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THE SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA



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Supreme Court of Louisiana



Left to Right: Justice Jeannette T. Knoll, Justice Jeffrey P. Victory, Justice Catherine D. Kimball, Justice Walter F. Marcus, Jr., Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Justice Harry T. Lemmon, Justice Bernette J. Johnson, and Justice Chet D. Traylor

Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., is elected from the First Supreme Court District—Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Bernard Parishes.

Justice Walter F. Marcus, Jr., is elected from the First Supreme Court District—Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Bernard Parishes.

Justice Jeffrey P. Victory is elected from the Second Supreme Court District—Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Vernon, Webster, and Winn Parishes

Justice Jeannette Theriot Knoll is elected from the Third Supreme Court District—Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Grant, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, and Rapides Parishes.

Justice Chet D. Traylor is elected from the Fourth Supreme Court District—Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, La Salle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll Parishes.

Justice Catherine D. Kimball is elected from the Fifth Supreme Court District—East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. Landry, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana Parishes.

Justice Harry T. Lemmon is elected from the Sixth Supreme Court District—Ascension, Assumption, Iberia, LaFourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Martin, Terrebonne, and Vermilion Parishes.

Justice Bernette J. Johnson was elected from New Orleans to the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit for the purpose of serving on the Louisiana Supreme Court, pursuant to Act No. 512 of 1992 and the Consent Decree entered on August 21, 1992 by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in *Chisom vs. Edwards*. By order of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Justice Johnson was assigned to the Louisiana Supreme Court effective Oct. 31, 1994.

The Honorable John T. Olivier, Clerk of Court.

The Louisiana Supreme Court

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The Louisiana Supreme Court 1998

A FOCUS ON CHILDREN, COURTS & COMMUNITY



During my 25 years on the bench, I have seen the public's perception of the judicial system change over time. While judges were once among the most respected professions, waning public trust and confidence in the judiciary suggest the time has come for a meaningful evaluation of our courts.

It was a busy and productive 1998 for the Supreme Court and the courts throughout our state. At the Supreme Court, we held approximately 35 weekly conferences to discuss and cast votes on writ applications, often voting on over 100 writ applications each conference.

The Court held seven oral argument sittings with about 20 cases argued each cycle. Once again, with the support and assistance of all the Justices and the Supreme Court staff, the Court has maintained a consistently current docket, with writ applications that were granted being scheduled for oral argument on the next available docket and opinions being handed down usually within 12 weeks of oral argument.

In addition to our adjudicative responsibilities, the Supreme Court regularly addresses administrative matters. While all of the administrative concerns addressed by the Court this year would be too numerous to enumerate, I would like to highlight a few.

We spent a considerable amount of time this year studying Supreme Court Rule XX, the Law Student Practice Rule. After months of reviewing submissions, gathering facts and discussing the



Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.

issues, the Court revised the rule in June, 1998, to reaffirm its original mission and purpose of providing law students with clinical instruction in trial work and providing legal assistance for indigent persons. Several law schools requested a rehearing, and as a result, several of the June revisions were suspended pending further study. We hope to conclude our review and revision of Rule XX in the spring of 1999.

We also held a groundbreaking ceremony for our renovated courthouse at 400 Royal Street. The groundbreaking was a major milestone in our efforts to renovate the historic Beaux Arts Courthouse Building, built in 1909 in New Orleans, for multi-purpose use, including housing the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, the State Judicial Administrator, the Law Library of Louisiana, an Attorney General's Office, and a satellite branch of the Louisiana State Museum. We are continuing to work with the Royal Street Project Advisory Board, the Governor's Office and the Legislature to ensure that appropriate funds are made available to enable us to complete this project in the near future.

We continue to improve our lawyer discipline system. A conference on Preventing Lawyer Misconduct brought together for the first time the Justices of the Supreme Court, members of the Attorney Disciplinary Board and the Louisiana State Bar Association, and law school deans and ethics professors to discuss how we can better educate law students to prevent ethical improprieties as licensed attorneys.

The Supreme Court also approved two "alternatives to discipline" programs designed to address minor lawyer misconduct and bolster a lawyer's education in the areas of legal ethics, client relations, and law practice management. Under these programs, the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Counsel may refer matters involving lesser misconduct to programs in lawyer/client fee arbitration, lawyer assistance, arbitration, mediation, law office management assistance, psychological counseling, continuing legal education and ethics.

1998 saw the completion of the first-ever Consumer Research and Service Development study which polled the public's perceptions on many court issues. The study was conducted by UNO in consultation with a blue ribbon Louisiana Supreme Court Advisory Committee comprised of distinguished business, government, community and

civic leaders statewide, who oversaw the project and will provide recommendations for judicial branch improvement as we enter the implementation phase. Areas of concern pinpointed include court delay, access to courts, fairness and equality, uniform decision-making and enforcement, public information and perceptions that courts are "soft on crime."

The survey was one of many projects coordinated by our Community Relations Department, formed in 1997 to strengthen public confidence in the judiciary and establish working relationships with other branches of government. In 1998, the department also launched a new quarterly newsletter, coordinated a Conference on User-Friendly Courts for clerks of court and court administrators, created a Speaker's Bureau, and continued our Judicial Ride-Along and Chamber to Chamber programs. Despite its infancy, the Department has earned recognition befitting its activity, including the Bureau of Governmental Research's 1998 Excellence in Government Award.

In 1997, legislation was passed authorizing CMIS, our Case Management Information System Department, to develop a database for the statewide collection of protective orders in an effort to respond to domestic violence. The design of the database, called LPOR – the Louisiana Protective Order Registry – has been completed and over 3,500 orders have been entered. The LPOR will ultimately provide judges, prosecutors, and probation and law enforcement officers with instant access to the terms and conditions of all protective orders issued by courts statewide.

A \$2 fee assessed on all misdemeanor, criminal and traffic cases, along with federal funds, has been used to allow the collection and transmission by CMIS of all criminal and sex offender dispositions into a centralized repository. This information was provided to the National Crime Information Center via the State Police for instant background checks of name and vehicle status, firearm purchases and sex offender tracking. Fifty-one of the state's 64 courts have been funded, and 40 are currently transmitting data to CMIS.

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A great deal of our administrative efforts this year were concentrated in the critical area of child protection. Each year, thousands of children in Louisiana enter our juvenile court system as innocent victims of child abuse and neglect. Removed from their parents, they are “nobody’s child,” placed in foster care where they must wade through interminable delays and wait for the courts to decide their future. In response to this problem, we have instituted the Court Improvement Program, a federally-funded initiative to improve the adjudication of child abuse and neglect cases in Louisiana, by enhancing communication and coordination between the courts and public and private social services and by providing training for judges and lawyers.

In February of 1998, we kicked off our “Campaign for Children,” a broad-based program to increase public awareness, understanding and support for the needs of children and families in foster care. The Campaign for Children has sponsored a documentary on “foster care drift” that will air on public broadcasting stations throughout Louisiana. The Campaign has also provided speakers and participated in attorney and judicial training programs throughout the state, and this spring, will co-sponsor the “Justice for Children” Conference, a multidisciplinary symposium on abuse and neglect cases.

The Supreme Court has also developed other child-centered initiatives, such as the Judge Advocate Network, a regional approach to providing equal justice and resources to Louisiana’s urban and rural areas. Under this pro-

gram, the state is divided into seven juvenile justice regions, each with a volunteer judge who gathers information on regional issues and problems in the juvenile justice system and promotes collaborative solutions during quarterly meetings with representatives of the executive and legislative branches. I believe that the Judge Advocate Network will be a major vehicle for interbranch cooperation to achieve constructive reforms in courts for the benefit of the children of this state who are in most need of our assistance. Another recent initiative in this area has been the adoption by our Court of special rules to speed up the handling of cases involving the protection of children.

I am very proud of the work of the Judicial Administrator’s Office and all judges and staffers throughout the state who are involved in this campaign.

I have the distinct pleasure and privilege of submitting to the Supreme Court of Louisiana, to the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association, to the citizens of Louisiana, and to other interested parties the Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Louisiana for 1998, including the reports of the Judicial Council, the Judicial Administrator’s Office, the Law Library of Louisiana, the Louisiana Judicial College, and the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana, as well as statistical information on the state judiciary reflecting the work of the past year. New to the report this year is statistical information from the Bar Admissions Committee and the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, two entities that operate under the auspices of the Supreme Court.

I commend the work of all of these entities, and I thank everyone who participated in the preparation of this excellent and comprehensive report.

Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.
Chief Justice
Louisiana Supreme Court

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The Judicial Administrator's Office

A JUDICIAL EYE ON THE MILLENNIUM

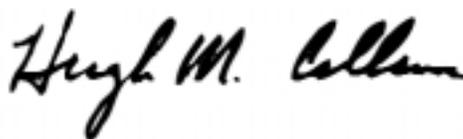
The Judicial Administrator's Office is the managerial arm of the Louisiana Supreme Court, serving as fiscal agent and staffing the Judicial Council and numerous court-appointed task forces and committees. Over time, the scope and services of the Judicial Administrator's Office have broadened with the innovations and reforms instituted by the Louisiana Supreme Court. Focusing on technology, community, and children, these innovations go a long way toward positioning the judiciary in particular and the public in general to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Prominent in our wider portfolio is the need to strengthen public trust and confidence in the state judiciary. To this end, the Community Relations Department has launched a selection of innovative, ambitious new programs in the two years of its existence. The department was given a 1998 Excellence in Government Award by the Bureau of Government Research, in recognition of its "outstanding efforts to incorporate creative, constructive ideas in government."

We must also harness technology in the service of justice. Through the information generated by the Court Management Information System, courts will be better able to manage their dockets and hence provide our citizens faster and more efficient access to justice. Additional benefits of the CMIS project will lead to more informed sentencing,

real-time access to protective orders, and the ability for the judiciary to provide citizens and various funding sources an improved picture of its ability to manage and process cases filed in our courts.

And we must reiterate our commitment to a brighter future for the children and families of Louisiana. A variety of initiatives led by our Planning and Research Department, including The Court Improvement Project, The Campaign for Children and the Judge Advocates' Network, will truly make a difference.



Hugh M. Collins, Ph.D.
Judicial Administrator
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1998: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Judicial Council & Judicial Administrator's Office

Public perceptions are difficult to distinguish from instances of deficient performance; particularly when dealing with citizens' attitudes toward justice, each negative perception must be addressed.



In 1998, the Judicial Council & Judicial Administrator's Office focused their efforts on key areas to help the courts provide better service and information to their constituencies. The Consumer Research and Service Development Project determined the perceptions of Louisiana citizens about courts. Communications outreach in other areas helped educate, and the Campaign for Children addressed a most pressing issue. The development of Court Management Information Systems (CMIS) uses the latest technology to protect our citizens.



CONSUMER RESEARCH

A first-time effort to determine how citizens perceive the judiciary – and to plan and implement recommendations based on their opinions – was a primary thrust of the Court's Community Relations Department in 1998.

Louisiana's Consumer Research Study was set up in two parts – a statewide telephone survey followed by seven focus group sessions held throughout the state. Conducted by Dr. Susan Howell, Director of the UNO Survey Research

Center. It surveyed 1307 court users and 691 non-users on topics including sources of information about courts, equal treatment in the court system, courts and the crime problem, court access and costs, courtesy of judges and court personnel, courthouse safety, timeliness, judges and juries, and court reforms.

What was learned from the 2000 citizens surveyed?

On the positive side,

- We learned that judges are thought to be fair and impartial and well-qualified for their jobs.



*Left (left to right): Anthony J. Falterman, Frank Voelker, Jr.
Center: Senator Ron Landry, Judge Anne Lennan Simon, Ms. Karen E. Dugas, Justice Bernette J. Johnson.
Right: Judge Billy H. Ezell, Judge Charles R. Scott, Paulette H. Holahan.*

- Our court personnel are courteous, respectful, friendly and cooperative, able to answer questions and willing to explain things to court users.
- And, we learned that court users feel safe in our courthouse facilities.

On the negative side,

- We learned that Louisiana citizens feel wealth, gender, political connections and race make a difference in how a person is treated in court.
- Louisiana citizens feel that cases are not completed in a reasonable time.
- Our citizens feel that it costs too much to go to court.
- And, among other findings, we learned Louisiana citizens feel that we are not providing enough information and education to help people understand the court system.

