

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 3: JUDICIAL BRANCH

§ 3304. Compensation of Judges.

(a) The salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be \$130,000 per annum.

(b) The salary of each full-time Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall be \$126,000 per annum.

(c) The salary of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court shall be \$123,000 per annum.

(d) The salary of each Associate Judge of the Superior Court shall be \$120,000 per annum.

(e) The salary of any part-time judge or justice of the Commonwealth shall be paid on a pro rata basis, based upon the time actually served in the performance of the official duties of that judge or justice.

(f) The salary of a judge or justice of the Commonwealth may not be reduced during a term of office of that judge or justice.

Source: PL 6-25, § 3, ch. 3 (§ 3304); amended by PL 7-31, § 3; PL 8-15, § 4.

Commission Comment: PL 8-15, specifying judicial branch salary increases, took effect February 26, 1993. Judicial salaries have increased as follows: under PL 1-5, § 1, ch. 1., § 8 (effective July 14, 1978): Chief Judge (of Commonwealth Trial Court), \$44,000, Associate Judges, \$38,000; under PL 4-32, § 4 (effective April 1, 1985): Chief Judge, \$50,000, Associate Judges, \$44,000; under PL 6-23, § 5 (effective April 20, 1989): Presiding Judge (of Commonwealth Superior Court), \$69,000, Associate Judges, \$66,000; under PL 6-25, § 3, ch. 3 (§ 3304) (effective May 2, 1989): Chief Justice, \$75,000, Associate Justices, \$72,000, Presiding Judge, \$69,000, Associate Judges, \$66,000; under PL 7-31, § 3 (effective January 10, 1992): Chief Justice, \$82,000, Associate Justices, \$79,000, Presiding Judge, \$76,000, Associate Judges, \$72,400. See also N.M.I. Const. art. IV, § 6, concerning compensation of Commonwealth jurists.