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From left, Justice Jeannette Theriot Knoll, Justice Jeffrey P. Victory, Justice Catherine D. “Kitty” Kimball, Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Justice Bernette J. Johnson, Justice Chet D. Traylor, Justice John L. Weimer

CHIEF JUSTICE

PASCAL F. CALOGERO, JR.
First Supreme Court District
Jefferson, Orleans,
St. Helena, St. Tammany,
Tangipahoa, and
Washington Parishes.*

JUSTICE JEFFREY P. VICTORY

Second Supreme Court District
Allen, Beauregard, Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto,
Evangeline, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine,
Vernon and Webster Parishes.*

JUSTICE JEANNETTE THERIOT KNOLL

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Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, St. Landry
and Vermilion.*

JUSTICE CHET D. TRAYLOR

Fourth Supreme Court District
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Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Grant,
Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse,
Ouachita, Rapides, Richland, Tensas, Union,
West Carroll and Winn Parishes.*

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Fifth Supreme Court District
Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana,
Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, West
Baton Rouge and West Feliciana Parishes.*

JUSTICE JOHN L. WEIMER

Sixth Supreme Court District
Assumption, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafourche,
Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St.
James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St.
Mary and Terrebonne Parishes.*

JUSTICE BERNETTE J. JOHNSON

Seventh Supreme Court District
Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.*

* See Court District Maps on pages 30-31.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The Supreme Court Annual Report is a useful guide to judicial personnel and contacts throughout the state, as well as an overview of the Court’s progress in 2005.

*The **GUIDE TO LOUISIANA COURTS** features a list of judges, clerks and administrators (complete with contact phone numbers, see inset at right) for Courts of Appeal, District Courts and City and Parish Courts statewide; and maps of electoral districts for the Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeal, and District Courts.*

*The **STATISTICAL DATA** section summarizes two-year activity trends—in juvenile, civil, criminal and traffic categories—for courts at all levels in the state.*

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
LaSalle	Jena	S. H. Crooks	(318) 992 2158
Judge		Court Administrator	Phone
J.P. Mauffray, Jr., Chief Judge		Bobby L. Wilson	(318) 992 8391
TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone

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HURRICANE RESPONSES DOMINATE 2005 COURT ACTIVITY

On Thursday, August 25, 2005, a tropical storm reached Category One hurricane strength, and two hours later made landfall near Miami. Within the next few days, it would become Hurricane Katrina, the nation's worst natural disaster in history, and would decimate the Gulf Coast. Hurricane Rita soon followed. Our response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and their aftermath dominated our actions in 2005.

Katrina struck on Monday, and I had evacuated with my family to Houston the weekend before. By Tuesday, I was on the phone with key staffers and the Justices, and we made a decision to temporarily relocate the Supreme Court to the First Circuit Court of Appeal building in Baton Rouge. Because Justice Kitty Kimball had an office at the First Circuit, she became our "Justice on the ground" until we could join her in Baton Rouge.

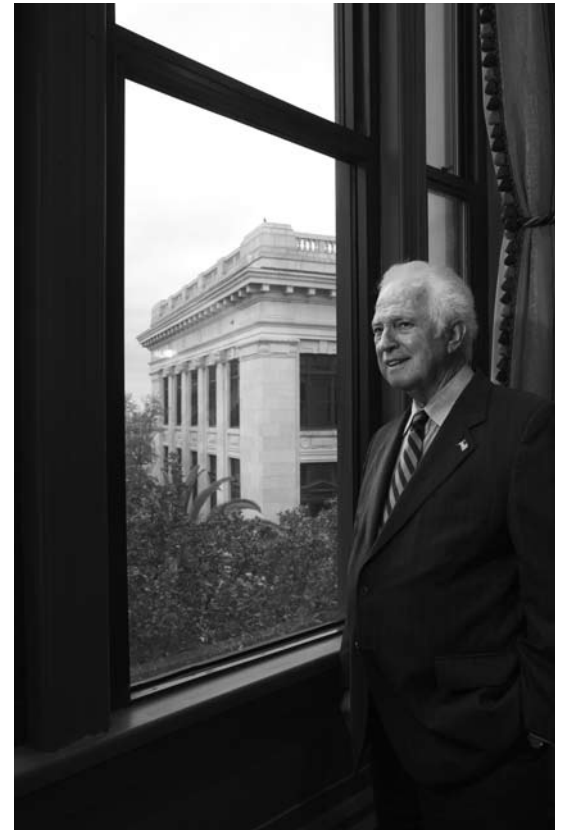
Justice Kimball and staff immediately began to try to contact at least one judge from each of the affected courts. Courts needed to be closed to protect legal rights, and to stop filing delays from running. We entered an Order closing the Supreme Court, although in reality, we continued to handle emergencies and adjudicative matters during our Baton Rouge stay.

As soon as possible, the Justices began reporting to our temporary Baton Rouge offices at the First Circuit Court of Appeal. The Supreme Court began meeting in weekly conferences, as has been our tradition, handling administrative matters and emergency

writ applications. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Chief Judge Burrell Carter and all of the judges and Clerk of Court of the First Circuit Court of Appeal. Their hospitality and accommodations were exceptional and allowed the important work of the Louisiana Supreme Court to continue largely uninterrupted.

Even before the hurricane hit, we took actions on Saturday to make sure the judicial payroll would be processed. The day after Katrina struck, we began efforts to locate all employees. We were very relieved to learn that, even though many lost everything, all of our employees were safely out of the New Orleans area. We then set about finding office space for those employees who could find housing in Baton Rouge and thus were available to report to work.

We secured server space in Baton Rouge for the Court's computer system, and our IT staff worked around the clock to get us operational. Our Court Web



site was of critical importance in communicating not only with our employees, but with Courts and attorneys throughout the State. We updated the Web site daily. We also created a temporary e-mail address to respond to questions, and Justice Kimball and her staff promptly answered every e-mail that was sent in the days immediately following the hurricane.

During the storm's aftermath, we also assisted the 20 affected lower courts, contacting the Chief Judge (or any judge), preparing and processing Orders closing the courts temporarily when those decisions were made, posting those orders on the Supreme Court Web site and on the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Web site,

assisting the lower courts in filing FEMA applications, and in general doing what we could to help the courts resume their operations as soon as was feasible. In addition to applying to FEMA for the assistance we needed to resume our own operations, the Louisiana Supreme Court served as the umbrella agency for requesting FEMA funds for all lower courts in the state. This process required meeting with FEMA on a regular basis, establishing a contact person at each of the affected courts and meeting with these contact persons on a regular basis.

We are very appreciative of the offers of assistance we received from throughout the country. Of especial assistance were donations of computers, distributed to our affected courts as well as adjunct offices, such as the clerk's office and the indigent defenders' office.

As we worked closely with the leadership of the Louisiana State Bar Association during the storms' aftermath, we were impressed by the commitment and dedication of the leaders of the Bar, especially LSBA President Frank Neuner and LSBA President-elect Marta Schnabel. At LSBA's request, the Supreme Court waived the continuing legal education requirements for attorneys for 2005 and adopted an emergency amendment to Court rules to allow out-of-state attorneys to provide legal assistance in pro bono cases on a limited and restricted basis.

We held two bar admission ceremonies in Baton Rouge (they are usually held in New Orleans), one in October 2005 and one in November 2005, to admit new members of the Bar.

On a beautiful sunny Thursday, December 1, the Louisiana Supreme Court was honored to participate in a Red Mass for the Healing of New Orleans at St. Louis Cathedral. It was a moving experience.

Since early December, the Louisiana Supreme Court has been fully operational in its French Quarter location. We were fortunate that the Supreme Court building received only minimal damage in a basement area. However, the State did close the building for several weeks after the storm, and would not let us re-enter it until all necessary inspections were complete.

At the end of 2005, we were hearing cases, rendering decisions, and meeting in weekly conferences. The recovery efforts continue, and we continue to provide assistance to the lower Courts, which are all open, albeit some at temporary locations.

The Supreme Court is an active participant in the Judicial Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Criminal Justice Recovery Task Force. Through this Committee, which Justice Kimball chairs, we are encouraging state courts to prepare Disaster Recovery Plans for future events, and we are in the process of making final revisions to the Supreme Court's Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan. I am proud that the state's judicial system weathered the storm, thanks to the dedication of our judges and judicial employees throughout the state.

As you will see from the information and statistics in this Annual Report, even with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Supreme Court had a busy and productive year, both in adjudicative and administrative matters. I have the distinct pleasure 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 2005, 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 and thank all who were involved in our continuing efforts throughout 2005 to improve judicial administration.



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

2005: AN UNCOMMON YEAR IN RETROSPECT

The Judicial Administrator's Office is the managerial arm of the Louisiana Supreme Court, serving as fiscal agent and staffing the Judicial Council and court-appointed task forces and committees. Much effort in the latter part of 2005 was focused on helping courts across the state recover from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, through information technology, court assistance initiatives, and community outreach.

Much staff time in every area—Families in Need of Service, Court Management Information Systems, Drug Courts, Community Relations—was devoted to setting up emergency communications systems and supporting various constituencies in the post-Katrina and Rita world. Significant benchmarks were also achieved, despite the relocation of the Judicial Administrator's office to Baton Rouge and the many challenges that accompanied the nation's worst natural disaster.

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

The Children and Families division of the Office of the Judicial Administrator is involved in several initiatives to improve the juvenile justice system for children and families in Louisiana, primarily through three programs.

The Court Improvement Program (CIP) is a federally funded initiative for improving the adjudication of child abuse and neglect in the state. Among its 2005 accomplishments:

- piloting the use of mediation in child in need of care cases in Jefferson and Orleans Parish Juvenile Courts. More than 200 children

from 105 families participated in the mediation. Just over 70 percent of the cases mediated pre-disposition had a child leave out-of-home placement within 12 months, as opposed to only 44 percent in a comparison group.

- working with other child welfare stakeholders to improve the quality of legal representation to the more than 4,000 children who find themselves in Louisiana's foster care system. In 2005, the Louisiana Supreme Court adopted a rule which established for the first time specialized qualification and performance standards for attorneys representing abused and neglected children.

- helping develop a Web-based software application as part of the Integrated Juvenile Justice Information System that will give courts dealing with foster children state-of-the-art case management and tracking tools.

- partnering in the development of the Children's Legal Advocacy Resource Online (CLARO), which will provide online educational



and training resources, along with model forms, for attorneys, judges, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and other child welfare stakeholders.

- initiating the first-ever post-disaster needs assessment instrument for affected courts to help determine immediate, mid-range and long-term recovery needs.

Through the Families in Need of Services Assistance Program (FIN-SAP), the Judicial Administrator's Office manages funds from the state legislature to facilitate inter-agency provision of social services to at-risk children and their families, often preventing the need for formal court intervention. In 2005, the 55 offices in 41 judicial districts statewide provided direct and referral services for such families.

Several judicial districts were greatly affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and have worked diligently to help displaced children and families. FINS staff volunteered in evacuation shelters, hospitals, churches and other facilities and assisted with registering children for schools, emergency housing and food stamp processing, organizing activities, collecting and distributing clothing and other household items, serving as liaison workers with other local and outside state agencies, and coordinating limited mental health and counseling services.

The CASA Assistance Program administers funds to support Court Appointed Special Advocates provided to foster care children statewide. In 2005, nearly 3,000 children were served by CASA volunteers by 13 local programs covering 51 parishes.

Immediately following Hurricane Katrina, the CASA Assistance Program coordinated with local programs and National CASA on a nationwide system to locate, track and assess displaced foster children and their families. Advocates made extraordinary efforts to communicate with displaced CASA children, and by December 31, nearly every CASA-represented foster children in the state was contacted. A statewide public awareness campaign will help meet the increased need for CASA volunteers.

