

2000 ANNUAL REPORT THE
SUPREME COURT
OF LOUISIANA

*The Annual Report of the
Judicial Council of the Supreme Court*

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STRATEGIES FOR THE JUDICIARY

The Louisiana Supreme Court 2000

A wealth of information about the performance of our state courts is found in Justice at Work: The State of Judicial Performance in Louisiana.

The report, published annually, is distributed statewide to media, legislators and civic organizations.

In a busy and productive first year of the 21st century, we approved strategic plans for the Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeal and the District Courts. Included in the Supreme Court plan are initiatives that support families, increase outreach and improve court effectiveness. We expanded our successful Ride-



Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.

Along Program and our Community Relations Department was recognized with an award by the Press Club of New Orleans for the 1999 Annual Report. And we began several new programs.

A longstanding goal of the Court has been reducing the number of attorney disciplinary infractions; we made progress on several fronts in 2000. The Committee to Study Permanent Disbarment, co-chaired by Justices Catherine “Kitty” Kimball and Jeannette T. Knoll, recommended that disbarment in the most egregious of lawyer discipline cases be permanent. The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates endorsed the concept, and the Court should act on the report in 2001.

Professionalism orientations for new law students, sponsored by the LSBA, were introduced at the four Louisiana law schools in the fall, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Prevention of Lawyer Misconduct, chaired by Justice

Chet D. Traylor. Judges from several state courts, including Supreme Court Justices Harry T. Lemmon, Chet D. Traylor and myself, participated in the well-received sessions. Acting on another recommendation from this committee, the Court increased the passing score on the Multi-State Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) from 75 to 80. We have also established an *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study Potential Changes in the Admission and Practice of Law. The group, established following a recommendation of the LSBA, is charged with developing new ways to provide guidance for young attorneys, including whether to require an internship or apprenticeship for admission to the Louisiana bar.



Administrative improvements outlined in recently adopted five-year strategic plans – for the Supreme Court and lower courts – began to be implemented this year. The Court’s Committee to Study Judicial Leave and Attorney Appointments in Limited and Specialized Jurisdiction Courts, chaired by Justice Bernette Johnson, also continued its study of how attorneys are appointed to sit as judges *ad hoc* or *pro tempore*.

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Streamlining and making more uniform the rules of the district courts statewide has been a topic of study for four years by the LSBA and the Supreme Court. After much work, the members of the joint Court Rules Committee presented a very impressive draft of uniform district court rules to the Bar Association in June; the Court expects to hear from the Committee early in 2001.

One of the Court’s most potentially far-reaching reform initiatives in 2000 was the establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study the Creation of a Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee. Retired Judge Graydon Kitchens, Jr., former chairman of the Judiciary Commission, and I co-chair the 21-member committee.

The initiative grew from the Court’s and my personal observations (after four campaigns) of the increasingly combative and perhaps unethical nature of judicial campaigns. Unfortunately, ugly campaigns seem more the rule than the exception.

Several states have instituted a judicial campaign oversight system as a mechanism for educating candidates and monitoring campaign conduct. Such a committee could be both a resource and a deterrent. It would educate candidates about the Code of Judicial Conduct, for example, answer ethical questions that arise during an election campaign on an expedited basis, and

review actual or proposed campaign conduct and ads. The Committee could also deter unethical conduct by soliciting from each candidate a pledge of ethical campaign conduct, reviewing complaints and taking appropriate (and timely) action.

The *ad hoc* committee will explore appropriate enforcement authority for the Oversight Committee. Of course, such a committee will not interfere with the authority and responsibilities of the Judiciary Commission.

Committee members include six sitting judges from several court levels. The group held a public hearing in November to gather comments on a preliminary proposal; it should present recommendations to the Supreme Court in 2001.

This year, we bid a fond farewell to Justice Walter F. Marcus, Jr., of New Orleans, who retired in September after nearly 28 years on the Supreme Court Bench, and we were saddened by the death of retired Justice Pike Hall of Shreveport in November.

I have the distinct 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 2000, including the reports of the Judicial Council, the Judicial Administrator’s Office, the Clerk of Court, 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. The report also includes information from the Bar Admissions Committee and the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, entities that operate under the auspices of the Supreme Court. I congratulate all who were involved in our efforts in 2000.

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

Several states, including Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma and South Dakota, have instituted a judicial campaign oversight system as a mechanism for educating candidates and monitoring conduct during a judicial campaign. A Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee in Louisiana can be an additional resource for candidates and a watchdog for the public.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN A NEW MILLENNIUM

The Judicial Administrator's Office

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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. The scope and services of the office have broadened with the innovations and reforms instituted by the Louisiana Supreme Court. In 2000, the office and its staff maintained a dual focus on managing the Court's operations effectively and reaching out with initiatives that have an impact on the daily lives of citizens far beyond the walls of Court chambers. Significant accomplishments are detailed in the following report; in the coming year, we hope to base further initiatives on these successes.

In one particularly important effort, we have focused on ensuring that persons with disabilities have equal access to all areas and programs of the judicial system. As part of the project, the Human Resources Department of the Judicial Administrator's Office prepared a reference handbook designed to guide district and appellate courts in complying with the statutory requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The handbook, *Equal Access to Justice*, was distributed to state court judges and court administrators. It includes accessibility checklists and self-evaluation work sheets that should help each of us develop a better awareness of the ways in which we can make the courts more accessible to all of us.

It's important that citizens – through the media, government representatives and civic organizations – have information about the effectiveness of the court system in the state. To that end, we published *Justice at Work: The State of Judicial Performance in Louisiana*. The annual publication, required by a new law, will outline our strategic plans – and their implementation – as we strive for effective, user-friendly court performance.

We continue to adapt technology, developing new ways to make sure that protective orders actually protect the people who most need it. We rely on consistent community relations outreach. And we are strong in our commitment to a brighter future for the children and families of Louisiana through our extensive, innovative Juvenile Justice programs.

2000: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Judicial Council & Judicial Administrator's Office

In 2000, within the scope of the strategic plan, key initiatives of the Judicial Council & Judicial Administrator's Office focused on preventing family violence through improving the Louisiana Protective Order Registry, reaching out to the community with information about the state of judicial performance in Louisiana, planning for Web site improvements that will disseminate a broad menu of information in a user-friendly way, and strengthening ADA compliance and staff management techniques through human resources innovations.



STRATEGIC PLANNING & COURT PERFORMANCE

The first annual report on *Justice at Work: The State of Judicial Performance in Louisiana* was prepared and published by the Judicial Administrator's Office in 2000, pursuant to the provisions of the Judicial Budget and Performance Accountability Act of 1999.

The report outlines the activities of the various courts to improve their performance. It includes:

- A brief description of the ways courts plan to improve their performance, based on their respective strategic plans.
- A detailed analysis of the Supreme Court's progress in creating a data-gathering system to provide additional measures of performance.

- A description of the uniform reporting standards used to guide the development of the data-gathering system.
- An analysis of the barriers confronted by the courts in establishing the data-gathering system.

In 2000, all levels of courts reported significant improvements in technology, including Local Area Network (LAN) systems, automated case management systems and real-time court reporting. Trial courts expended considerable effort in the establishment of drug courts, better jury management and employee training.

The picture that emerges is one of an active court system at every level, dedicated to improving performance and client service.

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Strategic planning is a key element in assuring continual performance improvement. The Supreme Court adopted strategic plans on behalf of itself, the courts of appeal and the trial courts, covering the period from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2004.

The strategic plans serve three purposes:

- They provide assistance and guidance to all courts within Louisiana for the continuous improvement of the judiciary and the practice of law.
- They serve as both affirmations and practical tools for public accountability by demonstrating to the public the judiciary's values, goals, objectives and strategies for the future, as well as its unwavering commitment to the improvement of judicial performance.
- They establish a stronger framework for dialogue between the judiciary and the executive and legislative branches on the budgetary and other needs of the courts and on performance budgeting.

Each of the plans contains goals and objectives based on the national appellate and trial court performance standards as revised by the Louisiana Appellate Court Performance Standards Commission and the Louisiana Trial Court Performance Standards Commission and adopted by the Supreme Court of Louisiana in 1997.

Most goals and objectives express enduring values that are not likely to change. The strategies, on the other hand, are tools that can change and be adapted over time to address new problems, new realities, new technologies, and new understanding of better ways to shape the future of the courts.

The strategic plans are available by contacting the Office of the Judicial Administrator.

**LOUISIANA PROTECTIVE
ORDER REGISTRY**

A centralized statewide computer repository, the Louisiana Protective Order Registry collects civil and criminal protective orders, which provide relief from abuse or harassment by a spouse, intimate partner or family member. The registry has become a national leader for

its effectiveness. Among its accomplishments in 2000:

- District courts in all 64 parishes used the required Louisiana Uniform Abuse Prevention Order forms to transmit orders to the registry. In addition, one family court, four juvenile courts, two parish courts and eight city or municipal courts used the standardized forms.
- A total of 13,792 orders were entered in the database in 2000, more than half the total of 24,411 in the last three years. Of these orders, 6,017 remain active.
- About two-thirds of 2000's orders were civil (temporary restraining orders, which accounted for almost half the civil order total; protective orders, preliminary or permanent injunctions). Criminal stay-away orders consisted primarily of bail restrictions and peace bonds.
- Almost 6,000 of the orders were transmitted to national database files. The defendant in about half of these had at least one prior felony arrest. The Louisiana database also is used by the National Instant Check System, which approves firearms purchase applications. If an applicant is the subject of an active protection order, the firearms purchase application is denied.
- Usage of the registry continues to increase. Average daily searches by law enforcement officials rose from a low of 2,607 in January to a high of 3,300 in November. In December, about 10% of the searches came back with a positive result, compared to 4% in January.
- The Louisiana registry is a national model. During 2000, staff and consultants conducted seven regional seminars, nine interactive software training programs, and 10 workshops attended by a total of 1,056 participants including judges, clerks of court, other court personnel, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, victim advocates and attorneys. The State of Georgia has chosen the Louisiana registry as its model; staff presented the registry to participants at the first national conference on state protection order registries held in November in Newport Beach, CA.



JUDICIAL OUTREACH

The Internet has become a primary tool in the Supreme Court's ability to reach out to all constituencies. Thus web site improvement planning of the Court's web site (*www.lasc.org*) is a focus of the Community Relations Department working together with the Court's Web Site Committee. The upgrade will include information on the schedule and status of all cases before the Court, as well as keyword search engines and other user-friendly systems for expanding the public's use of the site to gain access to Court opinions, orders, rules and other decisions in a timely and effective manner. The new site, with a new look, is scheduled for launch during 2001.

In addition to spearheading web site renovations, the Community Relations Department gained kudos for its Courting Louisiana Students and Schools (CLASS) program. In the project, oral arguments are taped and aired to schools throughout the state, accompanied by a handbook for teachers and curriculum planners. Through an Internet lesson plan, students write their own opinions and then compare them with the Court's official decisions in the cases.

"Ride-Alongs" continued to give opinion leaders opportunities for first-hand observation in the courtroom, expanding this year to include the Supreme Court. And "Law School for Journalists" helped members of the press who report on the courts throughout the state improve their skills.

The 1999 Annual Report of the Louisiana Supreme Court was chosen by the Press Club of Louisiana for an award for publications excellence.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Employees are at the heart of the Louisiana Supreme Court and, indeed, the court system throughout the state. The Human Resources Department of the Judicial Administrator's Office continues to pursue consistent policies and procedures to support strategic planning and performance standards. Among the activities during 2000:

- Using checklists developed by office staff, audited the Supreme Court for accessibility to persons with disabilities.

- Providing "disability awareness training" for court employees with regular direct public contact.
- Conducting 14 refresher training sessions for employees and management on sexual harassment awareness and prevention.
- Developing recommendations to adopt several new rules and policies for the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal, including new compensatory leave policies for the appellate court system.
- Carrying out pay and classification studies, and making recommendations concerning security, legal support and attorney positions in the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal.
- Recommending the establishment of new jobs and reclassification of other positions.
- Continuing to serve as consultants to judges and other court administrators by regularly responding to requests for assistance – ranging from answering a question or providing advice concerning a human resource matter to assisting with recruitment efforts by writing ads or designing a selection process complete with recruitment options, interview guidelines, questionnaires, job specifications and ADA essential functions.
- Ensuring the continued integrity and competitiveness of the uniform judicial pay plan by continually surveying courts nationwide for salary information for jobs similar to those in the Louisiana system and reviewing other state and local salary data.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Court continues to focus on and improve the justice system for families and children in the state. In 2000, initiatives included:

- The Louisiana Court Improvement Program, a federally funded program for improving the adjudication of child abuse and neglect cases in the state and for collaborating with other areas of government and the private sector, ensures that abused and neglected children are provided permanent and safe homes as quickly as possible.
- Families in Need of Services (FINS) Assistance Program, under which the

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Judicial Administrator's Office manages the funds provided by the legislature to assist local FINS processes. A sort of pre-delinquency intervention, FINS provides interagency social work services to assist children and families, often signing contracts for school and family progress in lieu of court adjudication. The FINS Assistance Program has developed a needs-based allocation formula, a uniform data system for tracking, managing and reporting FINS informal cases, programmatic standards, performance indicators and measures, and periodic fiscal reports.

