

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUDICIAL BRANCH
FY 11 BUDGET**

Where we are now:

\$76.3 million appropriation for FY11
230,000 cases filed in the trial court each year

632 authorized staff positions
-67 vacancies (59 of which are unfunded)
575 current staff

- 14 unpaid furlough days for all judges, marital masters and staff through FY 11
- 12 per cent reduction in District and Family court sessions (to save money)
- close to 11 percent workforce reduction

What \$4 million reduction in FY 11 could mean to the Judicial Branch:

If the \$4 million reduction comes from layoffs, which the Judicial Branch opposes, a total of 71 employees would have to be laid off. The overall effect would be a 26 percent reduction in workforce:

71 layoffs
+59 unfunded vacancies
+35 equivalent layoffs reflected in 14 unpaid furlough days
165 vacancies = **26 percent reduction in workforce**

Fewer staff means more furlough days required in FY 11 to meet earlier \$3.1 million reduction.

Alternatives included in April 7 letter to Gov. Lynch, all of which the Judicial Branch opposes:

- Keep 10 judicial vacancies open; eliminate all payments to “per diem” judges in District Court and Family Division; eliminate all payments to senior status Superior Court judges. IMPACT: 30 percent across the board reduction in court sessions.
- 50 percent cut in funding for jury trials/eliminate all civil jury trials.
- \$600,000 reduction in security costs which could require closing courts to public on some days.
- Bond IT money and transfer equivalent from IT dedicated fund to general fund