“These results will not sit on a shelf,” said Advisory Committee co-chair Barry Erwin. “Our committee, at the invitation of Chief Justice Calogero, has agreed to remain intact and meet approximately every two months to continue our work by focusing on solutions to the problems the public has identified.”

JUDICIAL OUTREACH

From a department less than two years old came a flurry of activity in 1998. The Community Relations Department:

- launched a quarterly *Court Column* newsletter;
- staffed the Consumer Research Study;
- established a Speakers’ Bureau of more than 50 judges who offer presentations designed to explain in everyday language how the judicial system works;
- presented the second Conference on User Friendly Courts, focusing on

quality management and customer service for judges, clerks of court and court administrators; and

- continued the Judicial Ride-Along program that pairs legislators with judges and the Chamber to Chamber program that gives business leaders a taste of a judge’s everyday life.

The community outreach services of the Supreme Court of Louisiana have been termed “state of the art” by the National Center for State Courts. In 1998 the Community Relations Department received the coveted 1998 Excellence in Government Award from the Bureau of Governmental Research.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN

This initiative is a public awareness program sponsored by the Louisiana Supreme Court as part of the Louisiana Court Improvement Program, a federally funded program to improve the adjudication of child abuse and neglect cases in the state. Recognizing that systemic reform requires total community involvement, the Campaign for Children serves as a call to action to increase public understanding and support for the needs of children and families in the foster care system, enhances awareness of the problem of “foster care drift” and its serious consequences, and encourages lawyers and judges to become the primary gatekeepers of the foster care system to ensure the expeditious processing of child neglect and abuse cases while maintaining due process and respecting the rights of parents.

The campaign was launched in February with an 11-site tour of the state during which Supreme Court justices and staff spoke to more than 250 community

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Louisiana State Senator

Honorable
Stephen J. Windhorst
Louisiana State Representative

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leaders about the problems of the foster care system in Louisiana. Phase II recruited additional spokespeople and opinion leaders, and Phases III and IV feature media campaigns to draw attention to the need to end foster care drift and promote adoption.

The focus on children also includes programs to improve juvenile courts and to secure support to implement those programs. The statewide Judge Advocate Network focuses on developing strategies for short-term and longer-term improvements in juvenile justice and domestic court issues. A sub-grant program funds proposals from courts who have developed innovative ways to handle Child in Need of Care cases.

The Court's Planning and Research Department is also teaming with the New Orleans Collaborative for Timely Adoptions to help identify and eliminate barriers to good service, battle delays, and make the system work better for its young clients.

COURT COSTS

The Committee on Court Costs, chaired by attorney Greg M. Eaton, completed its study of criminal and civil court costs, state funding of courts, and the costs of filing state suits. It recommended interbranch cooperation in moving toward creating a state-funded judicial branch. Such a step would eliminate judicial branch reliance on civil legal fees and local government funds for operation.



THE CASE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT

A comprehensive system for tracking and managing cases statewide – criminal, protective order, civil, traffic and courts of appeal – and linking the courts with state and federal law enforcement agencies is the ultimate goal of CMIS, chaired by Justice Catherine D. Kimball. Three examples:

- Criminal dispositions are being forwarded from district courts to CMIS, collected in a centralized database and provided to the National Crime Information Center. The system allows instant background checks for name and vehicle status, firearm purchases and sex offender tracking.
- As part of the Supreme Court's effort to respond effectively to domestic violence incidents, the Judicial Administrator's Office has designed a centralized computer repository to collect civil and criminal protective orders – “stay-away” orders which provide relief from abusive or harassing behavior.
- The Law Enforcement Message Switch is a software connection between CMIS and the Louisiana Department of Public Safety, allowing transmission of protective orders to the NCIC and access by judges to the Computerized Criminal History and Department of Motor Vehicles files.

THE LOUISIANA PROTECTIVE ORDER REGISTRY

The Louisiana Protective Order Registry gives judges, prosecutors, and probation and law enforcement officers instant access to information about all protective orders issued by courts in Louisiana and other states. Created in 1997 by legislation, it is the first court-based system in the country. Staff members at the Registry logged 3,500 protective orders in domestic violence cases as part of a pilot project in eight courts. The system will be in operation statewide by the end of 1999.

UNIFORM COURT RULES

A 1998 survey showed that a majority of judges and attorneys support the concept of uniform court rules in Louisiana.

Reasons include enhancing access to justice, reducing the cost of litigation, and reducing delays in the court process. The committee, chaired by Shreveport attorney Susie Morgan, is a cooperative endeavor between the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Judicial Council. Among the survey's findings:

- 53% of district court judges agree there is a need for uniform court rules
- 81% of attorneys agree there is a need for uniform court rules
- Judges and attorneys agree that uniform court rules should allow for some district variation.

Based on the strong showing of support, the committee is analyzing the various local court rules now in place throughout the state and drafting a proposed set of uniform rules for presentation to the Louisiana Supreme Court for consideration.

NEW JUDGESHIPS

The Judicial Council's Committee to Evaluate Requests for the Creation of New Judgeships, chaired by Judge Charles R. Scott, investigates and evaluates requests for new judgeships prior to consideration by the legislature. This evaluation takes the creation of new judgeships out of the political arena, contains costs, and provides an objective system for determining the need for new judgeships.

Before making recommendations, judges who are members of the committee, along with staff from the Judicial Administrator's Office, conduct site visits, examine records, interview local judges and lawyers, and study the filing statistics of the requesting courts.

In 1998, seven new judgeships and two commissioners were requested. Following consideration of the Committee's recommendations, the Judicial Council recommended two new judgeships each in the Fifteenth Judicial District Court (Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes) and the Twenty-First Judicial District Court (Livingston, St. Helena and Tangipahoa Parishes).

A new commissioner was recommended for the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court (Washington and St. Tammany Parishes).

JUDICIAL BUDGET

Louisiana does not have a unified state court funding system. The operations of district, parish and city courts are primarily funded by local governments in Louisiana. An annual legislative appropriation funds the operations of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the five circuit courts of appeal, as well as the salaries of the justices of the supreme court, the salaries of the judges of the courts of appeal, and the salaries of the judges of the district courts, including family and juvenile courts. Also funded by the state is a portion of the salaries of the judges of the parish and city courts, the compensation of retired judges and ad hoc judges serving on a Louisiana bench on a temporary basis, and the pensions of the surviving spouses of justices and judges.

The Judicial Budgetary Control Board, created in 1977 to establish rules and regulations to govern the expenditures of all funds appropriated by the legislature to the judiciary, presents a budget request to the Louisiana Supreme Court for approval prior to each legislative session. The Louisiana Supreme Court, in turn, presents the request to the Louisiana Legislature where it is introduced by one or more legislators as the Judicial Appropriations Bill. In 1998, 0.5% of the state's general fund was appropriated to defray the expenses of the state judiciary.

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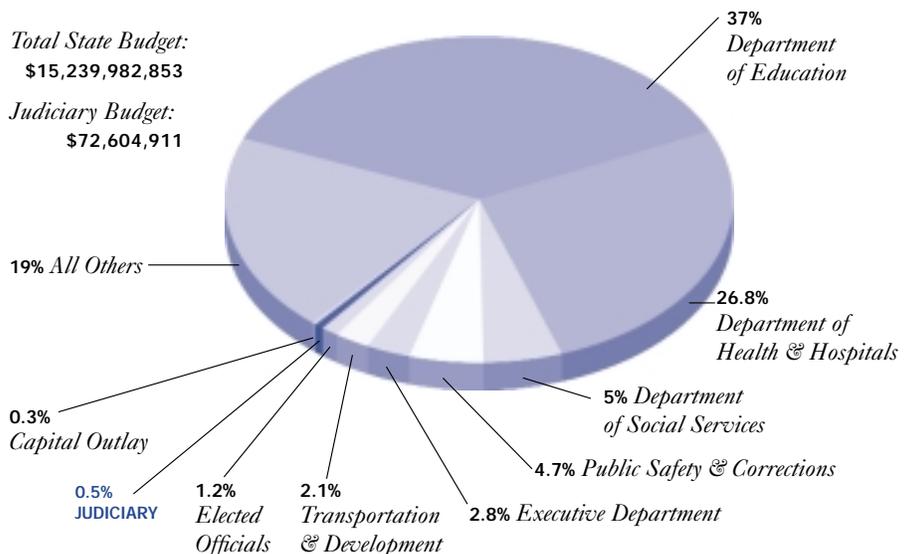
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LOUISIANA STATE BUDGET

Total State Budget:
\$15,239,982,853

Judiciary Budget:
\$72,604,911



A TROVE OF RESOURCES

Law Library of Louisiana



Tennyson's lines, "The old order changeth, yielding place to the new," could be the motto of every law library. Books must be shifted constantly to make room for the ever-expanding law, technology enhances our statewide information outreach, and our staff, the lifeblood of our library, also has changed significantly.

Carol Billings, Director
Law Library of Louisiana

Accomplishments in 1998 offer users of the Law Library of Louisiana the most up-to-date services, in keeping with the library's mission to provide legal and government information to those who work within the judicial system and to the citizens they serve.

Under the directorship of Carol Billings, the library has automated its collection records and prepared the way for access to its on-line catalog through the internet or at public terminals in the library's reading room – another step in providing essential public access to documents that the judiciary generates, records and preserves.

Following the arduous process of automating the records of our collection, led by Systems Librarian Janice Shull, the GLAS operating software has been installed on all staff computers, where it is used for accessing catalog records. Our acquisitions staff orders new books through our automated purchasing system, which yields valuable information about purchasing patterns. Shull has also



written a procedures manual codifying job responsibilities for more efficient work flow. In 1999, we will make our online catalog widely available through the internet as well as at public terminals in our reading room.

Traditional library materials still play an important role. During 1998, the collection added 477 new titles (727 volumes in paper format); 1,959 volumes of

additions to existing titles (and removed 343 superseded items); and 54,124 fiches, the largest being a serial set of congressional reports and documents from the 51st through 63rd Congresses. Because we will move away from the New Orleans Public Library's newspaper collection in a few years, we began acquiring a back run of *The Times-Picayune* – 491 microfilm reels covering the 1980s. The collection will be gradually expanded backward.

Under Georgia Chadwick's leadership, the government documents collection thrived, earning a high rating in a detailed self-study required by the Government Printing Office. The library also began a subscription to MARCIVE Web Docs, an Internet-accessible catalog of government documents which makes locating a particular item easier.

The library's reach extends far outside the physical walls, with research help provided to many citizens of Louisiana and other states through telephone, fax, mail and interlibrary loan. Research Attorney Terry Carbo serves the legal information needs of Louisiana prisoners who request photocopies of materials, improving the library's response significantly.

The Law Library of Louisiana continues to be the only facility in the state where Westlaw or Lexis searches are performed by an expert researcher for a fee. Although the popularity of CD-ROM legal research has tended to decrease the requests for on-line searches in recent years, staffers Marie Erickson and Cathy Lemann conducted 405 searches for New Orleans and out-of-town patrons; another 163 searches were carried out for court staff.

The library also extends its informational outreach through exhibits in the lobby of the court building – 1998 features have included Elder Law, Legislative Histories, and Legal and Government Resources on the Internet. Janice Shull, chief exhibit designer and author of an article "The Librarian as Storyteller" published in Law Library

Journal in 1998, has written the text and prepared the illustrations for the state's exhibit – The Civil Code of Louisiana – at the ABA's new Museum of Law in Chicago.

This year also saw significant staff changes, with three retirements. Bill Luster's departure at the end of 1997, following more than 30 years as a library assistant, signaled the loss of an important piece of institutional memory. Clerical assistant Dave Laurent had already retired once – in 1979 – following a long career in accounting. He came on board as a part-time bookkeeper and filing supervisor, intending to stay a year or two. Happily, his tenure extended 19 years. Betty Kern, a 20-year library staffer who headed acquisitions, was famous for her knowledge of the legal publishing industry – and the treasures of her desk.

New staffers include:

- Georgia Chadwick, who returned to full-time staff as head of acquisitions and serials while retaining her government documents responsibilities.
- Cathleen Richards, a veteran of high school libraries, who will apply the latest technology in the acquisitions/serials/ documents department.
- Jason Kruppa, a writer and former staffer at LSU Medical School Library, who will handle property inventory, office supplies, bookkeeping, and acquisitions processing, filling both Bill Luster's and Dave Laurent's shoes.

