

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
SUMMARY STATEMENT RELATING APPROPRIATION ESTIMATES TO THE CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS

Fiscal Year 2026 Assumed Appropriation \$ 207,818,000

Requirements	
2026 Assumed Appropriation	2027 Requested Appropriation

Salaries and Expenses - Mandatory	\$ 3,254,000	\$ 3,278,000
Salaries and Expenses - Discretionary	193,127,000	207,039,000
Salaries and Expenses - Subtotal	196,381,000	210,317,000
Care of the Building and Grounds	11,437,000	18,093,000
Totals	207,818,000	228,410,000

\$ 20,592,000

Total Requested Budget Authority, Fiscal Year 2027 \$ 228,410,000

**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS**

	Mandatory	Discretionary	Total
Fiscal Year 2026 Assumed Appropriations ¹	\$3,254,000	\$193,127,000	\$196,381,000
Fiscal Year 2027 Requested Appropriation	\$3,278,000	\$207,039,000	\$210,317,000
Requested Increase from Fiscal Year 2026 Assumed Appropriations	\$24,000	\$13,912,000	\$13,936,000

1/ The "FY 2026 Assumed Appropriations" discretionary amount is the sum of \$135.127 million enacted in P.L. 119-75, \$28 million enacted in P.L. 119-37, and \$30 million included in Div. H of H.R. 7147 as passed by the House but not yet enacted.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

For expenses necessary for the operation of the Supreme Court, as required by law, excluding care of the building and grounds, including purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1343 and 1344; *and for the procurement of security workspace*; not to exceed \$10,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and for miscellaneous expenses, to be expended as the Chief Justice may approve, [\$193,127,000]\$207,039,000, of which \$1,500,000 shall remain available until expended.

In addition, there are appropriated such sums as may be necessary under current law for salaries of the chief justice and associate justices of the court.

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
FISCAL YEAR 2027
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

		Mandatory		Discretionary		Total	
		FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<u>Fiscal Year 2027 Resource Requirements</u>							
Total FY 2026 Assumed Obligations		9	3,254	749	198,831	758	202,085
Obligations from FY 2025 Supplemental Fund (P.L. 118-158).....		-	-	(24)	(4,404)	(24)	(4,404)
Obligations from Technology Fund Carryforward Balances from FY 2025 into FY 2026.....		-	-	-	(1,300)	-	(1,300)
Fiscal Year 2026 Assumed Appropriations*		9	3,254	725	193,127	734	196,381
<u>Page No. Adjustments to Base to Maintain Current Services*</u>							
A. Justices							
1.16	1. Annualization of the 2026 pay adjustment (1.0% for three months).....	-	8	-	-	-	8
2. Benefits adjustments							
1.16	a. Health benefits increases.....	-	11	-	-	-	11
1.16	b. FICA adjustment.....	-	5	-	-	-	5
1.16	c. FERS adjustment.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Court Support Personnel							
1.16	3. Annualization of the 2026 pay adjustment (1.0% for three months).....	-	-	-	594	-	594
1.16	4. Promotions and within-grade increases.....	-	-	-	763	-	763
5. Benefits adjustments							
1.17	a. Health benefits increase.....	-	-	-	572	-	572
1.17	b. FICA adjustment.....	-	-	-	39	-	39
1.17	c. FERS adjustment.....	-	-	-	(428)	-	(428)
C. Other Adjustments							
1.17	6. General inflationary adjustments for contracts, services, supplies, and equipment.....	-	-	-	958	-	958
1.17	7. Inflationary adjustment for library books and research databases.....	-	-	-	114	-	114
1.18	8. Reductions due to one-time costs from FY 2026.....	-	-	-	(7,600)	-	(7,600)
Subtotal, adjustments to base to maintain current services.....		-	24	-	(4,988)	-	(4,964)
<u>Program Increases</u>							
1.18	9. Expansion of Justice personal protection and building security officers.....	-	-	84	14,600	84	14,600
1.18	10. One off-site residential security office.....	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
1.18	11. Twelve new cybersecurity positions.....	-	-	12	2,300	12	2,300
Subtotal, program increases.....		-	-	96	18,900	96	18,900
Total Appropriation Required, Fiscal Year 2027		9	3,278	821	207,039	830	210,317

**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
RELATION OF OBLIGATIONS TO OUTLAYS (\$000)**

	Fiscal Year 2025 Actual	Fiscal Year 2026 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2027 Request	Difference (+ or -)
Obligations incurred	142,402	202,085	212,517	10,432
Obligated balance, start of year	19,422	25,666	26,596	929
Obligated balance, end of year	(25,666)	(26,596)	(27,652)	(1,056)
Outlays	136,158	201,156	211,461	10,305

Personnel Summary

	Fiscal Year 2025 Actual	Fiscal Year 2026 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2027 Request	Difference (+ or -)
Full-time equivalent employment	565	734	830	96

