



# Judicial Compensation Commission

(504) 342-2458  
FAX: (504) 342-0768

LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
P. O. OFFICE BOX 44486  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804

January 24, 2001

ROBERT H. MORRISON, III, JUDGE  
CHAIRMAN  
21<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
P.O. BOX 788  
AMITE, LOUISIANA 70422  
(504) 748-9445  
(504) 748-6637 (FAX)

To: The Honorable John J. Hainkel, Jr.  
President of the Senate

JAMES J. COLEMAN, SR., ESQ.  
VICE-CHAIRMAN  
COLEMAN, JOHNSON & ARTIGUES  
TENTH FLOOR SUITE  
321 ST. CHARLES AVENUE  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130  
(504) 586-1979  
(504) 525-9464 (FAX)

The Honorable Charles W. DeWitt  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

## MEMBERS

CHIEF JUDGE NED E. DOUCET, JR.  
THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL  
GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE

SIBAL HOLT  
LA AFL/CIO, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT'S APPOINTEE

JUDGE ROBERT H. MORRISON, III  
21<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
CONFERENCE OF COURT OF APPEAL  
JUDGES' APPOINTEE

JUDGE MICHAEL S. INGRAM  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
LOUISIANA DISTRICT JUDGES  
ASSOCIATION'S APPOINTEE

JUDGE WILLIAM T. KLEINPETER  
PORT ALLEN CITY COURT  
LOUISIANA CITY JUDGES  
ASSOCIATION'S APPOINTEE

JAMES J. COLEMAN, SR., ESQ.  
COLEMAN, JOHNSON & ARTIGUES  
LOUISIANA STATE BAR  
ASSOCIATION'S APPOINTEE

SENATOR ARTHUR J. "ART" LENTINI  
SENATOR CHARLES D. JONES  
LOUISIANA SENATE APPOINTEES

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH F. TOOMY  
REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL R. MARTINY  
LOUISIANA HOUSE APPOINTEES

The Judicial Compensation Commission met on Tuesday, January 23, 2001, and voted unanimously to recommend to the legislature again this year, given that no legislative action was taken during the 2000 Regular Session, an increase in judicial salaries and to present a concurrent resolution to the legislature for its consideration during the 2001 Regular Session. The resolution will propose an increase in state contributions to the salary for the justices of the supreme court and the judges of the courts of appeal and district courts by five percent each year on July 1, 2001, July 1, 2002, and July 1, 2003, and further that the state paid salary of city court and parish court judges be increased by five percent each year on July 1, 2001, July 1, 2002, and July 1, 2003.

The resolution for the upcoming session would be based on the Judicial Compensation Commission report which was timely submitted to the legislature more than sixty days prior to the 2000 Regular Session in accordance with R.S. 13:46(B) and will be virtually identical to HCR No. 3 of the 2000 Regular Session except that the effective dates for the proposed increases are July 1, 2001, July 1, 2002 and July 1, 2003.

With your approval, for the second time in Louisiana, the salaries paid to judges will be established based on our comprehensive study conducted in public hearings. The deliberations and work product of the Judicial Compensation Commission are, in our opinion, an example of good government that works. It reflects well on the legislature, and the judiciary. We anticipate continued cooperation in our endeavors to serve the citizens of Louisiana.

We sincerely appreciate your review of the work product of the Judicial Compensation Commission and solicit your favorable support.