- The Campaign for the Children, a public awareness project focused on the problem of foster care drift and encouraging greater support for foster children.
- The New Orleans Collaborative for Timely Adoptions, a grant designed to assist the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court in reducing delays in child abuse and neglect cases and in instituting system reforms, including the development of the Integrated Juvenile Justice Information System.

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 members of the court and the legal community in the area, and study the filing statistics of the requesting courts. In 2000, eight new judgeships were requested. Following consideration of the Committee's recommendations, the Judicial Council recommended six new judgeships—one for each of the following courts: Third Judicial District, Seventeenth Judicial District, Nineteenth Judicial District, Twenty-Second Judicial District, Thirtieth Judicial District, Thirty-Third Judicial District.

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 Supreme Court justices, 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. In 2000, 0.5% of the state's general fund was appropriated to defray the expenses of the state judiciary.

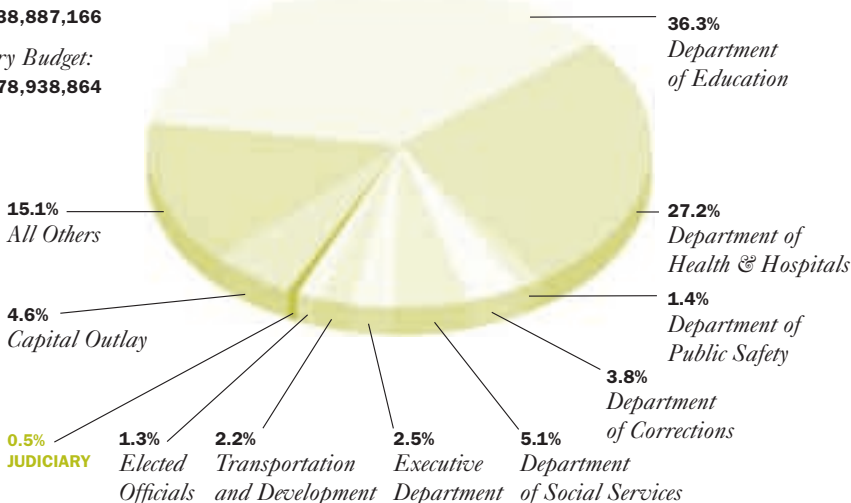
LOUISIANA STATE BUDGET 2000-2001

Total State Budget:

\$16,238,887,166

Judiciary Budget:

\$78,938,864



MANAGING KNOWLEDGE

The Law Library of Louisiana



The end of the millennium marked 30 years since the Law Library of Louisiana hired its first professional librarian as director. Those three decades have brought unprecedented change in management and accessibility of legal information.

In perhaps the most symbolic change, the Library closed down its traditional card catalog on Halloween, 2000, with a festive funeral party.

The electronic catalog had gone up on the Internet, giving the Louisiana legal community and other citizens across the world the ability to see what is in the collection. Janice Shull, formally recognized as head of technical services in December, earned tremendous applause for masterminding the year-long effort.

Due to space considerations, the library is gradually replacing hard-copy versions of resources with electronic access. And a flat-rate Lexis contract saved more than \$16,000 over 1999's legal research costs.

"Public service" librarians, Marie Erickson and Catherine Lemann, continue to employ their expertise as lawyers and computer researchers to locate information for users – and teach them how to mine electronic resources for themselves.

Catherine Lemann, who was named associate director of the library in April, continues to serve as the Court's de facto Webmaster, posting all Supreme Court opinions, rule changes and press releases

on the Court's Internet site (www.lasc.org).

Carol Billings became director of the Library 20 years ago, succeeding Harriet Lemann, the first librarian/director who, in 10 years, cataloged a collection, which had been accumulating since 1855.

In 20 years, the library has grown dramatically, from 104,000 volumes in paper and 3,000 in microformat to 150,000 in paper and 67,000 in microformat. The total budget has increased by a factor of five.

The staff continues leadership roles in professional activities – Catherine Lemann is president of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, Marie Erickson is immediate past-president of the New Orleans Association of Law Libraries and Georgia Chadwick is president-elect.

A National Endowment for the Humanities grant brought a preservation expert to evaluate the condition of the library's old and rare books and recommend measures for their care. Staffers also hosted the national meeting of state and federal court historical societies.

And after 20 years of service, library associate Diane "D.D." Thompson has retired.

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Carol Billings, MLS
Director



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 including judicial independence, victims' rights, law of the Internet, employment discrimination, torts in the 21st century, ethics, professionalism and relations between the judiciary and the media were among the highlights of seven continuing legal education programs sponsored by the Judicial College in



2000 for Louisiana's judges. Almost 950 members of the judiciary took part in Judicial College sessions, which featured some 100 speakers. The College continued its efforts to keep judges abreast of recent developments through publishing its *Criminal Law Newsletter*. The end of the year brought a changing of the guard in the office of executive director, as Cheney C. Joseph, Jr., a former executive director, replaced Bill Corbett, who served for two-and-a-half years.





William R. Corbett
Executive Director

In sessions sponsored by the Judicial College, areas of focus included:

2000 City and Juvenile Judges Meeting

- recent developments in juvenile law
- professionalism and ethics
- improving court performance in child abuse cases
- roundtable discussion with city judges and clerks of court

Annual Evidence and Procedure Seminar

- recent developments in Louisiana evidence and procedure in criminal law
- problems in Louisiana evidence and procedure

Annual Spring Judges' Conference

- judicial immunity and employment issues
- drug courts and alternative sentencing
- putting a stop to the revolving prison door
- victims' rights legislation
- highway safety issues
- recent developments in criminal law and procedure
- judicial demeanor
- state-federal relations

The 2000 Summer School for Judges

- judicial independence and accountability
- emerging issues in tort law in Louisiana
- computer-aided research
- you drink and drive, you lose
- handling jury issues
- handling medical/legal issues
- judiciary-media relations
- medical malpractice law
- uninsured motorist coverage
- domestic violence – sentencing considerations
- problem areas in criminal law

2000 Joint Louisiana/ Mississippi Conference

- dynamics of decision-making
- jury trial innovations
- issues of common concern to bench and bar
- law of the Internet

2000 Annual Fall Conference

- employment discrimination
- communicating with voters
- recent developments in law and procedure
- annual memorial service and Red Mass

Annual Torts Seminar

- millennial torts
- workplace injury
- torts in the 21st century
- professionalism
- comparative fault, solidary liability and loss apportionment

For a complete listing of faculty at each Judicial College seminar, visit the Court web site (www.lasc.org).

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SUPPORTING THE INFRASTRUCTURE

The Office of the Clerk of Court

The Office of the Clerk of Court received 3,565 filings in 2000, the second-highest on record. The office admitted 575 new attorneys. The 3,858 certificates of good standing requested by and prepared for attorneys increased by about 10%, marking the second record-breaking year in a row.

The Office of the Clerk of Court has 50 full and part-time staff. Its duties include accepting and preparing all pleadings for consideration by the Court.

The office is responsible for accurate data entry of all filings into the Court Information Management System, a computer software system especially designed for case filings. Its staff also manages and supports information systems for the justices and their staff, the Central and Civil legal staffs, four satellite justices' offices and the Law Library. In 2000, it issued laptop computers to Supreme Court justices.

Clerk's office staff members are hosts for court visitors, dispensing information and directing them to the various offices in the Supreme Court Building. Security staff members are aided by a state-of-the-art, computer-enhanced security system.



The Clerk of Court also operates an in-house microfilming section, a job previously performed by the State Archives. More than 600,000 documents were microfilmed as part of our records retention/space reduction project; we recycle an average of two tons of paper a week.

The business services department handles the purchasing, accounts payable and receivables for the Court, as well as maintaining personnel records. The office also manages a property inventory of 900 items valued at over \$1.2 million.

The renovations of 400 Royal Street into offices for the Supreme Court and its affiliates are continuing, with progress overseen by the Clerk of Court. All but the final touches on the exterior site work have been completed. The contract for the final phase of construction is scheduled for spring, 2001, with a completion date in late 2002.

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EMPHASIZING CHARACTER & ETHICS

Committee on Bar Admissions

Each year, about 1,000 potential lawyers take the state bar examination seeking licensure to practice law in Louisiana. In 2000, bar examinations were administered during the week of February 14th and the week of July 24th, with respective pass rates of 66% and 69%. Some 584 new attorneys were admitted to practice.

The examination is conducted by the Committee on Bar Admissions, comprised of 15 active members of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court. Committee members may serve two consecutive five-year terms. In addition to the Committee members, 450 volunteer attorneys serve the Court as assistant examiners in the examination and admissions process.

CHANGES IN THE PROCESS

During 2000, the procedures governing admission to the Bar underwent substantial changes. The Committee presented and the Court approved the procedures for failing applicants to review their exam papers and representative good answers. Based on the success of the initial review, the court extended the procedure through July 2001.

Many law students enrolled in Louisiana ABA-approved law schools have taken advantage of the National Conference of Bar Examiners law student registration program. The Committee continues to encourage law students to enroll

in the program so that the character and background investigation can be completed as a prerequisite to taking the bar examination.

The Committee has developed comprehensive guidelines for granting applicants testing accommodations in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act.

2000 EXAM RESULTS

In 2000, the Committee administered exams during the weeks of February 14 and July 24. The passage rates were 66% for the February exam and 69% for the July exam.

Justice Chet D. Traylor presided at ceremonies on April 20 when 186 new attorneys were admitted to the Bar; Justice Jeannette T. Knoll did the honors on October 6, when 398 new attorneys were admitted.

COMMITTEE ON BAR ADMISSIONS

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REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF LAW

Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board

The year 2000 continued to reflect the Louisiana Supreme Court's commitment to a more exacting regulation of the practice of law. The Court's 1990 decision to embrace the American Bar Association's Model Rules for Disciplinary Enforcement, a first for any state in the country, continues to pay dividends as Louisiana is viewed as a model by attorney regulatory agencies in other states.

The Disciplinary Board's Office of Disciplinary Counsel received 3,243 complaints during the year. After screening out matters falling outside the Board's jurisdiction, and referring 216 matters to the Louisiana State Bar Association's Diversion Programs, investigations were launched into 2,113 complaints.

The aggressive pursuit of attorneys alleged to have violated the ethical rules in Louisiana resulted in a markedly increased caseload for the disciplinary agency and the Louisiana Supreme Court. By December 31, 2000, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel had initiated 153 prosecutions reflecting 360 underlying complaints – a 400% rise in the rate of prosecution since 1995. The Court issued more than 80 discipline-related orders in 2000. Nineteen orders called for disbarment; 41 ordered periods of suspension.

This remarkable increase in productivity has been accompanied by a dramatic decrease in the time required to investigate allegations of attorney misconduct. Historically, the investigative process took

18 to 24 months. Now the disciplinary agency has successfully maintained 80% of its investigative files at six months or less and nearly 90% at less than a year.

Those areas of attorney misconduct most harmful to the profession have become the focus of the disciplinary agency. A carefully crafted plan to combat runner-based solicitation, launched nearly three years ago, has resulted in a major reduction in this unethical and illegal activity. More than a dozen disciplinary actions have been imposed for solicitation, a dramatic increase. Commingling and conversion of client and third-party funds, conflicts of interest and other areas of attorney misconduct continue to be investigated and, where appropriate, prosecuted.

With nearly 18,500 lawyers licensed to practice in Louisiana, the Supreme Court and the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board recognize that their commitment to a firm but fair system of lawyer regulation is essential to improving the ethical and professional standards which govern the legal profession.

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THE JUDICIARY COMMISSION OF LOUISIANA

The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is a nine-member constitutional body, empowered to review allegations of judicial misconduct and to recommend to the Supreme Court that a judge be sanctioned when 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. Its members also act as case managers who attend status conferences and other meetings in connection with cases before the Commission. During 2000, the Commission convened nine meetings, requiring 11 days of business.

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. Sanctionable offenses include 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 involuntarily retire 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.

