



26th Judicial District of North Carolina FY 18-19 Legislative Presentation

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Our Mission

The mission of the North Carolina Judicial Branch is to protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina by providing a fair, independent, and accessible forum for the just, timely and economical resolution of their legal affairs.

Presentation Outline

⇒ **Funding**

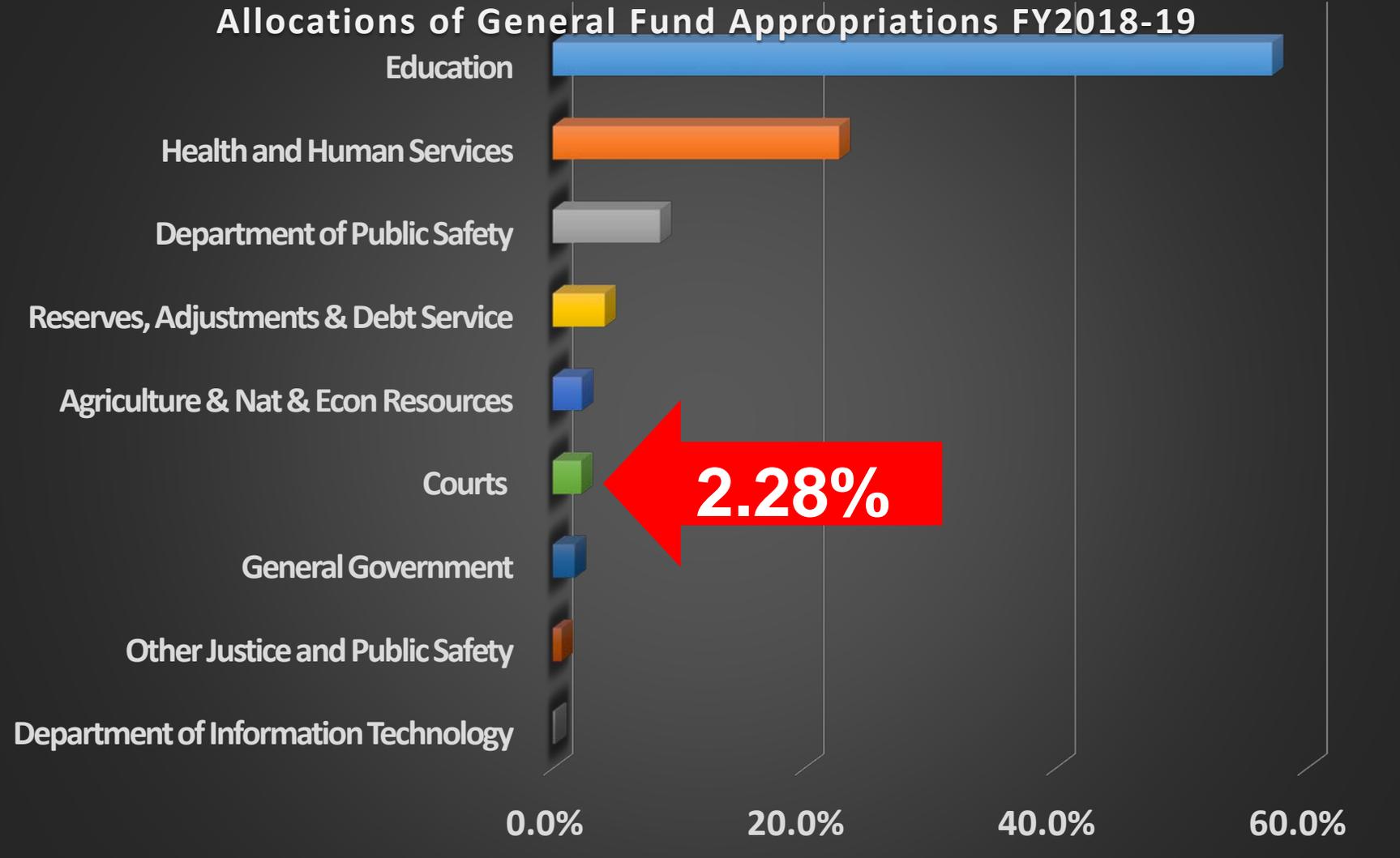
⇒ **Requests**

⇒ **Questions**

⇒ **Thanks**



The Judicial Branch receives less than 3% of \$23.6 billion state budget.



Supplemental funding from Mecklenburg County and City of Charlotte

16%

- Funding Received from Mecklenburg County Under Contract with the AOC and City of Charlotte Funding

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Requests

- Judicial Assistant
- Magistrates



Judicial Assistant

- State funds only 5 Judicial Assistants
- City of Charlotte funds 1 Judicial Assistant

Judicial Support

Judges

21 District Court Judges

5 District Court Judicial Assistants

8 Superior Court Judges

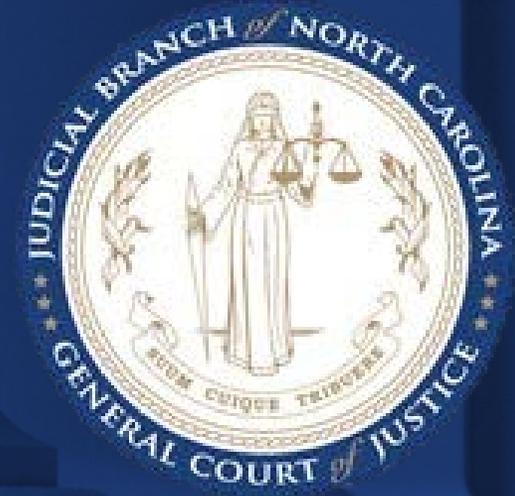
1 Superior Court Judicial Assistant

Visiting Superior Court Judges

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Magistrates

- **Responsibilities:**
 - **Initial appearances**
 - **Pretrial release determinations**
 - **Arrest warrants**
 - **Search warrants**
 - **Accepting guilty plea in minor misdemeanor and infraction cases**
 - **Marriage ceremonies**
 - **Small Claims cases**
 - **Commitment hearings**
 - **Payments to satisfy court orders**
 - **Administrative creation of court and district attorney paperwork**