**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
OBLIGATIONS BY ACTIVITY (\$000)**

Activity	Fiscal Year 2025 Actual	Fiscal Year 2026 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2027 Request
Salaries and Expenses, Total Obligations	142,402	202,085	212,517
Unobligated Balance, Start of Year			
Technology Fund	(5,848)	(4,546)	(3,246)
Supplemental Appropriation (P.L. 118-158)	-	(4,404)	
Unobligated Balance, End of Year			
Technology Fund	4,546	3,246	1,046
Supplemental Appropriation (P.L. 118-158)	4,404	-	-
Salaries and Expenses (expiring)	614	-	-
Appropriation	146,118	196,381	210,317
Mandatory Appropriation	3,198	3,254	3,278
Discretionary Appropriation	142,920	193,127	207,039
Annual Appropriation	129,323	135,127	207,039
CR Appropriation (P.L. 118-158)	13,597		
CR Appropriation (P.L. 119-37)		28,000	
As passed the House H.R. 7147		30,000	

Object Classification (\$000)*

Description	Fiscal Year 2025 Actual	Fiscal Year 2026 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2027 Request
11 Personnel compensation	72,628	110,472	118,546
12 Personnel benefits	27,910	42,399	48,384
13 Benefits of former personnel	0	1	1
21 Travel	2,894	3,254	3,322
22 Transportation of things	81	84	86
23 Rent, communications and utilities	1,781	2,660	4,716
24 Printing and reproduction	143	149	152
25 Other services	25,225	27,947	26,034
26 Supplies and materials	2,421	7,306	4,959
31 Equipment	9,320	7,813	6,316
Total Obligations	142,402	202,085	212,517

**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
CAPITAL FUND OBLIGATIONS AND FINANCING (NO-YEAR FUNDING)
(\$000)**

Activity	Fiscal Year 2025 Actual	Fiscal Year 2026 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2027 Request
Unobligated Balance, Beginning of the Year	5,848	4,546	3,246
Deposits	1,500	1,500	1,500
Unobligated Balance, End of the Year	(4,546)	(3,246)	(1,046)
Technology Fund, Total Obligations	2,802	2,800	3,700

Table SC.1
Summary of Supreme Court Cases

Term*	Case Filings During Term	Carried Over From Prior Term	Total Cases	Original & Paid	In Forma Pauperis	Total Cases Disposed Of	Total Cases Not Disposed Of
1980	4,174	970	5,144	2,773	2,371	4,255	889
1981	4,422	889	5,311	2,957	2,354	4,433	878
1982	4,201	878	5,079	2,727	2,352	4,201	878
1983	4,222	878	5,100	2,706	2,394	4,141	959
1984	4,047	959	5,006	2,590	2,416	4,261	745
1985	4,413	745	5,158	2,581	2,577	4,275	883
1986	4,240	883	5,123	2,559	2,564	4,348	775
1987	4,493	775	5,268	2,593	2,675	4,387	881
1988	4,776	881	5,657	2,599	3,058	4,829	828
1989	4,918	828	5,746	2,430	3,316	4,932	814
1990	5,502	814	6,316	2,365	3,951	5,412	904
1991	5,866	904	6,770	2,463	4,307	5,828	942
1992	6,303	942	7,245	2,453	4,792	6,356	889
1993	6,897	889	7,786	2,454	5,332	6,682	1,104
1994	6,996	1,104	8,100	2,526	5,574	7,132	968
1995	6,597	968	7,565	2,467	5,098	6,599	966
1996	6,634	966	7,600	2,435	5,165	6,689	911
1997	6,781	911	7,692	2,439	5,253	6,718	974
1998	7,109	974	8,083	2,394	5,689	7,015	1,068
1999	7,377	1,068	8,445	2,421	6,024	7,332	1,113
2000	7,852	1,113	8,965	2,314	6,651	7,713	1,252
2001	7,924	1,252	9,176	2,218	6,958	8,025	1,151
2002	8,255	1,151	9,406	2,197	7,209	8,337	1,069
2003	7,814	1,068	8,882	2,064	6,818	7,790	1,092
2004	7,496	1,092	8,588	2,045	6,543	7,501	1,087
2005	8,521	1,087	9,608	2,033	7,575	8,209	1,399
2006	8,857	1,399	10,256	2,075	8,181	8,895	1,361
2007	8,241	1,361	9,602	1,974	7,628	8,375	1,227
2008	7,738	1,228	8,966	1,945	7,021	7,824	1,142
2009	8,159	1,142	9,301	1,913	7,388	8,096	1,205
2010	7,857	1,205	9,062	1,895	7,167	7,828	1,234
2011	7,713	1,239	8,952	1,870	7,082	7,656	1,296
2012	7,509	1,297	8,806	1,809	6,997	7,602	1,204
2013	7,376	1,204	8,580	1,874	6,706	7,547	1,033
2014	7,033	1,033	8,066	1,851	6,215	7,006	1,060
2015	6,475	1,060	7,535	1,847	5,688	6,506	1,029
2016	6,305	1,029	7,334	1,857	5,477	6,260	1,074
2017	6,315	1,075	7,390	2,070	5,320	6,206	1,184
2018	6,442	1,184	7,626	1,924	5,702	6,528	1,098
2019	5,411	1,123	6,534	1,828	4,706	5,712	822
2020	5,307	822	6,129	2,147	3,982	5,232	897
2021	4,900	897	5,797	2,001	3,796	5,104	693
2022	4,159	723	4,882	1,533	3,349	4,189	693
2023	4,223	694	4,917	1,633	3,284	4,175	742
2024	3,856	742	4,598	1,618	2,980	4,024	574

*October Term 2024 corresponds with fiscal year 2025.