DRUG COURTS

Drug Courts are designed to reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug abuse as well as those crimes committed as a result of such drug and alcohol use. Through the

use of intensive treatment, frequent drug testing, close judicial monitoring, and the application of sanctions and incentives to encourage sobriety and pro-social behaviors, drug courts control drug use and reduce the criminality of drug-using offenders. Offenders involved in drug court programs participate for at least one year and typically must stay clean and sober for at least four months prior to graduation.

The Supreme Court, through the Supreme Court Drug Court Office (SCDCO) in the Judicial Administrator's Office, is the fiscal agent for funds allocated to drug court programs in the State. In 2005, over \$12 million in state and federal funds was provided to the State's 42 drug court programs, which served approximately 2,500 participants each month.

The SCDCO and local drug court programs work closely with the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Louisiana Association of Drug Court Professionals and other local, state and federal partners to promote accountability and best practices.

Among 2005 accomplishments:

- *Providing post-hurricane support to programs.* All drug court coordinators and lead drug court judges in storm-affected areas were contacted as soon as possible after the storms; then they were assisted in completing a needs assessment and developing a recovery plan using a template developed by the SCDCO. SCDCO staff have continued to monitor, support and provide guidance to local programs regarding their rebuilding efforts.

- *Drug court professionals training and statewide evaluation.* SCDCO staff spent considerable time during the year planning for a statewide drug court performance evaluation. In addition, the SCDCO participated in several statewide training events for drug court judges and other professionals.

- *Enhancing administration.*

Statewide drug court monitoring, budgeting and policies and procedures were updated in 2005 to reflect the growth of the drug court program within the state.

- *New program development.*

SCDCO staff worked with local officials in the 3rd and 4th judicial districts to establish new programs.

- *Outreach.* The SCDCO administered its Judicial Ride-Along program. This program involves pairing legislators with judges from their home districts in order to educate lawmakers about drug courts. Over 90 visits were scheduled during the year.

LPOR & CMIS

The Louisiana Protective Order Registry (LPOR), founded in 1999 and operating under the auspices of the Court Management Information system (CMIS), is a statewide repository for civil and criminal orders of protection intended to prohibit domestic abuse and dating violence. Orders are available to law enforcement and the courts on a 24-hour basis. To date, 114,864 orders had been entered. About 72% are civil, usually temporary restraining orders or protection orders, and 28% criminal, mostly bail restrictions and peace bonds.

Prior to Hurricane Katrina, CMIS had improved the Protective Order processing time from

LPOR's accessibility was cited by Justice Served (www.justiceserved.com), when the alliance of court management experts named the Supreme Court's Web site among its top 10 in 2005.

receipt in-house to transmission to the FBI's National Crime Information (NCIC) to approximately 72 hours. As a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, LPOR was not in operation from August 29 through November 15. Priorities upon resumption were to enter the backlog of orders as quickly as possible and fill vacant staff positions.

Hurricane Katrina's aftermath presented its own set of information technology challenges. CMIS quickly set up e-mail, file, Blackberry, drug court, and other mission-critical servers at Broadband IP in Baton Rouge. Communications and connectivity between members of the Judicial Administrator's office were essential.

A Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association (FMCSA) grant will allow CMIS to assist clerks of court in capturing and reporting

electronic motor vehicle traffic violations within 10 days after courts render a disposition. CMIS continues to collect and store criminal dispositions from district courts around the state. Eventually this information will be forwarded to State Police for inclusion in their Computerized Criminal History (CCH) database.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Community Relations Department had the essential job of handling post-Katrina information dissemination including the coordination of hurricane-related media interviews, continuously updated press release information and the creation and maintenance of a special Web page dedicated to all post-hurricane information—orders, rules, contacts, court closures, etc. The department also coordinated and conducted 24 courthouse

tours for schools, civic organizations and international visitors, a significant increase from 2004. The many Court-related events that the Community Relations team organized—and worked with media to attain coverage of—included the preview of the documentary about the LASC “A Guardian of Our Rights;” the Red Mass processional from the LASC and reception held at the LASC; and the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee Field Hearing on “The Revitalization of the Economy in South Louisiana.”

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, the five circuit courts of appeal, and the salaries of Supreme Court justices, judges of the courts of appeal, and judges of the district courts, including family and juvenile courts. The state also funds a portion of the salaries of the judges of the parish and city courts, and the compensation of retired judges and ad hoc judges serving on a temporary basis. 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 then presents the request to the Louisiana Legislature. In 2005, 0.58% of the state's general fund was appropriated to defray the expenses of the state judiciary.

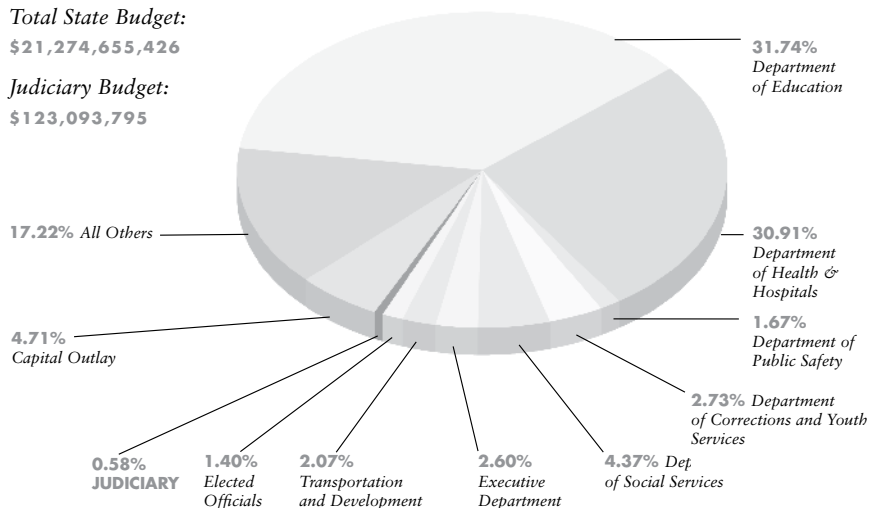
LOUISIANA STATE BUDGET 2004-2005

Total State Budget:

\$21,274,655,426

Judiciary Budget:

\$123,093,795



LIBRARY HOLDINGS ESCAPE DAMAGE IN 150TH YEAR

Along with every other citizen of Louisiana, the staff of our State Law Library will never forget 2005. Because it was the 150th anniversary of the creation of the library, we had planned an extraordinary year. In 2005's first eight months, we made significant progress. Then Hurricane Katrina essentially stole September and October. With adversity comes knowledge, however. Like any other library, we had always been cautioned to be prepared for weather-related disasters. Our rare book inventory is carefully housed in a secure room in our high-and-dry second floor location. The library's holdings escaped damage, and the electronic catalog of our entire collection is accessible from anywhere via the Internet.



We soon realized that the most important organizational aspect of a disaster is its effect on staff. A great loss was the retirement and relocation to Ohio of our Head of Technical Services, Janice Shull, whose home was severely flooded. In addition to master-minding the organization of the collection, Janice had spearheaded efforts to focus attention on Louisiana's legal history by preparing exhibits, articles, and biographies of the Supreme Court's justices. Effective December 1, Georgia Chadwick was promoted to the department head's position. Four other staff members endured damage to their homes, and nearly all evacuated to distant places for two months.

The staff quickly established communications after Katrina, and we alerted publishers to suspend all mailings. Associate Director Catherine Lemann offered electronic research assistance to court offices and bar associations. When the staff returned to the Supreme Court building in early November,

it became clear that mail disruption would take months to rectify. Under Chadwick's leadership, the members of the Technical Services team—Miriam Childs, and Greg Duhé (with filing assistance from Marie Erickson, Catherine Lemann, Jason Kruppa, and our student assistant Celeste Porche)—performed yeoman service, getting the updates and the records showing their addition to the collection back in good shape.

In late fall, the staff picked up where it had left off with plans for a series of programs sponsored by the Friends of the Law Library. The board of the newly-constituted Friends, chaired by New Orleans attorney Judith Gainsburgh, met several times earlier in the year, agreeing to adopt new by-laws and to incorporate. Intent upon publicizing the library's resources and services to both the Bar and the public, the Friends scheduled several programs on popular legal and historical topics, offering CLE

credit for some to bar members who join the organization. Catherine Lemann agreed to present the September program (held in January 2006), "It's Not Only Books," about electronic research resources in the library and on the Internet. The library will also provide research assistance and staff support to the Louisiana Legal History Museum envisioned by the Supreme Court Historical Society.

Library holdings continued to grow with 534 new titles, 2,957 additional volumes, and 5,526 microfiche. Major purchases on microfilm were the *Times-Picayune* from 1837 through 1913 and several 19th-century New Orleans city directories. Two Westlaw "Patron Access" terminals allow legal research in a wide array of databases at no charge, and the new LexisNexis U.S. Serial Set Digital Collection contains the reports and documents of Congress from 1789 to 1969.

SEMINARS EDUCATE THE JUDICIARY

The Louisiana Judicial College provides quality continuing legal education for Louisiana's judges. Continuing legal education courses focus on new law, ethics and cutting-edge issues. As lawyers, judges are required to attend a minimum of 12.5 hours of continued legal education every year—not less than 1 of such hours shall concern legal ethics, and not less than 1 of such hours shall concern professionalism. Although the seminar season was shortened due to Hurricane Katrina, over 500 members of the judiciary took part in Judicial College sessions. The 2005 events featured some 75 speakers, including Cecil J. Picard, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education, and Chief Judge Ginger Berrigan, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The College continued its efforts to keep judges abreast of recent developments through publishing its *Criminal Law Newsletter*.

In 2005, five seminars were held. They included:

- City and Juvenile Judges Meeting, New Orleans, January 13-14
- Annual Evidence and Procedure Seminar, New Orleans, March 3-4
- Annual Spring Judges Conference, April 7-8, Lafayette
- Annual Summer School for Judges, Sandestin, FL., June 5-8
- Joint Louisiana/Mississippi Meeting, Biloxi, MS, August 7-9

Two seminars scheduled for October and December—the Annual Fall Judges Conference and the Annual Torts Seminar—were cancelled in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Highlights of the meetings included:

- Recent Developments in Juvenile Law
- A special program by the Louisiana Department of Education
- Recent Developments in Criminal Law and Procedure
- Protecting the Right to Counsel in Juvenile Cases (mandatory training)
- Recent Developments in Torts
- Traffic Safety/DWI Courts
- Expert Testimony

- Witness Identification Evidence—Factors Affecting Accuracy and Reliability
 - Importance of Early Intervention—Preschool Education and Related Issues
 - Class Action Update
 - Effective Interaction between the Legislature and the Judiciary.
- A mock argument, *State v. Cunningham*, was presented by Tulane law students and the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office.

Due to the disruptions caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the efforts of the Testing Committee regarding possible changes to the bar exam content, structure and procedure were suspended.

BAR EXAMS RISE ABOVE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

In 2005, the Committee administered exams during the weeks of February 14, with a passage rate of 61% and July 25, with a passage rate of 68%. This compares to an average nationwide pass rate of 54% for February and 68% for July. Justice John L. Weimer addressed 215 new attorneys during April 22 admission ceremonies; Justice Catherine D. Kimball did the honors on October 28, when 425 new attorneys were admitted. In addition, a special admission ceremony was held on November 16, where 18 new attorneys were admitted. Both Justice Kimball and Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., delivered addresses at that ceremony.

The examination is conducted by the Committee on Bar Admissions, 15 active members of the Louisiana State Bar Association appointed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Approximately 450 volunteer Assistant Examiners work with Committee members in the grading process.

When Hurricane Katrina made landfall, virtually all of the July 2005 exam answers—over 5,000 sets of them, since most of the 735 applicants took all nine parts of the exam—were in the hands of Assistant Examiners, most of whom were displaced by the storm.

The Supreme Court granted a two-week extension for completing grading and announcing final grades. Despite additional setbacks from Hurricane Rita, the Committee met that deadline, thanks to extraordinary efforts by the Bar Admissions Committee members and staff, and especially the Examiners and Assistant Examiners.

