

History of Judicial Compensation Fact Sheet – September 2025

Background

The annual salaries for judges are set by statute.¹ From time to time, this statute is amended to alter the salaries that judges receive.²

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	Effective 1/1/07	Effective 7/1/13	Effective 7/1/14	Effective 7/1/15	Effective 7/1/17	Effective 10/31/17	Effective 7/1/19	Effective 7/1/21	Effective 7/1/22	Effective 7/1/23	Effective 7/1/24	Effective 7/1/25
Position	FY 07	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 18	FY 18*	FY 20	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	175,645	184,954	194,757	200,599	206,617	200,599	206,617	215,915	226,711	233,512	240,518	248,936
Chief Court Administrator	168,783	177,728	187,148	192,763	198,545	192,763	198,545	207,480	217,854	224,390	231,121	239,210
Associate Judge Supreme Court	162,520	171,134	180,204	185,610	191,178	185,610	191,178	199,781	209,770	216,063	222,545	230,334
Chief Judge Appellate Court	160,722	169,240	178,210	183,556	189,063	183,556	189,063	197,571	207,450	213,674	220,084	227,786
Judge Appellate Court	152,637	160,727	169,245	174,323	179,552	174,323	179,552	187,663	197,046	202,957	209,046	216,336
Deputy Chief Court Administrator	149,853	157,795	166,158	171,143	176,277	171,143	176,277	184,209	193,420	199,223	205,199	212,381
Superior Court Judge	146,780	154,559	162,751	167,634	172,663	167,634	172,663	180,460	189,483	195,167	201,023	208,059

*In 2016, MSS PA 16-3 passed and increased judicial compensation effective 7/1/17. However, in October of 2017, JSS PA 17-2 passed and reduced the salaries back to the level of FY 16 effective 10/31/17.

Other Impacts

Compensation for constitutional officers is tied to judicial compensation by statute.³ The Governor's salary is that of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Lieutenant Governor, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Comptroller, and the Attorney General all have the same compensation as a Superior Court Judge. When judicial compensation is altered, the salaries for these offices do not change until after the next election for such offices.

The salary of Workers' Compensation Commission administrative law judges is linked to the salary of a Superior Court judge and is set in [CGS § 31-277](#).

[CGS §§ 45a-95 and 45a-95a](#) require that Probate Court judges receive compensation that corresponds to that of a Superior Court judge based upon the "band" that the court is in.

¹ [CGS § 51-47](#)

² See Public Acts: [PA 13-247](#) Sec. 240-241, [JSS PA 15-5](#) Sec. 460-461, [MSS PA 16-3](#) Sec. 89-90, [JSS PA 17-2](#) Sec. 254-256, [JSS PA 21-2](#) Sec. 11-13, [PA 22-118](#) Sec. 131-133, [PA 23-204](#) Sec. 81-83, and [PA 25-168](#) Sec. 49-51

³ [CGS § 3-2](#), [CGS § 3-11](#), [CGS § 3-77](#), [CGS § 3-111](#), and [CGS § 3-124](#)