## **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 .15 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 to provide 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
- ☐ JSC Report is available on the Judicial Branch website under the legislative link along with the Rules and make-up of the commission.