$252.6 million
FY21 Preliminary Budget

+22.6 million
New Needs in FY20 since FY20 Adoption

-$15.9 million
Citywide Savings in FY20

$727.1 million
FY21 Judgement and Claims Budget

$30.3 million
Miscellaneous Revenue for FY21

$31.1 million
FY21 Contract Budget

1,914
Budgeted FT Positions for FY21

16
Legal Divisions

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**Judgement and Claims (Dollars in Millions)**

- J&C payments include medical malpractice suits, contract suits, police suits, and other judgements
- Average annual J&C payouts of $717.2 million over past five years.

**Law Department Contract Budget (Dollars in Thousands)**

- 429 contracts
- 42.8% of OTPS Budget
- Law Department contracts outside legal, consulting and administrative support

**Preliminary Mayor’s Management Report (PMMR) Highlights**

**Total Cases Commenced**: Total cases commenced against the City increased from 8,219 in Fiscal 2018 to 8,598 in Fiscal 2019. During the first four months of Fiscal 2020, cases commenced in State Court increased by 1%, while cases pending in State Court increased nearly 5%, adversely impacting the Department’s ability to devote resources to affirmative motion practices.

**Win Rate on Affirmative Motions**: The Law Department’s win rate on affirmative motions increased by 1%, from 71% in Fiscal 2018 to 72% in Fiscal 2019, which is relatively low compared to the Department’s win rate in Fiscal 2017, of 76%.

**Diversion Program**: The percentage of juveniles successfully referred to a diversion program with no new delinquency referral within one year was 86% in Fiscal 2019 (same as in Fiscal 2018), which is in line with previous fiscal years.

**Sources**: OMB, Mayor’s Office of Operations