**Table SC.2
Summary of Case Dispositions**

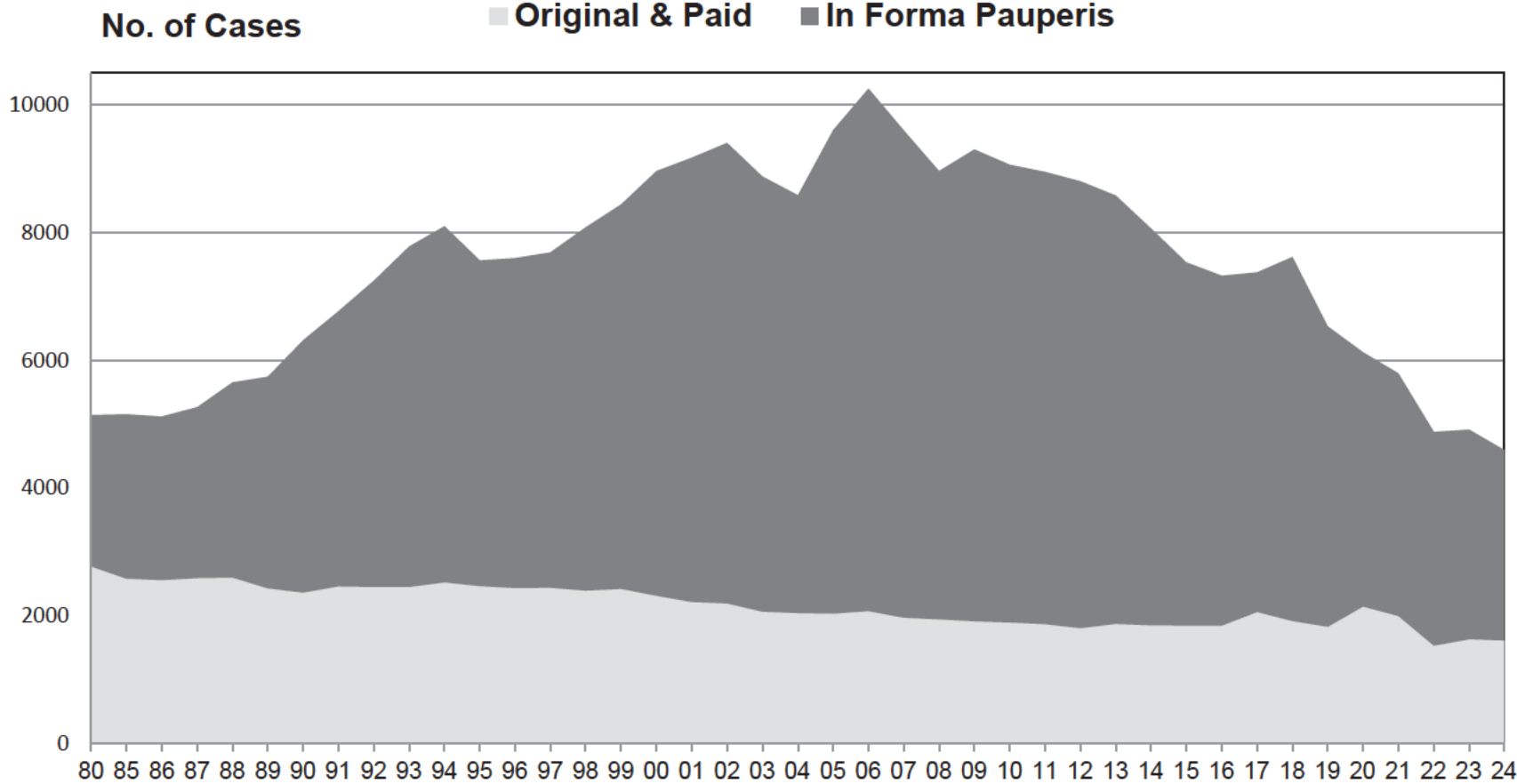
Term	Cases Granted Review		Cases Reviewed and Decided Without Argument During Term	Cases Granted Review During Term
	Argued This Term	Disposed of by Opinion		
1980	154	152	122	183
1981	184	170	126	201
1982	183	174	119	179
1983	184	174	81	149
1984	175	159	73	185
1985	171	171	106	187
1986	175	174	109	167
1987	167	160	87	180
1988	170	168	107	147
1989	146	146	80	123
1990	125	125	115	141
1991	127	123	77	121
1992	116	115	113	97
1993	99	99	70	99
1994	94	94	69	96
1995	90	90	120	106
1996	90	90	83	87
1997	96	94	51	90
1998	90	88	59	81
1999	83	79	54	92
2000	86	83	127	99
2001	88	85	72	88
2002	84	79	66	91
2003	91	89	52	87
2004	87	85	826	80
2005	90	82	105	78
2006	78	74	280	77
2007	75	72	208	95
2008	87	83	95	88
2009	82	77	95	78
2010	86	83	84	90
2011	79	73	137	66
2012	77	76	88	93
2013	79	77	72	76
2014	75	75	112	68
2015	82	76	146	81
2016	71	68	71	75
2017	69	63	103	78
2018	72	69	56	86
2019	73	69	105	60
2020	72	69	91	72
2021	70	63	97	74
2022	68	66	57	61
2023	69	64	57	69
2024	73	64	66	70

