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234 Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

The core function of Texas intermediate appellate courts is to process, review, and decide by written opinion or order appeals and original proceedings from criminal and civil trial courts. Since 2004, the yearly average of new appeals filed in the State of Texas is 10,086. This long term trend of new case filings in concert with an ever increasing number of cases eligible for expedited review clearly demonstrates that the workload within the appellate courts is significant. To effectively manage the demands being placed on the appellate courts, the courts must employ a highly skilled and trained professional workforce, including appellate court lawyers and clerical staff, who assist the justices of the court in disposing of cases. This support is critical to the court's ability to resolve these legal disputes and dispose of these appeals and original proceedings. The ability to maintain this highly skilled workforce in concert with handling an increase in case filings has been challenging in recent years.

The courts of appeal initiated steps to address this issue during the 79th and 80th Legislative Sessions, by collectively developing funding requests that sought necessary resources to similarly fund same-sized appellate courts to: 1) create a career ladder for staff attorneys that would allow for the recruitment and retention of qualified attorneys; 2) reclassify the majority of law clerks as permanent staff attorneys; and 3) make salary adjustments for some non-legal staff to appropriately reflect levels of responsibility.

Going into the 81st Legislative Session, the courts updated the funding requests to continue the same-sized court initiative of implementing a career ladder for attorneys by more closely matching court attorney salaries to attorney salaries in state agencies and county government; adding one or more permanent staff attorneys; and making appropriate salary adjustments for non-legal staff to reflect increasing levels of responsibility. The Legislature provided a portion of the requested funding, including attorney salaries (capped at a lower amount than requested) and an additional staff attorney position for most courts; however, the partial funding was provided in FY 2011 only. In the interim, as part of state leadership's directive to cut budgets in the face of the national economic downturn, the approved funding was reduced further, such that the courts were able to provide only some staff attorney salary adjustments, but not all courts were able to hire additional staff attorneys.

During the 82nd Legislative Session, the courts of appeal again expressed a critical need to continue working toward full implementation of similar funding for same-sized courts. However, the courts collectively decided not to pursue the needed resources due to the continuing economic challenges in Texas. The courts decided to only ask the Legislature not to reduce budgets for FY 2012-13. Despite these efforts, the economic downturn resulted in the courts' budgets being cut approximately 6% from levels appropriated in FY 2011.

The state leadership's directive to cut budgets during the 82nd Legislative Session, coupled with a legislative mandate to expedite the processing of parental termination cases and an increased number of case filings, imposed significant pressures on the courts' ability to meet performance objectives and dispose of cases in a timely manner while maintaining a strong commitment to excellence. In the 83rd Legislative Session, with the improving economy, the courts once again sought the funding necessary to enable the courts to meet their performance objectives and process appeals in a timely manner. The courts requested the funds necessary to fully implement the similar funding for same-sized courts initiative. For FY 2014-15, the Legislature provided half of the funding requested by the courts. It is critical for the courts of appeals to continue working toward full implementation of the funding requests made in the 83rd Legislative Session. Funding the remaining portion of the amount requested in the 83rd Legislative Session not only will assist the public's access to justice as the courts continue to meet the increasing demands being placed on them but also will increase the courts' ability to meet their performance objectives and minimize backlogs in the appeal process.

Exceptional Item #1: Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts.

The courts of appeals continue to be challenged in their efforts to recruit and retain the kind of top quality staff necessary to ensure timely and high-quality work product. Moreover, increasing demands continue to threaten the court's ability to meet its performance objectives. To achieve this important mission, the Fourteenth Court respectfully requests the remaining half of its previous request for similar funding for same-sized courts. The funding needed to fully implement this initiative is \$362,979 in the FY 2016-17 biennium. This amount will proportionally fund the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in relation to similar-sized appellate courts and will enable recruitment and retention of professional staff with the requisite skills and training to facilitate the appeals process and support the court's strong commitment to

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excellence.

