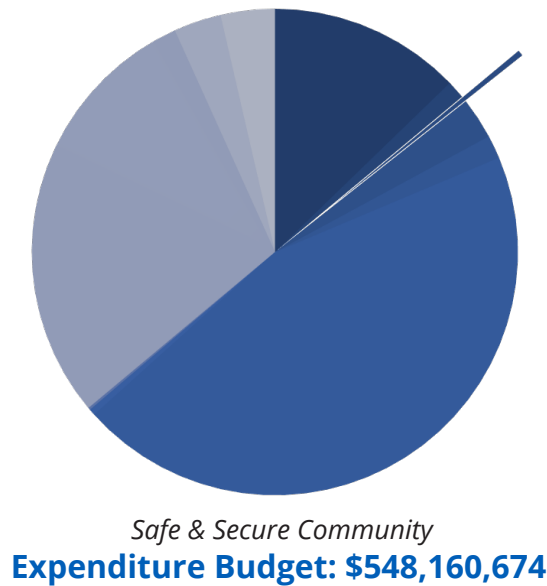


# Circuit Court Judges

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Prince William County Circuit Court Judges Chambers is to serve the public. It accomplishes this mission by providing a fair, responsive, and efficient system of justice that fully utilizes technological advancements, committed to excellence, fostering public trust, understanding and confidence by protecting rights and liberties, upholding, and interpreting the law, and resolving disputes peacefully, fairly, and effectively.



**Expenditure Budget:**  
**\$2,098,261**

*0.4% of Safe & Secure Community*

### Programs:

- Circuit Court Judges Chambers:  
\$2,098,261

## Mandates

The Code of Virginia mandates 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	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed	% Change Budget FY25/ Budget FY26
Circuit Court Judges Chambers	\$1,294,000	\$1,739,200	\$1,655,403	\$2,024,160	\$2,098,261	3.66%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,294,000</b>	<b>\$1,739,200</b>	<b>\$1,655,403</b>	<b>\$2,024,160</b>	<b>\$2,098,261</b>	<b>3.66%</b>

### Expenditure by Classification

Salaries & Benefits	\$1,179,428	\$1,564,501	\$1,507,854	\$1,841,828	\$1,918,829	4.18%
Contractual Services	\$97	\$2,628	\$422	\$1,305	\$1,305	0.00%
Internal Services	\$39,207	\$79,691	\$73,503	\$82,565	\$82,565	0.00%
Purchase of Goods & Services	\$70,593	\$88,194	\$69,132	\$94,907	\$92,007	(3.06%)
Leases & Rentals	\$4,675	\$4,185	\$4,492	\$4,492	\$4,492	0.00%
Reserves & Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$937)	(\$937)	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,294,000</b>	<b>\$1,739,200</b>	<b>\$1,655,403</b>	<b>\$2,024,160</b>	<b>\$2,098,261</b>	<b>3.66%</b>

### Funding Sources

Miscellaneous Revenue	\$2,467	\$51	\$244	\$0	\$0	-
<b>Total Designated Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$2,467</b>	<b>\$51</b>	<b>\$244</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>\$1,291,533</b>	<b>\$1,739,148</b>	<b>\$1,655,159</b>	<b>\$2,024,160</b>	<b>\$2,098,261</b>	<b>3.66%</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>99.81%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>99.99%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

## Staff History by Program



Circuit Court Judges Chambers	13.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
<b>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Total</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>

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## Future Outlook

**Circuit Court Space** – The Judicial Center Expansion project included in the [FY2025–2030 Capital Improvement Program](#) will be an important step in addressing critical long term space needs. A dedicated courtroom for the 7th judge authorized by the 2022 General Assembly session was completed in February 2025. Due to population and caseload increases, it is reasonable to expect that the Circuit Court could receive an 8th judge within the next two years and as early as July 2025 (FY26), making it imperative that the expansion project is expedited.

## General Overview

**A. Removal of One Time Costs** – One-time costs of \$2,900 associated with the staff attorney position added in FY25 has been removed in the Proposed FY2026 Budget. The one-time cost is associated with the purchase of computer equipment.

## Program Summary

### Circuit Court Judges Chambers

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

Key Measures	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed
Annual criminal disposition percentage	41%	71%	74%	84%	75%
Annual civil and CHPs disposition percentage	60%	91%	93%	93%	93%
Annual miscellaneous and other disposition percentage	26%	57%	59%	69%	65%
Total average annual disposition rate	77%	81%	84%	85%	87%
Annual clearance rates	75%	79%	82%	87%	89%

Program Activities & Workload Measures <i>(Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)</i>	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Actuals	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Proposed
<b>Court Case Docket Management and Administrative Support</b>	<b>\$1,294</b>	<b>\$1,739</b>	<b>\$1,655</b>	<b>\$2,024</b>	<b>\$2,098</b>
Cases per Circuit Court Judge	3,380	3,475	3,580	3,600	3,625
Cost per case concluded	\$45	\$69	\$71	\$71	\$73