Table SC.3
Applications to Individual Justices,
Including Capital Cases

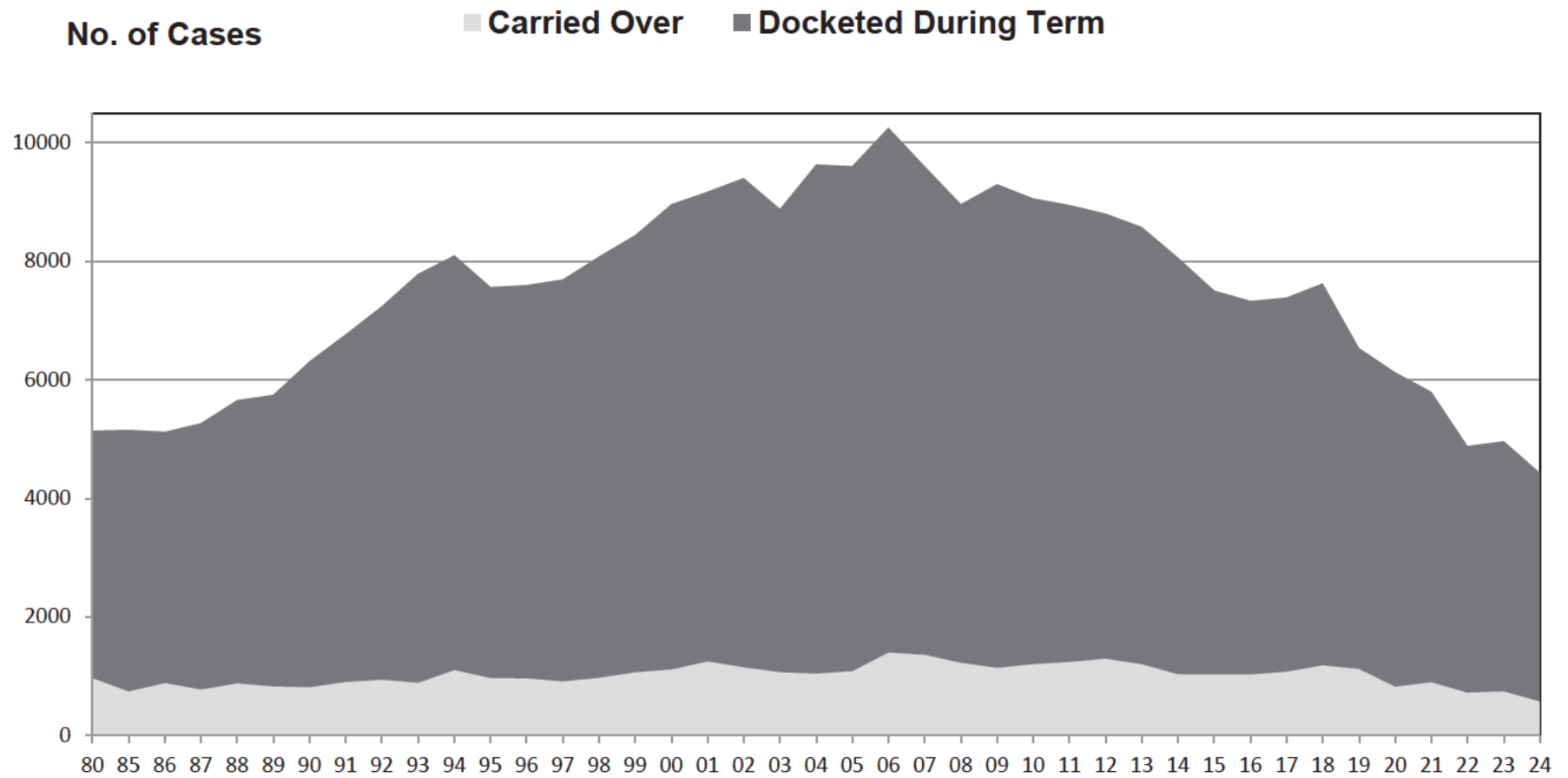
Term	Applications for Relief to Individual Justices	Chambers Opinions	Applications for Stay in Capital Cases*
1980	1,096	11	32
1981	1,145	7	39
1982	1,077	19	45
1983	1,072	14	76
1984	982	11	62
1985	1,050	6	66
1986	951	11	86
1987	1,001	3	60
1988	1,064	5	90
1989	929	0	71
1990	984	3	55
1991	968	1	74
1992	974	2	76
1993	1,113	5	79
1994	992	5	82
1995	1,067	5	87
1996	935	1	110
1997	985	1	115
1998	1,100	0	133
1999	1,085	0	132
2000	1,145	1	87
2001	1,006	2	91
2002	1,096	3	99
2003	1,064	2	86
2004	1,081	3	68
2005	1,236	2	112
2006	1,243	2	71
2007	1,094	3	20
2008	1,167	2	63
2009	1,268	2	60
2010	1,277	2	65
2011	1,256	1	61
2012	1,251	2	44
2013	1,286	1	73
2014	1,313	0	73
2015	1,303	0	47
2016	1,269	0	43
2017	1,425	0	45
2018	1,369	0	39
2019	1,071	0	32
2020	178	0	27
2021	876	0	15
2022	1,131	0	29
2023	1,177	1	29
2024	1,297	0	46