Appellate work requires trained professionals with specialized knowledge and the ability to analyze appeals and original proceedings, assist with legal research and preparation of court opinions, and facilitate the processing of appeals to conclusion. The requisite skills can be obtained only through professional experience. Generally, law clerks do not possess the level of skills necessary for all aspects of the work and thus more experienced lawyers are needed to fully support the workload. The minimum number of lawyers an appellate court must have to perform at a reasonably productive and efficient level is two lawyers to each judge. Loss of experienced court lawyers creates difficulties in timely processing and disposing of appeals and in maintaining professional business practices. Funding of this item will allow the court to recruit and retain well qualified professional staff, which is a major factor in the court's ability to fulfill its core function of timely processing and disposing of appeals while maintaining the quality of justice to which the citizens of Texas are entitled.

RIDER REQUESTS:

The court also requests the following with regard to the across-the-board riders found in Article IV (p. IV-42):

- 1) Retain Article IV rider, Sec 4, Appellate Court Exemptions
- 2) Retain article IV rider, Sec 5, Appn: Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years within the Biennium
- 3) Delete Article IV rider, Sec 7, Appellate Court Salary Limits
- 4) Retain Article IV rider, Sec 8, Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts.
- 5) Retain Article IV rider, Sec 9, Appellate Court Transfer Authority.

Historically, the Legislature has granted the courts exemption from certain limitations in the General Appropriations Act. The Legislature also has granted the authority to carry over unexpended budget balances between years of the biennium. The flexibility afforded by these measures enhances the court's management ability, and we seek continuation of these budget features. The court seeks to delete the rider that establishes salary limits for the chief staff attorney or other permanent legal staff. The provision is antiquated as these positions are subject to the State of Texas Classification Plan.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

This court supports the consolidated budget approach represented in the biennial appropriations request of the Office of Court Administration. If the OCA's request is not fully funded for the 2016-17 biennium, this court would need additional funds to maintain its own, separate technology network.

CAPPS IMPLEMENTATION

This court has been designated as an agency eligible for conversion to CAPPS during the 2016-17 biennium. The Office of Court Administration is seeking additional funds in its biennial budget request to be used in the implementation of CAPPS at the courts of appeals. The Court supports the consolidated budget approach represented in the biennial appropriations request of the OCA. If the OCA's request for CAPPS deployment is not fully funded for the 2016-17 biennium, this Court would need additional funds to implement CAPPS during the biennium, including and not limited to, funds for project management services, backfill of critical positions, training and management services, IT programming support, computer operating and system updates, operation documentation updates, and travel costs.

Note: on Appropriated Receipts – At the direction of the LBB & Governor's Office, this court has included appropriated receipts in the amount of \$11,539, reflecting reimbursement for copies of opinions and other court documents. These amounts are merely an offset for additional expenses incurred by the court, and do not constitute additional funds available for general expenditures for the court. The amount can vary significantly from year to year.

Sincerely,
Kem Thompson Frost, Chief Justice
Fourteenth Court of Appeals

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
<u>1</u> Appellate Court Operations					
<u>1</u> Appellate Court Operations					
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	3,987,992	4,326,015	4,478,039	4,403,039	4,403,039
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	3,560,410	3,870,776	4,033,948	3,958,948	3,958,948
SUBTOTAL	\$3,560,410	\$3,870,776	\$4,033,948	\$3,958,948	\$3,958,948
Other Funds:					
573 Judicial Fund	273,350	273,350	273,350	273,350	273,350
666 Appropriated Receipts	35,052	22,687	11,539	11,539	11,539
777 Interagency Contracts	119,180	159,202	159,202	159,202	159,202
SUBTOTAL	\$427,582	\$455,239	\$444,091	\$444,091	\$444,091
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039

*Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
GENERAL REVENUE					
1 General Revenue Fund					
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2012-13 GAA)	\$3,427,711	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$3,790,690	\$3,790,690	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,958,948	\$3,958,948
<i>TRANSFERS</i>					
Art IX, Sec 17.06 Salary Increase for General State Employees (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$6,586	\$19,758	\$0	\$0
Sec.11, Article IV Special Provisions, Appn for Judicial Compensation (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$148,500	\$148,500	\$0	\$0
<i>UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY</i>					
Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations (2012-13 GAA)					