All documents filed, all evidence and all proceedings before the Commission are confidential. The record filed by the Commission with the Supreme Court and proceedings before the Supreme Court are not confidential.



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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2000 ACTIVITY

The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana received and docketed 479 complaints against judges and justices of the peace in 2000. In addition, 120 complaints filed prior to 2000 were pending January 1, 2000.

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 Attorney 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 2000, the Commission's Office of Special Counsel received some 694 requests for information, and the Commission Office received some 219 requests.

Of the 479 complaints filed and docketed in 2000, 292 were screened out as not within the jurisdiction of the Commission, or without merit or sufficient corroborating evidence. The remaining 187 cases were reviewed to consider the need for investigation. Thirty-three of the 187 cases required in-depth investigation.

In 2000, the Commission filed 20 formal charges against 10 judges. One judge resigned after the filing of formal charges, a second judge resigned during a hearing on formal charges, and a third judge, against whom formal charges were filed in 1999, resigned after a hearing on the charges. Five matters in which formal charges were filed – all but one filed before 2000 – were resolved privately before the Commission. Formal hearings were conducted in four other cases. In one case, the Commission dismissed the formal charges after the hearing. Further, the Commission conducted one proceeding required by the Louisiana Code of Evidence in connection with a subpoena for attorney records. There are no cases currently pending after hearing upon formal charges before the Commission.

In 2000, after formal hearings, including hearings convened in 1999, the

Commission submitted to the Supreme Court recommendations for discipline in two cases.

Also, during 2000, nine judges made voluntary appearances for questioning by the Commission.

The Supreme Court removed one judge from office, issued two public censures and declined to impose discipline in another case. In addition, the Supreme Court also ordered the Secretary of State to remove the name of a former judge from the ballot. The candidate had previously been removed from judicial office and he then qualified and became a candidate for the remaining unexpired current term of the same judicial office from which he was removed.

As of December 31, 2000, there are no matters pending before the Supreme Court.

The Commission had 109 cases pending as of December 31, 2000, having disposed of 490 cases in 2000.

CONFIDENTIALITY

In accordance with Rule XXIII, Section 23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, all documents filed, all evidence and all 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., 1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1540, New Orleans, LA 70112, 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.

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

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 2000.

SUPREME COURT

In 2000, there were 3,565 filings in the Supreme Court. The filings in 2000 were 2.4% lower than in 1999.

COURTS OF APPEAL

In 2000, there were 10,680 filings in the Louisiana courts of appeal. This represents an increase of approximately 37% over the filings 10 years earlier. The 2000 filings were 3.9% lower than in 1999. The average time interval from the filing of a civil appeal to its disposition was 383 days in the First Circuit, 224 days in the Second Circuit, 188 days in the Third Circuit, 318 days in the Fourth Circuit, and 192 days in the Fifth Circuit. The average time interval from the filing of a criminal appeal to its disposition was 319 days in the First Circuit, 213 days in the Second Circuit, 212 days in the Third Circuit, 383 days in the Fourth Circuit, and 189 days in the Fifth Circuit.

DISTRICT COURTS

During 2000, there were 166,862 civil filings in the district courts, a decrease of 0.7% when compared with 1999. During 2000, there were 501,815 criminal and traffic filings in the district courts, an increase of 4.3% over 1999. Civil jury trials decreased by 3.1% when compared with 1999 and criminal jury trials decreased by 16.0% when compared with 1999.

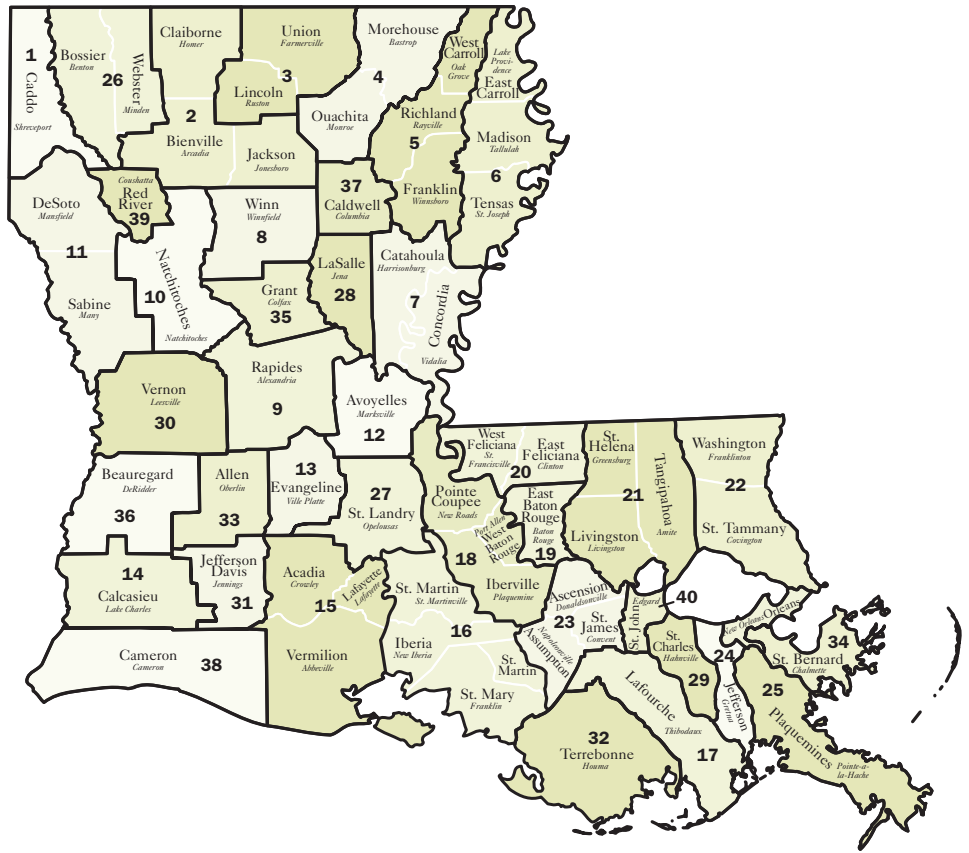
CITY AND PARISH COURTS

Filings in Louisiana city and parish courts increased by 2.0% from 1,031,433 filings in 1999 to 1,052,482 filings in 2000.

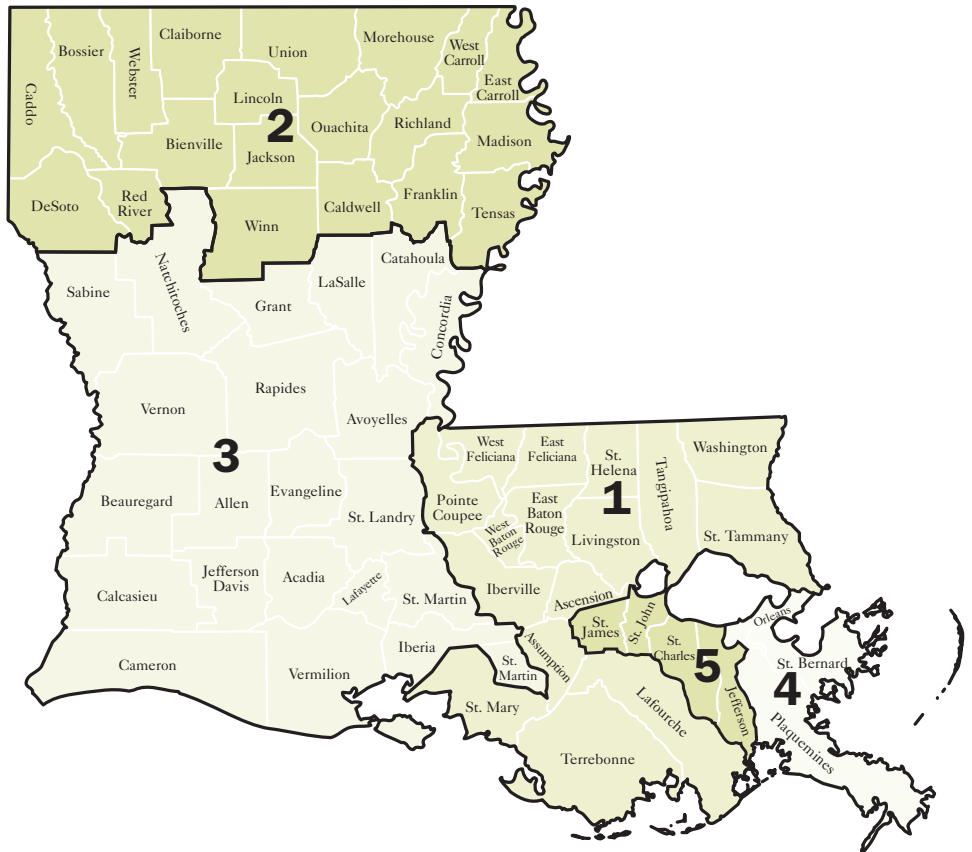
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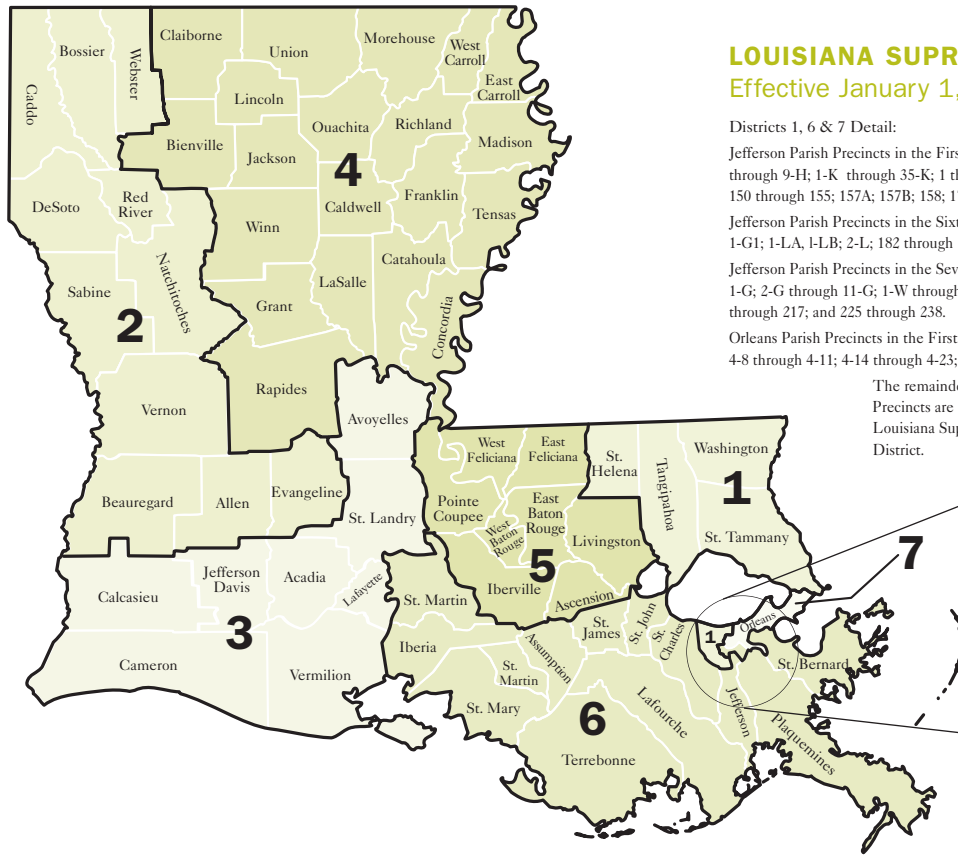


**LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS
JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**



**LOUISIANA COURTS
OF APPEAL CIRCUITS**





LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT DISTRICTS

Effective January 1, 1999

Districts 1, 6 & 7 Detail:

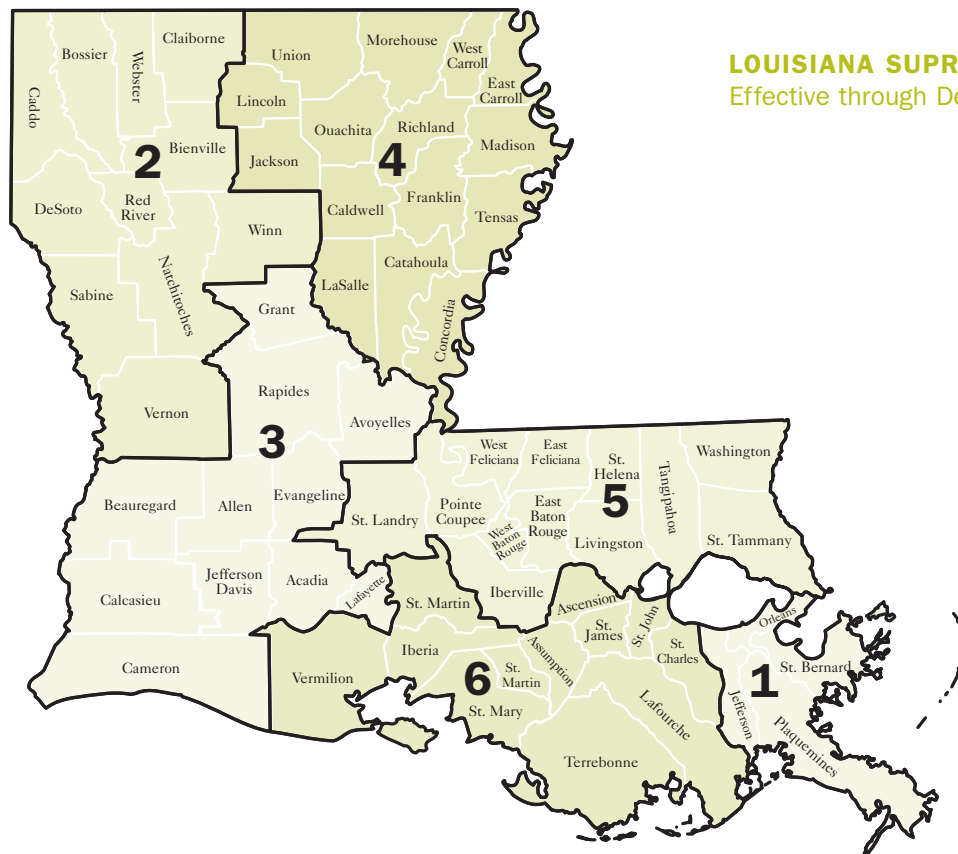
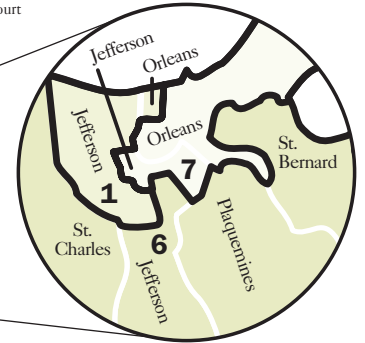
Jefferson Parish Precincts in the First Louisiana Supreme Court District are 1-H through 9-H; 1-K through 35-K; 1 through 46; 51 through 108; 115 through 138; 150 through 155; 157A; 157B; 158; 170; 186; 198 and 199.

Jefferson Parish Precincts in the Sixth Louisiana Supreme Court District are 1-G1; 1-LA, 1-LB; 2-L; 182 through 185; 189 through 197; and 246A through 250.

Jefferson Parish Precincts in the Seventh Louisiana Supreme Court District are 1-G; 2-G through 11-G; 1-W through 9-W; 156; 171 through 181; 187; 188; 210 through 217; and 225 through 238.

Orleans Parish Precincts in the First Louisiana Supreme Court District are 3-20; 4-8 through 4-11; 4-14 through 4-23; 5-13 through 5-18; and 17-17 through 17-21.

The remainder of Orleans Parish Precincts are in the Seventh Louisiana Supreme Court District.

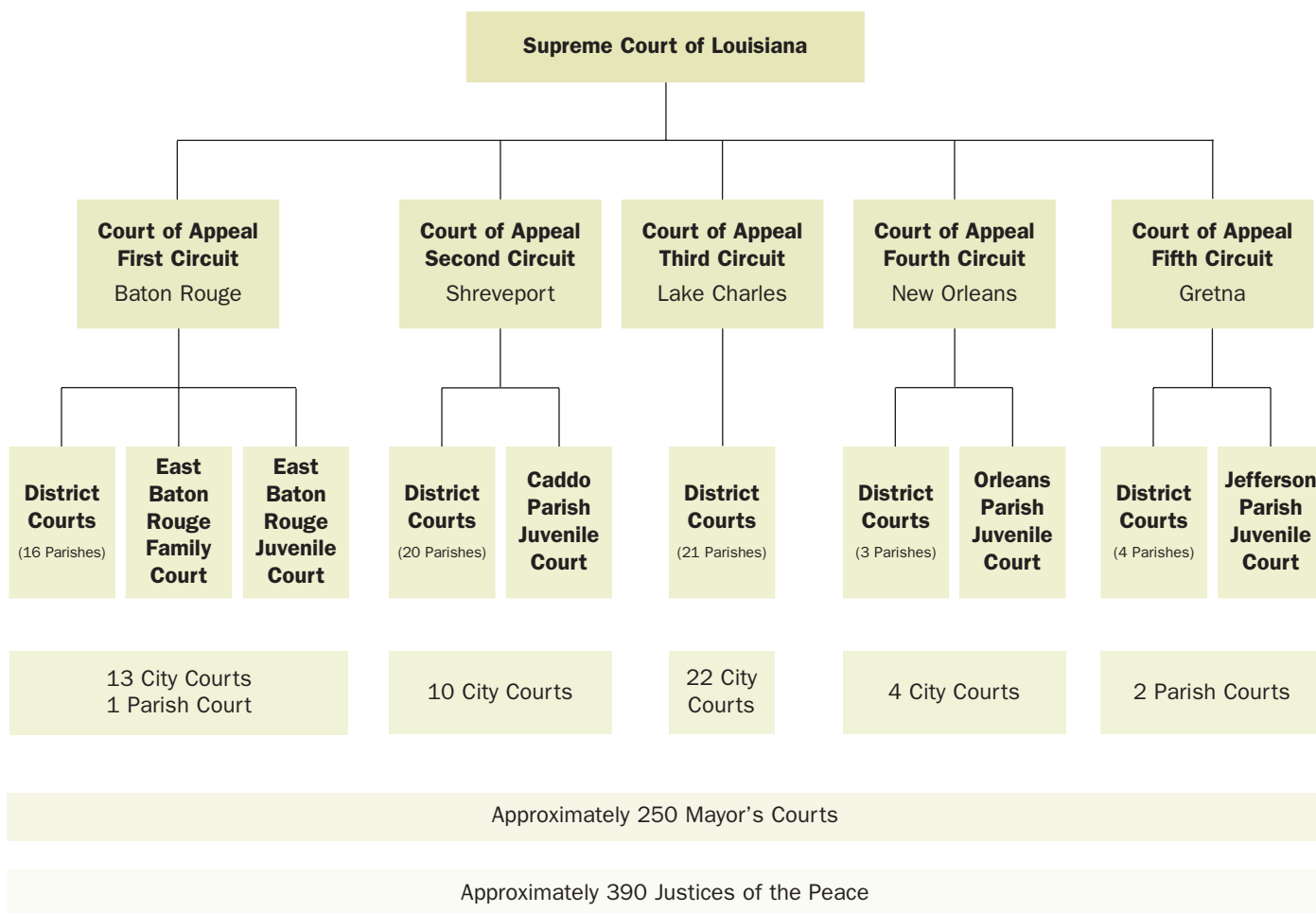


LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT DISTRICTS

Effective through December 31, 1998

LOUISIANA COURT STRUCTURE

January 1, 2001



Number of Justices and Judges:	7 Supreme Court 53 Courts of Appeal 235 District, Family and Juvenile (includes 11 Commissioners) 73 City and Parish Courts 368 Total
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Additional statistics are available on the Supreme Court web site, www.lasc.org.

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA *Two-Year Trend In Activity*

	1999 Total	2000 Total	2000 Civil	2000 Criminal
Appeals:				
Filed	43	41	10	31
Dismissed	0	1	1	0
Opinions Rendered				
with written opinions	25	21	5	16
per curiams	2	34	2	32
Writs:				
Applications Filed (Except Prisoner Pro Se)	2,071	1,969	1,397	572
Prisoner Pro Se Writs	1,384	1,409	56	1,353
Granted	398	414	201	213
to be argued	74	121	76	45
with orders & transferred	324	293	125	168
Dismissed	33	27	18	9
Not Considered	57	45	41	4
Denied	2,612	2,392	1,176	1,216
Opinions Rendered	81	62	45	17
Rehearings:				
Applied for	87	92	63	29
Granted	14	5	3	2
Denied/Dismissed	73	72	47	25
Opinions Rendered	0	1	1	0
Original Jurisdiction:				
Petitions Filed	151	144	144	0
Opinions Rendered	4	3	3	0
Other Actions	119	116	116	0
Other Matters:				
Filed	3	2	2	0
Opinions Rendered	2	1	1	0
Other Actions	36	45	6	39
Other Per Curiam Opinions Rendered	160	149	99	50
Total Filings:	3,652	3,565	1,609	1,956
Per Justice	457	446	201	245
Total Opinions Rendered	274	271	156	115

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*

	1999 Total	2000 Total	2000 Civil	2000 Criminal
First Circuit				
Appeals Filed	1,338	1,305	926	379
Motions Filed	43	36	26	10
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	779	703	505	198
Writs Refused*	573	558	407	151
Writs Granted	211	154	115	39
Pro Se Writs Filed	994	954	220	734
Pro Se Writs Refused*	835	748	212	536
Pro Se Writs Granted	132	104	6	98
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	230	244	176	68
Consolidated Opinions***	37	67	67	0
Opinions Rendered***	1,024	943	657	286
Rehearings Acted Upon**	193	242	189	53
Appeals Pending	1,204	1,101	873	228
Argued But Not Decided	28	28	24	4
To Be Argued	1,176	1,073	849	224
Second Circuit				
Appeals Filed	571	493	328	165
Motions Filed	11	21	15	6
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	361	239	164	75
Writs Refused*	254	208	148	60
Writs Granted	91	60	36	24
Pro Se Writs Filed	465	464	0	464
Pro Se Writs Refused*	443	410	0	410
Pro Se Writs Granted	23	85	0	85
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	55	47	39	8
Consolidated Opinions	10	20	15	5
Opinions Rendered	585	564	392	172
Rehearings Acted Upon**	92	107	80	27
Appeals Pending	337	239	150	89
Argued But Not Decided	51	35	25	10
To Be Argued	286	204	125	79
Third Circuit				
Appeals Filed	882	732	556	176
Motions Filed	66	64	15	49
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	466	491	358	133
Writs Refused*	327	344	243	101
Writs Granted	161	129	92	37
Pro Se Writs Filed	616	529	0	529
Pro Se Writs Refused*	394	311	4	307
Pro Se Writs Granted	183	147	2	145
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	121	64	56	8
Consolidated Opinions	46	23	20	3
Opinions Rendered	805	746	531	215
Rehearings Acted Upon**	88	90	71	19
Appeals Pending	475	404	285	119
Argued But Not Decided	22	33	31	2
To Be Argued	453	371	254	117

* Includes writs denied, not considered or dismissed.

** Includes rehearings on writs.

*** The following totals were not included in the Court of Appeal, First Circuit Opinions Rendered and Consolidated Opinions because the dispositions were rendered by judges *pro tempore* assigned to the Court of Appeal, First Circuit: Civil - 119, Consolidated Civil - 2, Criminal - 86. The totals are included in Total for All Circuits.

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL (Con't) *Two-Year Trend In Activity*

	1999 Total	2000 Total	2000 Civil	2000 Criminal
Fourth Circuit				
Appeals Filed	909	993	616	377
Motions Filed	20	15	10	5
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	848	634	425	209
Writs Refused*	558	462	315	147
Writs Granted	555	410	282	128
Pro Se Writs Filed	1,471	1,159	19	1,140
Pro Se Writs Refused*	905	749	13	736
Pro Se Writs Granted	571	441	6	435
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	107	93	82	11
Consolidated Opinions	102	40	24	16
Opinions Rendered	842	873	370	503
Rehearings Acted Upon**	217	156	109	47
Appeals Pending	893	970	638	332
Argued But Not Decided	123	148	79	69
To Be Argued	770	822	559	263
Fifth Circuit				
Appeals Filed	513	1,033	801	232
Motions Filed	12	19	13	6
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	399	414	217	197
Writs Refused*	313	303	161	142
Writs Granted	115	101	56	45
Pro Se Writs Filed	501	537	18	519
Pro Se Writs Refused*	435	443	12	431
Pro Se Writs Granted	67	69	3	66
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	70	60	41	19
Consolidated Opinions	18	32	30	2
Opinions Rendered	476	414	262	152
Rehearings Acted Upon**	83	75	68	7
Appeals Pending	247	792	652	140
Argued But Not Decided	58	96	60	36
To Be Argued	189	696	592	104
Total For All Circuits				
Appeals Filed	4,213	4,556	3,227	1,329
Motions Filed	152	155	79	76
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	2,853	2,481	1,669	812
Writs Refused*	2,025	1,875	1,274	601
Writs Granted	1,133	854	581	273
Pro Se Writs Filed	4,047	3,643	257	3,386
Pro Se Writs Refused*	3,012	2,661	241	2,420
Pro Se Writs Granted	976	846	17	829
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	583	508	394	114
Consolidated Opinions***	213	184	158	26
Opinions Rendered***	3,732	3,745	2,331	1,414
Rehearings Acted Upon**	673	670	517	153
Appeals Pending	3,156	3,506	2,598	908
Argued But Not Decided	282	340	219	121
To Be Argued	2,874	3,166	2,379	787

*** Six Judges of the Court of Appeal, Second Circuit were assigned by Supreme Court Order of February 9, 2000, as judge *pro tempore* to assist with the docket of the Court of Appeal, First Circuit, and rendered 12 opinions which are not included in the Consolidated Opinions or Opinions Rendered statistics of the First or Second Circuits.

