

Questions for the Record from Representative Darrell Issa for Judge Amy St. Eve
Fiscal Accountability and Oversight of the Federal Courts
June 24, 2025

1. Please clarify the dollar amount and proportion of the \$800 million requested budget increase that is earmarked for physical security, and do the same for cybersecurity.
2. Please identify specific subcategories or line items in the Judicial Branch's budget request that represent unnecessary redundancies or correspond to areas where further economizing is possible.
3. With respect to physical security specifically, what can be done to streamline administratively between court security officers employed by the courts, the U.S. Marshals Service, and other aspects of the courts' security setup, so that there is a single point of accountability for ensuring the safety of judges, staff, and the public, while reducing overhead?
4. You acknowledged that the budget request does not capture expenditures spent on judicial conduct and disability investigations and compliance, such as in the case of Judge Pauline Newman. Please provide more specific information on the use of appropriated funds for such purposes.
5. What oversight mechanisms does the Judicial Branch use to ensure that appropriated funds – such as funds apportioned to community defender organizations– are not used for ideologically or politically biased purposes, or other improper purposes?
6. What proportion of “salary and expenses” costs goes to maintaining or upgrading case assignment systems and procedures, and are there any plans to change those systems or procedures across the judiciary?
7. In the wake of the recent Supreme Court decision in *Trump v. CASA, Inc.*, what expenditures do you expect will be made by courts to certify, whether provisionally or otherwise, nation-wide classes under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to permit injunctions against the federal government with nation-wide scope to remain in place notwithstanding the Supreme Court's decision?
8. What expenditures do you expect would be needed for the Judicial Conference to enact rules or guidance for the courts to require compliance with Rule 65(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure—specifically the requirement to impose an adequate security—in every preliminary injunction or temporary restraining order decision?

Questions for the Record from Representative Scott Fitzgerald for Judge Amy St. Eve
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1. This Subcommittee is concerned about inadequate protections for trade secrets and confidential business information in litigation due to the involvement of bad actors, including those sponsored by adversary nations. Such bad actors may become involved through third party litigation funding, for example. Is the Judicial Branch examining ways to detect such bad actors and address concerns about improper disclosures of confidential information, whether through new rules or improvements to the courts' systems?
 - a. [Follow-up]: Is there any technology, including emerging technologies like AI and blockchain, that the Judicial Branch is exploring to help prevent bad faith litigants or other bad actors from exploiting our judicial system to steal valuable information from U.S. companies?