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>					
	\$132,699	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$(75,000)	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, General Revenue Fund	\$3,560,410	\$3,870,776	\$4,033,948	\$3,958,948	\$3,958,948
TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE	\$3,560,410	\$3,870,776	\$4,033,948	\$3,958,948	\$3,958,948

OTHER FUNDS

573 Judicial Fund No. 573

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2012-13 GAA)	\$273,350	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$273,350	\$273,350	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$273,350	\$273,350

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573	\$273,350	\$273,350	\$273,350	\$273,350	\$273,350
<u>666</u>	Appropriated Receipts					
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2012-13 GAA)	\$11,539	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$11,539	\$11,539	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,539	\$11,539
	<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>					
	Art IX, Sec 8.03, Reimbursements and Payments (2012-13 GAA)	\$23,513	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Art IX, Sec 8.03, Reimbursements and Payments (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$11,148	\$0	\$0	\$0

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>					
TOTAL, Appropriated Receipts	\$35,052	\$22,687	\$11,539	\$11,539	\$11,539
<u>777</u> Interagency Contracts					
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2012-13 GAA)	\$42,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,500	\$42,500
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>					
Art IX, Sec 8.03, Reimbursements and Payments (2012-13 GAA)	\$76,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Art IX, Sec 8.03, Reimbursements and Payments (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$116,702	\$116,702	\$0	\$0

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	Req 2016	Req 2017
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>					
Art IX, Sec 8.03, Reimbursements and Payments (2016-17 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$116,702	\$116,702
TOTAL, Interagency Contracts	\$119,180	\$159,202	\$159,202	\$159,202	\$159,202
TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS	\$427,582	\$455,239	\$444,091	\$444,091	\$444,091
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039

FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2012-13 GAA)	47.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2014-15 GAA)	0.0	44.0	44.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.0	44.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP					
Unauthorized Number Over(Below) Cap	(5.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	42.1	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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Agency code: 234

Agency name: **Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston**

METHOD OF FINANCING

Exp 2013

Est 2014

Bud 2015

Req 2016

Req 2017

**NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY
FUNDED FTEs**

2.C. Summary of Base Request by Object of Expense
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OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,460,117	\$3,955,154	\$4,105,154	\$4,030,154	\$4,030,154
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$216,440	\$147,355	\$147,879	\$148,629	\$148,629
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$1,248	\$1,248	\$1,248	\$1,248	\$1,248
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$23,012	\$16,637	\$16,637	\$16,637	\$16,637
2005 TRAVEL	\$3,442	\$8,451	\$8,451	\$8,451	\$8,451
2006 RENT - BUILDING	\$40,591	\$45,388	\$45,388	\$45,388	\$45,388
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$3,132	\$4,176	\$4,176	\$4,176	\$4,176
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$240,010	\$147,606	\$149,106	\$148,356	\$148,356
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039
OOE Total (Riders)					
Grand Total	\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039

2.C.1. Operating Costs Detail ~ Base Request

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Agency Code: 234 Agency: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations

Code	Type of Expense	Expended 2013	Estimated 2014	Budgeted 2015	Requested 2016	Requested 2017
2	Postage	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
6	Registrations/Training	889	3,217	3,217	3,217	3,217
7	Subscriptions/Periodicals	10,120	10,062	10,062	10,062	10,062
12	Maintenance & Repair - Equipment	1,633	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850
13	Furniture & Equipment (Expensed)	37,694	3,692	3,692	3,692	3,692
15	Printing & Reproduction	50	500	500	500	500
24	Freight/Delivery	570	750	750	750	750
26	Books (expensed)	44,793	27,587	27,587	27,587	27,587
27	Membership Dues	8,801	8,925	8,925	8,925	8,925
28	Liability Insurance	124	6,124	6,124	6,124	6,124
35	Computer Equip./Software, Non-cap	12,155	0	0	0	0
37	Computer Software / Upgrades	1,995	1,995	1,995	1,995	1,995
38	Computer Parts and Supplies	236	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
45	Telephone/Communication Services	4,994	4,218	4,218	4,218	4,218
55	Computer Furn & Equip-Controlled	20,880	7,875	7,875	7,875	7,875
64	SORM Assessment	4,154	7,660	7,660	7,660	7,660
68	Remodeling	41,949	0	0	0	0
94	Awards	4,916	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
187	1% salary benefits fee	34,057	39,551	41,051	40,301	40,301
	Total, Operating Costs	\$240,010	\$147,606	\$149,106	\$148,356	\$148,356