Lost in the flooding were 73 sets of answers to the Code I section of the exam. Some of those answers were retrieved from an electronic back-up copy maintained for applicants who took the exam on personal laptop computers. Of the

lost exam answers that could not be electronically retrieved, only 13 affected whether the applicant passed or conditioned the exam. A Code I make-up test was given November 5—the first in the history of the Bar Admissions Committee. All 13 applicants passed the make-up test and were admitted to the Bar in a special swearing-in ceremony on November 16.

In 2006, the Testing Committee will resume its dialogue with the Court and law schools about possible bar exam improvements, including whether the bar exam should be restructured to shift the orientation toward legal practice and away from testing traditional categories of substantive law and procedure; whether the Multi-State Performance Test should be added; how ethics should be tested; what weight different sections should be given; whether there should be one numerical score; and whether all applicants should be required to take the entire bar exam, eliminating “conditional failure.” The committee hopes to finalize its recommendations during 2006.

The Supreme Court Building fared relatively well following Hurricane Katrina, with basement flooding occurring when generators ran out of fuel to power the sump pumps that keep it dry.

COURT OF APPEAL OFFERS HURRICANE REFUGE

The year 2005 brought many challenges to the Court. The first eight months were relatively uneventful. By the end of August, we had received 2,235 filings, compared to 2,233 at the end of August 2004. Then along came Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The Court and most staff evacuated from the region, expecting to return a few days later. Coincidentally, the Court had briefly discussed a draft of our Continuity of Operations Plan at its last Administrative Conference in June. It was scheduled for further review in September!

Following Hurricane Katrina, the Court took up temporary quarters at the Court of Appeal, First Circuit, in Baton Rouge. Communications were poor to non-existent. We worked on locating our employees and coordinating efforts to help other courts. The Court of Appeal offered us office space in its building and the Clerk of Supreme Court was able to secure two office trailers that were set up on the lawn in front of the First Circuit.



Following Hurricane Katrina, the Clerk of Court secured two trailers that served as the temporary office in Baton Rouge.

During the week following Hurricane Katrina, Peter Haas, Director of Information Systems for the Supreme Court, and Paul Tumminello with the Judicial Administrator's IT Department, returned to the Royal Street Courthouse to retrieve essential servers, laptops, checkbooks and other necessary equipment to get the court back on line. Not knowing what to expect, they were escorted by a team led by Justice Chet Traylor, Tommy Anderson, Director of Security, a SWAT team and a contingent of State Police Officers. As it turned out, the building was secure and dry.

The Supreme Court Building fared well following Hurricane Katrina. There was minor wind-blown water seepage at some windows on the north side of the building, and one roof vent was blown off. However, after a week, the emergency generators ran out of fuel and the basement sump



pumps stopped working, which allowed water to back into the basement damaging mechanical and electrical equipment and some records. The records were moved off-site for remediation, and the mechanical and electrical equipment has been repaired.

The Court returned to the building in November, which was opened to the public in December. Prior to leaving Baton Rouge, the Court heard arguments at the Court of Appeal.

LAWYER REGULATORY SYSTEM CONTINUES ITS LEADERSHIP

As the 15th anniversary of the lawyer regulatory system, 2005 provided an opportunity for reflection upon and consideration of the remarkable advances achieved by the Supreme Court in setting and enforcing high ethical standards for Louisiana lawyers.

Louisiana's lawyer regulatory system was created on April 1, 1990. The anniversary itself went largely unnoticed and certainly without fanfare. However, it remains an important milestone in the state's history of national leadership in the legal arena.

In 1990, Louisiana led the nation becoming the first state to adopt, virtually unchanged, the ABA Model Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement. Since then, states across the country have, in many respects, followed Louisiana's lead by adopting significant portions of the disciplinary enforcement procedures which have proven so vital to Louisiana's success.

During 2005, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) continued its efforts to rigorously enforce the Rules of Professional Conduct, address traditional areas of concern and explore emerging ethical issues facing lawyers in the 21st century. During 2005 and as a result of prosecutions initiated by the ODC, the Court issued 9 permanent disbarments, 4 disbarments, approved 5 permanent resignations in lieu of discipline, and imposed 52 orders of suspension.

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel continues to be a source of support to the Supreme Court in the area of bar admissions, as the scrutiny of applicants' character and fitness to engage in the practice of law continues to grow. When the Supreme Court's Committee on Bar Admissions determines that additional inquiry is needed, the Supreme Court routinely directs the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to thoroughly investigate the background of those who seek admission to the bar in Louisiana. The Disciplinary Board serves as a valuable resource to the Court as it offers its insight and input into changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct and Supreme Court Rule XIX.

The disciplinary system was not immune from the difficulties created by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Nevertheless, within a week of those storms, the Disciplinary Board successfully relocated its operations temporarily to Baton Rouge, where its important work resumed. Indeed, although the

Court was closed for a period following Katrina, the disciplinary system remained vigilant for those who might take advantage of those difficult times to engage in unethical behavior. Throughout those days, the Disciplinary Board and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel continued to function professionally and efficiently.

Confidence in Louisiana's system of justice is critical to the success of the state's future, particularly in the difficult days ahead. The Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board and its Office of Disciplinary Counsel continue to demonstrate that such confidence is well placed and will remain strong.

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 2005, 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.



2005 ACTIVITY

The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana received and docketed 486 complaints lodged against judges and justices of the peace in 2005. In addition, 189 complaints filed prior to 2005 were pending January 1, 2005.

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 originate from media reports of alleged judicial misconduct.

In 2005, the Commission's Office of Special Counsel received 585 requests for information, and the Commission Office received approximately 250 requests.

Of the 486 complaints filed and docketed in 2005, 387 were screened out as not within the jurisdiction of the Commission, or without merit or sufficient corroborating evidence. The remaining 99 cases were reviewed to consider the need for investigation. During 2005, 36 of these cases required in-depth investigation.

In 2005, the Commission filed 35 formal charges against 16 judges and justices of the peace. Two judges, against whom Formal Charges were authorized in 2005, resigned after filing of formal charges. In 2005, two matters for which formal charges were filed were resolved through Deferred Recommendation of Discipline Agreements concerning charges



filed prior to 2005. Formal hearings were conducted in seven cases. In proceedings against one judge in 2005, the Commission rejected four of the seven Formal Charges, recommending discipline to the Supreme Court based upon the remaining three charges. At the end of 2005, there was one case currently pending before the Commission after a hearing upon Formal Charges.

In 2005, after formal hearings, the Commission submitted to the Supreme Court recommendations for discipline in five cases.

Also, during 2005, the Commission held a formal hearing regarding the application for certification to run for judicial office by a former judge who had been removed from office for ethical misconduct.

During 2005, one judge voluntarily appeared before the Commission's Cases Under Advice Sub-Committee.

The Supreme Court removed one judge from office in 2005. Also in 2005, the Supreme Court publicly censured four judges and one judge was issued a one-year suspension without pay, fully deferred. The Court placed three judicial officers on interim suspension and disqualified them from exercising judicial functions during the pendency of further proceedings.

As of December 31, 2005, there were two cases pending before the Supreme Court, one addressing allegations of ethical misconduct and one to determine a formerly removed judge's certification to run for judicial office in the future.

The Commission had 181 cases pending as of December 31, 2005, having disposed of 493 cases during the year.

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., 400 Royal Street, Suite 1190, New Orleans, LA 70130, telephone (504) 310-2550. 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.

BEHIND THE COURTS' SUCCESS

Dozens of people, working together, have made the accomplishments of 2005 possible. Some of them are Court staff, some are members of councils and commissions. Their efforts have enabled the progress of the Louisiana court system and of justice in the State.

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GUIDE TO LOUISIANA COURTS

The Guide to Louisiana Courts features a statewide list of judges, clerks and administrators—complete with contact phone numbers—for Courts of Appeal, District Courts, and City and Parish Courts; and maps of electoral districts for the Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeal, and District Courts.



Chief Judge
Burrell J. Carter

FIRST CIRCUIT (BATON ROUGE)

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

Judges	Domicile	District
Burrell J. Carter, Chief Judge	Greensburg	Third
Vanessa Guidry-Whipple	Bourg	First
Randolph H. Parro	Thibodaux	First
James E. Kuhn	Ponchatoula	Third
John Michael Guidry	Baton Rouge	Second
John T. Pettigrew	Houma	First
Robert D. Downing	Baton Rouge	Second
Edward J. "Jimmy" Gaidry	Bourg	First
J. Michael McDonald	Baton Rouge	Second
Page McClendon	Mandeville	Third
Jefferson D. Hughes	Walker	Third
Jewel E. Welch	Baton Rouge	Second

Clerk of Court: Christine L. Crow

Phone: (225) 382 3000



Chief Judge
Henry N. Brown, Jr.

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

Judges	Domicile	District
Henry N. Brown, Jr., Chief Judge	Bossier City	Second
J. Jay Caraway	Bossier City	Second
Felicia Toney Williams	Tallulah	Third
James E. Stewart, Sr.	Shreveport	Third
Gay Caldwell Gaskins	Shreveport	Third
Charles B. Peatross	Shreveport	Third
Harmon Drew, Jr.	Minden	Second
D. Milton Moore, III	Monroe	First
John Larry Lolley	Monroe	First

Clerk/Court Administrator: Diana Pratt-Wyatt

Phone: (318) 227 3700

THIRD CIRCUIT (LAKE CHARLES)

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

Judges	Domicile	District
Ulysses G. Thibodeaux, Chief Judge	Lake Charles	Second
Sylvia R. Cooks	Lafayette	Third
John D. Saunders	Ville Platte	First
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
Billy H. Ezell	Lake Charles	Second
David Painter	Lake Charles	Second
James T. Genovese	Opelousas	Third

Clerk of Court: Charles Kelly McNeely

Phone: (337) 433 9403



*Chief Judge
Ulysses G. Thibodeaux*

FOURTH CIRCUIT (NEW ORLEANS)

Parishes: Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard

Judges	Domicile	District
Joan Bernard Armstrong, Chief Judge	New Orleans	First
Charles R. Jones	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
Terri Fleming Love	New Orleans	First
Max N. Tobias, Jr.	New Orleans	First
David S. Gorbaty	Chalmette	Third
Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr.	New Orleans	First
Edwin A. Lombard	New Orleans	First
Roland L. Belsome	New Orleans	At Large

Clerk of Court: Danielle Schott

Phone: (504) 412 6001



*Chief Judge
Joan Bernard Armstrong*

FIFTH CIRCUIT (GRETNA)

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

Judges	Domicile	District
Edward A. Dufresne, Jr., Chief Judge	Luling	Third
Sol Gothard ¹	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	Metairie	First
Fredericka Wicker ²	Metairie	First

Clerk of Court: Peter J. Fitzgerald, Jr.

Phone: (504) 376 1400



*Chief Judge
Edward A. Dufresne, Jr.*

1. Retired September 1, 2005.

2. Term of office began February 6, 2006.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

In 2005, the Law Library of Louisiana's Public Services staff assisted thousands of citizens with requests for information, both in the library and by telephone, e-mail and fax. Public Service Librarian Ruth Mahoney responded to 987 requests from prisoners, mailing them copies of library materials.

