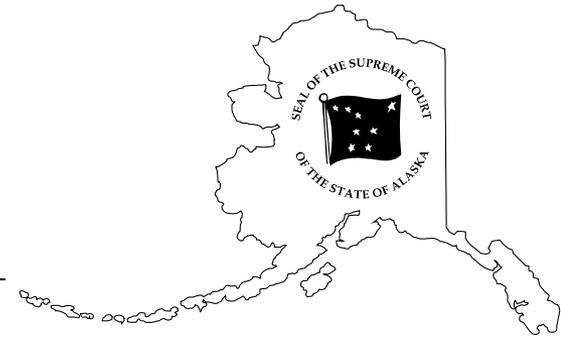
## FY15 and Beyond...(Cont.)

- In the Near Term, New Superior Court Judges may be Needed for Juneau, Bethel, and Palmer Courts
- In the Long Term, New Judges may be Needed Due to Population Changes in Southcentral Alaska



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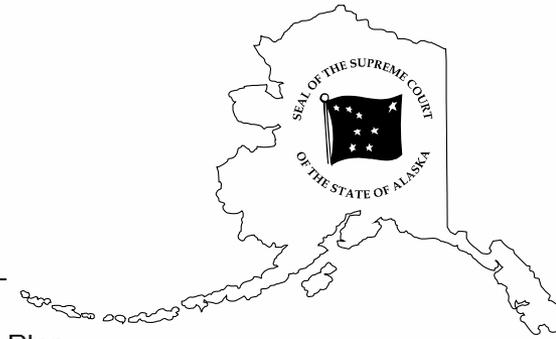


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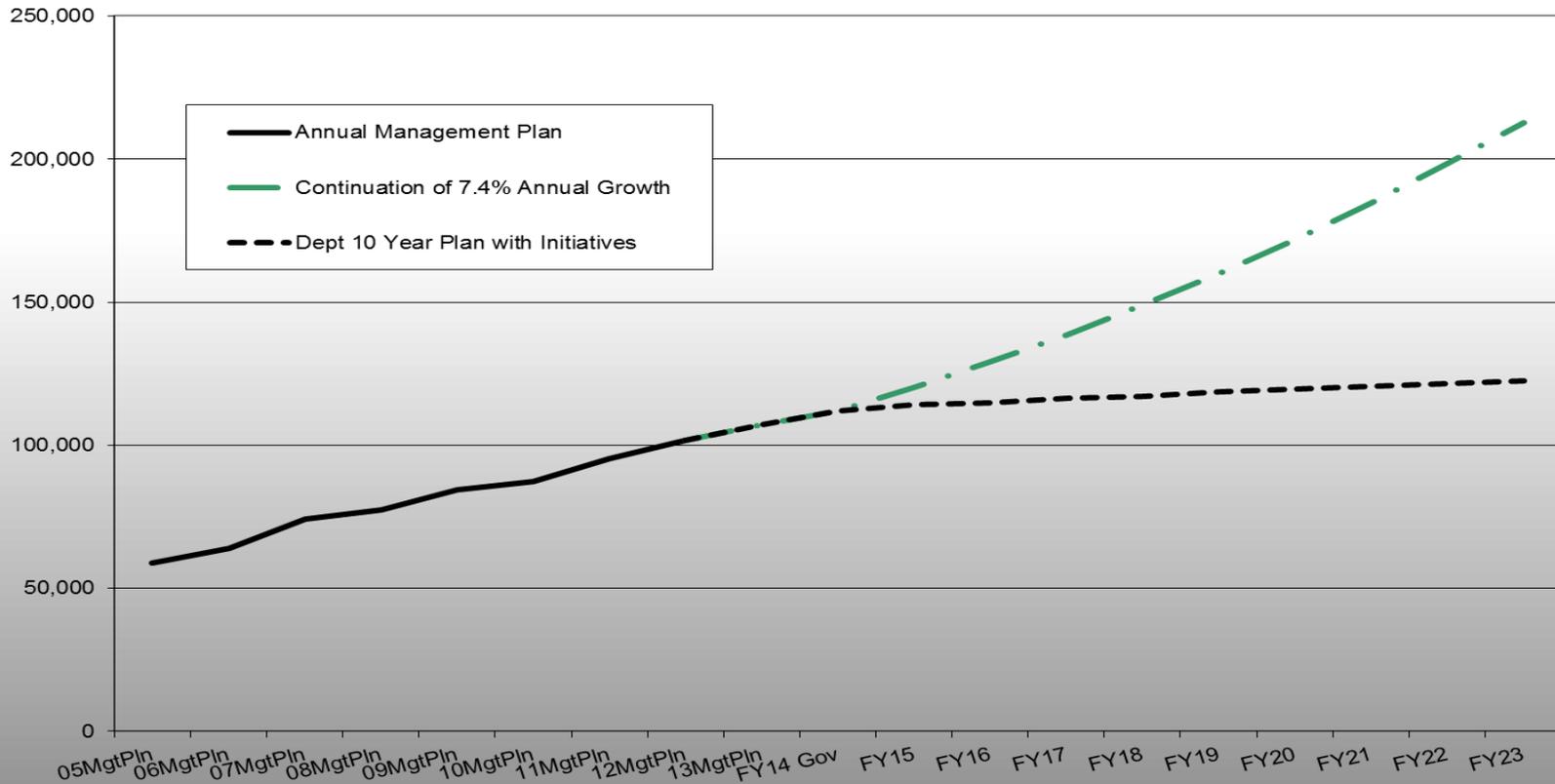
- Improvement of Justice Facilities in Kotzebue, Bethel, and Nome and Additional Space in Palmer
- Videoconferencing and Bandwidth Expansion
  - Reduce costs associated with transporting defendants to court proceedings