2.D. Summary of Base Request Objective Outcomes
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Goal/ Objective / Outcome	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 Appellate Court Operations					
KEY 1 Clearance Rate					
	100.60%	98.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year					
	99.50%	99.50%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
KEY 3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years					
	99.80%	99.80%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%

2.E. Summary of Exceptional Items Request
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Priority	Item	2016			2017			Biennium		
		GR and GR/Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR/Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR/Dedicated	All Funds	
1	Similar Funding Same-Size Courts	\$362,979	\$362,979	3.0	\$362,979	\$362,979	3.0	\$725,958	\$725,958	
Total, Exceptional Items Request		\$362,979	\$362,979	3.0	\$362,979	\$362,979	3.0	\$725,958	\$725,958	
Method of Financing										
	General Revenue	\$362,979	\$362,979		\$362,979	\$362,979		\$725,958	\$725,958	
	General Revenue - Dedicated									
	Federal Funds									
	Other Funds									
		\$362,979	\$362,979		\$362,979	\$362,979		\$725,958	\$725,958	
Full Time Equivalent Positions				3.0				3.0		
Number of 100% Federally Funded FTEs										

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
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Agency code: 234	Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston					
<u>Goal/Objective/STRATEGY</u>	<u>Base 2016</u>	<u>Base 2017</u>	<u>Exceptional 2016</u>	<u>Exceptional 2017</u>	<u>Total Request 2016</u>	<u>Total Request 2017</u>
1 Appellate Court Operations						
1 Appellate Court Operations						
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039	\$362,979	\$362,979	\$4,766,018	\$4,766,018
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039	\$362,979	\$362,979	\$4,766,018	\$4,766,018
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039	\$362,979	\$362,979	\$4,766,018	\$4,766,018
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST						
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039	\$362,979	\$362,979	\$4,766,018	\$4,766,018

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
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Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	Base 2016	Base 2017	Exceptional 2016	Exceptional 2017	Total Request 2016	Total Request 2017
General Revenue Funds:						
1 General Revenue Fund	\$3,958,948	\$3,958,948	\$362,979	\$362,979	\$4,321,927	\$4,321,927
	\$3,958,948	\$3,958,948	\$362,979	\$362,979	\$4,321,927	\$4,321,927
Other Funds:						
573 Judicial Fund	273,350	273,350	0	0	273,350	273,350
666 Appropriated Receipts	11,539	11,539	0	0	11,539	11,539
777 Interagency Contracts	159,202	159,202	0	0	159,202	159,202
	\$444,091	\$444,091	\$0	\$0	\$444,091	\$444,091
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039	\$362,979	\$362,979	\$4,766,018	\$4,766,018
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	44.0	44.0	3.0	3.0	47.0	47.0

2.G. Summary of Total Request Objective Outcomes
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Goal/ Objective / Outcome

	BL 2016	BL 2017	Excp 2016	Excp 2017	Total Request 2016	Total Request 2017
1 Appellate Court Operations						
1 Appellate Court Operations						
KEY 1 Clearance Rate	100.00%	100.00%			100.00%	100.00%
KEY 2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	99.00%	99.00%			99.00%	99.00%
KEY 3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	99.00%	99.00%			99.00%	99.00%