*Some Applications addressed to a Justice are referred to the whole Court for decision.

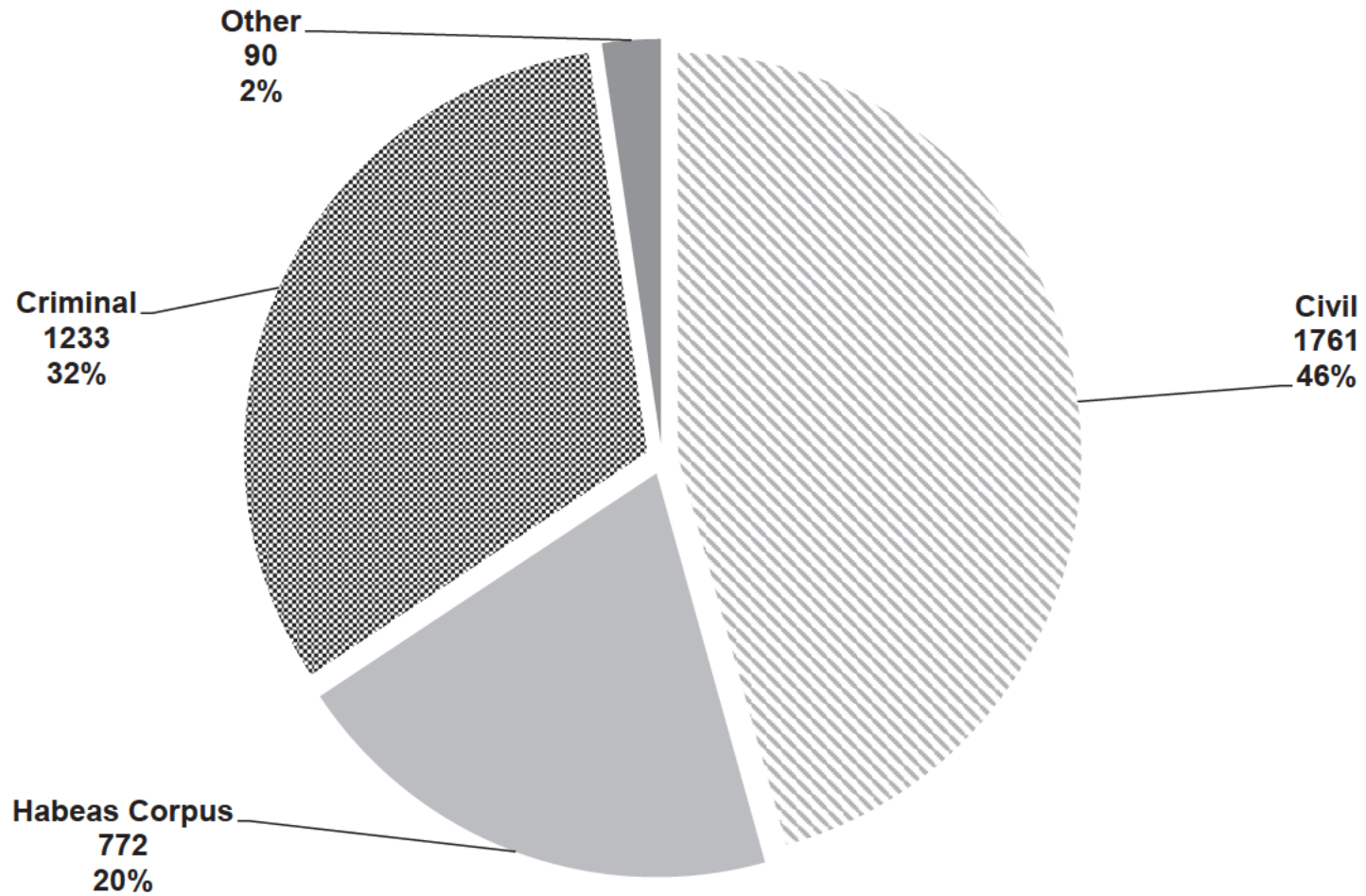
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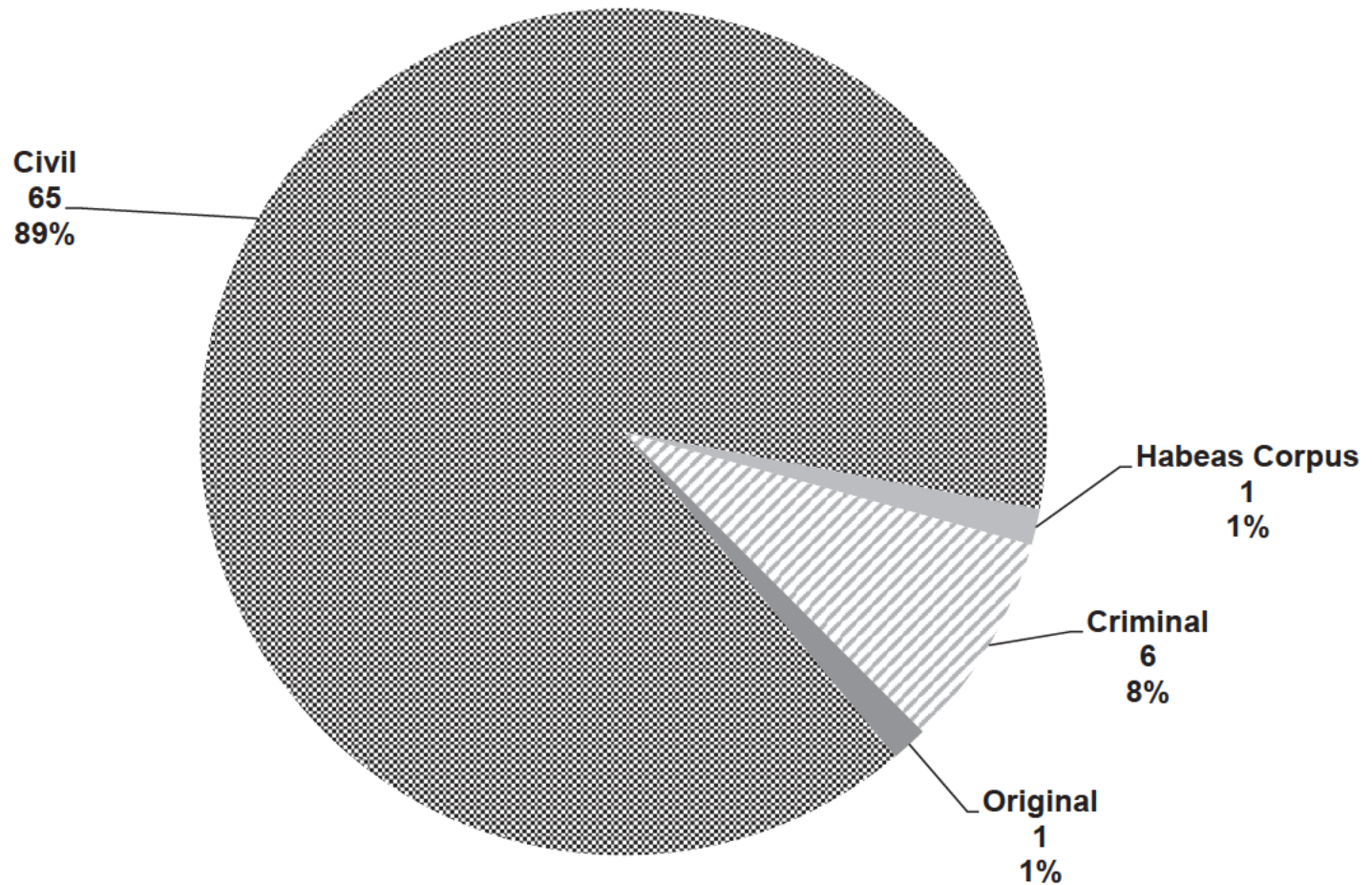