*** 12 Judges of the Court of Appeal, Third Circuit were assigned by Supreme Court Order of February 9, 2000, as judge *pro tempore* to assist with the docket of the Court of Appeal, First Circuit, and rendered 46 opinions which are not included in the Consolidated Opinions or Opinions Rendered statistics of the First or Third Circuits.

*** 21 District and Retired Judges were assigned by Supreme Court Order of April 27, 2000, as judge *pro tempore* to assist with the docket of the Court of Appeal, First Circuit, and rendered 149 opinions which are not included in the Consolidated Opinions or Opinions Rendered statistics of the First Circuit.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS *Two-Year Trend In Activity*

District	Parish	1999 Total Filed	2000 Juvenile Filed	2000 Civil Filed	2000*** Criminal Filed	2000 Traffic Filed	2000 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS Civil	Criminal
1	Caddo*	20,026	0	8,479	6,331	4,744	19,554		
	District Totals	20,026	0	8,479	6,331	4,744	19,554	19	41
2	Bienville	7,638	138	642	669	6,922	8,371		
	Claiborne	2,688	141	754	629	1,384	2,908		
	Jackson	2,444	82	740	821	1,050	2,693		
	District Totals	12,770	361	2,136	2,119	9,356	13,972	1	9
3	Lincoln	4,859	383	1,043	1,158	2,317	4,901		
	Union	2,945	287	883	787	934	2,891		
	District Totals	7,804	670	1,926	1,945	3,251	7,792	3	6
4	Morehouse	5,718	303	1,014	1,295	2,721	5,333		
	Ouachita	22,783	1,135	5,356	4,663	11,099	22,253		
	District Totals	28,501	1,438	6,370	5,958	13,820	27,586	12	33
5	Franklin	3,061	178	938	992	799	2,907		
	Richland	3,733	186	775	1,005	2,194	4,160		
	West Carroll	1,258	82	391	516	528	1,517		
	District Totals	8,052	446	2,104	2,513	3,521	8,584	4	7
6	East Carroll	1,376	107	297	239	1,072	1,715		
	Madison	4,359	195	474	867	5,091	6,627		
	Tensas	1,647	94	202	390	759	1,445		
	District Totals	7,382	396	973	1,496	6,922	9,787	0	2
7	Catahoula	2,641	3	450	427	2,110	2,990		
	Concordia	3,048	230	783	909	1,324	3,246		
	District Totals	5,689	233	1,233	1,336	3,434	6,236	3	10
8	Winn	2,767	176	859	816	2,172	4,023		
	District Totals	2,767	176	859	816	2,172	4,023	0	2
9	Rapides	18,770	1,906	4,986	4,015	8,473	19,380		
	District Totals	18,770	1,906	4,986	4,015	8,473	19,380	7	27
10	Natchitoches	14,130	556	1,448	2,540	10,292	14,836		
	District Totals	14,130	556	1,448	2,540	10,292	14,836	5	9
11	DeSoto	11,265	296	997	1,303	8,436	11,032		
	Sabine	5,601	185	957	1,328	3,390	5,860		
	District Totals	16,866	481	1,954	2,631	11,826	16,892	2	12
12	Avoyelles	5,745	350	1,911	1,702	3,686	7,649		
	District Totals	5,745	350	1,911	1,702	3,686	7,649	1	5
13	Evangeline**	3,462	376	1,231	1,724	0	3,331		
	District Totals	3,462	376	1,231	1,724	0	3,331	2	3
14	Calcasieu	27,937	731	7,412	6,192	10,896	25,231		
	District Totals	27,937	731	7,412	6,192	10,896	25,231	25	14
15	Acadia	7,825	303	1,803	1,948	3,708	7,762		
	Lafayette	21,918	1,758	7,137	5,481	7,854	22,230		
	Vermilion	5,112	292	1,817	2,438	2,239	6,786		
	District Totals	34,855	2,353	10,757	9,867	13,801	36,778	45	32
16	Iberia	12,042	1,364	2,572	1,904	6,638	12,478		
	St. Martin	17,315	251	1,602	1,524	10,035	13,412		
	St. Mary	13,578	987	2,041	2,498	6,935	12,461		
	District Totals	42,935	2,602	6,215	5,926	23,608	38,351	20	33
17	Lafourche	18,920	628	2,697	5,161	11,673	20,159		
	District Totals	18,920	628	2,697	5,161	11,673	20,159	13	15
18	Iberville	8,007	162	1,907	2,111	3,919	8,099		
	Pointe Coupee	2,941	193	972	876	406	2,447		
	W. Baton Rouge	4,701	144	1,279	883	3,253	5,559		
	District Totals	15,649	499	4,158	3,870	7,578	16,105	8	4
19	E. Baton Rouge*	41,264	0	15,142	8,708	19,221	43,071		
	District Totals	41,264	0	15,142	8,708	19,221	43,071	41	60

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

District	Parish	1999 Total Filed	2000 Juvenile Filed	2000 Civil Filed	2000*** Criminal Filed	2000 Traffic Filed	2000 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS Civil	Criminal
20	East Feliciana	4,252	344	883	1,111	1,151	3,489		
	West Feliciana	1,354	82	407	298	428	1,215		
	District Totals	5,606	426	1,290	1,409	1,579	4,704	1	14
21	Livingston	11,524	274	3,784	2,187	5,580	11,825		
	St. Helena	2,290	19	412	452	907	1,790		
	Tangipahoa	22,010	241	4,289	3,998	13,143	21,671		
	District Totals	35,824	534	8,485	6,637	19,630	35,286	7	19
22	St. Tammany	40,996	1,509	6,762	9,219	23,859	41,349		
	Washington	5,146	69	2,076	1,739	2,001	5,885		
	District Totals	46,142	1,578	8,838	10,958	25,860	47,234	15	107
23	Ascension*	4,199	598	2,878	1,166	0	4,642		
	Assumption	4,323	287	677	935	2,154	4,053		
	St. James**	6,160	267	1,238	4,883	0	6,388		
	District Totals	14,682	1,152	4,793	6,984	2,154	15,083	20	23
24	Jefferson*	22,607	0	14,008	7,273	0	21,281		
	District Totals	22,607	0	14,008	7,273	0	21,281	46	200
25	Plaquemines	8,239	220	1,363	2,936	3,724	8,243		
	District Totals	8,239	220	1,363	2,936	3,724	8,243	6	9
26	Bossier	17,392	704	3,051	5,898	6,258	15,911		
	Webster	6,922	258	1,333	1,471	4,229	7,291		
	District Totals	24,314	962	4,384	7,369	10,487	23,202	4	18
27	St. Landry	23,670	512	2,736	2,075	21,487	26,810		
	District Totals	23,670	512	2,736	2,075	21,487	26,810	8	32
28	LaSalle	2,808	118	699	1,149	1,151	3,117		
	District Totals	2,808	118	699	1,149	1,151	3,117	2	2
29	St. Charles	24,107	628	2,283	2,629	16,053	21,593		
	District Totals	24,107	628	2,283	2,629	16,053	21,593	3	15
30	Vernon	13,052	481	1,854	2,436	10,314	15,085		
	District Totals	13,052	481	1,854	2,436	10,314	15,085	3	5
31	Jefferson Davis	11,624	255	1,111	725	7,844	9,935		
	District Totals	11,624	255	1,111	725	7,844	9,935	1	3
32	Terrebonne**	22,183	623	3,680	20,737	0	25,040		
	District Totals	22,183	623	3,680	20,737	0	25,040	20	38
33	Allen	5,911	400	860	1,043	4,683	6,986		
	District Totals	5,911	400	860	1,043	4,683	6,986	3	10
34	St. Bernard	15,073	494	2,769	6,365	8,099	17,727		
	District Totals	15,073	494	2,769	6,365	8,099	17,727	9	7
35	Grant	3,414	244	728	855	2,147	3,974		
	District Totals	3,414	244	728	855	2,147	3,974	2	0
36	Beauregard	7,962	200	1,388	957	6,071	8,616		
	District Totals	7,962	200	1,388	957	6,071	8,616	1	4
37	Caldwell**	2,362	91	465	2,131	0	2,687		
	District Totals	2,362	91	465	2,131	0	2,687	0	1
38	Cameron**	4,642	79	315	4,801	0	5,195		
	District Totals	4,642	79	315	4,801	0	5,195	3	0
39	Red River	2,611	130	494	2,233	2,625	5,482		
	District Totals	2,611	130	494	2,233	2,625	5,482	1	1
40	St. John	15,292	627	1,963	2,491	13,444	18,525		
	District Totals	15,292	627	1,963	2,491	13,444	18,525	4	7
	Orleans Civil*	21,341	0	20,365	0	0	20,365		
	Orleans Criminal*	7,784	0	0	7,146	0	7,146		
	District Totals	29,125	0	20,365	7,146	0	27,511	62	366
Statewide Totals		674,774****	23,956	166,862	176,189	325,626	692,633	432	1,205

* 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.

**** Updated 1999 information received from Rapides, Acadia and West Feliciana Parishes during the year 2000 provides an increase in total filings of 636.

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	3,022	4	1,795	1,260	356	1,768	1,718	1,949	709	247	3	0
E.B.R. Parish Juvenile	1,502	292	0	1,210	591	1,761	1,761	2,425	259	1,614	3,349	776
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	6,750	4,491	11	4,140	1,867	2,139	2,140	3,287	1,375	1,919	3,163	104
Orleans Parish Juvenile	500	0	150	0	1,221	1,970	2,319	2,733	1,009	2,231	890	0
Totals	11,774	4,787	1,956	6,610	4,035	7,638	7,938	10,394	3,352	6,011	7,405	880

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY REPORT (Cont'd) *Felony Charges, Misdemeanor Charges, FINS*

Parish	Dismissals	Waived Adult Crts	Pre-Trial Motions	Adjudications		LTI	Dispositions		IAA Cmpl	Contempt Hearings	Motions to Modify	Dispost'l Reviews
				Guilty	Dismissed		Probation	Other				
<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	250	1	0	18	34	323	816	0	0	211	316	1,143
E.B.R. Parish Juvenile	681	5	866	69	84	147	252	160	472	237	121	93
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	1,324	2	1,000	299	310	318	2,771	871	287	3,921	1,256	4,755
Orleans Parish Juvenile	70	0	88	1,098	357	645	2,121	5,321	0	0	0	1,643
Totals	2,325	8	1,954	1,484	785	1,433	5,960	6,352	759	4,369	1,693	7,634

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	493	0	395	2	160	826	0
E.B.R. Parish Juvenile	1,261	149	954	3	730	389	7
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	1,032	83	162	0	760	1,293	145
Orleans Parish Juvenile	2,053	154	1,423	148	701	1,026	0
Total:	4,839	386	2,934	153	2,351	3,534	152

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	162	28	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0
E.B.R. Parish Juvenile	112	83	3	2	3	14	0	0	0	116	3	3	3	0
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	213	54	10	0	8	17	0	0	0	189	4	0	0	0
Orleans Parish Juvenile	156	23	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	147	0	0	0	0
Total:	643	188	22	3	13	33	0	0	0	534	7	3	3	0

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	Adjudicated	Trials	
				Admit	Deny				Dismissed	
<i>Unit of Count = Children</i>										
Caddo Parish Juvenile	231	117	176	3	0	7	0	84		17
E. B. R. Parish Juvenile	192	143	151	12	115	50	55	42		9
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	648	241	537	13	400	163	276	147		6
Orleans Parish Juvenile	86	187	2	0	25	98	17	93		1
Totals	1,157	688	866	28	540	318	348	366		33