3.A. Strategy Request
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GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Statewide Goal/Benchmark:	0	0
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:		
STRATEGY:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service: 01	Income: A.2	Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
Output Measures:						
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	683.00	620.00	700.00	720.00	735.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	633.00	606.00	610.00	620.00	635.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	707.00	700.00	700.00	735.00	740.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	609.00	625.00	600.00	625.00	635.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	72.00	41.00	45.00	45.00	40.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	8.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,460,117	\$3,955,154	\$4,105,154	\$4,030,154	\$4,030,154
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$216,440	\$147,355	\$147,879	\$148,629	\$148,629
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$1,248	\$1,248	\$1,248	\$1,248	\$1,248
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$23,012	\$16,637	\$16,637	\$16,637	\$16,637
2005	TRAVEL	\$3,442	\$8,451	\$8,451	\$8,451	\$8,451
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$40,591	\$45,388	\$45,388	\$45,388	\$45,388
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$3,132	\$4,176	\$4,176	\$4,176	\$4,176
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$240,010	\$147,606	\$149,106	\$148,356	\$148,356

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234 Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Statewide Goal/Benchmark:	0	0
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:		
STRATEGY:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service: 01	Income: A.2	Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$3,560,410	\$3,870,776	\$4,033,948	\$3,958,948	\$3,958,948
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$3,560,410	\$3,870,776	\$4,033,948	\$3,958,948	\$3,958,948
Method of Financing:						
573	Judicial Fund	\$273,350	\$273,350	\$273,350	\$273,350	\$273,350
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$35,052	\$22,687	\$11,539	\$11,539	\$11,539
777	Interagency Contracts	\$119,180	\$159,202	\$159,202	\$159,202	\$159,202
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$427,582	\$455,239	\$444,091	\$444,091	\$444,091
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		42.1	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0
STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:						

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234 Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Statewide Goal/Benchmark:	0	0
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:		
STRATEGY:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service: 01	Income: A.2	Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
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The Fourteenth Court of Appeals was created in 1967 by amendment to the Article 1817, V.T.C.S. pursuant to the authority granted by Article 5, Section 1, Texas Constitution. This court has intermediate appellate jurisdiction in civil cases in which the judgment rendered exceeds \$100, exclusive of costs, and, effective September 1, 1981, in criminal cases, except those in which the death penalty has been assessed .

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

Courts of Appeals are by nature, small agencies with highly specialized staff . The main factor which drives this strategy is the need to attract and retain highly trained and knowledgeable professional staff to work on an increasing caseload .

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SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$3,987,992	\$4,326,015	\$4,478,039	\$4,403,039	\$4,403,039
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	42.1	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0

3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request

Agency Code: 234	Agency Name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals	Prepared By: Kelly McIntosh/Chris Prine	Date: August 4, 2014	Request Level: Baseline
Current Rider Number	Page Number in 2014-15 GAA	Proposed Rider Language		
4	IV-42	<p>Appellate Court Exemptions. The following provisions of Article IX of this Act do not apply to the appellate courts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Article IX, § 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels b. Article IX, § 6.13, Performance Rewards and Penalties c. Article IX, §14.03, Limit on Expenditures - Capital Budget <p><i>Request continuation of this rider.</i></p>		
5	IV-42	<p>Appropriation: Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years within the Biennium. Any unexpended balances from appropriations made to the appellate courts for fiscal year <u>2014-2016</u> are hereby appropriated to the same court for fiscal year <u>2015-2017</u> for the same purposes.</p> <p><i>Request continuation of this rider. Change years to reflect the new biennium.</i></p>		
7	IV-42	<p>Appellate Court Salary Limits. It is the intent of the Legislature that no intermediate appellate court may pay more than one chief staff attorney promoted or hired after September 1, 2013, more than \$94,950 annually under this provision. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that no intermediate appellate court may pay other permanent legal staff hired or promoted after September 1, 2013 more than \$84,175 annually. This provision does not apply to law clerk positions at any appellate court.</p> <p><i>Request deletion of this rider. These positions are covered under the State of Texas Position Classification Act, which determines the classification and compensation range of each position in the courts (and all state agencies). Originally, this rider was used to distinguish salary increases given specifically to the courts for attorney salaries from across-the-board increases for all state employees. Subsequent legislatures have addressed this issue through directive riders in Article IX to ensure there is no overlap or duplication of salary actions for specific classes of state employees. Currently, staff attorneys at the courts of appeals are the only position classification employees across the state with a mandated ceiling on the amount they can earn that is lower than the maximum allowed by the Position Classification Plan.</i></p> <p><i>This rider is no longer necessary, thus, the courts request that it be deleted.</i></p>		