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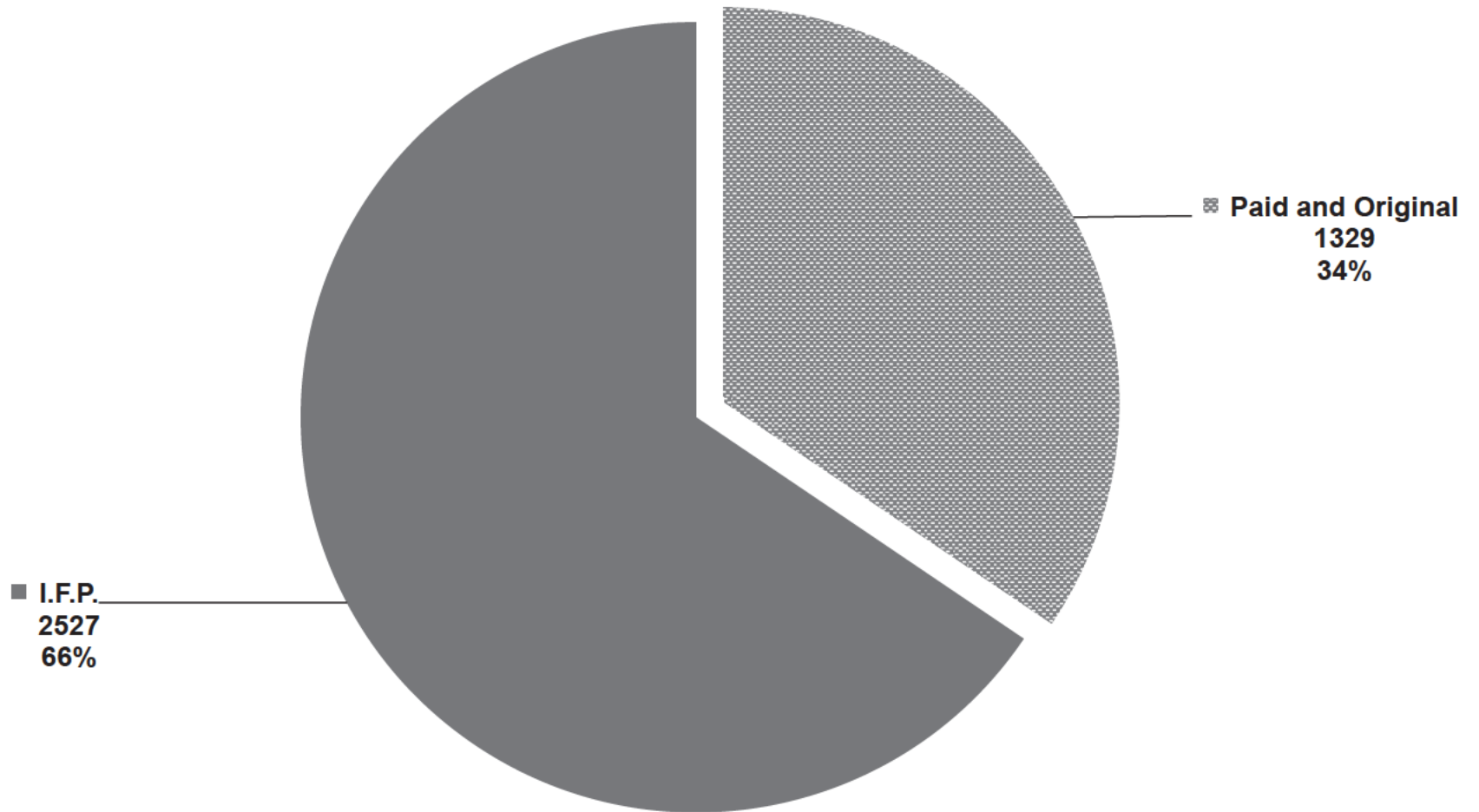
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GENERAL STATEMENT AND INFORMATION