FIRST DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Caddo	Shreveport	G. Loftin	(318) 226 6780
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Robert P. Waddell Ramona Emanuel Scott J. Crichton Leon L. Emanuel, III Michael Pitman B. Woodrow Nesbitt, Jr. John D. Mosely, Jr. Jeanette Garrett Charles R. Scott, Chief Judge Michael R. Walker Roy L. Brun		Eugene W. Bryson, Jr.	(318) 226 6821

CADDO PARISH JUVENILE COURT

Judges	Parish Seat	
David N. Matlock, Chief Judge	Shreveport	
Paul Young	Clerk of Court	Phone
Vernon Claville	V. Causey	(318) 226 6751
	Court Administrator	Phone
	H. Ted Cox	(318) 226 6500

SECOND DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Claiborne	Homer	J. P. Gladney	(318) 927 9601
Jackson	Jonesboro	A. B. Walsworth	(318) 259 2424
Bienville	Arcadia	J. Martin	(318) 263 2123
Judges			
Jenifer Ward Clason, Chief Judge Jimmy C. Teat Glenn Fallin			

THIRD DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Union	Farmerville	S. Buckley	(318) 368 3055
Lincoln	Ruston	L. Cook	(318) 251 5130
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Cynthia T. Woodard ¹ R. Wayne Smith Jay B. McCallum, Chief Judge	Sue Butler	(318) 368 9734	

FOURTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Morehouse	Bastrop	C. Jones	(318) 281 3343
Ouachita	Monroe	W. J. Hodge	(318) 327 1444
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Jimmy N. Dimos Sharon Ingram Marchman Wilson Rambo H. Stephens Winters Marcus R. Clark, Chief Judge Wendell Manning Carl V. Sharp Benjamin Jones Alvin R. Sharp		Scott F. Kadar	(318) 361 2252

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2006.

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FIFTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Franklin	Winnsboro	A. Johnson	(318) 435 5133
Richland	Rayville	R. N. Haire	(318) 728 4171
West Carroll	Oak Grove	K. Bolding	(318) 428 3281
Judges			
Glen W. Strong Glynn D. Roberts E. Rudolph McIntyre, Jr., Chief Judge			
SIXTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Madison	Tallulah	C. Caldwell	(318) 574 0655
East Carroll	Lake Providence	E. B. Brock	(318) 559 2399
Tensas	St. Joseph	E. L. Sikes	(318) 766 3921
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Michael E. Lancaster John D. Crigler, Chief Judge		Sandra Bishop	(318) 574 2635
SEVENTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Catahoula	Harrisonburg	J. T. Payne	(318) 744 5497
Concordia	Vidalia	C. R. Webber, Jr.	(318) 336 4204
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Kathy J. Johnson Leo Boothe, Chief Judge		Yolanda E. McClure	(318) 744 5888
EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Winn	Winnfield	D. E. Kelley	(318) 628 3515
Judge		Court Administrator	Phone
Jimmy W. Wiley, Chief Judge		Janice Vail	(318) 628 4596
NINTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Rapides	Alexandria	C. J. Ryland	(318) 473 8153
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Donald T. Johnson ¹ Thomas M. Yeager F. Rae Swent, Acting Chief Judge ² John Davidson B. Dexter Ryland, Chief Judge ³ Patricia Koch ⁴ George C. Metoyer, Jr. Harry F. Randow		Hope LaFleur	(318) 443 6893
TENTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Natchitoches	Natchitoches	L. Bernard	(318) 352 8152
Judges			
Eric R. Harrington, Chief Judge Dee Ann Hawthorne			

The spring 2005 issue of the law library's popular newsletter De Novo featured visits to the library of descendants of two luminaries in Louisiana's legal history, Edouard Bermudez, Chief Justice from 1880-1892, and Henry Plauché Dart, celebrated trial lawyer and legal historian of the early 20th century. Descendants of Chief Justice Olivier Provosty, who sat on the court from 1901-1922, were also given a tour.

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2006.
 2. Became Acting Chief Judge June 28, 2005.
 3. Died June 28, 2005.
 4. Term of office began November 3, 2005.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

A new brochure outlines a walking tour of the 34 portraits in the Supreme Court of Louisiana's collection. They range from an 1830 painting of George Mathews, presiding judge of the Court from 1813–1836 (and a member of the Superior Court of the Territory of Orleans from 1806 to 1813) to a portrait of John A. Dixon, Jr., Chief Justice from 1980–1990.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Sabine	Many	D. M. Knippers	(318) 256 6223
DeSoto	Mansfield	O. L. Stone, Jr.	(318) 872 3110

Judges	Court Administrator	Phone
Robert E. Burgess, Chief Judge Charles B. Adams ¹ Stephen B. Beasley	Judith E. Christian	(318) 872 1366

TWELFTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Avoyelles	Marksville	S. G. Couvillon	(318) 253 7523

Judges	
Mark Jeansonne William J. Bennett, Chief Judge	

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Evangeline	Ville Platte	W. Lee	(337) 363 5671

Judges	
J. Larry Vidrine Thomas F. Fuselier, Chief Judge	

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Calcasieu	Lake Charles	H. L. Jones, II	(337) 437 3550

Judges	Court Administrator	Phone
D. Kent Savoie Rick Bryant ² Guy E. Bradberry Robert L. Wyatt David Ritchie Wilford D. Carter, Sr. G. Michael Canaday, Chief Judge Alcide J. Gray Lilynn A. Cutrer	Denise Savant	(337) 437 3530

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Acadia	Crowley	R. Barousse	(337) 788 8881
Lafayette	Lafayette	L. Perret	(337) 291 6400
Vermilion	Abbeville	D. M. Broussard	(337) 898 1992

Judges	Court Administrator	Phone
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1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2006.

2. Term of office began May 9, 2005.

3. Became Chief Judge September 9, 2005.

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SIXTEENTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Iberia	New Iberia	M. Thibodeaux	(337) 365 7282
St. Martin	St. Martinville	A. Blanchard, Sr.	(337) 394 2210
St. Mary	Franklin	C. G. Dressel	(337) 828 4100 ext. 200
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Gerard B. Wattigny Paul J. deMahy John E. Conery William D. Hunter Keith R. J. Comeaux, Chief Judge Edward M. Leonard, Jr. Charles L. Porter Lori A. Landry ¹		Stephanie Richardson	(337) 369 4466
SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Lafourche	Thibodaux	V. H. Rodrigue	(985) 447 4841
Judges			
John E. LeBlanc Jerome J. Barbera, III, Chief Judge Walter I. Lanier A. Bruce Simpson F. Hugh Larose			
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Iberville	Plaquemine	J. G. Dupont, Jr.	(225) 687 5160
W. Baton Rouge	Port Allen	M. J. Graffeo	(225) 383 0378
Pointe Coupee	New Roads	L. S. Landry	(225) 638 9596
Judges			
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NINETEENTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
E. Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	D. Welborn	(225) 389 3960
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Todd Hernandez Donald R. Johnson Louis R. Daniel, Chief Judge Janice G. Clark William A. Morvant Timothy E. Kelley ² Richard D. Anderson Anthony J. Marabella, Jr. R. Michael Caldwell Curtis A. Calloway Bonnie F. Jackson Michael R. Erwin Kay Bates Richard M. "Chip" Moore, III ³ Wilson Fields John Smart, Commissioner Rachael Pitcher Morgan, Commissioner		Jo Bruce	(225) 389 4744

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Supreme Court"* was pub-

*lished by the Community
Relations Department in*

honor of Law Day, May 1.

*The coloring book includes
pictures of a judge, a*

*gavel, the scales of justice,
the state flag, "Old Glory"*

*and the seal of the Louisi-
ana Supreme Court, among*

others. It is distributed to

elementary school children

who tour the Court.

1. Became Chief Judge October 1, 2005.

2. Became Chief Judge June 15, 2005.

3. Term of office began April 19, 2005.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

An exhibit titled "A Great Day in Black: A Tribute to the New Orleans African-American Judiciary" was displayed during February and March at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The exhibit used photos, video, text, personal papers and other items to offer a portrait of the 56 individuals who have been a part of a "monumental chapter in Louisiana history – the integration of the judiciary over the past 35 years."

FAMILY COURT FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

Judges	Parish Seat
Jennifer Luse, Chief Judge Luke A. LaVergne Toni Manning Higginbotham Annette M. Lassalle	Baton Rouge
	Court Administrator Phone
	Ronald L. Bullion (225) 389 4681

JUVENILE COURT FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

Judges	Parish Seat
Kathleen Stewart Richey ¹ Pamela Taylor Johnson, Chief Judge	Baton Rouge
	Court Administrator Phone
	Donna T. Carter (225) 354 1215

TWENTIETH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
East Feliciana	Clinton	D. D. Hudnall	(225) 683 5145
West Feliciana	St. Francisville	F. D. Hendl	(225) 635 3794

Judges

George H. Ware, Jr., Chief Judge
William G. Carmichael

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Livingston	Livingston	T. Sullivan, Jr.	(225) 686 2216
Tangipahoa	Amite	J. E. Dufreche	(985) 748 4146
St. Helena	Greensburg	B. A. Gordon	(225) 222 4514

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Bruce C. Bennett
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Brenda Bedsole Ricks
Elizabeth Wolfe²
Ernest G. Drake, Jr.
Zorraine M. "Zoey" Waguespack

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
St. Tammany	Covington	M. Prieto	(985) 809 8700
Washington	Franklinton	J. D. Crain	(985) 839 4663

Judges

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Elaine W. DiMiceli
Patricia T. Hedges
Peter J. Garcia, Chief Judge
William J. Burris
Martin E. Coady
Larry J. Green
Donald M. Fendlason
Reginald T. Badeaux, III
William "Rusty" Knight
James J. Gleason, Commissioner

Court Administrator **Phone**
Robert G. Tyler, Jr.³ (985) 809 5300
Adrienne Stroble⁴

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2006.

2. Term of office began May 20, 2005.

3. Retired August 1, 2005.

4. Appointed - term of office began June 1, 2005.

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TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Assumption	Napoleonville	D. Landry	(985) 369 6653
Ascension	Donaldsonville	K. H. Bourque	(225) 473 9866
St. James	Convent	E. E. Kinler, Jr.	(225) 562 2270
Judges		Court Administrator/Hearing Officer	
Ralph Tureau		Jessie LeBlanc	(225) 621 8500
Thomas Kliebert, Jr., Chief Judge			
Guy Holdridge ¹			
Pegram J. Mire, Jr.			
Alvin Turner, Jr.			

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Jefferson	Gretna	J. A. Gegenheimer	(504) 364 2914
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Joan Benge		James Dempsey	(504) 364 3990
Fredericka H. Wicker ²			
Alan J. Green ³			
Robert M. Murphy			
Greg Guidry			
Patrick J. McCabe			
Robert A. Pitre, Chief Judge			
Kernan Hand			
Jo Ellen Grant			
Steve Windhorst			
Martha E. Sassone			
Charles V. Cusimano, II			
Henry G. Sullivan, Jr.			
Hans J. Liljeberg			
Ross P. LaDart			
Melvin C. Zeno, Chief Judge			
Caroline R. Kiff, Commissioner			
Craig Cimo, Commissioner ⁴			
Ruben Bailey, Commissioner ⁵			
Patricia M. Joyce, Commissioner			

JEFFERSON PARISH JUVENILE COURT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Jefferson	Harvey	J. A. Gegenheimer	(504) 364 2914
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
Ann Murry Keller		Dawn Palermo	(504) 367 3500
Andrea Price Janzen, Chief Judge			ext. 262
Nancy Amato Konrad			

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Plaquemines	Pointe-a-la-Hache	D. M. Lundin	(504) 297 5180
Judges			
Anthony D. Ragusa, Jr.			
William A. Roe, Chief Judge			

In conjunction with "A Great Day in Black," Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Retired Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Revis O. Ortique, Jr., and Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal Judges Edwin Lombard and Charles R. Jones, III, were among panelists discussing "Race and Gender in the Judicial System" and "Blazing the Trail to Justice: A Review of the Chisom v. Louisiana Case" at Southern University in New Orleans on February 11.

