



FINANCIAL SERVICES

IMPORTANT STATISTICS FISCAL YEAR 2016–17

Accounting Functions

\$127.6 million fixed assets management
91,730 payroll payments completed
93,262 vendor payments completed
16,083 employee travel forms processed
3,000 IRS 1099 – MISC forms processed
3,442 IRS 1099 – MISC forms processed for clerk of superior court offices
442 electronic transfers
3,482 deposits

WHO WE ASSIST

Elected Judicial Officials and Court Employees

Other Branches of Government

Legislative Branch, members of the General Assembly, Fiscal Research Division

Executive Branch agencies, including N.C. Office of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Department of Insurance, and other agencies regarding financial transactions

Vendors and Service Providers

Vendors, contractors, and others who provide services to the courts

Public

1.13 million daily transactions
45.2 million criminal cases
4.3 million infraction cases



The North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) Financial Services Division works with the General Assembly and appropriate Executive Branch agencies to manage the Judicial Branch's financial resources. We provide the legislature with impact estimates of proposed legislation and respond to budget-related questions. We prepare and present financial-related data to the General Assembly during the legislative budget process.

We are also the point of contact with Executive Branch agencies regarding fiscal issues. Financial Services prepares comprehensive financial information for the Judicial Branch, which is provided to the Office of the State Controller for compilation into the state's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The mission of the Financial Services Division is to maximize the return on resources dedicated for administration and access to justice in North Carolina. Financial Services is dedicated to delivering reliable financial information and services through ethical, fiscal oversight and a commitment to ensuring the efficient use of court resources. We also strive to provide current, comprehensive, and accurate information.

Financial Services accomplishes this mission by efficient budget management, adhering to policies applicable to expenditure processing, provision of timely and accurate responses, and compliance with regulatory requirements. These objectives are maximized through fiscal integrity and ethical stewardship of court resources, which is accomplished through the implementation and maintenance of internal controls, including safeguarding judicial assets. By evaluating weaknesses in internal controls, compliance with laws and regulations, and emphasizing best practice standards, recommendations for improvements are provided to various areas of the Judicial Branch.

ABOUT FINANCIAL SERVICES

Services	Brief Description
Internal audit	This section conducts audits of the Judicial Branch's systems and controls. Auditors evaluate and disclose potential weaknesses in the effectiveness of internal controls in the court system for the purpose of safeguarding public funds and assets, and minimizing incidences of fraud, waste, and abuse. They ensure overall compliance with federal and state laws, internal and external regulations, rules and procedures, and other applicable requirements. The auditors also collaborate with other divisions to guide, direct, and support court officials in efforts to conform to both recommended and required compliance standards. This section also examines and analyzes the design and effectiveness of administrative and procedural operations.
Accounts payable	This section audits, reviews, and processes payments for court-related services including jurors and witnesses, expert witnesses, interpreters, arbitration, court reporters, and Guardian ad Litem attorneys. Accounts payable also processes invoices for operating expenses including travel, equipment, supplies, service payments, motor fleet, and other vendor invoices.
Cash management	This section is responsible for collecting and depositing monies for the Judicial Branch and for receiving and sending electronic transfer of funds. This section is also responsible for processing 1099 forms.
Payroll	This section processes payroll for the entire Judicial Branch and ensures the accurate payout of more than 6,200 employee salaries. This section responds to numerous inquiries from employees regarding their pay and deductions on a daily basis.
Fixed assets	This section manages the acquisition, maintenance, and removal of all fixed assets including buildings, furniture, equipment, and vehicles for the entire Judicial Branch. In addition, this section manages insurance coverage and claims in relation to those assets.
Field accounting services	This section is responsible for developing financial policies and procedures, as well as providing financial training and technical support to fiscal staff in the clerks of superior court offices. This section develops and presents a variety of financial classes, conducts site visits, and provides technical assistance.
Remote Public Access	This section is responsible for establishing licensing agreements for remote access to North Carolina criminal and civil court data through NCAOC's Automated Criminal Infractions System (ACIS) and Civil Case Processing System (VCAP). This section manages the billing of licensee accounts and handles customer service issues related to remote access.