The Supreme Court Salaries and Expenses account funds salaries of the Chief Justice, eight Associate Justices, and the employees of the Supreme Court of the United States (Court). The account also funds the Court's necessary expenses, including printing and binding of the Court reports, purchasing books, and miscellaneous expenses.

The fiscal year (FY) 2027 request for the Court totals \$210.3 million. The request is the sum of \$3.3 million in mandatory appropriations and \$207.0 million in discretionary appropriations. The discretionary request includes \$1.5 million in no-year funding for planning and implementing periodic Court-wide technology and automation upgrades.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 APPROPRIATIONS

The starting point for developing the FY 2027 request for the Court assumes FY 2026 total discretionary appropriations of \$193.1 million. This includes \$135.1 million appropriated in the FY 2026 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 119-75) for base requirements, \$28.0 million appropriated in P.L. 119-37 for security expenses, and \$30.0 million in assumed appropriations as provided by section 548 of H.R. 7147, as passed in the House, for security expenses. The assumed total is higher than the Court's original FY 2026 request and represents a significant increase over the FY 2025 enacted level. This increase is necessary to accommodate faster-than-expected implementation of the Court's multi-year physical and cyber security plans due to increasing risks and an earlier transition of residential protection from the U.S. Marshals Service to Supreme Court Police. Of the combined \$58.0 million in enacted and assumed appropriations for security expenses, \$40.0 million is to protect the Justices from physical threats, and \$18.0 million is to protect the Justices' work from cyber threats.

For bill language, the judiciary's starting point is the FY 2026 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 119-75), adjusted to reflect the assumed FY 2026 appropriation described above.