New and continuing staff members carry on the tradition of leadership in the law library profession, speaking at professional conferences; being counted among the leadership of organizations; and publishing their work in prestigious journals and books. Library director Billings, for example, is one of the authors of the recently published *Universal Citation Guide*.

The staff of the Law Library of Louisiana is a blend of both new and familiar faces. Below, seated in the front row are:

Catherine Lemann
Electronic Resources Librarian

D. D. Thompson
Cataloging-microforms
Assistant

Janice Shull
Systems Librarian

In the second row are:

Carol Billings
Director

Cathleen Richards
Assistant Acquisitions/Serials/
Documents Librarian

Marie Erickson
Head of Public Services

Georgia Chadwick
Head of Acquisitions/
Serials/Documents

Standing are:

Henry Hobbs
Custodian

Terri Carbo
Research Attorney

Jason Kruppa
Collection Maintenance
Assistant

Ruth Mahoney
Serials/Acquisitions Assistant



EDUCATING THE JUDICIARY

The Louisiana Judicial College



As lawyers, judges are required to attend a minimum of 15 hours of continuing legal education every year – one hour of which must be on legal ethics, professional responsibility and rules of conduct.

Topics ranging from improving the juvenile justice system to handling complex tobacco case litigation, from the roles of technology in the courts to ethics, from enhancing public perception to media relations, and from drug courts to court courtesy – in sessions featuring more than 100 speakers – were highlights of eight continuing legal education programs sponsored by the Judicial College for Louisiana’s judges in 1998. The College continued its efforts to keep judges abreast of recent developments through publishing its *Criminal Law Newsletter*.



The Louisiana Judicial College also saw a “changing of the guard” during 1998. The College’s executive director, Professor Thomas C. Galligan, Jr., became dean of the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville. Professor William R. Corbett, a member of the LSU law faculty and a lecturer in Judicial College programs was named executive director of the Judicial College.

Justice Jeffrey P. Victory was appointed to serve as co-chairperson with Justice Harry T. Lemmon on the College’s Board of Governors.

In sessions sponsored by the Judicial College this year, areas of focus included: *1998 City and Juvenile Judges Meeting*

- recent developments in juvenile law
- cooperative solutions in the juvenile justice system

Annual Evidence and Procedure Seminar

- a mock trial – a practical dramatic presentation on the most important current evidence and procedural issues

Annual Spring Judges' Conference

- technology in the courts
- internet and immigration law resources
- an update on drug courts in Louisiana – “A New Paradigm for Prevention”
- a criminal law and procedure colloquium
- a session on “The Campaign for the Children: Improving Juvenile Justice”

1998 Summer School for Judges

- tobacco litigation and complex cases
- instructing the jury in tort cases
- family law – sex, violence, visitation, support and child custody jurisdiction
- science and the law – genetics, the future and legal implications
- recent developments in civil procedure
- professionalism
- class actions
- ethics
- search and seizure in the '90s

Joint Louisiana/Mississippi Meeting

- “When Judges Speak Up: Ethics, The Public and The Media”
- “Revision of the Code of Judicial Conduct”

- “Revision of Judiciary Commission Structure and Rules of Procedure”
- “Products Liability in Louisiana and Mississippi: Exposition and Comparison”
- “Professionalism”

1998 Fall Conference

- challenges presented by the Adoption and Safe Families Act
- an update on the Consumer Research and Service Development Project
- the annual report on the Judicial College
- recent developments in Louisiana civil law and procedure
- the annual memorial service and Red Mass

Annual Torts Seminar

- apportionment of liability in Louisiana cases
- premises liability in Louisiana tort law
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Each year, approximately 1,000 potential lawyers take the state bar examination seeking licensure to practice law in Louisiana. In 1998, bar examinations were administered during the week of February 9th and the week of July 20th, with respective pass rates of 64% and 61%.

The examination is conducted by the Committee on Bar Admissions, comprised of 14 active members of the Louisiana State Bar Association appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court on the recommendation of the LSBA Board of Governors. Committee members may serve two consecutive five-year terms.

According to Article IV of the LSBA Articles of Incorporation, “No person shall practice law in this State unless he or she is an active member, in good standing, of the Louisiana State Bar Association.” Applicants for admission to the state bar must be of sound mind and produce satisfactory evidence that the applicant is:

- of good moral character
- 18 years of age
- a U.S. citizen or a resident alien of the U.S.A.
- a graduate with a Juris Doctor degree or its equivalent from an ABA-approved law school in the United States or its territories, or with an equivalent legal education from a law school outside of the United States.

TAKING THE BAR EXAM

Bar examinations are administered no less than twice a year over a three-day period in a particular week. Examination topics include: Civil Code I; Civil Code II; Civil Code III; Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure; Torts; Business and Negotiable Instruments Entities; Constitutional Law; Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence; Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure; and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

At ceremonies on April 9th and October 15th, 636 total applicants were sworn in by the Louisiana Supreme Court as attorneys and counselors at law of the State of Louisiana and granted a license to practice law in the state. Justice Catherine D. Kimball delivered welcoming remarks to the new attorneys on behalf of the Louisiana Supreme Court at the April ceremony; Justice Harry T. Lemmon did the honors at the October ceremony.

AN EMPHASIS ON PROFESSIONALISM & ETHICS

Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board

The Louisiana Supreme Court continues to address public concerns regarding attorney discipline. In 1990, Louisiana's lawyer discipline system became the first in the nation to incorporate the American Bar Association's Model Rules for Disciplinary Enforcement, the hallmark of which is the use of non-lawyers in the disciplinary process.

The system is administered by a 14-member statewide Attorney Disciplinary Board, four of whom are public members unaffiliated with the legal profession, assisted by 100 hearing committee members consisting of 67 attorneys and 33 lay representatives.

During a recent site visit to observe progress, ABA representatives were impressed with the way the new system was working overall, but found the Attorney Disciplinary Board to be severely underfunded. Between 1987 and 1998, the number of lawyers licensed in Louisiana grew from 13,000 to 18,000; complaints filed grew proportionately from 1,700 in 1987 to more than 3,200 in 1998. Prior to 1997, the average case load per staff attorney was between 350 and 400 – well over the national target level of 150 per staff attorney – with a two-year average delay between the investigation and prosecution of a complaint.

Responsive to a subsequent committee study and input from members of the bar and the public, the Louisiana Supreme Court bolstered attorney discipline by more than doubling the

Attorney Disciplinary Board's annual budget from \$1.1 million to \$2.7 million over a three-year period. This budget increase was achieved by increasing the fees assessed to attorneys licensed to practice in Louisiana from \$45 to \$165. An annual review ensures that the budget increase remains warranted and that funds are wisely expended.

The disciplinary system is operating efficiently and effectively. With the additional resources provided by the Louisiana Supreme Court, 80% of all pending complaints are less than six months old, and 92% are less than one year old. The average case load per staff attorney is expected to drop to the national target level in the first six months of 1999.

Public attorney discipline actions – reprimand, probation, suspension and disbarment – are on the rise. In 1995, 33 actions representing 56 underlying complaints were initiated by the Attorney Disciplinary Board. By 1998, this number nearly tripled with 90 actions representing 238 underlying complaints.

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ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE STATISTICS



THE JUDICIARY COMMISSION OF LOUISIANA



The commission consists of nine members who serve four-year terms – three judges, three attorneys, and three citizens, who are not lawyers, judges or public officials.

The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is a nine-member constitutional body, empowered to review allegations of ethical judicial misconduct and to recommend to the Supreme Court that a judge be sanctioned when ethical misconduct is proven by clear and convincing evidence.



In addition to their review of complaints about judicial behavior, the Commission members endeavor to inform the judiciary about proper applications of the Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct and the ethical limitations placed upon judges, both professionally and personally. Commission members serve without pay but receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending to commission business. During 1998, the Commission convened nine meetings, requiring 13 days of business. Its members also act as case managers who attend status conferences and other meetings in connection with cases before the Commission. The Commission completed revision of its rules, procedures and policies during 1998 and will continue its effort to ensure a fair process for the benefit of both the judges whose conduct has been placed at issue and the public.

POWERS

On recommendation of the Judiciary Commission, the Supreme Court may censure, suspend with or without salary, remove from office, or involuntarily retire a judge for willful misconduct relating to his or her official duty, willful and persistent failure to perform his or her duty, persistent and public conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute, and conduct while in office which would constitute a felony or conviction of a felony.

On recommendation of the Judiciary Commission, the Supreme Court may disqualify a judge from exercising any judicial function, without loss of salary, during pendency of disciplinary proceedings in the Supreme Court.

On recommendation of the Judiciary Commission, the Supreme Court may retire involuntarily a judge for disability that

seriously interferes with the performance of his or her duties and that is or is likely to become permanent.

The commission's jurisdiction includes justices and judges of all courts of this state, including commissioners, magistrates, justices of the peace, referees, special masters, judicially appointed hearing officers, and mayors who perform judicial functions.

1998 ACTIVITY

The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana received and docketed 426 complaints against judges and justices of the peace in 1998. In addition, 85 complaints filed prior to 1998 were pending January 1, 1998.

Complaints are received from litigants, non-litigant citizens, attorneys, judges, non-judicial state/parish/city employees, non-judicial public officials and anonymous sources. Some complaints are referred to the Commission by the Disciplinary Board, and the Commission is authorized to review matters on its own motion, which may come from media reports of alleged judicial misconduct.

In 1998, the Commission's Office of Special Counsel received over 700 requests for information, and the Commission Office almost 200 requests.

Of the 426 complaints filed and docketed in 1998, 255 were screened out as not within the jurisdiction of the Commission, or without merit or sufficient corroborating evidence. Twenty-seven of those cases required in-depth investigations and were extensively reviewed by the Commission.

Following investigation, the Commission filed formal charges concerning nine judges, and one judge resigned in lieu of the filing of charges. Three matters in which formal charges were filed were resolved privately before the Commission. Formal hearings pursuant to formal charges were conducted in five cases, along with a preliminary hearing on interim suspension with salary. The Commission dismissed one case after a hearing.

After the formal hearings, including hearings convened in 1997, the Commission submitted to the Supreme Court recommendations for discipline in

six cases and for an interim suspension with salary pending further proceedings in one case. As of December 31, 1998, one matter remains pending before the Commission for a recommendation of discipline to the Supreme Court. Also during 1998, seven judges made voluntary appearances before the Commission to discuss their conduct.

The Supreme Court issued two public censures in 1998, suspended one judge from office for 60 days, suspended one judge on an interim basis with salary pending further proceedings, and declined to impose discipline in another case. The Supreme Court also rendered an opinion in which it found that the mandatory retirement provision for judges in the state constitution is not applicable to justices of the peace. As of December 31, 1998, two cases remain pending before the Supreme Court.

The Commission had 105 cases pending as of December 31, 1998, having disposed of 406 cases in 1998.

CONFIDENTIALITY

In accordance with Rule XXIII, Section 23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, all documents filed with and evidence and proceedings before the Commission are confidential unless and until the Commission files a recommendation for discipline or retirement with the Supreme Court. The record filed by the Commission with the Supreme Court and proceedings before the Supreme Court are not confidential. Once a recommendation is filed with the Supreme Court, it becomes public as is any case before the Court.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints may be made to the office of the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, Hugh M. Collins, Ph.D., 301 Loyola Avenue, Room 109, New Orleans, LA 70112-1887, telephone (504) 568-5747. Complaints should be in writing and should allege judicial misconduct. Dissatisfaction with legal rulings, absent judicial misconduct, should be addressed through appeal. The Commission is not empowered to change a judicial ruling of any kind.

The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana, created in 1968 by an amendment to Article IX, Constitution of 1921, is continued in existence by Article V, Section 25, Constitution of 1974.

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STATISTICAL OVERVIEW



In 1998, filings in Louisiana city and parish courts totalled over one million – a record number, and an increase of more than 6% compared to 1997. In the last decade, filings in the Courts of Appeal have increased by slightly more than one-third.

The statistical information in this section was compiled from data submitted to the Judicial Administrator’s Office by the various courts of Louisiana during the calendar year 1998.

SUPREME COURT

In 1998, there were 3,223 filings in the Supreme Court. The filings in 1998 were statistically the same as in 1997.

