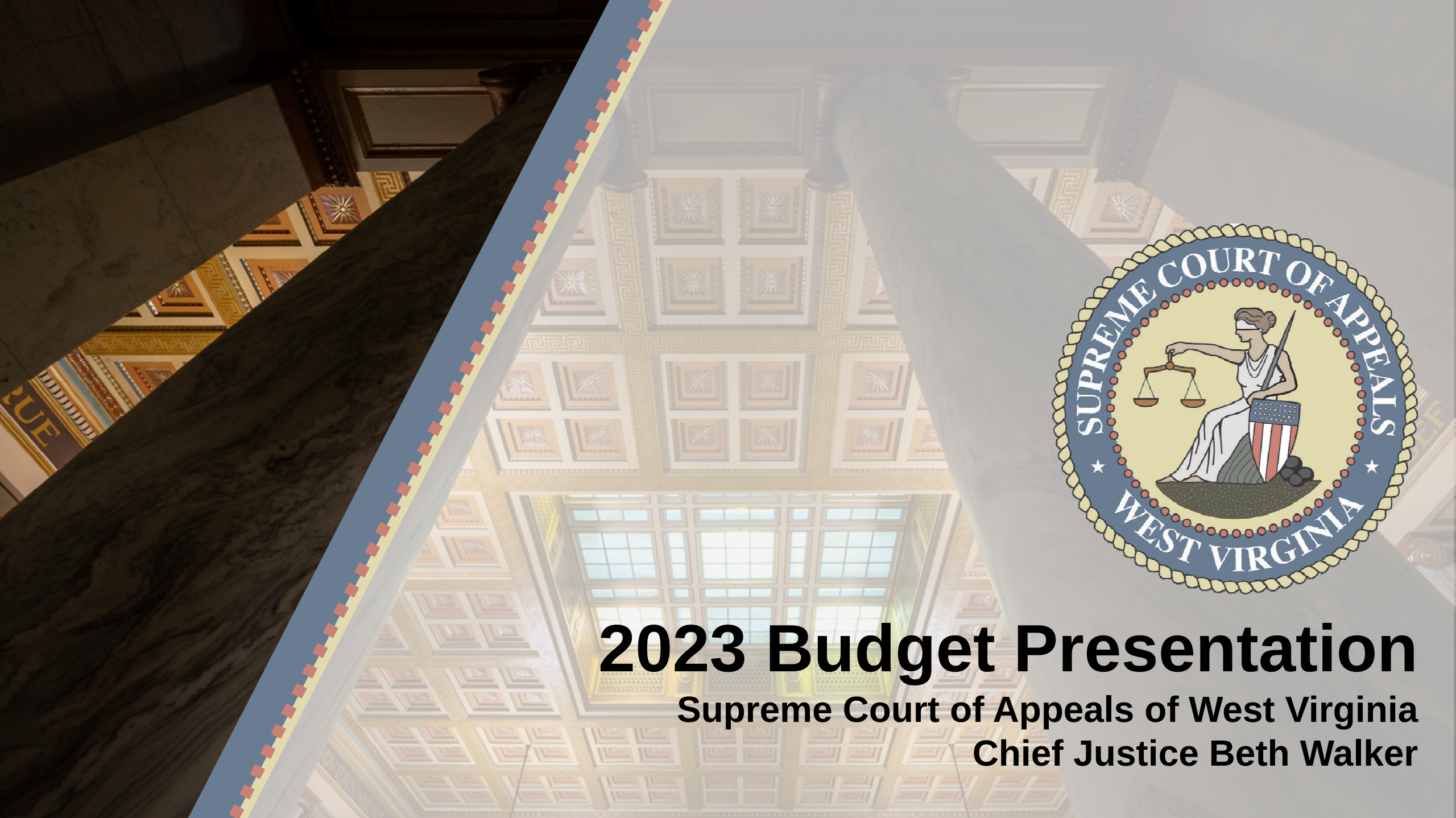