ADJUSTMENTS TO BASE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT SERVICES

A. JUSTICES

1. Annualization of 2026 pay adjustment

Mandatory Increase: \$8,000

The requested increase provides for the annualized costs of the 2026 pay adjustment of 1.0 percent, effective as of January 2026. The requested increase provides for the cost associated with three months of the 2026 pay increase (from October to December 2026) in FY 2027.

2. Benefits adjustments

a. Health benefits

Mandatory Increase: \$11,000

Based on information from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), agency health benefit premium contributions are projected to increase by an average of 10.1 percent in January 2026 and 5.0 percent in January 2027. The requested increase annualizes the 2026 premium increase and includes a nine-month provision for the increase anticipated for FY 2027.

b. FICA adjustment

Mandatory Increase: \$5,000

Based on information from the Social Security Administration,

employer contributions to the Old Age, Survivor, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) portion of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax increased in 2026. The salary cap for OASDI increased from \$176,100 to \$184,500 in January 2026. The requested amount is needed to pay the judiciary's contribution in FY 2027, based on the annualized 2026 increase and the 2027 projected increase in the 2025 Social Security Trustees Report.

B. COURT SUPPORT PERSONNEL

3. Annualization of 2026 pay adjustment

Requested Increase: \$594,000

The requested increase provides for the annualized costs of the 2026 pay adjustment of 1.0 percent, effective January 2026. The requested increase provides for the cost associated with three months of the 2026 pay increase (from October to December 2026) in FY 2027.

4. Promotions and within-grade increases

Requested Increase: \$763,000

The requested increase provides for promotions and within-grade increases for personnel. The salary plan for judicial support personnel provides for periodic within-grade increases for staff who receive a performance rating of satisfactory or higher.

5. Benefits adjustments

a. Health benefits

Requested Increase: \$572,000

Based on information from OPM, health benefit premium contributions are projected to increase by an average of 10.1 percent in January 2026 and 5.0 percent in January 2027. The requested increase annualizes the 2026 premium increase and includes a nine-month provision for the increase anticipated for FY 2027.

b. FICA adjustment

Requested Increase: \$39,000

Based on information from the Social Security Administration, employer contributions to the OASDI portion of the FICA tax will increase in 2025. The salary cap for OASDI increased from \$176,100 to \$184,500 in January 2026. The requested amount is needed to pay the judiciary's contribution in FY 2027, based on the annualized 2026 increase and the 2027 projected increase in the 2025 Social Security Trustees Report.

c. FERS adjustment

Requested Decrease: (\$428,000)

Consistent with guidance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the funding requirement has decreased for the agency contribution rate to Federal Employees Retirement

System (FERS) plans for FY 2027. For most employees, the agency contribution rate will decrease from 18.4 percent to 17.9 percent. Any FERS decrease is in accordance with revised estimates of the cost of providing benefits by the Board of Actuaries of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability System.

C. OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

General Inflationary Adjustments

6. Inflationary increases for contracts, services, supplies, and equipment

Requested Increase: \$958,000

Consistent with guidance from OMB, the requested increase is required to fund inflationary adjustments of 2.1 percent for operating expenses such as travel, communications, printing, contractual services, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment.

7. Inflationary adjustment for library books and research databases

Requested Increase: \$114,000

This request represents a 5.0 percent inflationary increase for the cost of library books and a 4.0 percent inflationary increase for the cost of research databases in FY 2027.

8. Adjustment for FY 2026 one-time costs

Requested Decrease: (\$7,600,000)

This request represents a \$7.6 million decrease from one-time costs incurred from IT hardware purchases and installation services in FY 2026.

PROGRAM INCREASES

9. Justice Personal Protection Expansion

Requested Increase: \$14,600,000 **FTE: 84**

This request continues expansion of the Court’s dignitary protection unit by funding an additional six agents per Justice (54 FTEs) and an administrative support position. It will also permit additional travel in support of the Justices’ security when outside of the National Capitol Region.

The request also funds 25 officers necessary to enhance security at the Supreme Court Building, and four additional Police administration positions to support significant growth within the Department.

10. Off-site Residential Security Office

Requested Increase: \$2,000,000

The request funds an additional command post necessary to coordinate assignments and protection coverage for the Court’s residential security program. An additional command post will

increase hiring and retention rates of Supreme Court police officers, improve reaction time in case of emergency, and produce an overall less costly and more efficient security program.

11. New Cybersecurity Positions

Requested Increase: \$2,300,000 **FTE: 12**

Based on recommendations from executive-branch and private-sector cybersecurity experts, the Court established a cross-functional team of experts to assess and improve its cybersecurity posture. The resulting plan addresses data-governance, policy and classification guidelines, modernization and resiliency of critical systems and applications, as well as implementation of future-state technologies based on business, data, and cybersecurity requirements. Roughly \$18.2 million of the assumed FY 2026 appropriation will be used to initiate and work to implement the plan. Overall, 37 new cybersecurity positions are needed over a three-year period. This request continues implementation that began in FY 2026 by funding one-third of the new positions again in FY 2027.