COURTS OF APPEAL

In 1998, there were 10,510 filings in the Louisiana courts of appeal. This represents an increase of approximately 34% over the filings 10 years earlier. The 1998 filings were 4.2% higher than in 1997. The average time interval from the filing of a civil appeal to its disposition was 377 days in the First Circuit, 247 days in the Second Circuit, 199 days in the Third Circuit, 254 days in the Fourth Circuit, and 199 days in the Fifth Circuit. The average time interval from the filing of a criminal appeal to its disposition was 334 days in the First Circuit, 214 days in the Second Circuit, 238 days in the Third Circuit, 458 days in the Fourth Circuit, and 203 days in the Fifth Circuit.

DISTRICT COURTS

During 1998, there were 166,251 civil filings in the district courts, a decrease of 1.1% when compared with 1997. During 1998, there were 467,170 criminal and traffic filings in the district courts, an increase of 4.2% over 1997. Civil jury trials decreased by 2.3% when compared with 1997 and criminal jury trials increased by 5.4% when compared with 1997.

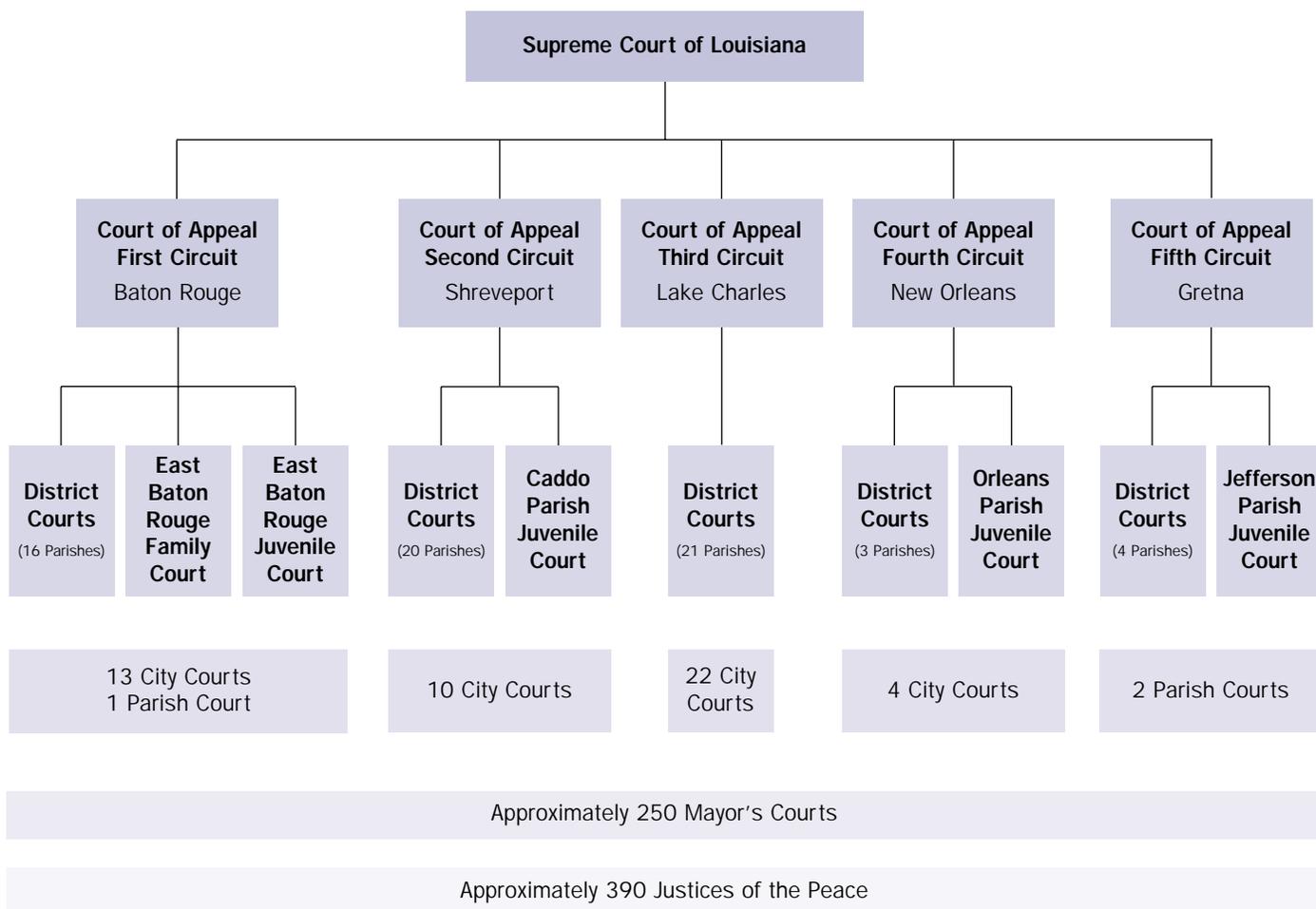
CITY AND PARISH COURTS

Filings in Louisiana city and parish courts increased by 6.2% from 942,044 filings in 1997 to 1,000,728 filings in 1998.

Additional statistics are available on the Supreme Court web site, www.lasc.org.

LOUISIANA COURT STRUCTURE

January 1, 1999



Number of Justices and Judges:	8	Supreme Court *
	54	Courts of Appeal
	233	District, Family and Juvenile (includes 11 Commissioners)
	73	City and Parish Courts
	368	Total

* Pursuant to a Consent Decree entered in federal court on August 21, 1992, the Louisiana Supreme Court consists of the seven elected justices, and an assigned justice, effective January 1, 1993.

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA
Two-Year Trend In Activity

	1997 Total	1998 Total	1998 Civil	1998 Criminal
Appeals:				
Filed	27	33	18	15
Dismissed	3	2	2	0
Opinions Rendered				
With Written Opinions	29	28	13	15
Per Curiams	2	3	2	1
Writs:				
Applications Filed (Except Prisoner Pro Se)	2,122	2,008	1,559	449
Prisoner Pro Se Writs	946	1,030	35	995
Granted	416	415	221	194
To Be Argued	92	105	84	21
With Orders & Transferred	324	310	137	173
Dismissed	36	32	24	8
Not Considered	51	69	52	17
Denied	2,895	2,733	1,412	1,321
Opinions Rendered	86	70	57	13
Rehearings				
Applied For	112	81	59	22
Granted	17	5	3	2
Denied/Dismissed	80	64	50	14
Opinions Rendered	0	0	0	0
Original Jurisdiction:				
Petitions Filed	126	151	151	0
Opinions Rendered	5	6	6	0
Other Actions	89	107	107	0
Other Matters:				
Filed	0	1	1	0
Opinions Rendered	0	0	0	0
Other Actions	86	48	16	32
Other Per Curiam Opinions Rendered	116	142	115	27
Total Filings:	3,221	3,223	1,764	1,459
Per Justice	403	403	221	182
Total Opinions Rendered	238	249	193	56

The Supreme Court has exclusive original jurisdiction in cases involving disciplinary actions against lawyers and judges, appellate jurisdiction in capital cases where the death penalty has been imposed and in cases in which a law or ordinance has been declared unconstitutional, and supervisory jurisdiction over all courts.

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL
Two-Year Trend In Activity

	1997 Total	1998 Total	1998 Civil	1998 Criminal
First Circuit				
Appeals Filed	1,150	1,222	885	337
Motions Filed	32	30	25	5
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	824	765	546	219
Writs Refused*	669	613	421	192
Writs Granted	209	181	146	35
Pro Se Writs Filed	961	923	231	692
Pro Se Writs Refused*	867	799	213	586
Pro Se Writs Granted	126	105	16	89
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	190	197	143	54
Consolidated Opinions	30	32	32	0
Opinions Rendered	865	1,032	707	325
Rehearings Acted Upon**	170	206	160	46
Appeals Pending	1,050	1,057	820	237
Argued But Not Decided	27	19	19	0
To Be Argued	1,023	1,038	801	237
Second Circuit				
Appeals Filed	603	579	380	199
Motions Filed	16	14	7	7
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	340	297	214	83
Writs Refused*	222	273	206	67
Writs Granted	79	73	54	19
Pro Se Writs Filed	317	362	0	362
Pro Se Writs Refused*	247	390	0	390
Pro Se Writs Granted	44	30	0	30
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	58	58	52	6
Consolidated Opinions	18	32	23	9
Opinions Rendered	518	492	309	183
Rehearings Acted Upon**	108	80	53	27
Appeals Pending	362	381	254	127
Argued But Not Decided	51	69	51	18
To Be Argued	311	312	203	109
Third Circuit				
Appeals Filed	805	868	702	166
Motions Filed	39	76	32	44
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	438	493	361	132
Writs Refused*	304	342	265	77
Writs Granted	142	148	106	42
Pro Se Writs Filed	464	560	48	512
Pro Se Writs Refused*	336	374	40	334
Pro Se Writs Granted	119	152	11	141
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	92	108	93	15
Consolidated Opinions	76	23	22	1
Opinions Rendered	745	751	582	169
Rehearings Acted Upon**	116	85	73	12
Appeals Pending	476	518	414	104
Argued But Not Decided	41	24	22	2
To Be Argued	435	494	392	102

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL Two-Year Trend In Activity

	1997 Total	1998 Total	1998 Civil	1998 Criminal
Fourth Circuit				
Appeals Filed	883	941	613	328
Motions Filed	7	21	19	2
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	804	717	463	254
Writs Refused*	483	439	298	141
Writs Granted	521	592	323	269
Pro Se Writs Filed	1,256	1,413	24	1,389
Pro Se Writs Refused*	866	895	16	879
Pro Se Writs Granted	422	513	9	504
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	130	134	123	11
Consolidated Opinions	55	104	101	3
Opinions Rendered	837	779	508	271
Rehearings Acted Upon**	213	220	192	28
Appeals Pending	838	904	489	415
Argued But Not Decided	118	148	131	17
To Be Argued	720	756	358	398
Fifth Circuit				
Appeals Filed	521	526	341	185
Motions Filed	29	10	10	0
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	393	349	243	106
Writs Refused*	278	225	152	73
Writs Granted	114	104	73	31
Pro Se Writs Filed	329	495	13	482
Pro Se Writs Refused*	271	441	9	432
Pro Se Writs Granted	83	59	3	56
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	67	64	49	15
Consolidated Opinions	24	30	27	3
Opinions Rendered	418	447	277	170
Rehearings Acted Upon**	79	87	72	15
Appeals Pending	277	282	171	111
Argued But Not Decided	79	78	53	25
To Be Argued	198	204	118	86
Total For All Circuits				
Appeals Filed	3,962	4,136	2,921	1,215
Motions Filed	123	151	93	58
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	2,799	2,621	1,827	794
Writs Refused*	1,956	1,892	1,342	550
Writs Granted	1,065	1,098	702	396
Pro Se Writs Filed	3,327	3,753	316	3,437
Pro Se Writs Refused*	2,587	2,899	278	2,621
Pro Se Writs Granted	794	859	39	820
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	537	561	460	101
Consolidated Opinions	203	221	205	16
Opinions Rendered	3,383	3,501	2,383	1,118
Rehearings Acted Upon**	686	678	550	128
Appeals Pending	3,003	3,142	2,148	994
Argued But Not Decided	316	338	276	62
To Be Argued	2,687	2,804	1,872	932

* Includes writs denied, not considered or dismissed.