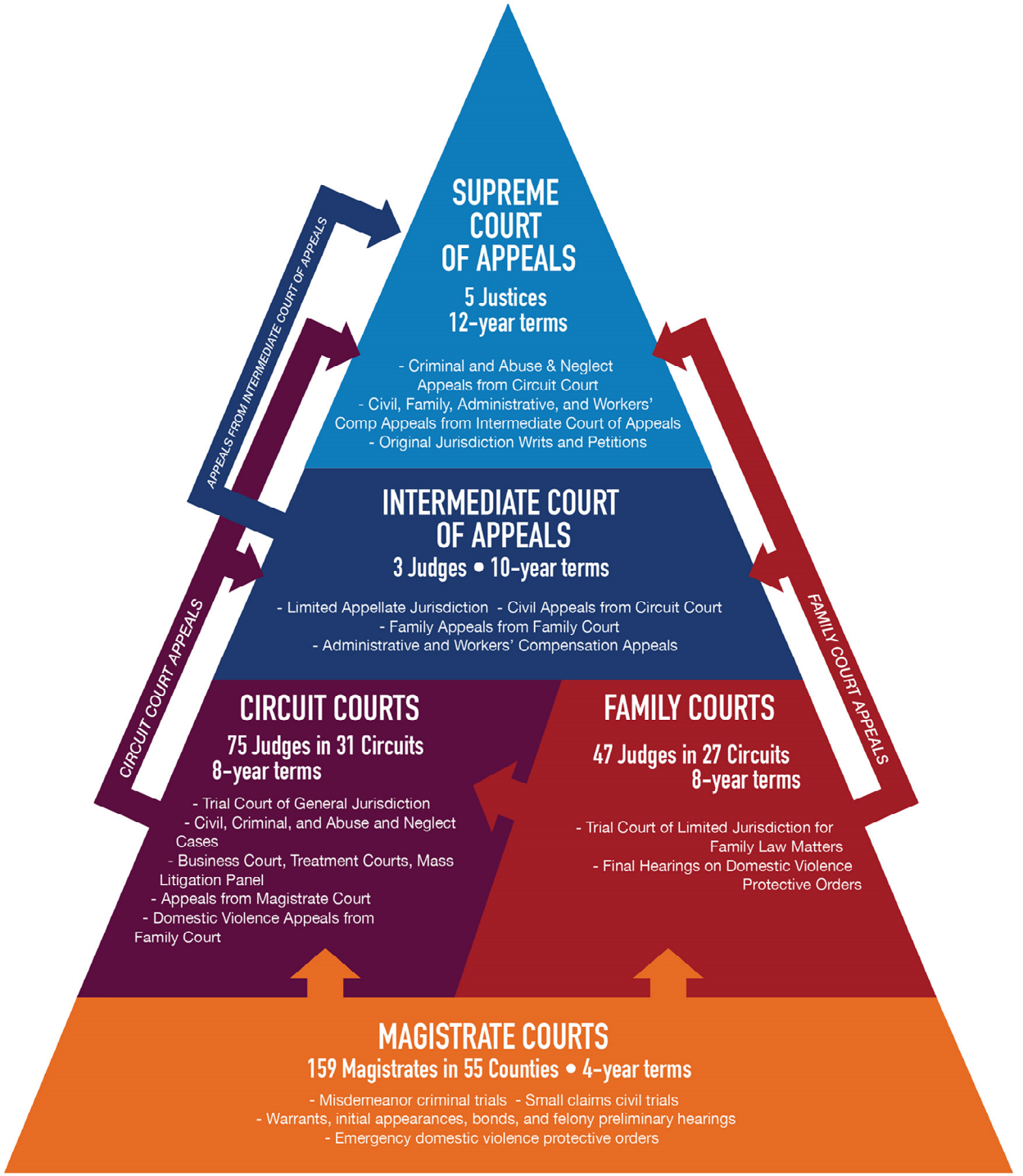