**3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request
(continued)**

8	IV-42	<p>Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts. Out of funds appropriated in this Article to Strategies A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals, or any of the 14 Courts of Appeals may enter into a contract with the Office of the Comptroller for fiscal years 2012 <u>2016</u> and 2013 <u>2017</u>, for the purpose of reimbursing the Comptroller for amounts expended for judges assigned under Chapter 74, Government Code to hear cases of the appellate courts. It is the intent of the Legislature that any amounts reimbursed under this contract for judges assigned to the appellate courts are in addition to amounts appropriated for the use of assigned judges in Strategy A.1.3, Visiting Judges - Appellate in the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department.</p> <p><i>Request continuation of this rider. Change years to reflect the new biennium.</i></p>
9	IV-42	<p>Appellate Court Transfer Authority. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, the Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, or the Chair of the Council of Chief Justices is authorized to transfer funds between appellate courts, notwithstanding any other provision in this Act and subject to prior approval of any transfer of funds by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. Any such transfer shall be made for the purpose of efficient and effective appellate court operations and management of court caseloads.</p> <p><i>Request continuation of this rider.</i></p>

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule
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Agency code: 234

Agency name:
 Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2016	Excp 2017
	Item Name: Similar Funding Same-Size Courts		
	Item Priority: 1		
	Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	362,979	362,979
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$362,979	\$362,979
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	362,979	362,979
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$362,979	\$362,979
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		3.00	3.00

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

During the 83rd Legislative Session, the courts of appeals submitted a request to fully implement funding in their Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts initiative. The Legislature graciously approved half of the amounts requested by the courts of appeals. However, challenges remain in recruiting and retaining top quality staff, and increasing demands continue to threaten the court's ability to meet its performance objectives. To achieve this mission, the Fourteenth Court respectfully requests the remaining portion of its previous request for similar funding for same-sized courts. The funding needed to fully implement this initiative is \$362,979 in the FY 2016-17 biennium. This amount will proportionally fund the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in relation to similar-sized appellate courts and will enable recruitment and retention of professional staff with the requisite skills and training to facilitate and process the appeals and original proceedings.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Appellate work requires specialized knowledge with the ability to analyze cases on appeal and original proceedings, assist with court opinions, and facilitate the processing of cases to conclusion. Effective management of this workload requires personnel that possess the requisite skills that can be obtained only through professional experience. Generally, law clerks do not possess the skills necessary to maximize efforts to assist the court in its workload. In addition, entry-level support staff lack the requisite skills to fully support the court in its workload. The minimum number of lawyers an appellate court must have to perform at a reasonably productive and efficient level is two lawyers to each judge. Loss of experienced court lawyers creates difficulties in timely processing and disposal of appeals and original proceedings and in maintaining professional business practices. Funding of this item will allow the court to recruit and retain well qualified professional staff, which is a major factor in the court's ability to fulfill its core function of timely processing and disposing of cases while maintaining the quality of justice to which the citizens of Texas are entitled.

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule
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DATE: 8/4/2014
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Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

Code Description	Excp 2016	Excp 2017
Item Name: Similar Funding Same-Size Courts		
Allocation to Strategy: 1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations		
STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES:		
<u>1</u> Clearance Rate	100.00%	100.00%
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:		
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	362,979	362,979
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$362,979	\$362,979
METHOD OF FINANCING:		
1 General Revenue Fund	362,979	362,979
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$362,979	\$362,979
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):	3.0	3.0

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request
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Agency Code: 234

Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations
 STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 0 - 0

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE DESCRIPTION	Excp 2016	Excp 2017
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OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001 SALARIES AND WAGES