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2006.
 2. Elected to Court of Appeal, Fifth Circuit, effective February 6, 2006.
 3. Resigned August 22, 2005.
 4. Died July 6, 2005.
 5. Term of office began September 26, 2005.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

The Supreme Court heard arguments in three cases at Southeastern Louisiana University on March 3. The Hammond sitting is part of an effort, under way for several years, to reach out by holding court in parishes other than Orleans. "The goal is to provide area citizens with a snapshot of the volume, variety and complexity of the court's caseload by bringing the Louisiana Supreme Court to them," said Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerks of Court	Phone
Bossier	Benton	J. Carraway	(318) 965 2336
Webster	Minden	H. Vining	(318) 371 0366

Judges	Court Administrator	Phone
Dewey E. Burchett, Jr. Ford E. Stinson, Jr., Chief Judge Jeff Cox John M. Robinson Bruce M. Bolin Parker Self	Suzanne Stinson	(318) 965 2217

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
St. Landry	Opelousas	C. R. Jagneaux	(337) 942 5606

Judges	
James Doherty, Jr. ¹ Ellis Daigle Alonzo Harris, Chief Judge Donald W. Hebert	

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
LaSalle	Jena	S. H. Crooks	(318) 992 2158

Judge	Court Administrator	Phone
J.P. Mauffray, Jr., Chief Judge	Bobby L. Wilson	(318) 992 8391

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
St. Charles	Hahnville	C. J. Oubre, Jr.	(985) 783 6632

Judges	Court Administrator	Phone
Emile R. St. Pierre Kirk R. Granier, Chief Judge Robert A. Chaisson	Jackie Cristina	(985) 783 3216

THIRTIETH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Vernon	Leesville	W. Deon, Jr.	(337) 238 1384

Judges	
Vernon B. Clark John C. Ford, Chief Judge Lester Kees	

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Jefferson Davis	Jennings	C. L. Duhon	(337) 824 1160

Judge	
Wendell R. Miller, Chief Judge	

1. Term of office began May 27, 2005.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Terrebonne	Houma	I. R. Boudreaux	(985) 868 5660
Judges		Court Administrator	Phone
George J. Larke, Jr. John R. Walker Timothy C. Ellender David W. Arceneaux, Chief Judge Randy Bethancourt ¹		Walton Dill	(985) 873 6589
THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Allen	Oberlin	G. Harrington	(337) 639 4351
Judge			
Joel G. Davis, Chief Judge Patricia C. Cole			
THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
St. Bernard	Chalmette	L. R. Torres	(504) 271 3434
Judges			
Robert A. Buckley Manny Fernandez, Chief Judge Wayne G. Cresap ² Kirk A. Vaughn Jacques A. Sanborn			
THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Grant	Colfax	J. E. Lemoine	(318) 627 3246
Judge		Court Administrator	Phone
Allen A. Krake, Chief Judge		Renee Megison	(318) 627 3244
THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Beauregard	DeRidder	R. L. Nichols	(337) 463 8595
Judges			
Stuart S. Kay, Jr., Chief Judge Herman I. Stewart			
THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Caldwell	Columbia	E. Dunn	(318) 649 2272
Judge		Court Administrator	Phone
Don C. Burns, Chief Judge		Marion L. Harrelson	(318) 649 6404
THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Cameron	Cameron	C. Broussard	(337) 775 5316
Judge			
H. Ward Fontenot, Chief Judge			

At its August meeting, the U.S. Conference of Chief Justices adopted a resolution on wrongful criminal convictions, highlighting the issue's scope and impact on public confidence in the justice system and supporting efforts to prevent and, when necessary, rectify wrongful convictions. Chief Justice Calogero introduced the resolution. The Conference plans to meet in New Orleans in 2007.

1. Became Chief Judge July 1, 2005.

2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2006.

DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Statistics show that drug courts work. For example, fewer than one-half of adult drug court clients were employed full-time when they began the program; at the time of graduation, three-fourths were employed. Only about a third had high school diplomas or GEDs at the time they entered drug court; over half had obtained these credentials by the time they completed the drug court program.

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
Red River	Coushatta	S. Shaw	(318) 932 6741

Judge

Lewis O. Sams, Chief Judge

FORTIETH DISTRICT

Parishes Within District	Parish Seat	Clerk of Court	Phone
St. John the Baptist	Edgard	E. DeFrancesch	(985) 497 3331

Judges

Madeline Jasmine, Chief Judge
Mary Hotard Becnel¹
J. Sterling Snowdy

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

Judges	Division	Clerk of Court	Phone
Carolyn W. Gill-Jefferson	A	D. N. Atkins	(504) 592 9100
Rosemary Ledet	B	Court Administrator Michelle Rodney ² Kenneth Burrell ³	(504) 592 9275
Sidney H. Cates, IV	C		
Lloyd J. Medley, Jr.	D		
Madeleine Landrieu	E		
Yada T. Magee	F		
Robin Giarrusso	G		
Michael G. Bagneris	H		
Piper Griffin	I		
Nadine M. Ramsey	J		
Herbert Cade	K		
Kern Reese	L		
Paulette Irons	M		
Ethel Simms Julien, Chief Judge	N		

ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

Judges	Division	Clerk of Court	Phone
Charles L. Elloie	A	K. W. Butler	(504) 827 3520
Lynda Van Davis-Jackson	B	Court Administrator Elizabeth Stogner	(504) 827 3400
Benedict J. Willard	C		
Frank A. Marullo, Jr.	D		
Calvin Johnson, Chief Judge	E		
Dennis J. Waldron	F		
Julian Parker	G		
Camille Buras	H		
Raymond C. Bigelow	I		
Darryl Derbigny	J		
Arthur L. Hunter, Jr.	K		
Terry Q. Alarcon	L		
Gerard J. Hansen	Magistrate-Judge		
Marie Bookman	Commissioner		
Anthony J. Russo	Commissioner		
Joseph I. Giarrusso, Jr.	Commissioner		
Harry E. Cantrell, Jr.	Commissioner		

ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT

Judges	Division	Clerk of Court	Phone
Ernestine S. Gray	A	G. M. Stewart	(504) 565 7300
C. Hearn Taylor	B	Court Administrator M. D. Washington ⁵ Gabrielle Thomas ⁶	(504) 565 7300
David Bell ⁴	C		
Lawrence L. Lagarde, Jr.	D		
Louis F. Douglas	E		
Mark Doherty, Chief Judge	F		

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 2006.

2. Resigned January 15, 2006.

3. Appointed January 16, 2006.

4. Became Chief Judge December 6, 2005.

5. Resigned November 28, 2005.

6. Appointed Acting Court Administrator December 1, 2005.

CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

ABBEVILLE	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Vermilion		Ed Broussard	M. Hebert	(337) 893 1513
ALEXANDRIA	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Rapides		Richard E. Starling, Jr.	Millie C. Ezernack	(318) 449 5146
ASCENSION PARISH			Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Ascension		Marilyn M. Lambert	K. Bourque	(225) 473 9866
BAKER	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	East Baton Rouge		Mark D. Plaisance	D. Pointer	(225) 778 1866
BASTROP	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Morehouse		Merwin M. Brandon, Jr.	B. Freeman	(318) 283 0257
BATON ROUGE	Parish	Division	Judges	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	East Baton Rouge	A B C D E	Laura P. Davis ¹ Trudy M. White Alex W. Wall, Jr. Yvette Mansfield Alexander Suzan S. Ponder, Admin. Judge	Lon Norris	(225) 389 5279 ext. 5
BOGALUSA	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Washington		Robert J. Black	A. Seal	(985) 732 6204
BOSSIER CITY	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Bossier		Thomas A. Wilson, Jr.	Cyndy Gay	(318) 741 8587
BREAUX BRIDGE	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	St. Martin		Randy P. Angelle	T. Gonsuron	(337) 332 4117
BUNKIE	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Avoyelles		James H. Mixon	S. Mose-Thomas	(318) 346 7250
CROWLEY	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Acadia		Barrett Harrington	L. Nickel	(337) 788 4118
DENHAM SPRINGS	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Livingston		Charles W. Borde, Jr.	Peggy G. Hoover	(225) 665 1253
EUNICE	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	St. Landry		Lynette Young Feucht	Cindy Fontenot	(337) 457 6535
FRANKLIN	Parish		Judge	Clerks of Court	Phone
	St. Mary		Terry G. Breaux	M. M. Borne (Civil) L. M. Hines (Criminal)	(337) 828 3858
HAMMOND	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Tangipahoa		Grace Bennett Gasaway	Guy Recotta, Jr.	(985) 542 3455
HOUMA	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Terrebonne		Jude T. Fanguy	Douglas Holloway	(985) 868 4232 ext. 201
JEANERETTE	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Iberia		Cameron B . Simmons	C. Ardizone	(337) 276 5603
JEFFERSON PARISH		Division	Judges	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Jefferson			J. A. Gegenheimer	(504) 367 3500
	1st Parish Court	A B	Rebecca M. Olivier George W. Giacobbe, Senior Judge	Court Administrator Beatrice D. Parisi	(504) 736 8972
	2nd Parish Court	A B	Roy M. Cascio, Senior Judge Stephen Grefer	Court Administrator Darlene Ribando	(504) 364 2800

1. Became Administrative Judge effective January 1, 2006.

CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

JENNINGS	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Jefferson Davis		C. Steve Gunnell	P. Gray	(337) 821 5514
KAPLAN	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Vermilion		Frank LeMoine	T. Greene	(337) 643 6611
LAFAYETTE	Parish		Judges	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Lafayette		Frances Moran Bouillion, Senior Judge Douglas J. Saloom	Fay Markham	(337) 291 8735
LAKE CHARLES	Parish	Division	Judges	Clerks of Court	Phone
	Calcasieu	A B	Thomas P. Quirk, Senior Judge John S. Hood	L. J. Bowes (Civil) M. Mendoza (Criminal)	(337) 491 1564 (337) 491 1305
				Court Administrators Tim Leger	(337) 491 8699
LEESVILLE	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Vernon		Elvin C. Fontenot, Jr.	Glenda F. Dowden	(337) 238 1531
MARKSVILLE	Parish		Judge	Clerks of Court	Phone
	Avoyelles		Angelo J. Piazza, III	A. Tassin (Civil) M. Sprinkle (Criminal)	(318) 253 7860 (318) 253 6960
MINDEN	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Webster		John C. Campbell	Joan Luck	(318) 377 4308
MONROE	Parish		Judges	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Ouachita		Tammy Lee Scott Leehy, Admin. Judge Daryl Blue	Alicia Reitzell ¹	(318) 329 2580
MORGAN CITY	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	St. Mary		Kim P. Stansbury	D. Arceneaux	(985) 384 2718
NATCHITOCHES	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Natchitoches		Fred S. Gahagan	Rhonda Rogé	(318) 352 6666
NEW IBERIA	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Iberia		Robert L. Segura	K. Boudreaux	(337) 369 2334
NEW ORLEANS	Parish	Section	Judges	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Orleans				
	1st City Court	A B C	Charles A. Imbornone, Senior Judge Angelique A. Reed Sonja M. Spears	E. Hazeur	(504) 592 9155
	2nd City Court		Mary “KK” Norman	M. L. Broussard, Jr.	(504) 368 4245
	Municipal Court	A B C D	John A. Shea Bruce J. McConduit, Senior Judge Sean P. Early Paul N. Sens	R. E. Lampard	(504) 827 5081
	Traffic Court	A B C D	Dennis J. Dannel, Senior Judge Robert E. Jones, III Paul A. Bonin Ronald J. Sholes	C. Comarda ² J. Dugar ³	(504) 827 5056
				Clerk/Court Administrator Louis Ivon	(504) 827 5025
OAKDALE	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Allen		Perrell Fuselier	Delora Lovejoy	(318) 335 1121