** Includes rehearings on writs.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS
Two-Year Trend In Activity

District	Parish	1997 Total Filed	1998 Juvenile Filed	1998 Civil Filed	1998*** Criminal Filed	1998 Traffic Filed	1998 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS	
								Civil	Criminal
1	Caddo*	18,724	0	8,722	6,631	5,567	20,920		
	District Totals	18,724	0	8,722	6,631	5,567	20,920	18	68
2	Bienville	7,426	217	627	711	5,076	6,631		
	Claiborne	2,743	217	547	537	1,238	2,539		
	Jackson	2,040	98	690	565	715	2,068		
	District Totals	12,209	532	1,864	1,813	7,029	11,238	0	11
3	Lincoln	5,652	525	1,021	1,364	2,587	5,497		
	Union	3,028	338	821	691	1,044	2,894		
	District Totals	8,680	863	1,842	2,055	3,631	8,391	4	9
4	Morehouse	5,486	357	1,042	1,230	2,011	4,640		
	Ouachita	22,783	1,415	5,547	4,633	10,092	21,687		
	District Totals	28,269	1,772	6,589	5,863	12,103	26,327	16	31
5	Franklin	4,021	220	789	1,377	927	3,313		
	Richland	3,417	278	794	784	1,869	3,725		
	West Carroll	1,411	93	398	292	578	1,361		
	District Totals	8,849	591	1,981	2,453	3,374	8,399	4	14
6	East Carroll	2,172	107	333	222	1,156	1,818		
	Madison	5,806	205	474	651	3,865	5,195		
	Tensas	2,050	66	224	437	913	1,640		
	District Totals	10,028	378	1,031	1,310	5,934	8,653	1	1
7	Catahoula**	4,295	130	487	3,866	0	4,483		
	Concordia	2,667	170	744	806	676	2,396		
	District Totals	6,962	300	1,231	4,672	676	6,879	3	10
8	Winn	2,795	79	874	522	1,170	2,645		
	District Totals	2,795	79	874	522	1,170	2,645	0	7
9	Rapides	20,030	1,549	4,771	3,982	10,131	20,433		
	District Totals	20,030	1,549	4,771	3,982	10,131	20,433	13	21
10	Natchitoches	11,662	271	1,430	2,409	9,083	13,193		
	District Totals	11,662	271	1,430	2,409	9,083	13,193	3	16
11	DeSoto	9,891	369	1,203	1,293	7,585	10,450		
	Sabine	6,773	133	1,044	1,500	4,060	6,737		
	District Totals	16,664	502	2,247	2,793	11,645	17,187	3	20
12	Avoyelles	4,788	169	1,802	1,384	2,232	5,587		
	District Totals	4,788	169	1,802	1,384	2,232	5,587	3	12
13	Evangeline**	3,328	496	1,292	1,627	0	3,415		
	District Totals	3,328	496	1,292	1,627	0	3,415	1	5
14	Calcasieu	27,499	1,490	7,413	4,584	10,323	23,810		
	District Totals	27,499	1,490	7,413	4,584	10,323	23,810	25	14
15	Acadia	7,176	499	1,830	1,831	2,657	6,817		
	Lafayette	19,287	1,790	7,037	4,486	6,252	19,565		
	Vermilion	5,225	481	1,722	1,739	1,545	5,487		
	District Totals	31,688	2,770	10,589	8,056	10,454	31,869	44	17
16	Iberia	12,941	1,091	2,684	1,929	6,636	12,340		
	St. Martin	14,220	521	1,627	1,350	12,147	15,645		
	St. Mary	12,733	955	2,356	2,885	5,990	12,186		
	District Totals	39,894	2,567	6,667	6,164	24,773	40,171	23	37
17	Lafourche	14,519	847	2,688	4,947	7,647	16,129		
	District Totals	14,519	847	2,688	4,947	7,647	16,129	15	11
18	Iberville**	4,550	68	1,621	2,776	0	4,465		
	Pointe Coupee	2,638	148	920	979	712	2,759		
	W. Baton Rouge**	4,409	108	1,036	3,085	0	4,229		
	District Totals	11,597	324	3,577	6,840	712	11,453	9	17
19	E. Baton Rouge*	37,957	0	13,505	10,102	14,289	37,896		
	District Totals	37,957	0	13,505	10,102	14,289	37,896	54	91

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS
Two-Year Trend In Activity (Cont'd)

District	Parish	1997 Total Filed	1998 Juvenile Filed	1998 Civil Filed	1998*** Criminal Filed	1998 Traffic Filed	1998 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS	
								Civil	Criminal
20	East Feliciana	5,513	54	1,213	1,023	1,292	3,582		
	West Feliciana**	1,317	61	460	692	0	1,213		
	District Totals	6,830	115	1,673	1,715	1,292	4,795	4	23
21	Livingston	8,822	261	3,515	1,880	3,959	9,615		
	St. Helena	2,867	31	456	469	3,296	4,252		
	Tangipahoa	22,935	302	4,603	4,879	12,077	21,861		
	District Totals	34,624	594	8,574	7,228	19,332	35,728	10	27
22	St. Tammany	29,594	1,042	6,245	12,062	12,648	31,997		
	Washington	6,410	58	2,014	1,969	1,380	5,421		
	District Totals	36,004	1,100	8,259	14,031	14,028	37,418	7	103
23	Ascension*	3,877	531	2,657	791	0	3,979		
	Assumption	3,895	255	785	480	2,978	4,498		
	St. James**	5,603	207	804	1,907	0	2,918		
	District Totals	13,375	993	4,246	3,178	2,978	11,395	14	28
24	Jefferson*	23,566	0	14,807	7,377	0	22,184		
	District Totals	23,566	0	14,807	7,377	0	22,184	52	220
25	Plaquemines	7,070	212	1,235	2,623	4,734	8,804		
	District Totals	7,070	212	1,235	2,623	4,734	8,804	7	10
26	Bossier	14,243	725	3,007	7,207	6,430	17,369		
	Webster	7,554	348	1,317	1,520	4,668	7,853		
	District Totals	21,797	1,073	4,324	8,727	11,098	25,222	5	21
27	St. Landry	19,945	689	2,717	1,588	24,407	29,401		
	District Totals	19,945	689	2,717	1,588	24,407	29,401	20	47
28	LaSalle	3,456	121	552	1,051	1,550	3,274		
	District Totals	3,456	121	552	1,051	1,550	3,274	1	1
29	St. Charles	28,119	769	2,094	2,689	17,040	22,592		
	District Totals	28,119	769	2,094	2,689	17,040	22,592	8	13
30	Vernon	13,555	429	1,830	1,760	9,229	13,248		
	District Totals	13,555	429	1,830	1,760	9,229	13,248	3	6
31	Jefferson Davis	9,243	231	1,014	574	7,630	9,449		
	District Totals	9,243	231	1,014	574	7,630	9,449	3	4
32	Terrebonne**	21,665	747	3,521	18,378	0	22,646		
	District Totals	21,665	747	3,521	18,378	0	22,646	4	36
33	Allen	8,183	125	894	771	4,771	6,561		
	District Totals	8,183	125	894	771	4,771	6,561	2	6
34	St. Bernard**	14,577	614	2,867	12,564	0	16,045		
	District Totals	14,577	614	2,867	12,564	0	16,045	5	3
35	Grant	3,716	217	655	507	2,198	3,577		
	District Totals	3,716	217	655	507	2,198	3,577	2	1
36	Beauregard	5,037	333	1,346	959	8,709	11,347		
	District Totals	5,037	333	1,346	959	8,709	11,347	3	8
37	Caldwell**	3,416	124	516	2,702	0	3,342		
	District Totals	3,416	124	516	2,702	0	3,342	1	0
38	Cameron**	5,251	70	343	5,262	0	5,675		
	District Totals	5,251	70	343	5,262	0	5,675	3	4
39	Red River**	2,236	92	359	1,477	0	1,928		
	District Totals	2,236	92	359	1,477	0	1,928	1	2
40	St. John	15,771	753	1,872	2,543	11,928	17,096		
	District Totals	15,771	753	1,872	2,543	11,928	17,096	3	9
	Orleans Civil*	23,062	0	22,438	0	0	22,438		
	Orleans Criminal*	6,275	0	0	9,562	0	9,562		
	District Totals	29,337	0	22,438	9,562	0	32,000	77	595
Statewide Totals		642,915	24,901	166,251	185,473	281,697	658,322	474	1,579

* Violations of traffic, misdemeanors and/or juvenile/family laws are processed by parish, city and/or juvenile/family courts.

** These courts were unable to separate traffic from criminal filings.

*** DWI is included in the criminal totals beginning in 1990.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY REPORT

Felony Charges; Misdemeanor Charges; FINS

Parish	Administrative Remedy				Detention		Petition		Pleas		Pre-Trial Hearings	IAA w/ Petition
	Refer In	Refer Out	Petitioned	Other	Hearings	Cases/DA	Children	Charges	Guilty	Not Guilty		
<i>Unit of Count</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Children</i>
Caddo Parish Juvenile	3,736	597	2,066	1,788	383	1,776	1,654	1,958	553	52	2	0
E. B. R. Parish Juvenile	1,795	202	0	1,593	447	1,894	1,894	2,513	350	1,569	3,220	789
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	3,716	1,535	23	4,726	1,748	1,967	1,974	2,982	1,002	1,807	3,066	144
Orleans Parish Juvenile	4,045	0	162	0	1,469	1,868	2,130	2,717	1,089	2,719	1,128	0
Totals	13,292	2,334	2,251	8,107	4,047	7,505	7,652	10,170	2,994	6,147	7,416	933

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY REPORT (Cont'd)

Felony Charges; Misdemeanor Charges; FINS

Parish	Dismissals	Waived Adult Cr	Pre-Trial Motions	Adjudications			Dispositions			Contempt Hearings	Motions to Modify	Dispost'l Reviews
				Guilty	Dismissed	LTI	Probation	Other	IAA Cmpl			
<i>Unit of Count</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Motions</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Charges</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Motions</i>	<i>Cases</i>
Caddo Parish Juvenile	159	6	2	0	3	273	740	0	3	92	216	1,508
E. B. R. Parish Juvenile	773	7	912	61	67	221	293	92	356	222	99	63
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	886	0	722	276	273	424	2,379	681	291	4,051	1,501	3,850
Orleans Parish Juvenile	109	1	79	1,058	453	712	2,044	5,584	0	0	87	1,373
Totals	1,927	14	1,715	1,395	796	1,630	5,456	6,357	650	4,365	1,903	6,794

JUVENILE TRAFFIC REPORT

Except Title 14 Cases

Parish	Cases Filed	Not Guilty Pleas	Guilty Pleas	Trials	Fines	Other	Contempt
<i>Unit of Count = Charges</i>							
Caddo Parish Juvenile	1,006	0	294	14	206	1,562	6
E. B. R. Parish Juvenile	1,807	187	1,263	14	1,083	810	9
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	1,427	134	269	0	1,125	1,688	244
Orleans Parish Juvenile	2,049	125	1,402	112	672	1,357	0
Totals	6,289	446	3,228	140	3,086	5,417	259

JUVENILE ADOPTION REPORT

Parish	Cases Filed	Surrenders Filed	Preplacement Approval	Opposition Granted	Hearings Denied	Interlocutory Decrees				Final Decrees				
						Uncontested Granted	Uncontested Denied	Contested Granted	Contested Denied	Uncontested Granted	Uncontested Denied	Contested Granted	Contested Denied	
<i>Unit of Count = Children</i>														
Caddo Parish Juvenile	168	56	19	0	0	6	0	0	0	93	0	0	0	0
E. B. R. Parish Juvenile	101	106	5	0	1	11	0	1	0	190	0	3	1	1
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	202	99	16	0	4	8	0	0	0	177	3	0	0	0
Orleans Parish Juvenile	99	15	2	4	1	6	0	0	0	112	0	0	0	0
Totals	570	276	42	4	6	31	0	1	0	572	3	3	1	1

NON-DELINQUENCY REPORT

Abortion; Abuse/Neglect; Mental Health; Termination of Parental Rights; UCCAct;
Voluntary Custody Transfer; Marriage Waivers

Parish	Cases Filed	Continued Custody	Pre-Trial Hearings	Appearance Hearings		Stipulate	Motions	Trials	
				Admit	Deny			Adjudicated	Dismissed
<i>Unit of Count = Children</i>									
Caddo Parish Juvenile	160	100	72	5	9	21	1	72	7
E. B. R. Parish Juvenile	188	217	162	0	88	57	21	32	7
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	630	368	619	28	494	247	366	254	11
Orleans Parish Juvenile	133	226	178	0	22	86	44	97	3
Totals	1,111	911	1,031	33	613	411	432	455	28

NON-DELINQUENCY REPORT (Cont'd)

Abortion; Abuse/Neglect; Mental Health; Termination of Parental Rights; UCCAct;
Voluntary Custody Transfer; Marriage Waivers

Parish	Initial Dispositions			Contempt Hearings	Perm Plan (18-mo) Hearing	Review	Granted	Denied	Dismissed
	Custody D.S.S.	Custody Parent	Other						
<i>Unit of Count = Children</i>									
Caddo Parish Juvenile	18	14	9	0	0	695	375	0	9
E. B. R. Parish Juvenile	75	19	14	5	134	275	84	9	82
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	190	13	1,104	215	877	4,807	177	31	71
Orleans Parish Juvenile	1,096	90	605	0	12	967	97	20	12
Totals	1,379	136	1,732	220	1,023	6,744	733	60	174

