

Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund

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The Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia is pleased to offer the 2022 Annual Report. With this report, our aim is to provide details on the activities of the Fund. You will find important membership and financial data throughout, and the historical performance of the Fund.

The membership statistics chart to the right displays the total member as of June 30, 2022, compared to prior years.

*Members that do not reach 8 years of service for vesting can take a refund of all dues paid plus 5% simple interest.

As a Judge retires, he or she can commence benefits at age 60 and elect to leave a benefit to a spouse or other family member.

There were 114 retired judges receiving an average yearly benefit of \$38,933 as of June 30, 2022. There were also 43 survivors receiving an average yearly benefit of \$26,024. The total benefits paid in FY22 were \$5,634,195.

Membership Statistics									
	6/30/2022		6/30/2021		6/	30/2020	6/30/2019		
Active		150		150		156		156	
Average Age		56		56		58		58	
Average Service		10.3		10.7		13.0		12.9	
Vested		4		8		5		5	
Average Age		54.8		52.6		57.2		56.2	
Average Benefit	\$	30,158	\$	33,833	\$	25,190	\$	25,190	
<u>Retirees</u>		114		115		98		99	
Average Age		75		75		76		75	
Average Benefit	\$	38,933	\$	37,423	\$	36,044	\$	34,680	
Disabled		4		2		2		0	
Average Age		70		70		69			
Average Benefit	\$	39,958	\$	30,228	\$	29,781			
Survivors in payment		43		46		48		48	
Average Age		82		81		81		81	
Average Benefit	\$	26,024	\$	24,611	\$	24,219	\$	22,658	
Total Fund membership		315		321		309		308	
% Change from prior year		-2%		4%		0.3%			
*Refunded Members		0		3		0		0	

The Board of Trustees is dedicated to providing excellent customer service to all current and future members and their families. The Fund's staff is available to take your call or email and answer any questions you may have. You can also use the Fund's website to assist with inquiries, download forms, or access your personal member account. Your personal member account will allow you to run retirement estimate scenarios and make changes to your contact information.

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Contributions:	Year End 2022		Yea	ar End 2021	Year End 2020		
Court Contributions	\$	1,491,218	\$	1,483,960	\$	1,261,704	
Member Dues		191,019		192,950		194,402	
Total Income	\$	1,682,237	\$	1,676,910	\$	1,456,106	



EXPENSES & BENEFITS

Fund Admin Expenses:		Year End 2022		ar End 2021	Year End 2020		
Actuary	\$	48,647	\$	74,685	\$	42,788	
Shared Office and Staff		60,000		60,000		60,000	
Executive Director Comp		25,679		29,864		24,429	
Board Travel & Training		9,370		4,283	2,281		
Benefit Payment Services		2,390		3,306		2,388	
Legal		4,055					
Record Retention		-		1,496		1,456	
Other Misc		1,222		1,436		1,729	
Other Services		665		678		690	
Total Admin Expenses	\$	152,027	\$	\$ 175,748		135,761	
Total Investment Expenses	\$	953,430	\$	911,482	\$	721,361	
Total Benefits Paid		5,634,195	\$	4,911,193	\$	4,600,913	

Fiscal Year 2022 Expenses



CONTRIBUTIONS

COURTS AND MEMBERS

Court contributions collected from all Probate Courts include marriage licenses, fines and forfeitures, pistol licenses, and late fees. Court contributions were down approximately 18% during COVID in 2020 but have since recovered.

Membership dues are \$105 per month and are due by the 20th of the month.

Membership dues totaled \$191,019 on June 30, 2022 and remained level. Court Contributions were up in FY22 by 0.5%.

ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

The Fund shares an office and staff with the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Georgia and remits \$60,000 annually for these services. This keeps the Fund's administrative and personnel expenses low.

The fiscal year 2022 admin expenses were in line with the budget except for the legal and travel and training accounts. These amounts were 3.6% over the budget.

The Fund uses a 3% benchmark to determine the reasonableness of total administration fees. The total admin fees were only 2.25% of total expenses, including benefits.

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INVESTMENTS & FUNDING STATUS

The Fund's discount rate or target long-term rate of return is 6.5%. This rate is used to measure all projected pension benefits to all members of the Fund. The Fund does not expect to achieve a 6.5% return on its investments every year, but it is the goal of the Fund to reach a 6.5% return when measuring all pension liabilities over a 30-year period.

The Funding Status measures the total fund balance as a percentage of the total pension liability (payments) due to its members now and in the future with a goal of achieving 100% funded status over time. To achieve this goal the Board of Trustees has adopted assumptions and a target asset allocation, upon the recommendation of the Fund's actuary, that aims to balance investment risk with investment returns.

The table below displays the historical funding status and historical money-weighted rates of return on investments by fiscal year:



*Investment assets are smoothed by recognizing investment gains or losses ratably over a five-year period, in accordance with current actuarial standards.

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JUDGES OF THE PROBATE COURTS RETIREMENT FUND OF GEORGIA FINANCIAL STATEMENT JULY 1 - JUNE 30, 2013 - 2022

Revenues and Contributions							Expenses and Benefits					
Fiscal Year	Member Dues	Non- employer Contribution	Investment Income	Investment Gains/(Loss)	Total Income	Investment Mgmt Fees	Admin Cost	Member Refunds	Pensions	Total Expenses	Restricted for Pensions	
*2022	\$ 191,019	\$ 1,491,218	\$ 1,977,766	\$ (18,201,514)	\$ (14,541,511)	\$ 953,430	\$ 152,027	\$3	\$ 5,634,195	\$ 6,739,655	\$ 105,207,242	
2021	192,950	1,483,960	1,765,962	28,775,966	32,218,838	911,482	175,747	61,572	4,991,193	6,139,994	126,488,408	
2020	194,402	1,261,704	1,812,786	5,949,916	9,218,808	721,361	135,761	-	4,600,913	5,458,035	100,409,565	
2019	195,807	1,453,119	1,840,580	7,375,621	10,865,127	764,446	105,051	105	4,456,391	5,325,993	96,648,792	
2018	198,080	1,454,921	1,980,557	6,857,783	10,491,341	774,851	105,750	7,135	4,436,786	5,324,522	91,109,658	
2017	190,947	1,466,740	1,450,196	11,286,319	14,394,202	591,298	133,758	10,441	4,205,305	4,940,802	86,212,839	
2016	156,057	1,419,750	1,559,140	362,247	3,497,194	629,459	125,825	6,522	3,916,867	4,678,673	76,759,439	
2015	156,534	1,317,037	1,626,883	3,476,695	6,577,149	557,019	103,492	12,435	3,863,303	4,536,249	77,933,918	
2014	161,527	1,283,318	1,540,725	11,303,183	14,288,753	503,082	78,625	-	3,823,997	4,405,704	75,893,018	
2013	153,022	989,959	1,530,441	6,213,287	8,886,709	421,162	48,297	10,314	3,489,191	3,968,964	66,009,969	

*The above amounts have been audited except for the fiscal year 2022.

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