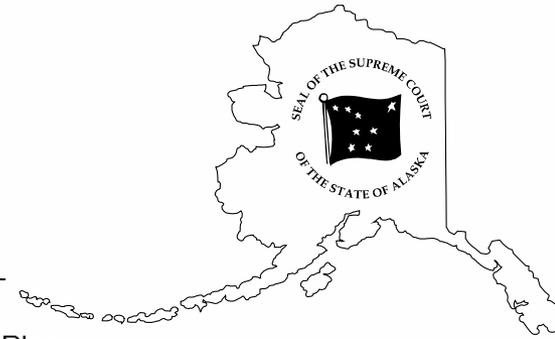
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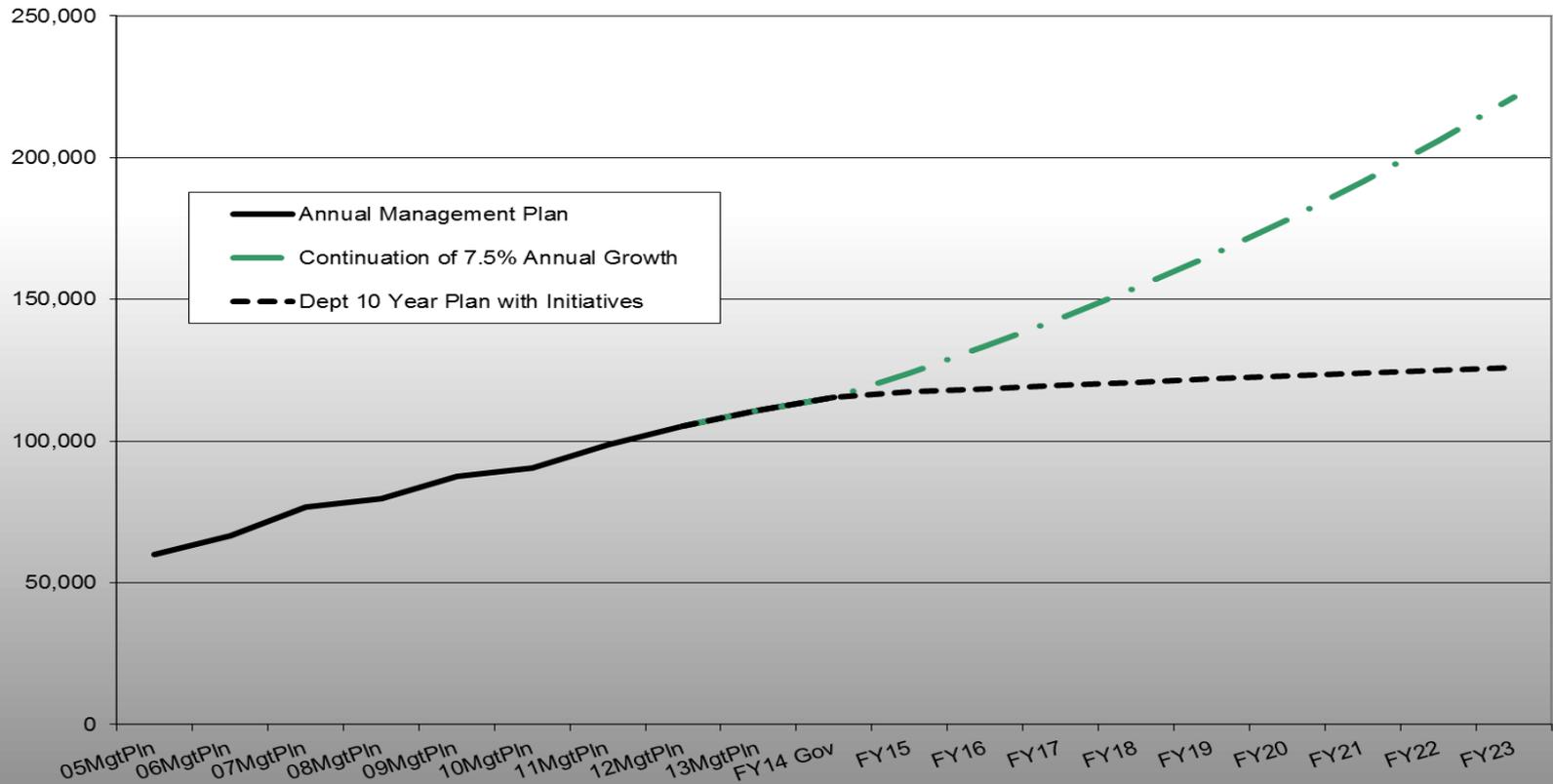
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Continued Budget Growth Compared to 10-Year Plan  
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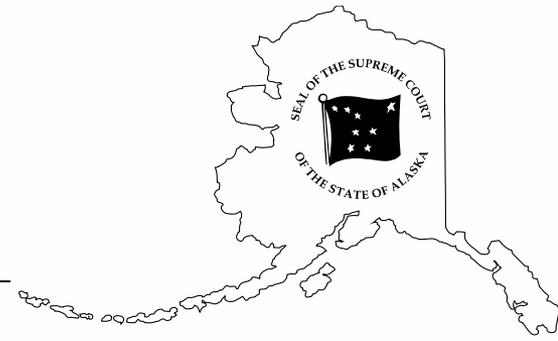


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