

COURT OF APPEALS



About the Court of Appeals

- Located in Santa Fe and Albuquerque; the Court owns its courthouse in Albuquerque, built in 2009. The Court is comprised of 10 judges and is the first and often final appellate court for most cases.
- **FY24 Performance**
 - *Reduced ave. time to disposition*
 - By 16% in civil cases (from 468 to 392 days)
 - By 6% in criminal cases (from 443 to 418 days)
 - *106% disposition rate*
- *The Court has achieved over a 100% disposition rate for 6 years in a row.*
- *The Court cleared its historic backlog at the end of FY24.*

FY26 GENERAL FUND REQUEST

\$10,239.7 Total Request
5.4% increase from FY25

Pers. Svcs. & Bene.: \$392.7 increase

- **\$76.8:** Judicial Specialist*
 - *The Court needs a Judicial Specialist to eliminate delays at the beginning stages of appeals*
- **\$57.6:** Custodian*
 - *The Court currently has only one custodian to service its 37,000 sq. ft. ABQ courthouse*
- **\$94.3:** Financial Specialist
 - *The Court has no financial staff to support its CFO and fiscal operations*
- **\$164.0:** Judicial Salary Shortfall
 - *The Court did not receive adequate funding in FY25 to cover the legislatively-enacted judicial raise*

Other Costs: \$130.2 increase

- For telecommunications and licensing; IT agreements and equipment; professional subscriptions, dues, and education; and travel

* Involves FTE expansion

FY26 SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS: \$761.9 Total

- **\$516.9** for numerous building repairs and maintenance at ABQ courthouse
- **\$100.0** for pro tem judges
- **\$100.0** for mediation services
- **\$45.0** for court vehicle

FY26 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS: \$602.0 Total

- **\$506.0** for reconfiguration of and alterations to ABQ clerk's office
- **\$96.0** to replace stucco at ABQ courthouse

FY25 SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST \$164.0 Total

- **\$164.0** for judicial salary shortfall

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