

**Court Fees and Fines and State Appropriations by State\***  
**Final through 2007 Legislative Session, Revised 3/1/08**

<b>State</b>	<b>Court Fees and Fines</b>	<b>State Appropriation</b>
AL	None	None
AK	None	None
AZ	None	\$1,253,000 to provide legal services to women with children who are victim of domestic violence. \$72,000 to fund elder law hotline.
AR	\$342,000. \$20 to "reopening" fee for civil cases, initiated 2005.	None
CA	\$5,326,000; initiated 2005	\$11,005,000; initiated in 99-00.
CO	None	\$500,000 for 2006-07; initiated 1999, eliminated 2004, then restored 2005
CT	None	\$1,000,000 in 06-07; initiated 2005
DE	None	\$203,500 from Grant-in-Aid program for general legal services; \$50,000 in general appropriation for elder law. Contingency appropriation of \$275,000 for 06-07.
DC	None	\$3,200,000 from DC City Council, the equivalent of a state legislature; initiated in 2006.
FL	As of 2004, local filing fees are no longer used for legal services, but state law requires counties to fund. Approximately \$9,616,500.	\$2,600,000 for 07-08
GA	For pro bono in 3 counties only; total is \$565,000	\$2,189,000 to provide legal services for victims of domestic violence (no divorces). Initiated in 1998. Also, \$299,000 for senior hotline
HI	\$188,500; initiated in 1996	\$1,832,500; initiated in 1975; most recent increase in 2007
ID	None	None

IL	DuPage County only, for family and children's issues, \$245,000, initiated in 1995	\$3,500,000 to fund legal information centers, regional legal services hotlines, dispute resolution centers, self-help assistance desks, and civil legal services providers, initiated 2000, increased in 2005 and 2006
IN	None	\$1,500,000; initiated in 1997
IA	None	\$2,000,000; initiated 1996, increased most recently in 2007.
KS	\$929,000, initiated in 1996	None
KY	\$3,200,000; initiated in 1994, increased (doubled) in 2003	\$1,500,000, initiated in 1996, increased in 1998
LA	\$445,000; 1997 legislature authorized local jurisdictions to assess fees; implemented in several jurisdictions.	\$500,000 operating, initiated 2003, increased 2005 and 2006 Additional \$125,000 in 2007 for purchase of building for one program.
ME	\$1,488,000, initiated in 1997, increased in 2005	\$322,000 to Pine Tree Legal Services; \$119,000 to Legal Services for the Elderly
MD	\$6,889,000; initiated in 1998 and increased substantially in 2004	\$500,000 from state abandoned property fund (initiated 1985)
MA	None; was filing fee surcharge from 1983-94; converted to general appropriation in 1994	\$9,664,242 total; \$5,438,734 for general legal services, plus \$4,225,508 special project appropriations (medicare advocacy, SSI and domestic cases, esp. violence)
MI	\$7,478,000, initiated in 1993	None
MN	Dedicated surcharges on civil filing fees and certain real estate filings existed until late 1980s; now are a revenue source for appropriation	\$13,300,000 (including \$877,000 earmarked for family law) for 07 and 08, initiated in 1983, increased several times.
MS	\$436,000 in start-up year; initiated in 2006	None
MO	\$3,091,000; initiated 2003; sunset provision extended in 2007 to 12/31/12.	None since FY02-03 (filing fee surcharge initiated).
MT	\$112,500, to serve domestic violence victims; initiated 1999, increased 2005	None
NE	\$2,066,000, initiated in 1997; increased in 2002; also, \$300,000, initiated in 2006, from \$1 fee on criminal penalties	None
NV	\$3,233,000, from several legislatively authorized surcharges implemented in some local jurisdictions.	None

NH	None	\$1,440,000, initiated in 1997, increased in 2007
NJ	Yes (see State Appropriation)	\$16,385,000 (\$2,500,000 initiated in 1966-67, additional appropriation of \$8,000,000 in 1996 with increase in filing fees, \$1,500,000 added in 2000; \$4,400,000 added in 2004)
NM	Approximately \$1,800,000 annually; from legislation passed in 2001.	\$2,554,000, initiated 2007
NY	Yes, approximately \$2,000,000 in 05-06 from Legal Services Assistance Fund, created in 2003.	\$12,600,000 for general legal services (includes \$359,000 for legal services to domestic violence victims). Initiated in 1993; increased significantly in 2007
NC	Approximately \$1,649,000 for general legal services; converted from appropriation in 2001; approximately \$1,475,000 for domestic violence added in 2004	\$1,000,000; initiated 2006
ND	Approximately \$200,500; initiated in 1989; increased in 1997	None
OH	\$17,733,000; initiated in 1985, increased 2005	None
OK	None	\$1,165,000 for family law cases, initiated in 1996; most recent increase in 2006
OR	\$4,500,000; initiated in 1977, legislature approved increase in 2003 that phased in over 3 years.	\$350,000; initiated 2007 for 2 years; then additional filing fee kicks in to generate comparable amount
PA	\$9,727,000 in 06-07; initiated in 2002.	\$2,646,000; initiated in FY74-75
RI	\$84,000 in 06-07; initiated in 1996	\$170,000 for 07-08
SC	\$1,536,000; initiated in 1997	None
SD	None	None
TN	\$3,481,000 from 3 sources - filing fee surcharge (initiated in 1995), parking/speeding ticket surcharge (initiated in 1999) and tax on bail bonds (initiated 2001)	None

TX	\$5,180,000; initiated in 1997	\$2,500,000 per year, since 2002, from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund to provide civil legal services to crime victims. \$1,500,000, started in 05-06, in general revenue funds. \$750,000 in 07-08 from adult entertainment establishment admission fees to serve victims of sexual assault.
UI	None	\$100,000 annualized, initiated 2003, and, for 2007, an additional \$100,000 one-time funding, to provide assistance in family law and domestic violence cases.
VT	None	Approximately \$687,000
VA	\$3,400,000; initiated in 1992; increased in 2002 and 2003	\$2,000,000; initiated in late 70's, increased periodically, most recently in 2007.
WA	Yes (see State Appropriation)	\$11,235,000; initiated in 1992 (passage of non-dedicated filing fee provided initial funding) Most recent increase in 2007.
WV	\$348,000 to serve domestic violence victims; from civil filing fees and jury fees; initiated 2003	\$150,000 to serve domestic violence victims
WI	None	\$1,000,000, initiated in 2007
WY	None	None

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