2023 Budget Presentation

Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

Chief Justice Beth Walker


SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS
5 Justices
12-year terms
- Criminal and Abuse & Neglect Appeals from Circuit Court
- Civil, Family, Administrative, and Workers' Comp Appeals from Intermediate Court of Appeals
- Original Jurisdiction Writs and Petitions
APPEALS FROM INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS
INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS
3 Judges • 10-year terms
- Limited Appellate Jurisdiction - Civil Appeals from Circuit Court
- Family Appeals from Family Court
- Administrative and Workers' Compensation Appeals
CIRCUIT COURT APPEALS
FAMILY COURT APPEALS
CIRCUIT COURTS
75 Judges in 31 Circuits
8-year terms
- Trial Court of General Jurisdiction
- Civil, Criminal, and Abuse and Neglect Cases
- Business Court, Treatment Courts, Mass Litigation Panel
- Appeals from Magistrate Court
- Domestic Violence Appeals from Family Court
FAMILY COURTS
47 Judges in 27 Circuits
8-year terms
- Trial Court of Limited Jurisdiction for Family Law Matters
- Final Hearings on Domestic Violence Protective Orders
MAGISTRATE COURTS
159 Magistrates in 55 Counties • 4-year terms
- Misdemeanor criminal trials - Small claims civil trials
- Warrants, initial appearances, bonds, and felony preliminary hearings
- Emergency domestic violence protective orders

2022 Calendar Year Highlights

- Launch of new Intermediate Court of Appeals
- Purchase of West Virginia Judicial Tower & Special Revenue Fund
- Magistrate Court tax intercept now operational: $724,435 in new revenue
- Magistrate Court Payment System now online

FTE Positions – FY22 Close:

- 1,493 employees
  - Magistrate Court = 448
  - Probation = 387
  - Circuit Courts = 297
  - Family Courts = 145
  - Administration = 109
  - Supreme Court = 59
  - Grant Funded = 37
  - Intermediate Court = 11
- 74 vacancies (4.7% vacancy rate)

Appropriation History

Fiscal Year	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	Other Expenses	Total		Enrolled Budget Bill
2019	$ 102,856,258	$ 36,903,412	$ 139,759,670		SB 152
2020	$ 110,767,344	$ 13,555,000	$ 124,322,344	*	HB 2020
2021	$ 111,440,000	$ 24,060,000	$ 135,499,000		SB 150
2022	$ 115,126,000	$ 23,837,000	$ 138,963,000		HB 2022
2023	$ 124,201,587	$ 25,726,751	$ 149,928,338		SB 250