1. Appointed - term of office began August 8, 2005.

2. Retired May 31, 2005.

3. Appointed - term of office began June 1, 2005.

CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

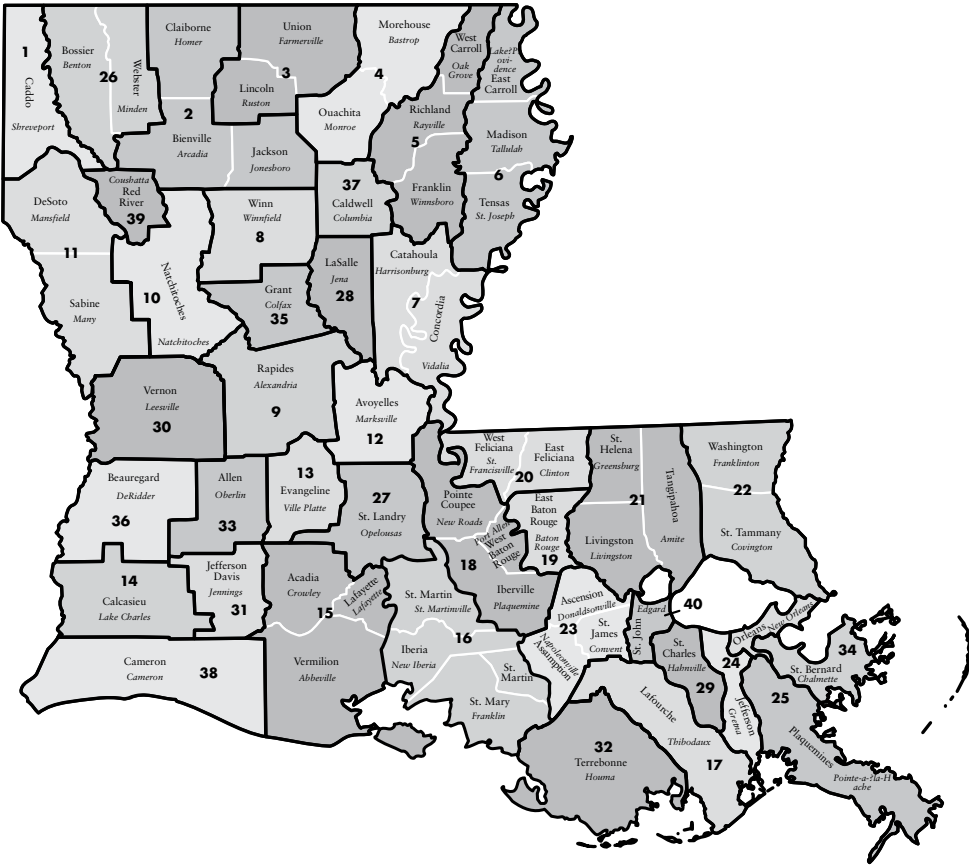
OPELOUSAS	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	St. Landry		Kenneth Boagni, Jr.	Ronnie Leger	(337) 948 2570
PINEVILLE	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Rapides		Phillip Terrell	Leslie F. Prestridge	(318) 449 5656
PLAQUEMINE	Parish		Judge	Clerks of Court	Phone
	Iberville		Michael M. Distefano	M. Schnebelen (Civil)	(225) 687 7236
				A. Williams (Criminal)	(225) 687 7236
				Court Administrator	
			Butch Gourgues	(225) 687 7236	
PORT ALLEN	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	West Baton Rouge		William T. Kleinpeter	T. Rizzutto	(225) 346 4702
RAYNE	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Acadia		James M. Cunningham, III	Y. W. Salvatierra	(337) 334 9677
RUSTON	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Lincoln		Danny W. Tatum	Wanda Neeles	(318) 251 8614
SHREVEPORT	Parish	Division	Judges	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	Caddo	A B C D	R. Lee Irvin Charles W. Kelly, IV, Senior Judge LaLeshia Walker Alford Randy E. Collins	Virginia Hester	(318) 673 5800
SLIDELL	Parish		Judge	Clerk/Court Administrator	Phone
	St. Tammany		Jim Lamz	Susan Ordoyne	(985) 643 1274
SPRINGHILL	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Webster		John B. Slattey, Jr.	B. Means	(318) 539 4213
SULPHUR	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Calcasieu		Charles Schrupf	D. Davis	(337) 527 7006
THIBODAUX	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Lafourche		David M. Richard	P. Callahan ¹ A. Bourgeois ²	(985) 446 7250
VIDALIA	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Concordia		George C . Murray, Jr.	D. Faircloth	(318) 336 6255
VILLE PLATTE	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Evangeline		Donald J. Launey, Jr.	J. Fontenot	(337) 363 1500
WEST MONROE	Parish		Judge	Clerks/Court Administrators	Phone
	Ouachita		Jim Norris	C. Crocker (Civil) J. Burson (Criminal) ³	(318) 396 2767
WINNFIELD	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Winn		Jacque D. Derr	K. James	(318) 628 4844
WINNSBORO	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	Franklin		Ann B. McIntyre	G. Stevens	(318) 435 4508
ZACHARY	Parish		Judge	Clerk of Court	Phone
	East Baton Rouge		Lonny A. Myles	S. Hopkins	(225) 654 0044

1. Retired February 1, 2006.

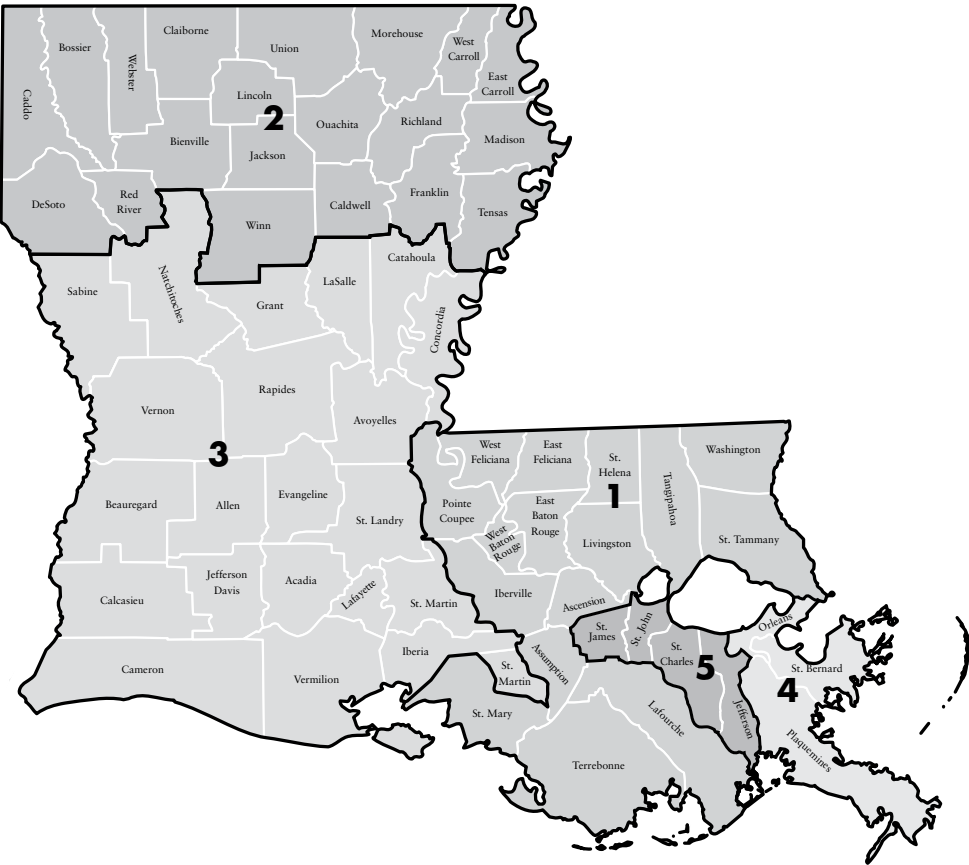
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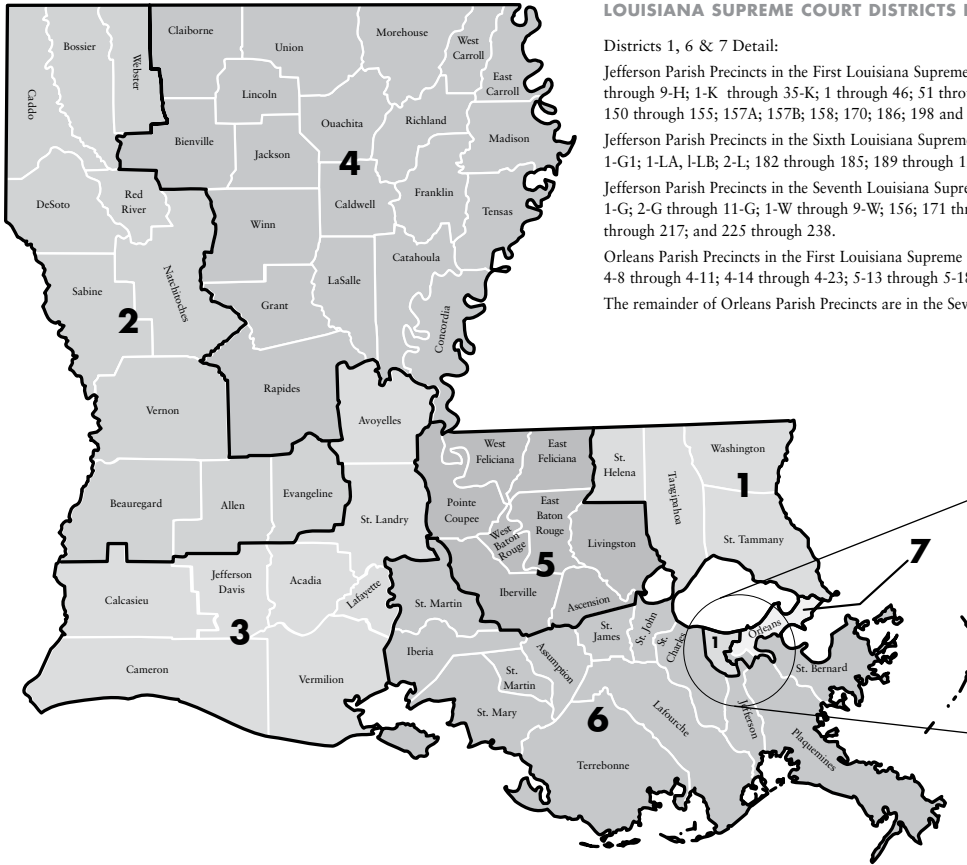
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LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS
JUDICIAL DISTRICTS



LOUISIANA COURTS
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LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT DISTRICTS Effective January 1, 1999

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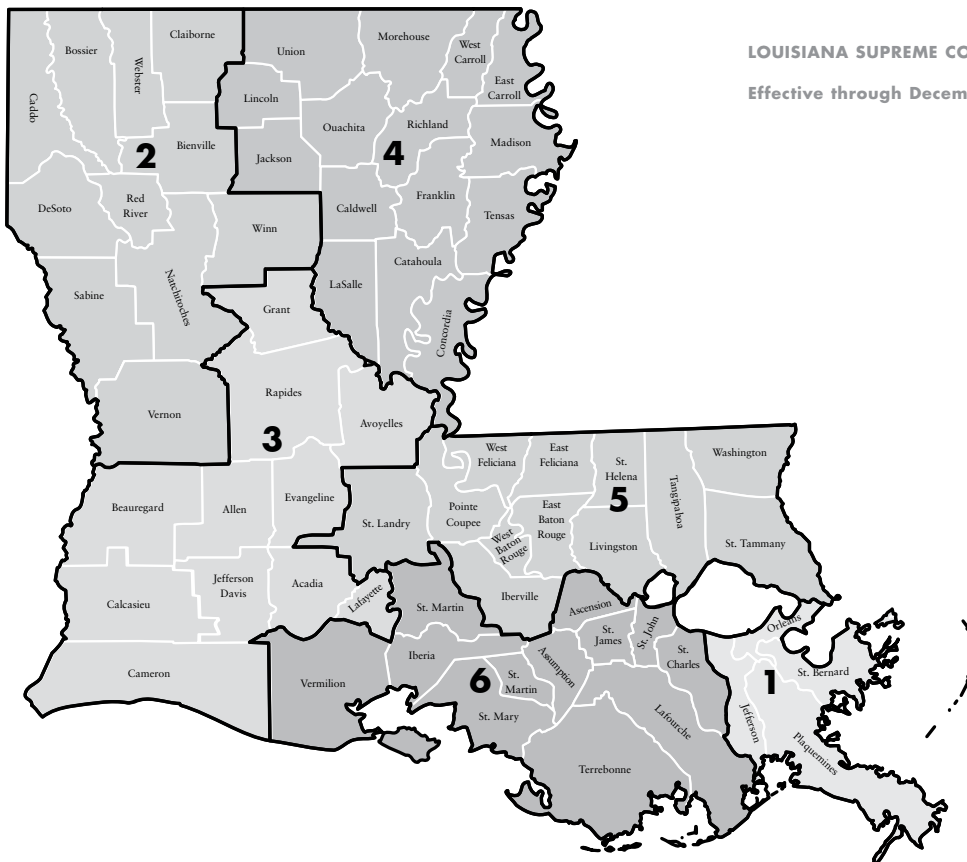
Jefferson Parish Precincts in the First Louisiana Supreme Court District are 1-H through 9-H; 1-K through 35-K; 1 through 46; 51 through 108; 115 through 138; 150 through 155; 157A; 157B; 158; 170; 186; 198 and 199.