ADULT NON-SUPPORT REPORT

Criminal Neglect; URESA; Title 46; Domestic Violence

Parish	Cases Filed	Pleas		Trials	Consent Judgements	Rules	Sentences		Dismissed
		Guilty	Not Guilty				Jail	Other	
<i>Unit of Count = Cases</i>									
Caddo Parish Juvenile	780	7	0	0	595	218	2	1	57
E. B. R. Parish Juvenile	917	0	0	0	653	1,019	69	952	440
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	2,309	0	95	2	1,271	19,806	124	5,132	697
Orleans Parish Juvenile	2	6	3	12	196	1,171	79	3,451	12
Totals	4,008	13	98	14	2,715	22,214	274	9,536	1,206

FAMILY COURT FILINGS

Parish	New Cases Filed	Divorce	Family Violence	Paternity	Disavowal	Annulment	Rule	
							Hearings	Judgements
EBR Family Court	3,863	1,895	364	612	2	1	6,710	2,610

LOUISIANA CITY AND PARISH COURTS

Cases Processed

City	CIVIL		CRIMINAL		TRAFFIC*		JUVENILE		TOTAL CASES		Other** Proceedings
	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	
Abbeville	377	309	753	583	1,866	1,317	224	195	3,220	2,404	0
Alexandria	1,673	871	5,572	4,518	11,873	11,291	0	0	19,118	16,680	0
Ascension	574	60	5,201	3,176	10,070	7,044	353	0	16,198	10,280	0
Baker	369	209	461	648	3,356	2,990	60	82	4,246	3,929	0
Bastrop	873	477	1,565	1,175	2,944	2,238	107	27	5,489	3,917	421
Baton Rouge	12,717	13,693	19,263	12,911	99,358	98,356	0	0	131,338	124,960	47,937
Bogalusa	418	364	1,736	1,104	1,916	1,392	326	293	4,396	3,153	2,540
Bossier City	1,943	1,140	5,020	4,568	6,452	5,010	948	806	14,363	11,524	320
Breaux Bridge	257	222	1,558	1,341	3,490	3,095	262	264	5,567	4,922	74
Bunkie	185	180	511	526	273	259	385	411	1,354	1,376	0
Crowley	524	320	3,057	1,644	1,062	1,203	582	450	5,225	3,617	0
Denham Springs	896	736	1,478	1,385	4,498	3,192	552	675	7,424	5,988	2,244
Eunice	363	278	1,641	1,525	1,590	1,359	280	272	3,874	3,434	0
Franklin	244	585	690	632	1,665	1,009	241	177	2,840	2,403	0
Hammond	1,646	1,421	6,028	5,655	9,889	9,120	1,230	928	18,793	17,124	0
Houma	2,360	1,794	2,862	2,586	3,142	2,547	2,156	2,254	10,520	9,181	770
Jeanerette	286	149	503	378	835	612	54	26	1,678	1,165	0
Jeff. 1st Parish Ct.	4,439	8,206	6,748	5,675	89,568	71,985	0	0	100,755	85,866	45,423
Jeff. 2nd Parish Ct.	3,378	5,170	7,023	6,063	52,472	44,977	0	0	62,873	56,210	54,892
Jennings	504	71	466	180	1,173	949	0	0	2,143	1,200	0
Kaplan	84	59	635	595	910	819	135	153	1,764	1,626	0
Lafayette	2,440	2,044	5,987	5,466	27,480	23,241	2,054	1,861	37,961	32,612	777
Lake Charles	3,084	2,528	6,193	4,267	12,170	11,522	242	394	21,689	18,711	0
Leesville	145	63	2,744	2,452	2,914	2,809	166	147	5,969	5,471	0
Marksville	248	110	615	290	1,093	564	84	12	2,040	976	0
Minden	446	499	959	961	1,054	1,281	247	219	2,706	2,960	111
Monroe	2,979	1,559	9,466	5,751	18,427	8,302	1,154	936	32,026	16,548	0
Morgan City	417	200	1,551	930	2,450	1,701	345	144	4,763	2,975	0
Natchitoches	479	313	1,725	1,071	6,244	4,428	320	288	8,768	6,100	184
New Iberia	910	805	3,658	3,213	6,865	6,485	390	375	11,823	10,878	232
N.O. 1st City Ct.	19,788	15,227	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,788	15,227	0
N.O. 2nd City Ct.	2,056	1,224	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,056	1,224	126
N.O. Municipal	0	0	48,844	50,872	0	0	0	0	48,844	50,872	0
N.O. Traffic	0	0	3,511	2,464	225,225	135,984	0	0	228,736	138,448	0
Oakdale	219	222	1,724	919	930	785	167	103	3,040	2,029	39
Opelousas	621	516	3,486	3,047	4,106	3,723	996	583	9,209	7,869	200
Pineville	684	675	714	874	1,545	1,328	0	0	2,943	2,877	0
Plaquemine	200	150	899	882	2,635	2,617	95	79	3,829	3,728	0
Port Allen	199	108	213	249	1,315	1,334	49	13	1,776	1,704	0
Rayne	392	330	1,200	1,069	959	919	322	290	2,873	2,608	0
Ruston	760	508	1,245	1,116	1,967	1,657	0	0	3,972	3,281	509
Shreveport	8,658	5,384	12,255	11,476	52,213	48,587	0	0	73,126	65,447	9,434
Slidell	1,283	1,237	3,606	2,933	3,722	4,506	499	599	9,110	9,275	0
Springhill	331	296	1,435	1,636	868	830	152	84	2,786	2,846	155
Sulphur	1,042	764	2,354	2,638	9,684	9,524	331	82	13,411	13,008	293
Thibodaux	483	197	1,938	1,843	3,416	3,375	117	84	5,954	5,499	0
Vidalia	40	16	308	202	791	582	37	5	1,176	805	0
Ville Platte	696	359	2,012	1,588	1,912	1,594	332	315	4,952	3,856	0
West Monroe	1,023	888	1,560	1,561	3,422	3,277	360	221	6,365	5,947	79
Winnfield	65	34	498	397	443	362	0	0	1,006	793	0
Winnsboro	483	300	1,022	727	683	456	150	104	2,338	1,587	0
Zachary	230	178	790	531	1,495	996	0	0	2,515	1,705	0
State Totals	84,511	73,048	195,283	168,293	704,430	553,533	16,504	13,951	1,000,728	808,825	166,760

* DWI is included in the Criminal column.

** Other proceedings include actions not considered cases, such as postconviction remedy, preliminary hearings, sentence review and extraordinary writs.

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL

Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit

	1997	1998
First Circuit	66.5	79.4
Second Circuit	57.6	54.7
Third Circuit	62.1	62.6
Fourth Circuit	69.8	64.9
Fifth Circuit	52.3	55.9
All Circuits	62.6	64.8

THE LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL

Roster of Judges and Clerks

FIRST CIRCUIT (Baton Rouge)

Parishes: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana

Judges	Domicile	District
Melvin A. Shortess, Chief Judge ¹	Houma	First
Morris A. Lottinger, Jr. ²	Baton Rouge	Second
Burrell J. Carter ³	Greensburg	Third
Daniel W. LeBlanc	Baton Rouge	Second
Frank Foil	Baton Rouge	Second
Douglas M. Gonzales	Baton Rouge	Second
Vanessa Guidry-Whipple	Bourg	First
Kenneth J. Fogg	Denham Springs	Third
Randolph H. Parro	Thibodaux	First
Brady M. Fitzsimmons	Covington	Third
James E. Kuhn	Denham Springs	Third
John Michael Guidry	Baton Rouge	Second
John L. Weimer ⁴	Thibodaux	First
John T. Pettigrew ⁵	Houma	First

Clerk: Stanley P. Lemoine⁶
Christine L. Crow⁷

SECOND CIRCUIT (Shreveport)

Parishes: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Carroll, Winn

Charles A. Marvin, Chief Judge ⁸	Minden	Second
William Norris, III ³	West Monroe	First
J. Jay Caraway	Shreveport	Second
Lemmie O. Hightower ⁸	Monroe	First
Henry N. Brown, Jr.	Bossier City	Second
Felicia Toney Williams	Shreveport	Third
James E. Stewart, Sr.	Shreveport	Third
Gay Caldwell Gaskins	Shreveport	Third
Charles B. Peatross	Shreveport	Third
Robert W. Kostelka ⁵	Monroe	First
Harmon Drew, Jr. ⁵	Minden	Second

Clerk/Court Administrator: Diana Pratt-Wyatt

1. Became Chief Judge July 15, 1998.

2. Retired July 15, 1998.

3. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1999.

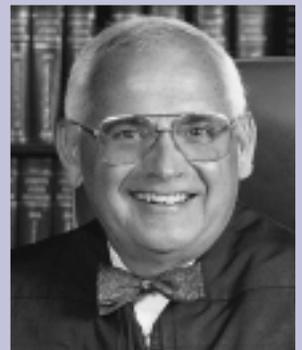
4. Term of office began June 1, 1998.

5. Term of office began January 1, 1999.

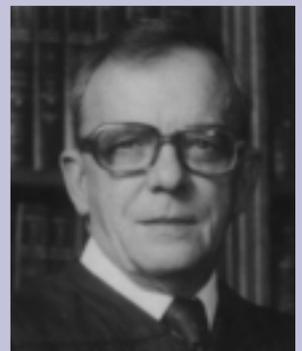
6. Retired August 31, 1998.

7. Appointed – term of office began November 1, 1998.

8. Retired December 31, 1998.



Chief Judge Melvin A. Shortess



Chief Judge Charles A. Marvin

THE LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL Roster of Judges and Clerks (Cont'd)

THIRD CIRCUIT (Lake Charles)

Parishes: Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, Evangeline, Grant, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermilion, Vernon

Judges	Domicile	District
Ned E. Doucet, Jr., Chief Judge	Abbeville	Third
Henry L. Yelverton	Lake Charles	Second
Ulysses G. Thibodeaux	Lake Charles	Second
Sylvia R. Cooks	Lafayette	Third
John D. Saunders	Ville Platte	First
Billie Colombaro Woodard	Lake Charles	Second
Oswald A. Decuir	New Iberia	Third
Jimmie C. Peters	Jena	First
Marc T. Amy	Abbeville	Third
Michael G. Sullivan	Lafayette	Third
Glenn B. Gremillion	Ferriday	First
Elizabeth A. Pickett	Many	First

Clerk: Kenneth J. deBlanc

FOURTH CIRCUIT (New Orleans)

Parishes: Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard

Patrick M. Schott, Chief Judge ¹	New Orleans	First
Denis A. Barry ²	New Orleans	First
Robert J. Klees ³	Meraux	Third
William H. Byrnes, III	New Orleans	At Large
Robert L. Lobrano ¹	Belle Chasse	Second
Joan Bernard Armstrong	New Orleans	First
Steven R. Plotkin	New Orleans	First
Charles R. Jones	New Orleans	First
Miriam G. Waltzer	New Orleans	First
Moon Landrieu	New Orleans	First
Patricia Rivet Murray	New Orleans	First
James F. McKay, III ⁴	New Orleans	At Large
Dennis R. Bagneris, Sr. ⁵	New Orleans	First

Clerk: Danielle Schott

FIFTH CIRCUIT (Gretna)

Parishes: Jefferson, St. Charles, St. James, St. John

H. Charles Gaudin, Chief Judge ⁶	Metairie	First
Fred S. Bowes ⁷	Gretna	First
Edward A. Dufresne, Jr.	Luling	Third
Charles Grisbaum, Jr.	Gretna	First
Thomas C. Wicker, Jr. ⁸	Metairie	First
Sol Gothard	Metairie	First
James L. Cannella	Metairie	First
Thomas F. Daley	LaPlace	Second
Susan M. Chehardy ⁹	River Ridge	First
Marion F. Edwards ⁹	Barataria	First

Clerk: Peter J. Fitzgerald, Jr.

1. Retired December 31, 1998.

2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1999; retired January 19, 1999.

3. Became Chief Judge January 19, 1999.

4. Term of office began April 8, 1998.

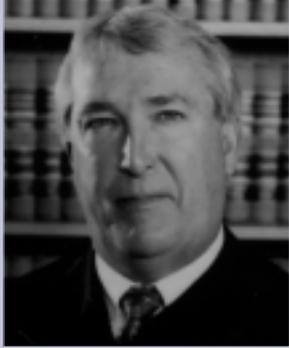
5. Term of office began January 1, 1999.