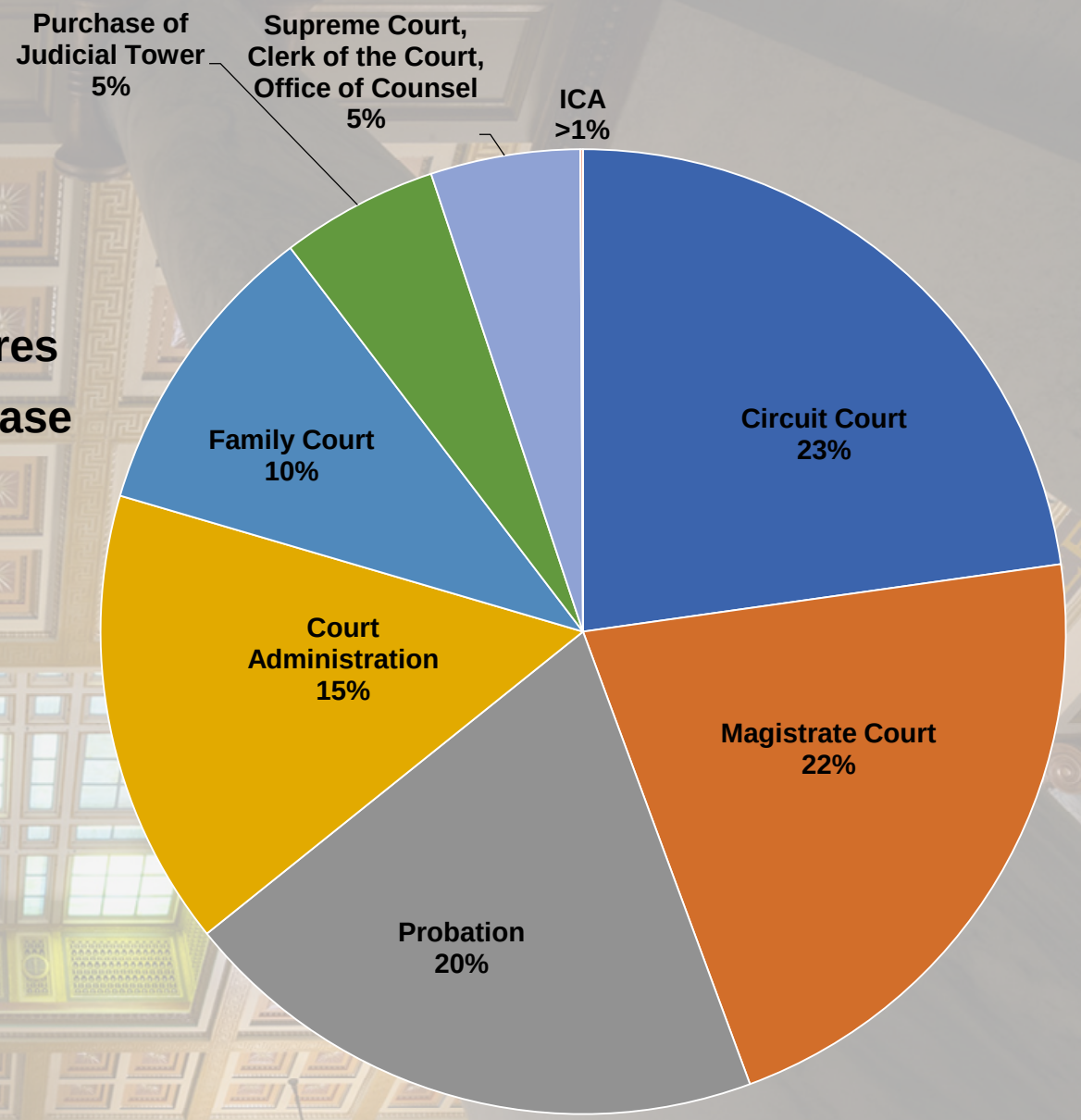
**The FY 2020 budget request was voluntarily reduced by $10 million. Sufficient reappropriated funds were available to meet spending needs in FY 2020.*

FY22 Recap

$138,963,000 Appropriated

	$136,261,288	Operating Expenditures
+	$7,565,071	Judicial Tower Purchase
=	$143,826,359	Total Expenditures

Division	Percent	Dollar Amount
Circuit Court	23%	$ 32,740,268
Magistrate Court	22%	$ 31,085,770
Probation	20%	$ 28,552,151
Court Administration	15%	$ 22,027,678
Family Court	10%	$ 14,512,350
Purchase of Judicial Tower	5%	$ 7,565,071
Supreme Court, Clerk of the Court, Office of Counsel	5%	$ 7,208,053
ICA	>1%	$ 135,018
	100%	$ 143,826,359