362,979

362,979

Total, Objects of Expense

\$362,979

\$362,979

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1 General Revenue Fund

362,979

362,979

Total, Method of Finance

\$362,979

\$362,979

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):

3.0

3.0

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Similar Funding Same-Size Courts

6.A. Historically Underutilized Business Supporting Schedule
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Agency Code: 234 Agency: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

COMPARISON TO STATEWIDE HUB PROCUREMENT GOALS

A. Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 HUB Expenditure Information

Statewide HUB Goals	Procurement Category	% Goal	HUB Expenditures FY 2012			Total Expenditures FY 2012		HUB Expenditures FY 2013			Total Expenditures FY 2013	
			% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	% Goal	% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	% Goal		
24.6%	Other Services	24.6 %	21.6%	-3.0%	\$5,191	\$23,986	24.6 %	29.8%	5.2%	\$3,256	\$10,928	
21.0%	Commodities	21.0 %	67.6%	46.6%	\$75,812	\$112,177	21.0 %	69.7%	48.7%	\$73,821	\$105,891	
	Total Expenditures		59.5%		\$81,003	\$136,163		66.0%		\$77,077	\$116,819	

B. Assessment of Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Efforts to Meet HUB Procurement Goals

Attainment:

The agency more than exceeded the applicable statewide HUB procurement goals in FY2012 and FY2013 in the categories where HUB's were available for use.

Applicability:

The "Heavy Construction," Building Construction," "Special Trade," and "Professional Service," categories are not applicable to agency operations in either fiscal year 2012 or fiscal year 2013 since the agency did not have any strategies or programs related to these categories.

Factors Affecting Attainment:

In fiscal year 2012, the goal of "Other Services" category were not met due to the following:

- printing expenditures are exempt from bidding for Judicial agencies per Texas Const. Sec. 21
- the lowest bid was from a non-hub vendor
- only source available

In fiscal year 2013 "Other Services" were exceeded due to the following:

- consistent repeat purchases to HUB vendors were utilized

In fiscal year 2012 and 2013, the goal of "Commodities" were exceeded due to the following:

- major purchases were made with HUB vendors
- consistent repeat purchases to HUB vendors were utilized

"Good-Faith" Efforts:

The agency made the following good faith efforts to comply with statewide HUB procurement goals per 1 TAC Section 111.13c:

- ensured that contract specifications, terms, and conditions reflected the agency's actual requirements, were clearly stated, and did not impose unreasonable or unnecessary contract requirements
- gathered information on HUB vendors from the on-line system and contacted the vendor directly for a bid
- used the TBPC state term contracts where applicable, not always resulting in the use of a HUB vendor

**6.H. Estimated Total of All Agency Funds Outside the GAA Bill Pattern
Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL OF AGENCY FUNDS OUTSIDE THE 2016-17 GAA BILL PATTERN	\$ 780,000
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<u>Fund Name</u>	
Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2014	
Estimated Revenues FY 2014	\$ 386,000
Estimated Revenues FY 2015	\$ 390,000
FY 2014-15 Total	\$ 776,000
Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2016	
Estimated Revenues FY 2016	\$ 390,000
Estimated Revenues FY 2017	\$ 390,000
FY 2016-17 Total	\$ 780,000
Constitutional or Statutory Creation and Use of Funds:	
Pursuant to section 22.202 of the Government code, counties other than Harris County composing the First and Fourteenth Court of Appeals Districts shall annually reimburse Harris County for the costs incurred by Harris County during its previous fiscal year for supplemental salaries and fringe benefits for the justices of those courts. In addition, these counties are also to provide reimbursement for furnishings, equipment, supplies and utility expenses for those courts.	
Method of Calculation and Revenue Assumptions:	
Each county is to pay a share based on the proportion of their population to the total population of all counties in these districts. To effectuate the billing and payment process, the Harris County Commissioners Court is required to furnish each county liable for expenses with a statement of that county's share. Furthermore, the statement must be approved by the Chief Justices of the Courts of Appeals.	

