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# Office of Administrative Hearings

Render justice through fair, timely, and impartial hearings and high-quality dispute resolution services.



Workers'  
Comp



Administrative  
Law



Rulemaking



Boundary  
Adjustments

# Efficient

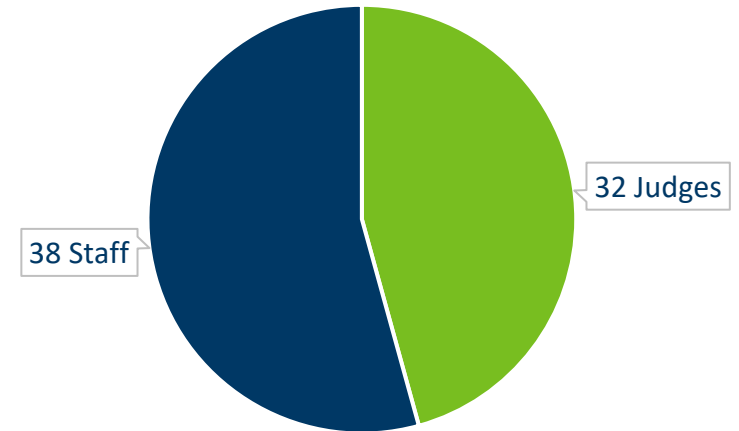
10,000

New Workers' Compensation  
cases filed each year

700

New Administrative Procedure  
Act matters filed each year

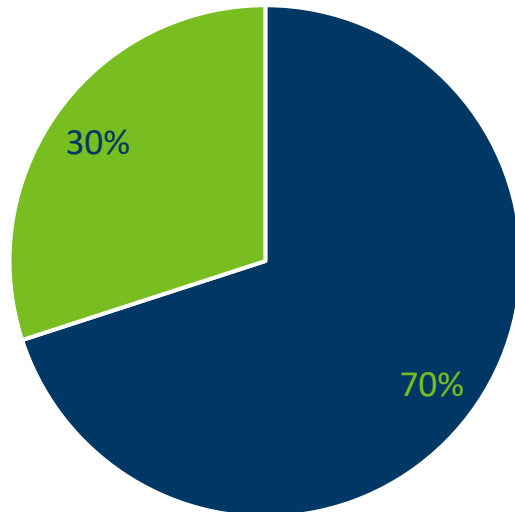
OAH  
1 judge: 1 employee



# Effective

WC Cases at OAH

■ Settled ■ Decided on Merits

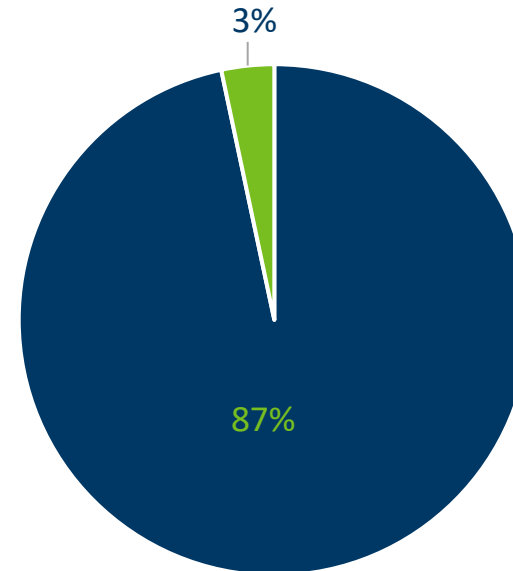


Less than 1% of  
all cases at OAH  
are appealed to a  
higher court



WC Cases on Appeal

■ Unchanged ■ Changed



# Independent

All Judges at OAH:

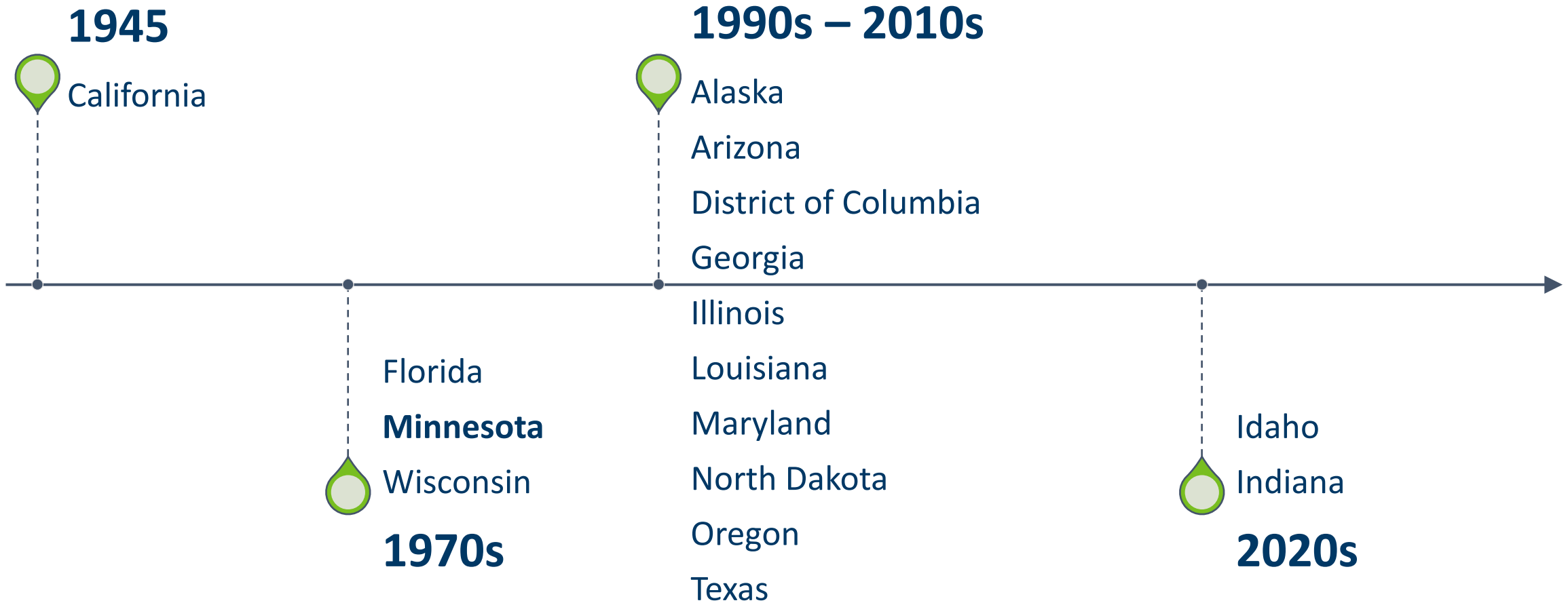
- Learned in the law
- Free of political and economic conflicts of interest
- Subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct

# Public Engagement

Over 1,000 people attended  
the hearing on a proposed  
incorporation in Baldwin  
township.



# We are not alone



# Each is unique



Created by  
unique  
pressures



Legislative  
action or  
executive  
order



Broad or  
narrow  
jurisdiction



Mandatory or  
voluntary use



Decisions as final  
orders or  
recommendations



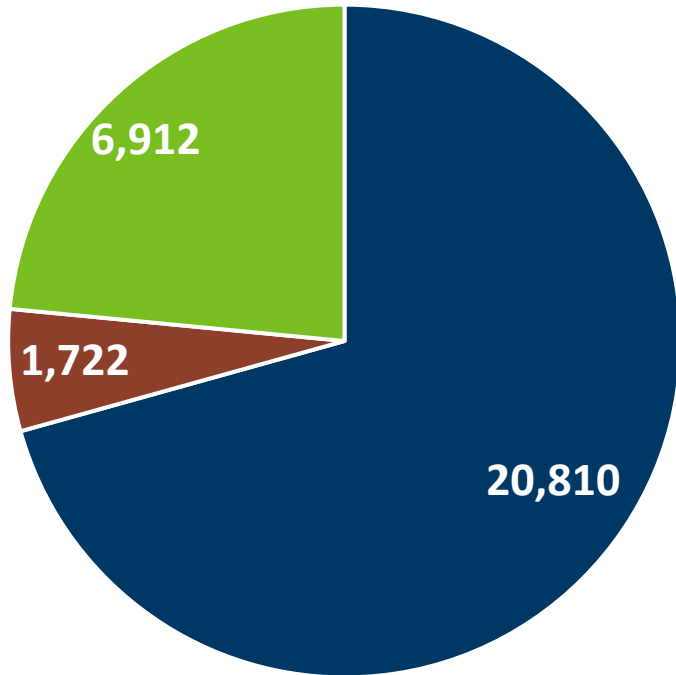
# All have a shared purpose

To ensure a

- high-quality,
- effective,
- efficient,
- and independent administrative judiciary.

No jurisdiction that has adopted a central panel has returned to its previous practice.

# FY 24-25 Biennial Budget



- 1 Workers' Compensation Fund (70%)
- 2 Enterprise Fund (23%)
- 3 General Fund (7%)

# Budget Recommendation

## Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agency operating budgets to support current services. For OAH, this funding will help cover expected growth in employee compensation and insurance, IT services, and other operating costs.

## Dollars in Thousands

Net Impact by Fund	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
General Fund	10	20	30	20	20	40
Workers Comp Fund	589	1,178	1,767	1,178	1,178	2,356
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>2,396</b>



Thank you!

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