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

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 2005.

Trends in the Louisiana justice system in 2005 were shaped by the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Filings declined in every court, though only slightly in the district courts. Juvenile filings in the district courts posted a small increase.

SUPREME COURT

In 2005, there were 2,595 filings in the Supreme Court. The filings in 2005 were 19.6% lower than in 2004, reflecting the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the state's court system.

COURTS OF APPEAL

In 2005, there were 8,199 filings in the Louisiana courts of appeal. The 2005 filings were 13.7% lower than those in 2004. A total of 2,388 opinions were rendered during 2005, a decline of 11.2% compared to 2004. The number of opinions rendered per judge totaled 66.4 in the First Circuit, 46.8 in the Second Circuit, 38.3 in the Third Circuit, 32.3 in the Fourth Circuit, and 40.4 in the Fifth Circuit.

DISTRICT COURTS

During 2005, there were 710,873 filings in the district courts, a decrease of 210 filings, or less than three-hundredths of one percent compared with 2004. Juvenile filings increased by 1.2% over 2004 to reach 28,104, continuing a trend over the last few years. Criminal filings, civil filings and traffic filings all decreased from 2004 statewide levels. Criminal filings were down by 1.2% (a drop of 3,809); civil filings fell by 8.4% (14,040 fewer); and traffic filings were down by 3.5% (a decline of 12,797).

CITY AND PARISH COURTS

Filings in Louisiana city and parish courts decreased by 10.9%, from 1,037,577 filings in 2004 to 924,573 filings in 2005.

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT WEB SITE, WWW.LASC.ORG.

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA *Two Year Trend in Activity*

	2004 Total	2005 Total	2005 Civil	2005 Criminal
APPEALS				
Filed	20	15	9	6
Dismissed	0	0	0	0
Opinions Rendered				
with written opinions	9	17	9	8
per curiams	6	5	3	2
WRITS				
Applications Filed (Except Prisoner Pro Se)	1,765	1,520	1,157	363
Prisoner Pro Se Writs	1,198	866	34	832
Granted	233	163	73	90
to be argued	85	46	34	12
with orders & transferred	148	117	39	78
Dismissed	32	28	14	14
Not Considered	69	32	32	0
Denied	2,864	2,327	906	1,421
Opinions Rendered	64	47	45	2
REHEARINGS				
Applied for	70	42	37	5
Granted	7	1	0	1
Denied/Dismissed	54	40	35	5
Opinions Rendered	0	0	0	0
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION				
Petitions Filed	233	186	186	0
Opinions Rendered	5	5	5	0
Other Actions	239	148	148	0
OTHER MATTERS				
Filed	12	8	6	2
Opinions Rendered	0	0	0	0
Other Actions	60	26	10	16
OTHER PER CURIAM OPINIONS RENDERED	230	150	139	11
TOTAL FILINGS	3,228	2,595	1,392	1,203
Per Justice	461	371	199	172
TOTAL OPINIONS RENDERED	314	68	60	8

In 2005, with activities severely affected by a continuing disaster, the Louisiana Supreme Court rendered 68 opinions. The Court saw an average of 371 filings per justice, 54% from civil filings and 46% from criminal filings.

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*

Total appeals, motions and writs filed in the Louisiana State Courts of Appeal are about equally split between those arising from civil cases and those that come from criminal cases. However, 71% of opinions rendered pertain to civil appeals. Most of the criminal writs are brought by pro se litigants and are refused.

	2004 Total	2005 Total	2005 Civil	2005 Criminal
FIRST CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	1,071	967	751	216
Motions Filed	52	47	36	11
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	663	647	476	171
Writs Refused*	575	520	397	123
Writs Granted	129	138	105	33
Pro Se Writs Filed	1,038	1,079	228	851
Pro Se Writs Refused*	1,007	985	227	758
Pro Se Writs Granted	80	81	10	71
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	182	185	164	21
Consolidated Opinions	51	82	78	4
Opinions Rendered	748	797	584	213
Rehearings Acted Upon**	208	182	148	34
Appeals Pending	860	788	641	147
Argued But Not Decided	69	39	37	2
To Be Argued	791	749	604	145
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	62.3	66.4	49	18
SECOND CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	484	424	253	171
Motions Filed	12	17	7	10
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	271	267	166	101
Writs Refused*	207	211	126	85
Writs Granted	74	59	39	20
Pro Se Writs Filed	482	565	17	548
Pro Se Writs Refused*	393	515	17	498
Pro Se Writs Granted	98	58	0	58
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	32	38	29	9
Consolidated Opinions	24	15	9	6
Opinions Rendered	407	421	260	161
Rehearings Acted Upon**	74	59	45	14
Appeals Pending	235	198	113	85
Argued But Not Decided	48	55	35	20
To Be Argued	187	143	78	65
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	45.2	46.8		
THIRD CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	641	624	498	126
Motions Filed	24	30	26	4
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	444	423	342	81
Writs Refused*	387	276	223	53
Writs Granted	66	79	61	18
Pro Se Writs Filed	593	566	17	549
Pro Se Writs Refused*	515	433	14	419
Pro Se Writs Granted	87	61	1	60
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	81	81	76	5
Consolidated Opinions	0	6	2	4
Opinions Rendered	688	459	347	112
Rehearings Acted Upon**	96	78	63	15
Appeals Pending	248	348	278	70
Argued But Not Decided	36	48	36	12
To Be Argued	212	300	242	58
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	57.3	38.3		

* Includes writs denied, not considered or dismissed.

** Includes rehearings on writs.

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL *Two-Year Trend In Activity*

	2004 Total	2005 Total	2005 Civil	2005 Criminal
FOURTH CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	612	458	362	96
Motions Filed	12	15	15	0
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	694	505	347	158
Writs Refused*	433	390	278	112
Writs Granted	422	112	80	32
Pro Se Writs Filed	918	545	12	533
Pro Se Writs Refused*	657	457	10	447
Pro Se Writs Granted	254	137	2	135
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	104	53	50	3
Consolidated Opinions	28	33	31	2
Opinions Rendered	471	388	318	70
Rehearings Acted Upon**	178	110	105	5
Appeals Pending	399	404	326	78
Argued But Not Decided	121	116	94	22
To Be Argued	278	288	232	56
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	39.3	32.3		
FIFTH CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	528	336	214	122
Motions Filed	42	25	14	11
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	392	257	154	103
Writs Refused*	282	197	118	79
Writs Granted	94	77	46	31
Pro Se Writs Filed	525	402	5	397
Pro Se Writs Refused*	437	368	3	365
Pro Se Writs Granted	44	30	1	29
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	48	26	22	4
Consolidated Opinions	0	1	0	1
Opinions Rendered	376	323	179	144
Rehearings Acted Upon**	7	2	2	0
Appeals Pending	249	258	197	61
Argued But Not Decided	47	21	15	6
To Be Argued	202	237	182	55
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	47.0	40.4		
TOTAL FOR ALL CIRCUITS				
Appeals Filed	3,336	2,809	2,078	731
Motions Filed	142	134	98	36
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	2,464	2,099	1,485	614
Writs Refused*	1,884	1,594	1,142	452
Writs Granted	785	465	331	134
Pro Se Writs Filed	3,556	3,157	279	2,878
Pro Se Writs Refused*	3,009	2,758	271	2,487
Pro Se Writs Granted	563	367	14	353
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	447	383	341	42
Consolidated Opinions	103	137	120	17
Opinions Rendered	2,690	2,388	1,688	700
Rehearings Acted Upon**	563	431	363	68
Appeals Pending	1,991	1,996	1,555	441
Argued But Not Decided	321	279	217	62
To Be Argued	1,670	1,717	1,338	379

More than 924,000 civil, criminal, traffic and juvenile cases were filed in Louisiana's 52 city and parish courts in 2005. Filings in Louisiana's District Courts totalled 710,873 in 2005, a statistical dead heat with the previous year.

* Includes writs denied, not considered or dismissed

** Includes rehearings on writs.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS *Two-Year Trend In Activity*

		2004 Total Filed	2005 Juvenile Filed	2005 Civil Filed	2005 Criminal Filed	2005 Traffic Filed	2005 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS Civil Filed	Criminal Filed
DISTRICT	PARISH								
1	Caddo*	25,099	0	8,694	7,716	6,657	23,067		
	District Totals	25,099	0	8,694	7,716	6,657	23,067	10	64
2	Bienville	5,788	170	653	619	3,251	4,693		
	Claiborne	3,908	216	587	538	5,290	6,631		
	Jackson	2,714	105	852	667	1,248	2,872		
	District Totals	12,410	491	2,092	1,824	9,789	14,196	2	7
3	Lincoln	5,457	581	904	1,508	3,306	6,299		
	Union	3,024	336	742	1,298	1,309	3,685		
	District Totals	8,481	917	1,646	2,806	4,615	9,984	1	5
4	Morehouse	9,661	413	1,060	1,279	6,885	9,637		
	Ouachita	33,265	1,417	5,726	9,326	25,388	41,857		
	District Totals	42,926	1,830	6,786	10,605	32,273	51,494	6	39
5	Franklin	3,234	243	928	987	714	2,872		
	Richland	4,790	321	824	1,107	1,820	4,072		
	West Carroll	1,357	140	378	396	547	1,461		
	District Totals	9,381	704	2,130	2,490	3,081	8,405	2	4
6	East Carroll	2,101	128	187	389	4,940	5,644		
	Madison	6,167	207	348	783	2,374	3,712		
	Tensas	1,471	71	273	418	1,485	2,247		
	District Totals	9,739	406	808	1,590	8,799	11,603	0	1
7	Catahoula	2,374	53	451	557	835	1,896		
	Concordia	3,363	227	806	1,732	428	3,193		
	District Totals	5,737	280	1,257	2,289	1,263	5,089	4	2
8	Winn	2,495	71	805	661	894	2,431		
	District Totals	2,495	71	805	661	894	2,431	0	5
9	Rapides	30,097	1,966	4,321	6,857	13,960	27,104		
	District Totals	30,097	1,966	4,321	6,857	13,960	27,104	3	25
10	Natchitoches	13,269	1,219	1,275	3,079	7,768	13,341		
	District Totals	13,269	1,219	1,275	3,079	7,768	13,341	0	3
11	DeSoto	11,436	474	1,132	1,154	7,231	9,991		
	Sabine	7,524	294	888	1,501	3,632	6,315		
	District Totals	18,960	768	2,020	2,655	10,863	16,306	4	10
12	Avoyelles	11,568+	288	2,177	2,105	6,746	11,316		
	District Totals	11,568	288	2,177	2,105	6,746	11,316	3	6
13	Evangeline**	3,493	347	1,141	1,826	0	3,314		
	District Totals	3,493	347	1,141	1,826	0	3,314	1	4
14	Calcasieu	27,907	1,190	7,127	5,050	11,650	25,017		
	District Totals	27,907	1,190	7,127	5,050	11,650	25,017	15	10
15	Acadia	8,804	424	1,685	2,732	5,082	9,923		
	Lafayette	23,130	2,360	7,487	5,340	9,562	24,749		
	Vermilion	9,730	502	1,657	2,420	5,260	9,839		
	District Totals	41,664	3,286	10,829	10,492	19,904	44,511	14	12
16	Iberia	11,260	933	2,426	2,210	5,434			
	St. Martin	10,131	561	1,529	840	5,325			
	St. Mary	10,654	816	1,807	2,773	5,126			
	District Totals	32,045	2,310	5,762	5,823	15,885	29,780	7	35
17	Lafourche	18,372	700	2,731	4,648	7,693	15,772		
	District Totals	18,372	700	2,731	4,648	7,693	15,772	8	9
18	Iberville	4,779	187	1,557	2,335	5,737	9,816		
	Pointe Coupee	3,069	184	793	827	736	2,540		
	W. Baton Rouge	6,296	124	902	1,627	3,644	6,297		
	District Totals	14,144	495	3,252	4,789	10,117	18,653	9	3
19	E. Baton Rouge*	50,348	0	14,180	10,186	25,379	49,745		
	District Totals	50,348	0	14,180	10,186	25,379	49,745	44	51
20	East Feliciana	4,305	332	936	629	1,657	3,554		
	West Feliciana	1,692	54	492	523	540	1,609		
	District Totals	5,997	386	1,428	1,152	2,197	5,163	0	10