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	69	41	35	0	0	1,100	492	0		5
E.B.R. Parish Juvenile	51	15	11	1	109	225	156	0		25
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	191	5	743	120	822	4,720	176	13		97
Orleans Parish Juvenile	1,622	121	452	43	30	1,011	94	4		4
Totals:	1,933	182	1,241	164	961	7,056	918	17		131

ADULT NON-SUPPORT REPORT *Criminal Neglect; URESA; Title 46; Domestic Violence*

Parish	Cases Filed	Guilty	Pleas		Trials	Consent Judgements	Rules	Sentences		Dismissed
			Not Guilty					Jail	Other	
<i>Unit of Count = Cases</i>										
Caddo Parish Juvenile	675	2	0		0	542	249	1	17	80
E.B.R. Parish Juvenile	986	0	0		25	890	673	58	1,046	227
Jefferson Parish Juvenile	2,282	0	106		0	1,592	21,907	52	6,257	631
Orleans Parish Juvenile	0	2	0		0	186	744	20	1,795	0
Total	3,943	4	106		25	3,210	23,573	131	9,115	938

FAMILY COURT FILINGS

Parish	New Cases Filed	Divorce	Family Violence	Paternity Cases and State Rules	Disavowal	Annulment	Rule Hearings	Judgements
EBR Family Court	3,857	1,842	707	2,439	4	2	4,755	2,722

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	307	264	581	526	1,940	2,135	348	349	3,176	3,274	0
Alexandria	1,783	1,169	5,150	4,252	8,637	8,466	0	0	15,570	13,887	0
Ascension	559	63	4,457	3,240	12,015	8,457	415	0	17,446	11,760	0
Baker	274	184	759	635	2,746	2,656	0	0	3,779	3,475	0
Bastrop	1,063	756	1,132	1,041	2,481	2,537	71	61	4,747	4,395	434
Baton Rouge	12,195	11,195	25,123	18,585	88,524	117,108	0	0	125,842	146,888	55,137
Bogalusa	327	279	1,401	1,008	1,642	1,370	421	366	3,791	3,023	2,293
Bossier City	1,942	1,107	5,504	4,691	8,051	5,973	759	689	16,256	12,460	349
Breaux Bridge	484	454	1,521	1,252	1,435	1,205	229	234	3,669	3,145	89
Bunkie	200	203	806	807	773	769	254	240	2,033	2,019	0
Crowley	390	290	3,390	1,612	998	1,152	384	306	5,162	3,360	0
Denham Springs	984	713	1,104	1,621	6,066	5,161	517	584	8,671	8,079	3,713
Eunice	412	313	2,477	2,265	2,708	2,749	370	397	5,967	5,724	0
Franklin	274	293	659	635	1,832	1,156	240	189	3,005	2,273	0
Hammond	1,732	1,628	4,391	3,036	11,912	7,668	1,236	867	19,271	13,199	0
Houma	2,326	2,052	2,882	3,026	7,062	7,026	2,304	2,306	14,574	14,410	700
Jeanerette	113	162	471	343	939	723	24	17	1,547	1,245	0
Jeff. 1st Parish Ct.	4,362	6,222	8,681	7,013	79,798	76,207	0	0	92,841	89,442	46,696
Jeff. 2nd Parish Ct.	3,814	5,349	6,498	8,548	59,859	56,948	0	0	70,171	70,845	69,075
Jennings	402	206	551	63	860	941	0	0	1,813	1,210	0
Kaplan	72	57	435	476	1,067	1,103	98	102	1,672	1,738	0
Lafayette	2,553	2,294	6,358	5,478	23,018	23,539	1,492	1,322	33,421	32,633	882
Lake Charles	2,757	2,267	4,147	3,100	13,002	11,127	195	213	20,101	16,707	0
Leesville	148	79	1,806	2,201	1,992	1,588	138	103	4,084	3,971	0
Marksville	320	199	567	358	866	636	142	91	1,895	1,284	1
Minden	397	459	708	645	738	828	176	171	2,019	2,103	103
Monroe	3,189	1,806	13,773	8,883	30,488	14,199	631	454	48,081	25,342	3,357
Morgan City	419	358	1,652	1,451	2,060	1,807	238	243	4,369	3,859	0
Natchitoches	447	325	1,538	1,174	7,989	5,954	286	248	10,260	7,701	134
New Iberia	802	672	3,391	3,102	7,520	7,008	343	371	12,056	11,153	127
N.O. 1st City Ct.	19,573	13,509	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,573	13,509	0
N.O. 2nd City Ct.	2,511	1,305	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,511	1,305	163
N.O. Municipal	0	0	71,062	67,725	0	0	0	0	71,062	67,725	0
N.O. Traffic	0	0	5,646	4,150	248,153	170,348	0	0	253,799	174,498	0
Oakdale	209	191	1,484	1,428	1,397	1,490	144	88	3,234	3,197	28
Opelousas	591	475	3,213	3,524	4,724	4,592	705	622	9,233	9,213	210
Pineville	693	523	836	986	1,070	1,087	0	0	2,599	2,596	0
Plaquemine	269	269	4,591	4,521	2,764	2,755	184	173	7,808	7,718	61
Port Allen	282	157	300	325	4,393	3,716	113	57	5,088	4,255	0
Rayne	388	318	1,304	1,155	1,049	957	322	294	3,063	2,724	0
Ruston	847	567	745	560	2,435	2,058	0	0	4,027	3,185	444
Shreveport	8,773	6,069	12,046	10,744	36,297	30,453	0	0	57,116	47,266	19,602
Slidell	1,371	1,496	3,706	3,065	6,218	5,929	822	760	12,117	11,250	0
Springhill	284	254	1,883	1,336	1,084	1,084	245	144	3,496	2,818	143
Sulphur	843	723	2,306	2,485	11,054	10,809	265	33	14,468	14,050	313
Thibodaux	481	197	2,151	1,860	4,200	3,977	289	163	7,121	6,197	0
Vidalia	18	4	301	238	1,127	922	24	10	1,470	1,174	0
Ville Platte	745	394	1,476	1,217	1,835	1,884	310	293	4,366	3,788	0
West Monroe	1,017	946	1,516	1,371	4,251	3,266	189	100	6,973	5,683	152
Winnfield	187	50	424	269	296	162	0	0	907	481	0
Winnsboro	834	491	929	830	499	448	152	165	2,414	1,934	0
Zachary	278	226	716	370	1,754	1,352	0	0	2,748	1,948	0
State Totals	85,241	69,582	228,548	199,226	723,618	625,485	15,075	12,825	1,052,482	907,118	204,206

* DWI is included in the Criminal column.

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit

	1999	2000
First Circuit	78.8	75.4
Second Circuit	65.0	62.7
Third Circuit	67.1	62.2
Fourth Circuit	70.2	72.8
Fifth Circuit	59.5	51.8

THE LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL *Roster of Judges and Clerks*

Judges	Domicile	District
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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

Burrell J. Carter, Chief Judge	Greensburg	Third
Melvin A. Shortess ¹	Baton Rouge	Second
Daniel W. LeBlanc ²	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 ³	Baton Rouge	Second
John L. Weimer	Thibodaux	First
John T. Pettigrew	Houma	First
Robert D. Downing ⁴	Baton Rouge	Second

Clerk (225) 342 1500:

Christine L. Crow

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

William Norris, III, Chief Judge	West Monroe	First
J. Jay Caraway	Shreveport	Second
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	Monroe	First
Harmon Drew, Jr.	Minden	Second

*Clerk/Court Administrator
 (318) 227 3700:*

Diana Pratt-Wyatt



Chief Judge
 Burrell J. Carter



Chief Judge
 William Norris, III

1. Retired July 31, 2000.

2. Retired December 31, 2000.

3. Elected on November 7, 2000 to the First Circuit, Court of Appeal, Division "D." Division "E" dissolved pursuant to the Consent Decree entered on August 30, 1991 by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana in *Clark v. Romer*.

4. Term of Office began January 1, 2001.

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

Judges **Domicile** **District**

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

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 (337) 433 9403:

Kenneth J. deBlanc

FOURTH CIRCUIT (New Orleans)

Parishes: Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard

Robert J. Klees, Chief Judge ¹	Meraux	Third
William H. Byrnes, III, ²	New Orleans	At Large
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 ³	New Orleans	First
Patricia Rivet Murray	New Orleans	First
James F. McKay, III	New Orleans	At Large
Dennis R. Bagneris, Sr.	New Orleans	First
Michael E. Kirby	Empire	Second
Robert A. Katz ⁴	New Orleans	First
Terri Fleming Love ⁵	New Orleans	First
Max N. Tobias, Jr. ⁶	New Orleans	First
David S. Gorbaty ⁷	Chalmette	Third

Clerk (504) 568 4700:

Danielle Schott

FIFTH CIRCUIT (Gretna)

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

Charles Grisbaum, Jr., Chief Judge ⁸	Metairie	First
Edward A. Dufresne, Jr. ⁹	Luling	Third
Sol Gothard	Metairie	First
James L. Cannella	Kenner	First
Thomas F. Daley	Laplace	Second
Susan M. Chehardy	River Ridge	First
Marion F. Edwards	Gretna	First
Clarence E. McManus	Metairie	First
Walter J. Rothschild ¹⁰	Metairie	First

Clerk (504) 376-1400:

Peter J. Fitzgerald, Jr.



Chief Judge
Ned Doucet, Jr.



Chief Judge
Robert J. Klees



Chief Judge
Charles Grisbaum, Jr.

1. Retired December 31, 2000.

2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2001.

3. Retired July 24, 2000.

4. Died April 25, 2000

5. Term of office began September 1, 2000.

6. Term of office began September 29, 2000.

7. Term of office began January 1, 2001.

8. Retired January 5, 2001.

9. Became Chief Judge January 6, 2001.

10. Term of office began January 6, 2001.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA *Roster of Judges and Clerks*

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
FIRST DISTRICT				
Robert P. Waddell Ramona Emanuel Scott J. Crichton Leon L. Emanuel, III Frank H. Thaxton, III B. Woodrow Nesbitt, Jr. ¹ John D. Mosely, Jr. Eugene W. Bryson, Jr., Chief Judge Charles R. Scott Michael R. Walker Roy L. Brun <i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 226 6821: Thomas N. Williams	Caddo	Shreveport	G. Loftin	(318) 226 6780
CADDO PARISH JUVENILE COURT				
David N. Matlock, Chief Judge Paul Young Vernon Claville <i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 226 6759: H. Ted Cox			M. Gibson	(318) 226 6772
SECOND DISTRICT				
Jenifer Ward Clason, Chief Judge Jimmy C. Teat Glenn Fallin ² <i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 927 3550: Leon H. Whitten ³	Claiborne Jackson Bienville	Homer Jonesboro Arcadia	J.P. Gladney A. B. Walsworth J. Martin	(318) 927 9601 (318) 259 2424 (318) 263 2123
THIRD DISTRICT				
Cynthia T. Woodard, Chief Judge R. Wayne Smith <i>Union Court Administrator</i> (318) 368 9734: Sue Butler <i>Lincoln Court Administrator</i> (318) 255 4691: Susan Hollis	Union Lincoln	Farmerville Ruston	S. Buckley L. Cook	(318) 368 3055 (318) 251 5130
FOURTH DISTRICT				
Jimmy N. Dimos Charles E. Joiner, Chief Judge ⁴ Sharon Ingram Marchman ⁵ D. Milton Moore, III John Larry Lolley Marcus R. Clark Michael S. Ingram Carl V. Sharp ⁶ Benjamin Jones Alvin R. Sharp <i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 361 2252: Scott F. Kadar	Morehouse Ouachita	Bastrop Monroe	C. Jones W. J. Hodge	(318) 281 3343 (318) 327 1444
FIFTH DISTRICT				
Glen W. Strong ⁷ Glynn D. Roberts, Chief Judge E. Rudolph McIntyre, Jr.	Franklin Richland West Carroll	Winnsboro Rayville Oak Grove	A. Johnson R. N. Haire K. Bolding	(318) 435 5133 (318) 728 4171 (318) 428 2369

*Shreveport City
Court Judge
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justice system in the
People's Republic
of China meeting
during her 15-day
visit with, among
others, members
of the Supreme
People's Court of
China and staff
from the Xi'an
Women's Prison.*

1. Term of office began May 19, 2000.
2. Term of office began April 27, 2000.
3. Appointed—term of office began June 30, 2000.
4. Retired July 15, 2000.
5. Term of office began January 1, 2001.
6. Became Chief Judge July 15, 2000.
7. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2001.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA *Roster of Judges and Clerks (Cont'd)*