6. Became Chief Judge July 1, 1998.

7. Retired April 14, 1998; died February 9, 1999.

8. Retired August 1, 1998.

9. Term of office began October 9, 1998.



Chief Judge Ned Doucet, Jr.



Chief Judge Patrick M. Schott



Chief Judge H. Charles Gaudin

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
FIRST DISTRICT			
Robert P. Waddell Ramona Emanuel Scott J. Crichton Leon L. Emanuel, III Frank H. Thaxton, III Gary A. Bowers John D. Mosely, Jr. Eugene W. Bryson, Jr., Chief Judge Charles R. Scott Michael R. Walker Roy L. Brun <i>Court Administrator:</i> Thomas N. Williams	Caddo	Shreveport	C. A. Warren
CADDO PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
David N. Matlock Andrew B. Gallagher, Chief Judge Vernon Claville <i>Court Administrator:</i> H. Ted Cox			M. Gibson
SECOND DISTRICT			
Jenifer Ward Clason Leon H. Whitten Robert Y. Butler, Chief Judge	Claiborne Jackson Bienville	Homer Jonesboro Arcadia	J.P. Gladney A. B. Walsworth F. N. Joyner
THIRD DISTRICT			
Cynthia T. Woodard, Chief Judge R. Wayne Smith ¹ <i>Court Administrator:</i> Tonda Franklin	Union Lincoln	Farmerville Ruston	S. Buckley L. Cook
FOURTH DISTRICT			
Robert W. Kostelka ² Charles E. Joiner ¹ D. Milton Moore, III, Chief Judge John Larry Lolley Marcus R. Clark Michael S. Ingram Carl V. Sharp Benjamin Jones Alvin R. Sharp <i>Court Administrator:</i> Scott F. Kadar	Morehouse Ouachita	Bastrop Monroe	J. Patrick W. J. Hodge
FIFTH DISTRICT			
Glen W. Strong Glynn D. Roberts, Chief Judge E. Rudolph McIntyre, Jr.	Franklin Richland West Carroll	Winnsboro Rayville Oak Grove	F. T. Elkin R. N. Haire K. Bolding
SIXTH DISTRICT			
Charles R. Brackin, Chief Judge John D. Crigler ³ <i>Court Administrator:</i> Sandra Bishop	Madison East Carroll Tensas	Tallulah Lake Providence St. Joseph	C. Caldwell E. B. Brock E. Sikes



Because 70% of Louisiana judges had six or fewer years of trial court experience, the Judicial College and the District Judges Association sponsored the Judicial Mentoring Project. “By pairing new judges with experienced judges, the project transcends the mere how-tos of courtroom procedure by creating a statewide judicial network for sharing ideas and providing emotional support,”

Judge W. Ross Foote,
Chairman of the Judicial
Mentoring Committee
(District Judges Association)

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1999.
2. Elected to Court of Appeal, Second Circuit, effective January 1, 1999.
3. Became Chief Judge June 1, 1998.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
SEVENTH DISTRICT			
Kathy J. Johnson Leo Boothe, Chief Judge	Catahoula Concordia	Harrisonburg Vidalia	J.T. Payne C. R. Webber, Jr.
EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Douglas H. Allen, Chief Judge	Winn	Winnfield	D. E. Kelley
NINTH DISTRICT			
Donald T. Johnson, Chief Judge Thomas M. Yeager F. Rae Swent W. Ross Foote B. Dexter Ryland ¹ George C. Metoyer, Jr. Harry F. Randow <i>Court Administrator:</i> Hope LeFleur	Rapides	Alexandria	C. J. Ryland
TENTH DISTRICT			
John B. Whitaker, Chief Judge Monty L. Doggett	Natchitoches	Natchitoches	L. Bernard
ELEVENTH DISTRICT			
Robert E. Burgess ¹ Charles B. Adams Stephen B. Beasley, Chief Judge <i>Court Administrator:</i> Judith E. Christian ²	Sabine DeSoto	Many Mansfield	D. M. Knippers O.L. Stone, Jr.
TWELFTH DISTRICT			
Kerry L. Spruill ¹ William J. Bennett, Chief Judge	Avoyelles	Marksville	S. G. Couvillon
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT			
Preston N. Aucoin, Chief Judge A. Gaynor Soileau	Evangeline	Ville Platte	W. Lee
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT			
Gregory D. Lyons, Chief Judge David Painter Billy H. Ezell Fred R. Godwin Patricia H. Minaldi Wilford D. Carter, Sr. Charley Quienalty Alcide J. Gray <i>Court Administrator:</i> W. P. Hastings	Calcasieu	Lake Charles	J. R. Andrus

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1999.

2. Appointed – term of office began June 1, 1997.



*The Louisiana
Protective Order
Registry is the first
court-based system of
its kind in the nation.
It aids in domestic
violence prevention by
giving law enforcement
and court officials
access to information
about protective orders
issued in Louisiana
and other states.*

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT			
John D. Trahan	Acadia	Crowley	J. A. Barousse
Jules D. Edwards, III	Lafayette	Lafayette	O.C. Guilliot
J. Byron Hebert	Vermilion	Abbeville	S. H. Theriot
Edward D. Rubin			
Herman C. Clause			
Glenn P. Everett			
Durwood W. Conque			
Ronald D. Cox			
Thomas R. Duplantier, Chief Judge			
Don Aaron, Jr.			
Patrick L. Michot			
Marilyn C. Castle ¹			
Phyllis Montgomery Keaty ¹			
Diana P. Simon, Commissioner			
<i>Court Administrator:</i> Tina LeMaire ²			
SIXTEENTH DISTRICT			
Gerard B. Wattigny	Iberia	New Iberia	M. Thibodeaux ³
Paul J. deMahy, Chief Judge	St. Martin	St. Martinville	A. Blanchard, Sr.
John E. Conery	St. Mary	Franklin	C. G. Dressel
William D. Hunter			
Anne Lennan Simon			
Edward M. Leonard, Jr.			
Charles L. Porter ⁴			
Carl J. Williams			
<i>Court Administrator:</i> Stephanie Richardson			
SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT			
John E. LeBlanc ⁵	Lafourche	Thibodaux	V. H. Rodrigue
John L. Weimer, III ⁶			
Jerome J. Barbera, III, Chief Judge			
John J. Erny, Jr.			
A. Bruce Simpson			
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT			
James J. Best ⁷	Iberville	Plaquemine	J. G. Dupont
J. Robin Free, Chief Judge	W. Baton Rouge	Port Allen	T. J. LeBlanc
Sharah Harris	Pointe Coupee	New Roads	I. G. Olinde
Jack T. Marionneaux			
NINETEENTH DISTRICT			
Robert D. Downing, Chief Judge	E. Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	J. D. Welborn
Ralph E. Tyson ⁸			
Louis R. Daniel			
Janice G. Clark			
William A. Morvant			
Timothy E. Kelley			
Richard D. Anderson			
J. Michael McDonald			
R. Michael Caldwell			
Curtis A. Calloway ⁹			
Bonnie F. Jackson			
Michael R. Erwin			
Kay Bates			
Jewel E. Welch, Jr.			
Allen J. Bergeron, Jr., Commissioner			
Rachael Pitcher Morgan, Commissioner			
<i>Court Administrator:</i> R. Clifton Berry, Jr.			



The innovative Judicial Ride-Along program, now in its second year, gives legislators the opportunity to spend half a day "on the bench" as guests of Louisiana judges, to see the volume, complexity, and variety of work performed by the courts in their legislative districts. In 1998 30 legislators took advantage of the program, which has been commended by the Louisiana legislature through passage of a concurrent resolution.

1. New Judgeship – term of office began January 1, 1999.
 2. Appointed – term of office began October 1, 1998.
 3. Elected – term of office began May 2, 1998.
 4. Became Chief Judge October 13, 1998.
 5. Term of office began December 10, 1998.

6. Elected to Court of Appeal, First Circuit, effective June 1, 1998.
 7. Became Chief Judge November 1, 1998.
 8. Resigned August 10, 1998 – appointed to U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.
 9. Became Chief Judge July 1, 1998.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
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FAMILY COURT FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

Jennifer Luse, Chief Judge
 Luke A. Lavergne
 Toni M. Higginbotham
 Annette M. Lassalle
Court Administrator: Ronald L. Bullion

JUVENILE COURT FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

Kathleen Stewart Richey, Chief Judge
 Pamela Taylor Johnson¹
Court Administrator: Donna Carter

TWENTIETH DISTRICT

George H. Ware, Jr.	East Feliciana	Clinton	D. D. Hudnall
Wilson R. Ramshur, Chief Judge	West Feliciana	St. Francisville	M. N. Marchive

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT

Wayne Ray Chutz	Livingston	Livingston	L. W. Patterson
Bruce C. Bennett ¹	Tangipahoa	Amite	J. J. Dahmer
Robert H. Morrison, III, Chief Judge	St. Helena	Greensburg	H. C. Newell
M. Douglas Hughes			
Brenda Bedsole Ricks			
Jefferson D. Hughes, III			
Ernest G. Drake, Jr. ²			
Zorraine M. "Zoey" Waguespack ²			
<i>Court Administrator:</i> Melissa Easley			

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT

Raymond S. Childress ³	St. Tammany	Covington	M. Prieto
Elaine W. Guillot	Washington	Franklinton	J. D. Crain
Patricia T. Hedges			
Peter J. Garcia			
William J. Burris			
Martin E. Coady, Chief Judge			
Larry J. Green			
Donald M. Fendlason			
Reginald T. Badeaux, III			
James J. Gleason, Commissioner ⁴			
<i>Court Administrator:</i> Robert G. Tyler, Jr.			

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT

Ralph Tureau, Chief Judge	Assumption	Napoleonville	L. E. Bergeron
John L. Peytavin ¹	Ascension	Donaldsonville	K. H. Bourque
Guy Holdridge	St. James	Convent	E. E. Kinler, Jr.
Pegram J. Mire, Jr.			
Alvin Turner, Jr.			

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1999.
2. New Judgeship – term of office began January 1, 1999.
3. Term of office began October 1, 1998.
4. Appointed – term of office began September 1, 1998.



“I strongly believe that the members of the legal profession must become more involved in community service in order to regain public respect for the profession.”

Justice Harry T. Lemmon
Louisiana Supreme Court

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA
Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT			
Walter J. Rothschild Fredericka H. Wicker Alan J. Green Robert M. Murphy Clarence E. McManus Patrick J. McCabe Robert A. Pitre Kernan Hand Jo Ellen Grant, Chief Judge Sheldon G. Fernandez Martha E. Sassone Charles V. Cusimano, II Henry G. Sullivan, Jr. Susan M. Chehardy ¹ Marion F. Edwards ¹ Melvin C. Zeno Caroline R. Kiff, Commissioner Jeffrey J. Hand, Commissioner Douglas A. Allen, Commissioner <i>Court Administrator:</i> Sandra Joaen Smith	Jefferson	Gretna	J.A. Gegenheimer
JEFFERSON PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
Ann Murry Keller, Chief Judge Andrea Price Janzen ² Nancy Amato Konrad <i>Court Administrator:</i> James Boulware			
TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT			
Michael E. Kirby ² William A. Roe, Chief Judge	Plaquemines	Pointe-a-la-Hache	S. M. Morel
TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT			
Dewey E. Burchett, Jr., Chief Judge Ford E. Stinson, Jr. Cecil P. Campbell, II Harmon Drew, Jr. ³ Bruce M. Bolin <i>Court Administrator:</i> Suzanne Stinson	Bossier Webster	Benton Minden	J. Carraway W. B. Brinkley
TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT			
James T. Genovese A. Frank McGee III Alonzo Harris ² Robert Brinkman, Chief Judge	St. Landry	Opelousas	C.J. Jagneaux
TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT			
J.P. Mauffray, Jr., Chief Judge <i>Court Administrator:</i> Bobby L. Wilson	LaSalle	Jena	S.H. Crooks
TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT			
Emile R. St. Pierre Kirk R. Granier, Chief Judge Robert A. Chaisson ²	St. Charles	Hahnville	C. J. Oubre, Jr.



The Louisiana Supreme Court received a 1998 School-to-Work Award for Employers from the National Employer Leadership Council. The awards, based on nominations from local School-to-Work offices, recognize employers who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to this important workforce development system.

