MONTANA JUDICIAL BRANCH

Judicial Standards Commission – DP 105 (biennial) \$50,000

Judicial Standards Commission

- o Constitutionally required commission overseeing all judicial discipline
 - JSC currently staffed by .25 of an administrative FTE and contracts for investigations (about \$25,000 each year in FY24 and FY25)
 - Statutory changes, rule changes, and recommendations from the Legislative Auditor recommended more formality in the process

Additional contracted services

- Legal staff for the commission to:
 - Write responses about each grievance that is dismissed for more detail to the person filing the grievance
 - Legal assistance to advise the commission when the JSC pursues an investigation
 - Provide investigative services when JSC determines an investigation is necessary