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
SIXTH DISTRICT				
Michael E. Lancaster	Madison	Tallulah	C. Caldwell	(318) 574 0655
John D. Crigler, Chief Judge	East Carroll Tensas	Lake Providence St. Joseph	E. B. Brock E. Sikes, Sr.	(318) 559 2399 (318) 766 3921
<i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 574 2635: Sandra Bishop				
SEVENTH DISTRICT				
Kathy J. Johnson	Catahoula	Harrisonburg	J.T. Payne	(318) 744 5497
Leo Boothe, Chief Judge	Concordia	Vidalia	C. R. Webber, Jr.	(318) 336 4204
EIGHTH DISTRICT				
Douglas H. Allen, Chief Judge ¹	Winn	Winnfield	D. E. Kelley	(318) 628 3515
Jimmy W. Wiley ²				
NINTH DISTRICT				
Donald T. Johnson	Rapides	Alexandria	C. J. Ryland	(318) 473 8153
Thomas M. Yeager				
F. Rae Swent				
W. Ross Foote				
B. Dexter Ryland, Chief Judge				
George C. Metoyer, Jr.				
Harry F. Randow				
<i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 443 6893: Hope LeFleur Belgard				
TENTH DISTRICT				
Eric R. Harrington	Natchitoches	Natchitoches	L. Bernard	(318) 352 8152
Monty L. Doggett, Chief Judge				
ELEVENTH DISTRICT				
Robert E. Burgess	Sabine	Many	D. M. Knippers	(318) 256 6223
Charles B. Adams, Chief Judge	DeSoto	Mansfield	O.L. Stone, Jr.	(318) 872 3110
Stephen B. Beasley ³				
<i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 872 1366: Judith E. Christian				
TWELFTH DISTRICT				
Kerry L. Spruill, Chief Judge	Avoyelles	Marksville	S. G. Couvillon	(318) 253 7523
William J. Bennett ³				
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT				
Preston N. Aucoin, Chief Judge	Evangeline	Ville Platte	W. Lee	(337) 363 5671
A. Gaynor Soileau				
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT				
Gregory D. Lyons ⁴	Calcasieu	Lake Charles	J. R. Andrus	(337) 437 3550
David Painter				
Billy H. Ezell				
Fred R. Godwin				
Patricia H. Minaldi				
Wilford D. Carter, Sr.				
Charley Quienalty ⁵				
Mike Canaday ⁶				
Alcide J. Gray, Chief Judge				
Lilynn A. Cutrer				
<i>Court Administrator</i> (337) 437 3530: W. P. Hastings				

1. Retired July 15, 2000.
 2. Term of office began August 21, 2000;
 became Chief Judge August 21, 2000.
 3. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2001.
 4. Retired January 8, 2001.
 5. Retired October 31, 2000.
 6. Term of office began November 1, 2000.

On the first day of class, first year law students at Louisiana's four law schools — Louisiana State University (LSU), Loyola University, Southern University and Tulane University — got a lesson in professionalism and ethics from justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court and members of the Louisiana State Bar Association. 37 judges also participated in the program by leading classroom discussions.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA *Roster of Judges and Clerks (Cont'd)*

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT				
John D. Trahan	Acadia	Crowley	R. Barousse	(337) 788 8881
Jules D. Edwards, III	Lafayette	Lafayette	L. Perret	(337) 233 0150
J. Byron Hebert	Vermilion	Abbeville	T. Doré	(337) 898 1992
Edward D. Rubin				
Herman C. Clause				
Glenn P. Everett, Chief Judge				
Durwood W. Conque				
Ronald D. Cox				
Thomas R. Duplantier				
Don Aaron, Jr.				
Patrick L. Michot				
Marilyn C. Castle				
Phyllis Montgomery Keaty				
Diana P. Simon, Commissioner				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
<i>(337) 269 5761:</i>				
Tina LeMaire				
SIXTEENTH DISTRICT				
Gerard B. Wattigny	Iberia	New Iberia	M. Thibodeaux	(337) 365 7282
Paul J. deMahy	St. Martin	St. Martinville	A. Blanchard, Sr.	(337) 394 2210
John E. Conery ¹	St. Mary	Franklin	C. G. Dressel	(337) 828 4100
William D. Hunter				
Anne Lennan Simon				
Edward M. Leonard, Jr.				
Charles L. Porter				
Carl J. Williams, Chief Judge				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
<i>(337) 369 4466:</i>				
Stephanie Richardson				
SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT				
John E. LeBlanc	Lafourche	Thibodaux	V. H. Rodrigue	(985) 447 4841
Jerome J. Barbera, III, Chief Judge				
John J. Erny, Jr.				
A. Bruce Simpson				
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT				
James J. Best, Chief Judge	Iberville	Plaquemine	J. G. Dupont, Jr.	(225) 687 5160
J. Robin Free	W. Baton Rouge	Port Allen	M. J. Graffeo	(225) 383 0378
Sharah Harris	Pointe Coupee	New Roads	L.S. Landry	(225) 638 9596
Jack T. Marionneaux ²				
NINETEENTH DISTRICT				
Robert D. Downing ³	E. Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	J. D. Welborn	(225) 389 3960
Donald R. Johnson				
Louis R. Daniel				
Janice G. Clark, Chief Judge				
William A. Morvant				
Timothy E. Kelley				
Richard D. Anderson				
J. Michael McDonald				
<i>(continued next page)</i>				

Judicial stars opened their books during Celebrity Reading Day at Thomy Lafon Elementary School in the C.J. Peete Housing Development in New Orleans. Orleans Civil District Court Judge Rose Ledet read to sixth graders from "Marshall the Courthouse Mouse," her colleague Judge Ethel Simms Julien read to fourth graders.

1. Became Chief Judge October 2, 2000.

2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2001.

3. Elected to Court of Appeal, First Circuit, effective January 1, 2001.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA *Roster of Judges and Clerks (Cont'd)*

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
NINETEENTH DISTRICT <i>(continued)</i>				
R. Michael Caldwell				
Curtis A. Calloway				
Bonnie F. Jackson ¹				
Michael R. Erwin				
Kay Bates				
Jewel E. Welch, Jr.				
Allen J. Bergeron, Jr., Commissioner				
Rachael Pitcher Morgan, Commissioner				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
<i>(225) 389 4744:</i>				
Jo Bruce				
FAMILY COURT FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE				
Jennifer Luse, Chief Judge				
Luke A. Lavergne				
Toni M. Higginbotham				
Annette M. Lassalle				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
<i>(225) 389 4676:</i>				
Ronald L. Bullion				
JUVENILE COURT FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE				
Kathleen Stewart Richey, Chief Judge				
Pamela Taylor Johnson ²				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
<i>(225) 354 1215:</i>				
Donna Carter				
TWENTIETH DISTRICT				
George H. Ware, Jr.	East Feliciana	Clinton	D. D. Hudnall	<i>(225) 683 5145</i>
Wilson R. Ramshur, Chief Judge	West Feliciana	St. Francisville	M. N. Marchive	<i>(225) 635 3794</i>
TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT				
Wayne Ray Chutz	Livingston	Livingston	T. Sullivan, Jr.	<i>(225) 686 2216</i>
Bruce C. Bennett	Tangipahoa	Amite	J. J. Dahmer	<i>(504) 549 1610</i>
Robert H. Morrison, III, Chief Judge	St. Helena	Greensburg	H. C. Newell ³	<i>(225) 222 4514</i>
M. Douglas Hughes			B. A. Gordon ⁴	
Brenda Bedsole Ricks				
Jefferson D. Hughes, III				
Ernest G. Drake, Jr.				
Zorraine M. "Zoey" Waguespack				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
<i>(504) 748 9445:</i>				
Melissa Easley				
TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT				
Raymond S. Childress	St. Tammany	Covington	M. Prieto	<i>(985) 898 2430</i>
Elaine W. Guillot	Washington	Franklinton	J. D. Crain	<i>(985) 839 4663</i>
Patricia T. Hedges				
Peter J. Garcia				
William J. Burris				
Martin E. Coady, Chief Judge				
Larry J. Green ²				
Donald M. Fendlason				
Reginald T. Badeaux, III				
James J. Gleason, Commissioner				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
<i>(504) 898 2569:</i>				
Robert G. Tyler, Jr.				

1. Became Chief Judge July 28, 2000.

2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2001.

3. Died February 22, 2001.

4. Appointed—Interim Clerk February 26, 2001.

"Adrift in the System: Louisiana's Children in Crisis" has earned impressive recognition. The 30-minute documentary, produced as part of the Court Improvement Program's Campaign for the Children, won first place in the 1999 National Educational Telecommunications Association competition. It highlights the plight of nearly 6,000 Louisiana children involved in the foster care system on any given day, and presents a variety of views on how to make the system more responsive to youngsters' needs.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA *Roster of Judges and Clerks (Cont'd)*

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT				
Ralph Tureau	Assumption	Napoleonville	L. E. Bergeron	(504) 369 6653
John L. Peytavin	Ascension	Donaldsonville	K. H. Bourque	(225) 473 9866
Guy Holdridge, Chief Judge	St. James	Convent	E. E. Kinler, Jr.	(225) 562 2270
Pegram J. Mire, Jr. ¹				
Alvin Turner, Jr.				
TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT				
Walter J. Rothschild ²	Jefferson	Gretna	J.A. Gegenheimer	(504) 364 2914
Fredericka H. Wicker				
Alan J. Green				
Robert M. Murphy				
Clarence E. McManus				
Greg Guidry ³				
Patrick J. McCabe				
Robert A. Pitre				
Kernan Hand				
Jo Ellen Grant				
Steve Windhorst ⁴				
Martha E. Sassone, Chief Judge				
Charles V. Cusimano, II				
Henry G. Sullivan, Jr.				
Ronald D. Bodenheimer				
Ross P. LaDart				
Melvin C. Zeno				
Caroline R. Kiff, Commissioner				
Jeffrey J. Hand, Commissioner				
Douglas A. Allen, Commissioner ⁵				
Craig Cimo, Commissioner ⁶				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
(504) 364 3990:				
Sandra Joaen Smith				
JEFFERSON PARISH JUVENILE COURT				
Ann Murry Keller				
Andrea Price Janzen, Chief Judge				
Nancy Amato Konrad ¹				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
(504) 367 3500 ext. 250:				
Scott Griffith				
TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT				
Anthony D. Ragusa, Jr.	Plaquemines	Pointe-a-la-Hache	S. M. Morel	(985) 333 4377
William A. Roe, Chief Judge				
TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT				
Dewey E. Burchett, Jr.	Bossier	Benton	J. Carraway	(318) 965 2336
Ford E. Stinson, Jr.	Webster	Minden	S.S. Frazier	(318) 371 0366
Cecil P. Campbell, II				
John M. Robinson				
Bruce M. Bolin, Chief Judge				
<i>Court Administrator</i>				
(318) 965 2217				
Suzanne Stinson				
TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT				
James T. Genovese	St. Landry	Opelousas	C.R. Jagneaux	(337) 942 5606
A. Frank McGee, III				
Alonzo Harris, Chief Judge				
Donald W. Hebert				

*Buckle Up
Acadiana, a part-
nership between the
Lafayette-based
Louisiana
IceGators hockey
team and Lafayette
City Court Judge
Douglas J. Saloom,
has reached out to
more than 2,000
fourth and fifth
graders to increase
the use of safety
belts and child
safety seats.*

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2001.