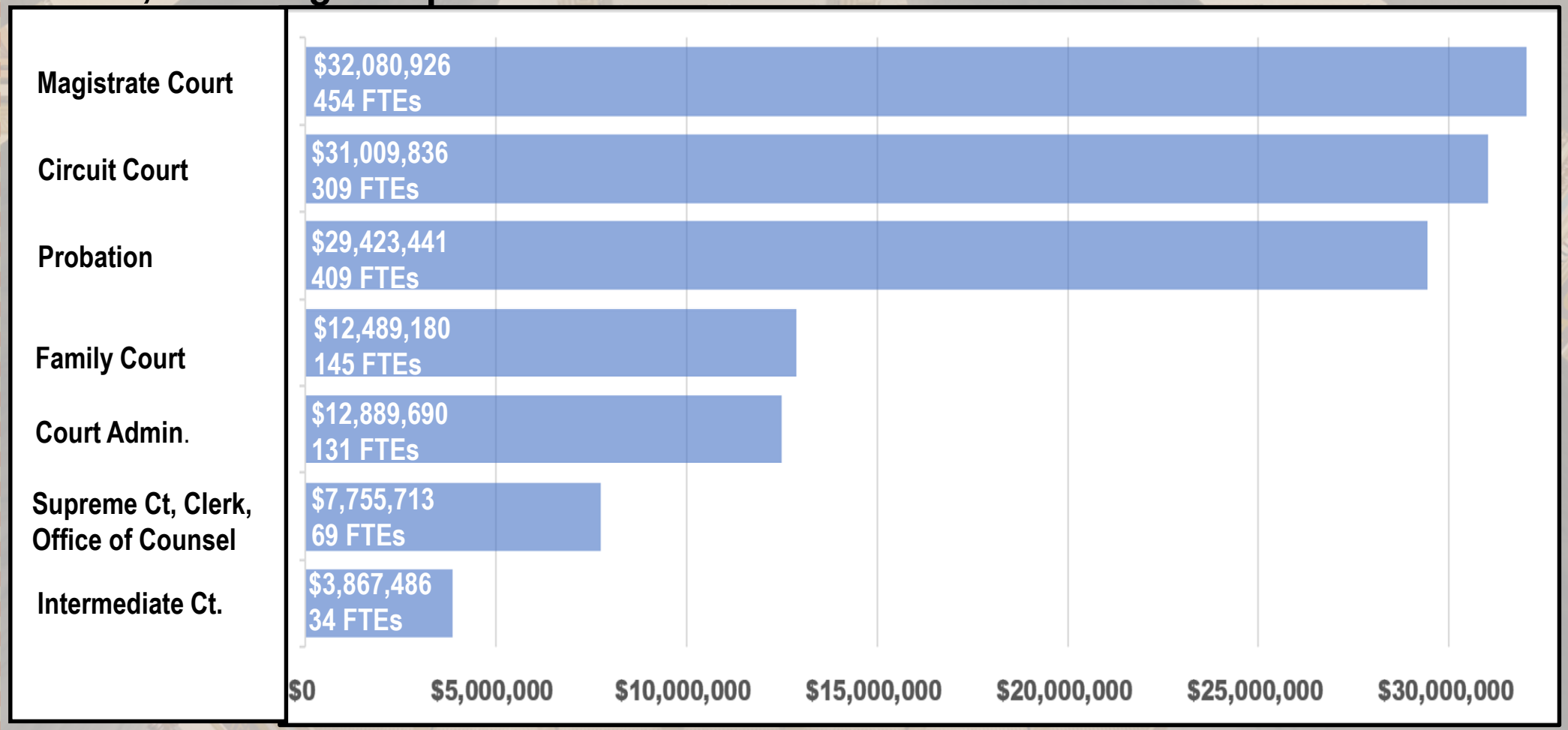
FY23 Status

- **FY23 $149,928,338 Appropriated**
- **First Half Expenditures: $78,632,471**
- **Percent of Current Year Appropriation = 52.4%**

FY24 Request
$155,221,601

FY24 Request Overview:

- 83.4% of Judicial Branch Budget is personal services & benefits
- 87% of Judicial Branch employees work in counties
- 1,591 Budgeted positions



FY23 and FY24 Comparison

$5,293,263 difference for 3.5% increase

- **$3,869,922 for proposed 5% increase for all state employees**
- **$1,423,341 remaining highlights:**
  - **Additional $2,450 increase per probation officer**
  - **Step-increase and length of service policy change for circuit court law clerks**
  - **$465,000 increase in JRS per CPRB (H.B. 212; 2022 Second Special Session)**

Questions and Discussion