1. Elected to Court of Appeal, Fifth Circuit, effective October 9, 1998.
2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1999.
3. Elected to Court of Appeal, Second Circuit, effective January 1, 1999.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
THIRTIETH DISTRICT			
Vernon B. Clark John C. Ford, Chief Judge	Vernon	Leesville	D. M. Perkins
THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT			
Wendell R. Miller, Chief Judge	Jefferson Davis	Jennings	C. L. Duhon
THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT			
Edward J. "Jimmy" Gaidry John R. Walker Timothy C. Ellender John T. Pettigrew ¹ Paul R. Wimbish, Chief Judge <i>Court Administrator:</i> Walton Dill	Terrebonne	Houma	I. R. Boudreaux
THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT			
Joel G. Davis, Chief Judge	Allen	Oberlin	G. Harrington
THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT			
Robert A. Buckley ² David S. Gorbaty Melvyn J. Perez Kirk A. Vaughn, Chief Judge	St. Bernard	Chalmette	L. R. Torres
THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT			
Allen A. Krake, Chief Judge <i>Court Administrator:</i> Brian Mosley	Grant	Colfax	J. E. Lemoine
THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT			
Stuart S. Kay, Jr., Chief Judge Herman I. Stewart	Beauregard	DeRidder	R. L. Nichols
THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT			
Ronald L. Lewellyan, Chief Judge <i>Court Administrator:</i> Shannon Scruggs Stamper	Caldwell	Columbia	E. Dunn
THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT			
H. Ward Fontenot, Chief Judge	Cameron	Cameron	C. Broussard
THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT			
Lewis O. Sams, Chief Judge	Red River	Coushatta	J. Huckabay
FORTIETH DISTRICT			
Madeline Jasmine ² Mary Hotard Becnel J. Sterling Snowdy, Chief Judge	St. John the Baptist	Edgard	H. L. Montegut, Jr.



A colorful poster enumerating the Judges' Code of Professionalism is displayed in court-houses throughout the state as a visual part of the Vision of Fairness in Louisiana Courts program. The Code of Professionalism was adopted in 1997, upon the recommendation of the Louisiana Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Fairness. The aspirational guidelines establish standards of fairness, civility and professionalism expected of judges in every Louisiana courtroom.

1. Elected to Court of Appeal, First Circuit, effective January 1, 1999.
2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1999.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Division	Clerks of Court
ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT		
Carolyn W. Gill-Jefferson	A	D. N. Atkins
Robert A. Katz	B	
Roland L. Belsome	C	
Lloyd J. Medley, Jr.	D	
Gerald P. Fedoroff	E	
Yada T. Magee, Chief Judge	F	
Robin Giarrusso ¹	G	
Michael G. Bagneris	H	
Terri Fleming Love	I	
Nadine Ramsey	J	
Richard J. Ganucheau	K	
Max N. Tobias, Jr.	L	
Ronald J. Sholes ²	M	
Ethel Simms Julien	N	
ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT		
Charles L. Elloie	A	E. A. Lombard
Patrick G. Quinlan	B	
Sharon K. Hunter	C	
Frank A. Marullo, Jr.	D	
Calvin Johnson	E	
Dennis J. Waldron	F	
Julian Parker	G	
James F. McKay, III ³	H	
Camille Buras ⁴	H	
Raymond C. Bigelow	I	
Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr., Chief Judge	J	
Arthur L. Hunter, Jr.	K	
Terry Q. Alarcon	L	
Gerard J. Hansen	Magistrate-Judge	
Arthur L. Harris, Sr. ⁵	Commissioner	
Marie Bookman ⁶	Commissioner	
Anthony J. Russo	Commissioner	
Joseph I. Giarrusso, Jr.	Commissioner	
Andrew J. Sciambra ⁷	Commissioner	
Harry E. Cantrell, Jr. ⁸	Commissioner	
<i>Court Administrator:</i> Elizabeth Stogner ⁹		
ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT		
Ernestine S. Gray, Administrative Judge	A	G. F. Flaum ¹⁰
C. Hearn Taylor	B	F. Liberto ¹¹
Salvadore T. Mulé	C	
Lawrence L. Lagarde, Jr.	D	
Anita H. Ganucheau	E	
George G. Kiefer ¹²	F	
<i>Court Administrator:</i> Pernell Denet ¹³		
Frederick L. Chaplain ¹⁴		



The Chamber to Chamber Program matches members of local chambers of commerce with judges in their area to help educate the non-lawyer business community on the role, operations and responsibilities of the judiciary at the district court level. Some 60 chamber delegations have spent a half-day observing routine activities by judges in chambers and in court-rooms, touring court-house facilities, and candidly discussing judicial procedures and processes with host judges.

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1999.
 2. Elected to New Orleans Traffic Court effective January 1, 1999.
 3. Elected to Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, effective April 7, 1998.
 4. Term of office began October 29, 1998.
 5. Retired October 14, 1998.
 6. Appointed – term of office began October 15, 1998.

7. Retired July 31, 1998.
 8. Appointed – term of office began August 1, 1998.
 9. Appointed – term of office began June 5, 1998.
 10. Resigned September 1, 1998.
 11. Appointed – term of office began September 8, 1998.
 12. Retired March 31, 1999.
 13. Resigned June 19, 1998.
 14. Appointed – term of office began September 8, 1998.

CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Location of Courts

Cities	Parishes	Judges
Abbeville	Vermilion	Roger C. Sellers
Alexandria <i>Clerk/Court Administrator:</i> Millie C. Ezernack	Rapides	Edward E. Roberts, Jr.
Ascension Parish	Ascension	Marilyn Lambert
Baker	East Baton Rouge	John D. Engelsman
Bastrop	Morehouse	Merwin M. Brandon, Jr.
Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge	
	Division A	Byron Stringer, <i>Admin. Judge</i>
	Division B	Donald R. Johnson ¹
	Division C	Darrell D. White ²
	Division D	Yvette Mansfield Alexander
	Division E	Suzan S. Ponder
	<i>Clerk/Court Administrator:</i> Milton R. Skyring ³ Cynthia R. Gaudin ⁴	
Bogalusa	Washington	Robert J. Black
Bossier City <i>Clerk/Court Administrator:</i> Cynthia Gay ⁵ Julie B. Andrew ⁶	Bossier	Michael E. Daniel
Breaux Bridge	St. Martin	Randy P. Angelle
Bunkie	Avoyelles	James H. Mixon
Crowley	Acadia	T. Barrett Harrington
Denham Springs	Livingston	Charles W. Borde, Jr.
Eunice <i>Clerk/Court Administrator:</i> Cindy Fontenot	St. Landry	Lynette Young Feucht
Franklin	St. Mary	Terry G. Breaux
Hammond <i>Clerk/Court Administrator:</i> Guy Recotta, Jr.	Tangipahoa	Grace Bennett Gasaway
Houma	Terrebonne	Jude T. Fanguy
Jeanerette	Iberia	Cameron B. Simmons
Jefferson Parish	Jefferson	
1st Parish Court	Division A	Rebecca M. Olivier
	Division B	George W. Giacobbe, <i>Senior Judge</i>
	<i>Court Administrator:</i> Beatrice D. Tranchina-Parisi	
2nd Parish Court	Jefferson	
	Division A	Roy M. Cascio
	Division B	Calvin J. Hotard, Jr., <i>Senior Judge</i>
	<i>Court Administrator:</i> Rodney M. de la Gardelle	
Jennings	Jefferson Davis	C. Steve Gunnell

1. Became Administrative Judge December 9, 1998.
2. Retired February 1, 1999.
3. Retired February 18, 1999.
4. Appointed – term of office began February 6, 1999.
5. Resigned September 11, 1998.
6. Appointed – term of office began September 14, 1998.



Several judges have joined with Mothers Against Drunk Driving to establish a victim impact panel in their courts. The program is designed to make convicted drunk drivers aware of the consequences of drinking and driving. First or second-time offenders, as part of their sentence, attend panel sessions to hear from people injured by drunk drivers and from survivors of people who were killed by drunk drivers. Eight programs are in place in district courts statewide.

CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Location of Courts

Cities	Parishes	Judges
Kaplan	Vermilion	Reule P. Bourque
Lafayette	Lafayette	Frances Moran Bouillion, <i>Senior Judge</i> Douglas J. Saloom
<i>Court Administrator: Fay Markham</i>		
Lake Charles	Calcasieu Division A Division B	Thomas P. Quirk, <i>Senior Judge</i> John S. Hood
Leesville	Vernon	S. Chris Smith, III
<i>Clerk/Court Administrator: Glenda F. Dowden</i>		
Marksville	Avoyelles	Angelo J. Piazza, III
Minden	Webster	John C. Campbell
<i>Clerk/Court Administrator: Joan Luck</i>		
Monroe	Ouachita	Larry D. Jefferson Scott Leehy James Garland Smith, <i>Admin. Judge</i>
<i>Clerk/Court Administrator: Carol D. Powell-Lexing</i>		
Morgan City	St. Mary	Kim P. Stansbury
Natchitoches	Natchitoches	Fred S. Gahagan
<i>Clerk/Court Administrator: Rhonda Rogé</i>		
New Iberia	Iberia	Robert L. Segura
New Orleans	Orleans	
1st City Court	Section A Section B Section B Section C Section C	Charles A. Imbornone ¹ Dominic C. Grieshaber, <i>Senior Judge</i> ² Angelique A. Reed ³ Niles A. Hellmers ⁴ Sonja M. Spears ³
2nd City Court		Mary "KK" Norman
Municipal Court	Section A Section B Section C Section D	John A. Shea, <i>Senior Judge</i> Bruce J. McConduit Sean P. Early Paul N. Sens
Traffic Court	Section A Section B Section C Section D Section D	Dennis J. Dannel ¹ Robert E. Jones, III ⁵ Paul A. Bonin Oliver S. Delery, <i>Senior Judge</i> ² Ronald J. Sholes ³
<i>Court Administrator: Mary Rome</i>		
Oakdale	Allen	Perrell Fuselier
<i>Clerk/Court Administrator: Delora Lovejoy</i>		
Opelousas	St. Landry	Kenneth Boagni, Jr.
<i>Clerk/Court Administrator: Ronnie Leger</i>		
Pineville	Rapides	Phillip Terrell
<i>Court Administrator: Leslie F. Prestridge</i>		
Plaquemine	Iberville	William C. Dupont
<i>Court Administrator: Orian Gulotta</i>		
Port Allen	West Baton Rouge	William T. Kleinpeter

1. Became Senior Judge January 1, 1999.
2. Retired December 31, 1998.
3. Term began January 1, 1999.

4. Term ended December 31, 1998.
5. Term began March 16, 1998.



In 1998, the Louisiana Supreme Court hosted a conference on Preventing Lawyer Misconduct which brought together for the first time the Justices of the Court, representatives of the Attorney Disciplinary Board and the state bar association, and law school deans and ethics professors to discuss ways to prevent future ethical improprieties by licensed attorneys through better ethics education for law students.

CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA
Roster of Judges and Location of Courts

Cities	Parishes	Judges
Rayne	Acadia	James M. Cunningham
Ruston	Lincoln	Robert G. James ¹
	<i>Clerk/Court Administrator:</i> Jennifer Floyd ² Kathy G. Reagan ³	
Shreveport	Caddo	
	Division A	R. Lee Irvin
	Division B	Charles W. Kelly, IV
	Division C	LaLeshia Walker Alford
	Division D	Randy E. Collins
	<i>Clerk/Court Administrator:</i> Virginia Hester	
Slidell	St. Tammany	James R. Strain, Jr.
Springhill	Webster	John M. Robinson
Sulphur	Calcasieu	J. Steven Broussard
Thibodaux	Lafourche	David M. Richard
Vidalia	Concordia	George C. Murray, Jr.
Ville Platte	Evangeline	Donald J. Launey, Jr.
West Monroe	Ouachita	Jim Norris
	<i>Clerk/Court Administrator:</i> Joyce Forsee	
Winnfield	Winn	Jacque D. Derr
Winnsboro	Franklin	Ann McIntyre
Zachary	East Baton Rouge	Lonny A. Myles



A statewide Judges' Speakers Bureau, created in 1998, offers presentations designed to explain, in everyday language, just how the judicial system works. More than 50 judges are available to speak on dozens of topics ranging from juvenile law to a day in the life of a judge, from medical malpractice to domestic violence. Requests for a speaker from this free service can be made by calling 504-599-0311.

1. Resigned October 30, 1998 – appointed to U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.
2. Resigned October 30, 1998.
3. Appointed Acting Clerk/Court Administrator – term of office began November 1, 1998.



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