



# Federal Bar Association

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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

## **Re: Funding for Implementation of the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act**

Dear Chairman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am writing on behalf of the 15,000 members of the Federal Bar Association (“FBA”), including 1,500 federal judges and magistrate judges, to express our strong support for the Federal Judiciary’s FY 2024 budget request and the funding requests submitted for the Article I courts. These requested appropriations are critical to assure the federal courts are able to fulfill their constitutional and statutory responsibilities, and we urge your support.

The Federal Bar Association’s nationwide membership of attorneys represents a major constituency of the federal court system. Our members witness daily the need for an adequately funded court system that dispenses justice in prompt fashion in all criminal and civil matters. The federal legal community is aware of and appreciates your past support for the Federal Judiciary’s funding requests, and we are confident that once again you will take into account the important needs of the Judiciary Branch and the courts created by Congress as well.

Specifically, we urge your support for:

- \$9.1 billion for the Federal Judiciary, which includes
  - \$8.3 billion in discretionary spending
  - \$769 million in mandatory spending
- \$65.7 million for the United States Tax Court
- \$47.2 million for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- \$16.62 million for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

The Judiciary’s request represents an 8% increase over the FY 2023 enacted appropriation of \$8.5 billion. We note that a significant share of the requested increase in discretionary

appropriations is necessary to maintain current services, including meeting government-wide obligations to fund previously-enacted federal employee pay increases and required adjustments to employee health benefit contributions; funding a 5.2% FY 2024 federal pay raise consistent with the President's pay proposal; addressing continued high non-pay inflation; and modernizing or replacing existing and outdated judicial facilities and infrastructure. Other resources are needed to meet unique demands on the Third Branch, including supporting the anticipated high number of Article III judge confirmations, and expected increases in workload and caseloads. The request also funds the Judiciary's national IT initiatives, including critical ongoing investments in cybersecurity and IT modernization, and other operations supporting the business of the courts.

For the Court Security account, the Judiciary requests \$783.5 million, an increase of \$33.3 million over the FY 2023 enacted level. The FY 2024 request reflects the necessary adjustments to base to maintain current services, as well as several program increases for: the Judicial Vulnerability Management Program, for additional software licenses, automated tools, and support for identifying, redacting, and reducing PII for judges and eligible family members as authorized by the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act; emergency management activities; additional US Marshals Service staffing requirements; continued replacement and modernization of security systems and equipment; and additional Court Security Officer requirements.

The Federal Bar Association remains committed to doing all we can to support the Federal Judiciary's stewardship of the finest judicial system in the world. We ask you to take into account the indispensable role the Federal Judiciary plays to assure adherence to the Constitution and our laws and the preservation of a just and healthy society.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Matthew C. Moschella  
National President

Cc: The Honorable Steve Womack, Chair  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
The Honorable Steny Hoyer, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair  
Subcommittee on Defense  
The Honorable Betty McCollum, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Defense  
The Honorable John Carter, Chair  
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies  
The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Ranking Member  
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