6.I. Percent Biennial Base Reduction Options

10 % REDUCTION

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Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

Item Priority and Name/ Method of Financing	REVENUE LOSS			REDUCTION AMOUNT			TARGET
	2016	2017	Biennial Total	2016	2017	Biennial Total	
1 10% GR-RELATED REDUCTION							
Category: Programs - Service Reductions (Other)							
Item Comment: A 10% reduction in the Fourteenth Court's General Revenue (GR) will result in the loss of two permanent staff attorneys; the loss of three administrative assistant type positions, and one Deputy Clerk II. The loss of two permanent staff attorneys represents 10% of the Court's permanent legal staff. The loss of three administrative assistant type positions and one Deputy Clerk II represents 33% of the Court's upper-level administrative staff. As an alternative, the Court could implement across-the-board reductions in salaries. Such reductions would drop salaries significantly below those of other comparable positions in both the public and private sectors and would likely deter top candidates from applying with the Court.							
A reduction equates to \$702,880 of the Court's biennial funds. A reduction of this magnitude will severely impact the Court's ability to fulfill its mission of providing timely appellate review to the ten counties in its jurisdiction. Because a majority of the Court's funding is dedicated to salaries, and because the Court has previously reduced its operating expenses to the lowest possible amount, a 10% reduction can be achieved only through eliminating positions or lowering salaries. If such a plan were implemented, the Court no longer would have the resources needed to timely process and decide appeals and original proceedings. The cuts and reductions necessitated by a 10% reduction in GR would adversely affect clearance rates, contribute to a significant backlog in case dispositions, and clog the Court's docket with pending cases.							
Strategy: 1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations							
<u>General Revenue Funds</u>							
1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$362,369	\$362,369	\$724,738	
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$362,369	\$362,369	\$724,738	
Item Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$362,369	\$362,369	\$724,738	
FTE Reductions (From FY 2016 and FY 2017 Base Request)				6.0	6.0		
AGENCY TOTALS							
General Revenue Total				\$362,369	\$362,369	\$724,738	\$724,738
Agency Grand Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$362,369	\$362,369	\$724,738	
Difference, Options Total Less Target							
Agency FTE Reductions (From FY 2016 and FY 2017 Base Request)				6.0	6.0		

7.B. Direct Administrative and Support Costs
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Agency code: 234

Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

Strategy		Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations					
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,460	\$3,955	\$4,105	\$4,030	\$4,030
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	216	147	147	155	155
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	1	1	1	1	1
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	23	17	17	17	17
2005	TRAVEL	3	8	8	8	8
2006	RENT - BUILDING	41	45	45	45	45
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	3	4	4	4	4
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	240	148	149	148	148
Total, Objects of Expense		\$3,987	\$4,325	\$4,476	\$4,408	\$4,408
METHOD OF FINANCING:						
1	General Revenue Fund	3,987	4,325	4,476	4,408	4,408
Total, Method of Financing		\$3,987	\$4,325	\$4,476	\$4,408	\$4,408
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4

DESCRIPTION

The administrative and support costs in this strategy are related to the percentage of salaries and related operating costs of court personnel performing administrative functions.

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Agency code: 234

Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

	Exp 2013	Est 2014	Bud 2015	BL 2016	BL 2017
GRAND TOTALS					
Objects of Expense					
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,460	\$3,955	\$4,105	\$4,030	\$4,030
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$216	\$147	\$147	\$155	\$155
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$23	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17
2005 TRAVEL	\$3	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8
2006 RENT - BUILDING	\$41	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$3	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$240	\$148	\$149	\$148	\$148
Total, Objects of Expense	\$3,987	\$4,325	\$4,476	\$4,408	\$4,408
Method of Financing					
1 General Revenue Fund	\$3,987	\$4,325	\$4,476	\$4,408	\$4,408
Total, Method of Financing	\$3,987	\$4,325	\$4,476	\$4,408	\$4,408
Full-Time-Equivalent Positions (FTE)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4

**Organizational Chart
Fourteenth Court of Appeals
2014-(2016-2017)**