2. Elected to Court of Appeal, Fifth Circuit, effective January 6, 2001.

3. Term of office began October 13, 2000.

4. Term of office began October 23, 2000.

5. Retired February 25, 2000.

6. Term of office began February 25, 2000.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA *Roster of Judges and Clerks (Cont'd)*

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT				
J.P. Mauffray, Jr., Chief Judge <i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 992 8391: Bobby L. Wilson	LaSalle	Jena	S.H. Crooks	(318) 992 2158
TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT				
Emile R. St. Pierre, Chief Judge Kirk R. Granier ¹ Robert A. Chaisson	St. Charles	Hahnville	C. J. Oubre, Jr.	(504) 783 6632
THIRTIETH DISTRICT				
Vernon B. Clark John C. Ford, Chief Judge	Vernon	Leesville	W. Deon, Jr.	(337) 238 1384
THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT				
Wendell R. Miller, Chief Judge	Jefferson Davis	Jennings	C. L. Duhon	(337) 824 1160
THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT				
Edward J. "Jimmy" Gaidry John R. Walker Timothy C. Ellender David W. Arceneaux Paul R. Wimbish, Chief Judge <i>Court Administrator</i> (504) 873 6580: Walton Dill	Terrebonne	Houma	I. R. Boudreaux	(985) 868 5660
THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT				
Joel G. Davis, Chief Judge	Allen	Oberlin	G. Harrington	(337) 639 4351
THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT				
Robert A. Buckley David S. Gorbaty, Chief Judge ² Wayne G. Cresap ¹ Kirk A. Vaughn Jacques A. Sanborn	St. Bernard	Chalmette	L. R. Torres	(504) 271 3434
THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT				
Allen A. Krake, Chief Judge <i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 627 3244: Brian Mosley	Grant	Colfax	J. E. Lemoine	(318) 627 3246
THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT				
Stuart S. Kay, Jr., Chief Judge Herman I. Stewart	Beauregard	DeRidder	R. L. Nichols	(337) 463 8595
THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT				
Ronald L. Lewellyan, Chief Judge <i>Court Administrator</i> (318) 649 6404: Shannon Maxwell ³ Marion L. Harrelson ⁴	Caldwell	Columbia	E. Dunn	(318) 649 2272
THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT				
H. Ward Fontenot, Chief Judge	Cameron	Cameron	C. Broussard	(337) 775 5616
THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT				
Lewis O. Sams, Chief Judge	Red River	Coushatta	S. Shaw	(318) 932 6741
FORTIETH DISTRICT				
Madeline Jasmine Mary Hotard Becnel, Chief Judge J. Sterling Snowdy ¹	St. John the Baptist	Edgard	E. DeFrancesch	(985) 497 3331

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2001.
 2. Elected to Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, effective January 1, 2001.
 3. Resigned July 16, 2000.
 4. Appointed—term of office began July 17, 2000.

*Papa A. Bear,
 Mama A. Bear and
 Baby A. Bear took
 Goldilocks to court
 in the 24th Judicial
 District, with
 Judge Alan Green
 bearing the case
 while kindergarten
 students from Arden
 Cabill Academy
 served as jurors.
 Goldilocks was
 found guilty of
 having bad
 manners.*

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA *Roster of Judges and Clerks (Cont'd)*

Judges	Division	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT			
Carolyn W. Gill-Jefferson	A	D. N. Atkins	(504) 592 9100
Rosemary Ledet	B		
Roland L. Belsome	C		
Lloyd J. Medley, Jr.	D		
Gerald P. Fedoroff	E		
Yada T. Magee	F		
Robin Giarrusso, Chief Judge	G		
Michael G. Bagneris ¹	H		
Terri Fleming Love ²	I		
Nadine M. Ramsey	J		
Richard J. Ganucheau	K		
Max N. Tobias, Jr. ³	L		
C. Hunter King	M		
Ethel Simms Julien	N		
ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT			
Charles L. Elloie	A	E. A. Lombard	(504) 827 3520
Patrick G. Quinlan	B		
Sharon K. Hunter	C		
Frank A. Marullo, Jr.	D		
Calvin Johnson	E		
Dennis J. Waldron	F		
Julian Parker	G		
Camille Buras	H		
Raymond C. Bigelow	I		
Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr.	J		
Arthur L. Hunter, Jr.	K		
Terry Q. Alarcon	L		
Gerard J. Hansen, Chief Judge	Magistrate-Judge		
Marie Bookman	Commissioner		
Anthony J. Russo	Commissioner		
Joseph I. Giarrusso, Jr.	Commissioner		
Harry E. Cantrell, Jr.	Commissioner		
<i>Court Administrator</i> (504) 827 3400: Elizabeth Stogner			
ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
Ernestine S. Gray, Chief Judge	A	M. D. Washington ⁴	(504) 565 7300
C. Hearn Taylor	B		
Salvadore T. Mulé ⁵	C		
Yvonne Hughes ⁶	C		
Lawrence L. Lagarde, Jr.	D		
Anita H. Ganucheau	E		
Mark Doherty	F		
<i>Court Administrator</i> (504) 565 7300: Geri F. Flaum			

February 14 in Judge Mary "K.K." Norman's 2nd City Court (New Orleans) is devoted to romance. Instead of a regular docket, Judge Norman schedules a day of weddings. She provides roses for the bride, decorates the courtroom with flowers, has the chimes on the court clock tower play the Wedding March for each couple, and, of course, dresses in red as she performs the ceremonies.

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2001.
 2. Elected to Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, effective September 1, 2000.
 3. Elected to Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, effective September 29, 2000.
 4. Appointed—term of office began June 26, 2000.
 5. Retired December 31, 2000.
 6. Term of office began January 1, 2001.

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

Cities	Parishes	Judges	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
Abbeville	Vermilion	Roger C. Sellers	M. Hebert	(337) 893 1513
Alexandria	Rapides	Edward E. Roberts, Jr. <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 449 5146:</i> Millie C. Ezernack		
Ascension Parish	Ascension	Marilyn M. Lambert	K. Bourque	(225) 473 9866
Baker	East Baton Rouge	John D. Engelsman	D. Pointer	(225) 778 1866
Bastrop	Morehouse	Merwin M. Brandon, Jr.	B Freeman	(318) 283 0257
Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge Division A Division A Division B Division C Division D Division E	Byron Stringer ¹ Laura P. Davis ² Trudy M. White Alex W. Wall Jr. Yvette Mansfield Alexander, <i>Admin. Judge</i> Suzan S. Ponder		
		<i>Clerk/Court Administrator (225) 389 5279:</i> Cynthia R. Gaudin		
Bogalusa	Washington	Robert J. Black	A. Seal	(985) 732 6204
Bossier City	Bossier	Michael E. Daniel <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 741-8587:</i> Julie B. Andrew		
Breaux Bridge	St. Martin	Randy P. Angelle	R. Simon	(337) 332 4117
Bunkie	Avoyelles	James H. Mixon	H. Warner	(318) 346 7250
Crowley	Acadia	Barrett Harrington	L. Nickel	(337) 788 4118
Denham Springs	Livingston	Charles W. Borde, Jr. <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (225) 665 5505:</i> Peggy G. Hoover		
Eunice	St. Landry	Lynette Young Feucht <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (337) 457 6535:</i> Cindy Fontenot		
Franklin	St. Mary	Terry G. Breaux	M. K. Thibodeaux	(337) 828 3858
Hammond	Tangipahoa	Grace Bennett Gasaway <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (985) 542 3455:</i> Guy Recotta, Jr.		
Houma	Terrebonne	Jude T. Fanguy <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (504) 868 4232:</i> Ernest duBois		
Jeanerette	Iberia	Cameron B. Simmons	J. T. Tate	(337) 276 5603
Jefferson Parish	Jefferson		J. A. Gegenheimer	(504) 367 3500
1st Parish Court	Division A Division B	Rebecca M. Olivier George W. Giacobbe, <i>Senior Judge</i>		
		<i>Court Administrator (504) 736 8972:</i> Beatrice D. Tranchina-Parisi		
2nd Parish Court	Division A Division B	Roy M. Cascio ³ Calvin J. Hotard, Jr., <i>Senior Judge</i> ⁴		
		<i>Court Administrator (504) 364 2800:</i> John Nobles ⁵		

1. Retired December 31, 2000.

2. Term of office began January 1, 2001;

became Administrative Judge effective January 1, 2001.

3. Became Senior Judge September 11, 2000.

4. Retired September 11, 2000.

5. Appointed—term of office began January 1, 2000.

In June, a group of judicial officials from the United Nations Mission in Kosovo visited the Louisiana Supreme Court as part of an American tour to pick up ideas on staffing, facilities, and law reform. They were especially interested in ideas on how to better reward judges in Kosovo, who currently earn only \$118 a month.

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

Cities	Parishes	Judges	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
Jennings	Jefferson Davis	C. Steve Gunnell	S. Broussard	(337) 821 5514
Kaplan	Vermilion	Reule P. Bourque	E. Romero	(337) 643 6611
Lafayette	Lafayette	Frances Moran Bouillion, <i>Senior Judge</i> Douglas J. Saloom		
		<i>Clerk/Court Administrator (337) 291 8735:</i> Fay Markham		
Lake Charles	Calcasieu		B. Laurents (Civil) T. Clements (Criminal)	(337) 491 1564 (337) 491 1305
	Division A Division B	Thomas P. Quirk, <i>Senior Judge</i> John S. Hood		
Leesville	Vernon	S. Chris Smith, III		
		<i>Clerk/Court Administrator (337) 238 1531:</i> Glenda F. Dowden		
Marksville	Avoyelles	Angelo J. Piazza, III	M. Laborde (Civil) A. Tassin (Criminal)	(318) 253 4091 (318) 253 4091
Minden	Webster	John C. Campbell		
		<i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 377 4308:</i> Joan Luck		
Monroe	Ouachita	Tammy Lee ¹ Scott Leehy James Garland Smith, <i>Admin. Judge</i>		
		<i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 329 2580:</i> Carol D. Powell-Lexing		
Morgan City	St. Mary	Kim P. Stansbury	M. Sampey	(985) 384 2718
Natchitoches	Natchitoches	Fred S. Gahagan		
		<i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 352 6666:</i> Rhonda Rogé		
New Iberia	Iberia	Robert L. Segura	K. Boudreaux	(337) 369 2334
New Orleans	Orleans			
1st City Court	Section A	Charles A. Imbomone, <i>Senior Judge</i>	E. Hazeur ² A. Wilson ³	(504) 592 9155
	Section B Section C	Angelique A. Reed Sonja M. Spears		
2nd City Court		Mary “K.K.” Norman	M. Broussard	(504) 368 4245
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	G. P. Wells	(504) 827 5081
Traffic Court	Section A Section B Section C Section D	Dennis J. Dannel, <i>Senior Judge</i> Robert E. Jones, III Paul A. Bonin Ronald J. Sholes	C. Comarda	(504) 827 5050
		<i>Court Administrator (504) 827 5025:</i> Mary Rome ⁴ Louis Ivon ⁵		
Oakdale	Allen	Perrell Fuselier		
		<i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 335 1121:</i> Delora Lovejoy		

1. Term of office began January 1, 2001.
2. Elected—term of office began March 20, 2000.
3. Resigned March 17, 2000.

4. Retired June 30, 2000.
5. Appointed—term of office began July 1, 2000.


Results of a survey asking Louisiana judges for their opinion on the most historically significant U.S. Supreme Court decision of the 20th century show that 69% chose Brown v. Board of Education; 23% selected Roe v. Wade; 4% designated Miranda v. Arizona; and 4% named Gideon v. Wainwright. All of the decisions were issued in the second half of the 20th century.

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

Cities	Parishes	Judges	Clerks of Court	Clerk Phone No.
Opelousas	St. Landry	Kenneth Boagni, Jr. <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (337) 948 2570:</i> Ronnie Leger		
Pineville	Rapides	Phillip Terrell <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 449 5656:</i> Leslie F. Prestridge		
Plaquemine	Iberville	William C. Dupont <i>Court Administrator (225) 687 7236:</i> Orian Gulotta ¹ Butch Gourgues ²	A. Williams (Civil) T. Salvadras (Criminal)	(225) 687 7236 (225) 687 7236
Port Allen	West Baton Rouge	William T. Kleinpeter	T. Rizzuto	(225) 346 4702
Rayne	Acadia	James M. Cunningham	Y. W. Lanthier	(337) 334 9677
Ruston	Lincoln	Danny W. Tatum <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 251 8614:</i> Wanda Neeles		
Shreveport	Caddo Division A Division B Division C Division D	R. Lee Irvin Charles W. Kelly, IV, <i>Senior Judge</i> LaLeshia Walker Alford Randy E. Collins <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 673 5800:</i> Virginia Hester		
Slidell	St. Tammany	Gary J. Dragon <i>Court Administrator (985) 643 1274:</i> Paula Charles	H. Pease	(985) 643 1274
Springhill	Webster	John B. Slattery, Jr.	B. Means	(318) 539 4213
Sulphur	Calcasieu	J. Steven Broussard	D. Davis	(337) 527 7006
Thibodaux	Lafourche	David M. Richard	P. Callahan	(985) 447 3767
Vidalia	Concordia	George C. Murray, Jr.	D. Faircloth	(318) 336 6255
Ville Platte	Evangeline	Donald J. Launey, Jr.	S. Soileau	(337) 363 1500
West Monroe	Ouachita	Jim Norris <i>Clerk/Court Administrator (318) 396 2767:</i> Charlene Crocker		
Winnfield	Winn	Jacque D. Derr	P. Morris	(318) 628 4844
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New Orleans cemeteries are a little tidier, thanks to Traffic Court Judge Paul Bonin. Judge Bonin gives offenders cited for minor violations the option of helping clean one of the city's seven cemeteries, providing sorely needed manpower for maintenance.



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