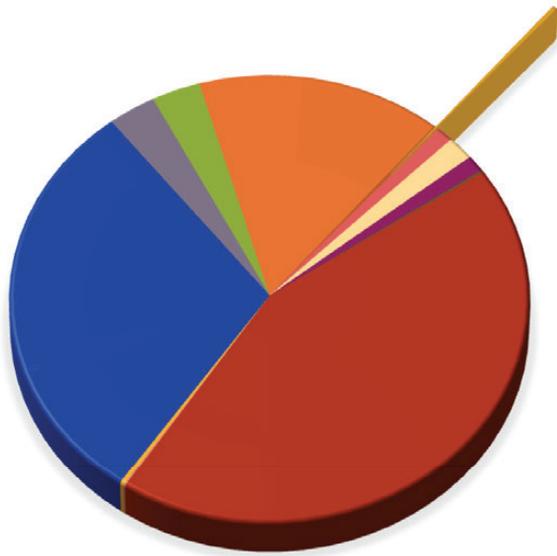


# Circuit Court Judges

## Mission Statement

The 31st Judicial Circuit Court has general trial court jurisdiction, including acting as an appellate court for the General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts, and is a separate and distinct branch of government. (Article I, Section 5, Constitution of Virginia)



**Public Safety Expenditure Budget:**  
**\$383,324,676**

**Expenditure Budget:**  
**\$1,158,437**



*0.3% of Public Safety*

### Programs:

- Circuit Court Judges Chambers:  
\$1,158,437

## Mandates

The Code of Virginia requires that every county shall have a courthouse with suitable space and facilities to accommodate the various courts and officials serving the county.

**State Code:** [15.2-1638](#) (County or city governing body to provide courthouse, clerk's office, jail and suitable facilities for attorney for the Commonwealth; acquisition of land)

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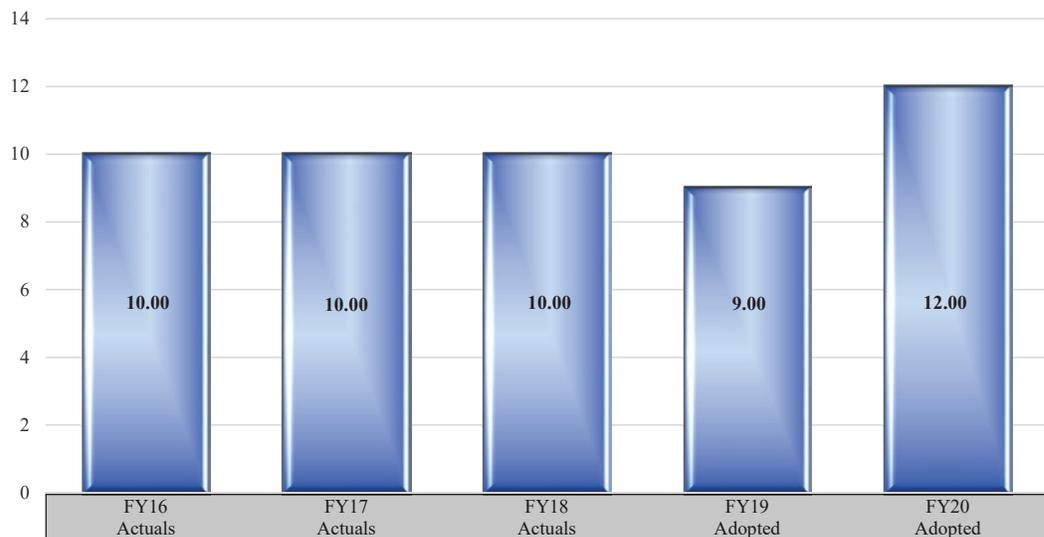
## Expenditure and Revenue Summary

Expenditure by Program	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted	% Change Budget FY19/ Budget FY20
Circuit Court Judges Chambers	\$776,856	\$794,151	\$726,132	\$763,865	\$1,158,437	51.65%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$776,856</b>	<b>\$794,151</b>	<b>\$726,132</b>	<b>\$763,865</b>	<b>\$1,158,437</b>	<b>51.65%</b>

### Expenditure by Classification

Salaries and Benefits	\$724,936	\$744,224	\$670,522	\$698,150	\$896,411	28.40%
Contractual Services	\$40	\$0	\$2,818	\$550	\$108,513	19,629.64%
Internal Services	\$26,471	\$26,383	\$27,378	\$27,378	\$33,588	22.68%
Purchase of Goods & Services	\$23,285	\$21,242	\$22,913	\$35,583	\$117,721	230.83%
Leases & Rentals	\$2,124	\$2,302	\$2,501	\$2,204	\$2,204	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$776,856</b>	<b>\$794,151</b>	<b>\$726,132</b>	<b>\$763,865</b>	<b>\$1,158,437</b>	<b>51.65%</b>
<b>Total Designated Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>\$776,856</b>	<b>\$794,151</b>	<b>\$726,132</b>	<b>\$763,865</b>	<b>\$1,158,437</b>	<b>51.65%</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

## Staff History by Program



Circuit Court Judges	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	12.00
<b>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Total</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>

# Circuit Court Judges

## General Overview

- A. **Add 1 FTE Judicial Law Clerk** – [BOCS Resolution 18-553](#) in October 2018 added 1 FTE judicial law clerk position to the Circuit Court Judges. The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia authorized the use of substitute (retired) judges until an additional sixth judge is appointed by the Virginia General Assembly in 2019. Each permanent circuit court judge is currently assigned a judicial law clerk to assist with case research. The cost of this position is \$66,057 in FY20.

## Budget Initiatives

### A. Budget Initiatives

#### 1. Administrative Support Assistant III – Circuit Court Judges Chambers

Expenditure	\$308,243	General Fund Impact	\$308,243
Revenue	\$0	FTE Positions	2.00

- a. **Description** – Two Administrative Support Assistant III’s have been added to the Circuit Court Judges FY2020 Budget. This cost includes \$121,160 for the positions and \$187,073 in one-time costs for renovations to existing office space to accommodate these positions plus two additional administrative support positions in FY21 and FY22 of the County’s Five-Year Plan. These positions will assist in managing the circuit court judges’ calendars and provide support for increasing caseloads. The cost of the additional positions is \$121,160 in FY21 and FY22.
- b. **Service Level Impacts** – The positions will provide administrative support for processing cases coming before the Circuit Court.

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## Program Summary

### Circuit Court Judges Chambers

The 31st Judicial Circuit Court has general trial court jurisdiction, as well as appellate for General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court. It is a separate and distinct branch of government. Circuit Court in Virginia decides the most serious cases in each jurisdiction presiding over criminal and civil cases. The 31st Judicial Circuit currently has six full-time judges.

Key Measures	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
Annual criminal disposition percentage	-	98.2%	87.9%	NR	93.1%
Annual civil disposition percentage	-	90.7%	92.8%	NR	91.8%
Annual miscellaneous disposition percentage	-	56.0%	51.4%	NR	53.7%
Total average annual disposition rate	-	85.7%	82.7%	NR	84.2%
Annual clearance rates	-	89.1%	86.3%	NR	87.2%

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY16 Actuals	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Adopted	FY20 Adopted
<b>Court Case Docket Management and Administrative Support</b>	\$777	\$794	\$726	\$764	\$1,158
Cases per Circuit Court Judge	3,047	3,082	3,252	NR	3,378
Cost per case concluded	\$43	\$44	\$45	NR	\$44