Magistrates

- Mecklenburg County has 34 Magistrates
- According to Administrative Office of the Courts, we are understaffed:

Magistrates Need Based on Filings through 6/30/2017

County	Magistrates Authorized 7/1/2017	Unrounded Magistrates Needed	Staff to Workload Ratio
Mecklenburg	33.5	52.58	64%



Magistrates

- **Requesting:**

- 5 Magistrates**

- 24 Hour Coverage
 - 40 Hour Shifts
 - To meet increased population growth in North Mecklenburg County
 - Collaboration with County and Northern towns



Magistrates

- **Considerations:**
 - Victim Data for northern cities/towns is unknown
 - Staffing
 - Paperwork and Money pick up
 - Technology Access- NCAWARE
 - Safe Alliance



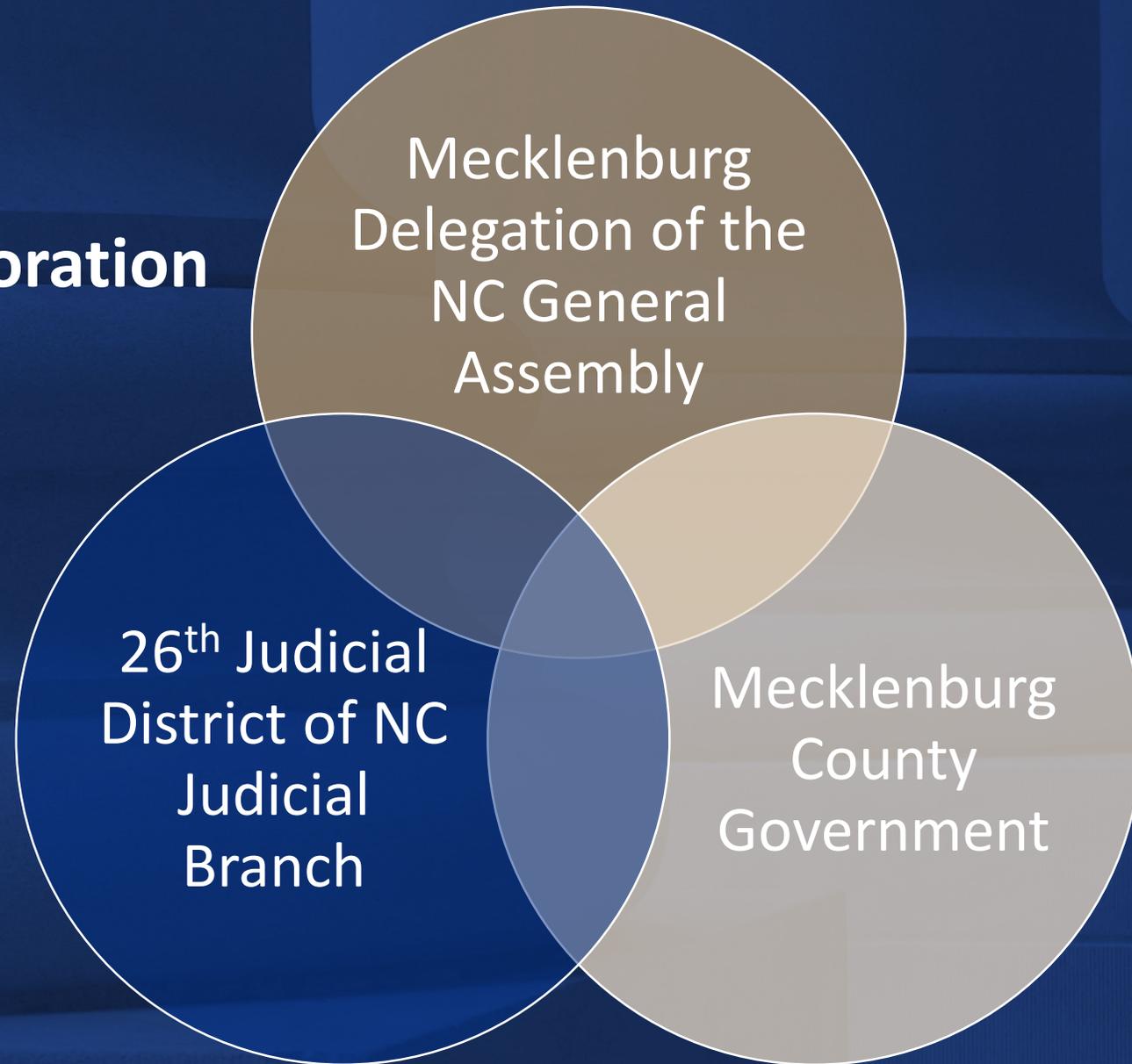
On the Horizon

- **New NCcourts Web Site**
- **Integrated Case Management System**
- **Text Notifications**



Thanks

- **Openness**
- **Spirit of Collaboration**





Questions?



Thank You

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