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS *Two-Year Trend In Activity*

		2004 Total Filed	2005 Juvenile Filed	2005 Civil Filed	2005 Criminal Filed	2005 Traffic Filed	2005 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS Civil Filed	Criminal Filed
DISTRICT	PARISH								
21	Livingston	14,743	307	4,225	2,845	6,606	13,983		
	St. Helena	1,573	21	458	661	990	2,130		
	Tangipahoa	25,187	335	4,607	4,726	16,123	25,791		
	District Totals	41,503	663	9,290	8,232	23,719	41,904	11	28
22	St. Tammany	37,176	1,734	6,382	7,691	18,300	34,107		
	Washington	4,581	515	1,261	1,061	1,169	4,006		
	District Totals	41,757	2,249	7,643	8,752	19,469	38,113	14	109
23	Ascension*	4,903	375	2,937	1,519	0	4,831		
	Assumption	5,203	349	699	3,480	162	4,690		
	St. James	4,376	177	770	975	2,167	4,089		
	District Totals	14,482	901	4,406	5,974	2,329	13,610	8	32
24	Jefferson*	21,352	0	11,350	6,802	0	18,152		
	District Totals	21,352	0	11,350	6,802	0	18,152	29	77
25	Plaquemines**	7,868	122	973	4,635	0	5,730		
	District Totals	7,868	122	973	4,635	0	5,730	1	6
26	Bossier	19,862	1,031	3,341	8,850	8,467	21,689		
	Webster	12,794	523	1,330	1,727	3,398	6,978		
	District Totals	32,656	1,554	4,671	10,577	11,865	28,667	4	23
27	St. Landry	25,036	670	2,952	2,528	19,157	25,307		
	District Totals	25,036	670	2,952	2,528	19,157	25,307	9	20
28	LaSalle	3,615	146	536	1,470	1,146	3,298		
	District Totals	3,615	146	536	1,470	1,146	3,298	1	4
29	St. Charles	22,765	523	1,756	2,088	16,266	20,633		
	District Totals	22,765	523	1,756	2,088	16,266	20,633	5	7
30	Vernon	12,104	337	1,676	1,795	7,292	11,100		
	District Totals	12,104	337	1,676	1,795	7,292	11,100	0	4
31	Jefferson Davis	13,833	170	1,286	773	9,925	12,154		
	District Totals	13,833	170	1,286	773	9,925	12,154	2	3
32	Terrebonne	24,433	905	3,552	5,053	15,076	24,586		
	District Totals	24,433	905	3,552	5,053	15,076	24,586	4	28
33	Allen	5,893	393	750	936	3,612	5,691		
	District Totals	5,893	393	750	936	3,612	5,691	1	6
34	St. Bernard	19,854	415	2,218	3,826	4,964	11,423		
	District Totals	19,854	415	2,218	3,826	4,964	11,423	4	1
35	Grant	5,276	270	729	969	3,191	5,159		
	District Totals	5,276	270	729	969	3,191	5,159	0	2
36	Beauregard	6,557	162	1,327	1,185	5,314	7,988		
	District Totals	6,557	162	1,327	1,185	5,314	7,988	0	3
37	Caldwell**	3,228	98	465	3,336	0	3,899		
	District Totals	3,228	98	465	3,336	0	3,899	0	1
38	Cameron**	6,103	64	383	3,958	0	4,405		
	District Totals	6,103	64	383	3,958	0	4,405	2	0
39	Red River	5,901	195	473	2,506	2,698	5,872		
	District Totals	5,901	195	473	2,506	2,698	5,872	1	3
40	St. John	14,358	613	1,810	3,341	9,824	15,588		
	District Totals	14,358	613	1,810	3,341	9,824	15,588	1	2
	Orleans Civil*	18,763	0	13,821	0	0	13,821	41	0
	Orleans Criminal*	9,711	0	0	7,482	0	7,482	0	192
	District Totals	28,474	0	13,821	7,482	0	21,303	41	192
	Statewide Totals	741,180	28,104	152,528	174,861	355,380	710,873	271	856

* 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.

+ Reflects Updated Totals Received After Publication of 2004 Annual Report for the parish of Avoyelles.

JUVENILE JUDICIAL ACTIVITY: FORMAL PROCESS — CALENDAR YEAR 2005

	CADD0			E. BATON ROUGE			
	Filings	Children	Charges	Filings	Children	Charges	
Formal FINS	769	772	771	47	47	130	
Juvenile Traffic	460	452	626	597	597	894	
Juvenile Delinquency	2089	1992	2289	1047	1047	1546	
Mental Incapacity	5	1	1	0	0	0	
Interstate Compact	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Contempt of Court	175	173	377	662	662	662	
Child In Need of Care	177	183		122	209		
Vol. Custody Transfer	75	75		51	51		
Jud. Certification Adoption	13	13		28	28		
Surrender Parental Rights	21	21		56	56		
Adoption	88	88		80	80		
Child Support	345	344		1195	1195		
Mental Health	7	4		0	0		
Adult Misdemeanor	0	0		0	0		
Minor Marriages	0	0		1	2		
Terminally Ill Children	0	0		0	0		
Domestic Abuse	362	358		0	0		
Other	14	14		0	0		
SUBTOTAL	4,600	4,490	3,390	3,886	3,974	2,353	

FAMILY COURT FILINGS

Parish	New Cases Filed	Divorces	Separations (Covenant Marriage)*	Qualified Domestic Rel. Orders	Family Violence	Paternity Cases and State Cases	Disavowals	Annulments	Rule Hearings	Judgements	Custody	Dismissals
EBR Family Court	3,722	1,695	0	176	980	1,273	1	1	4,410	2,132	122	512

*Divorces from a Covenant Marriage are included in "Divorces".

JEFFERSON			ORLEANS			GRAND TOTAL		
Filings	Children	Charges	Filings	Children	Charges	Filings	Children	Charges
408	408	467	131	143	138	1355	1506	1370
617	0	0	410	410	836	2084	2356	1459
1455	1455	2308	898	1132	1455	5489	7598	5626
37	37	63	0	0	0	42	64	38
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
899	899	1199	0	0	0	1736	2238	1734
147	0		130	281		576	673	
167	0		38	51		331	177	
39	0		46	57		126	98	
4	0		71	55		152	132	
110	0		72	94		350	262	
1999	0		0	0		3539	1539	
0	0		0	0		7	4	
175	0		0	0		175	0	
3	3		0	0		4	5	
0	0		0	0		0	0	
0	0		0	0		362	358	
0	0		56	22		70	36	
6,060	4,037	2,799	1,852	2,245	1,685	16,398	14,746	10,227

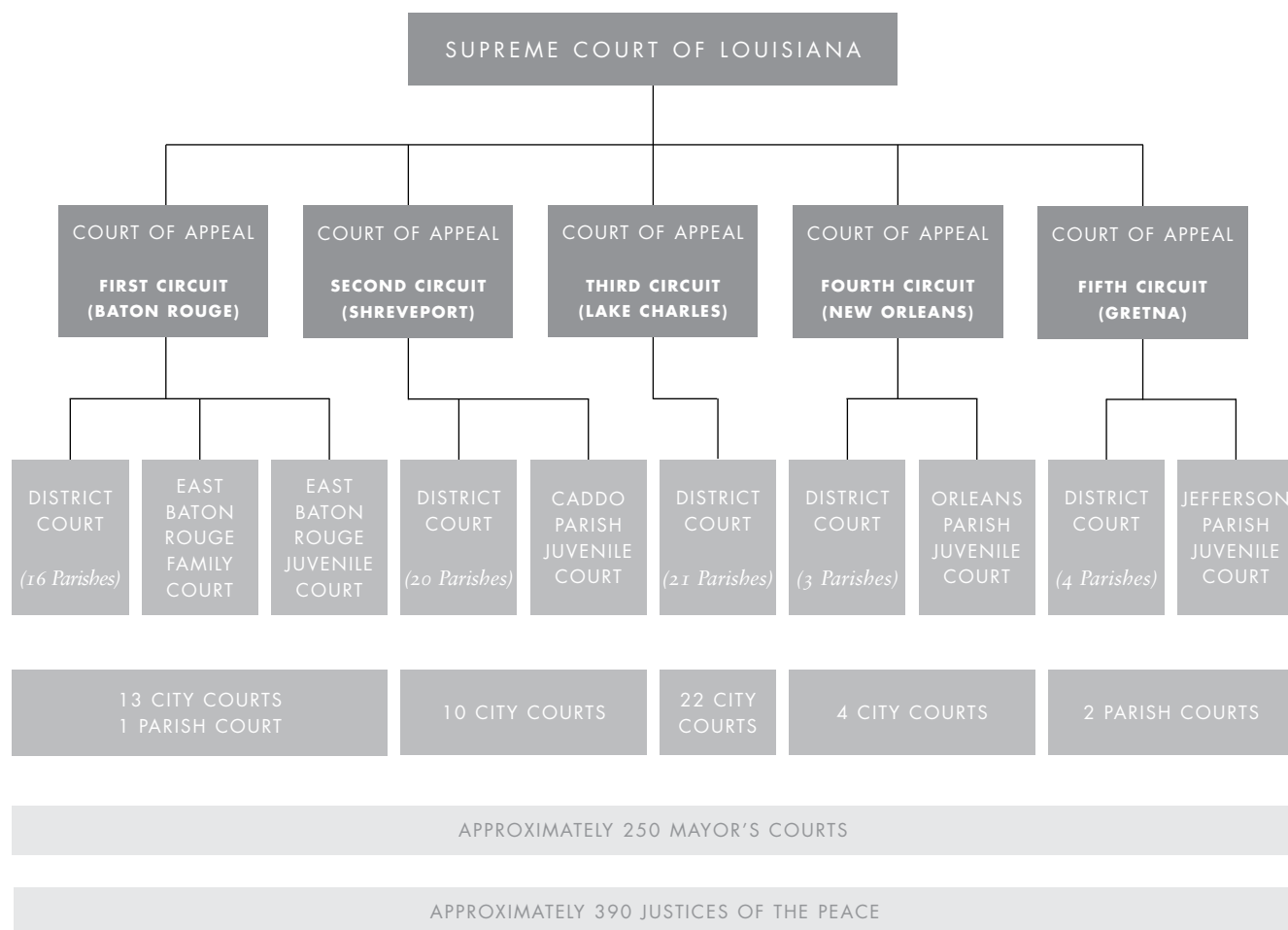
LOUISIANA CITY AND PARISH COURTS *Cases Processed*

	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	
CITY	CIVIL		CRIMINAL		TRAFFIC*		JUVENILE		TOTAL CASES		OTHER
Abbeville	246	155	615	562	2,270	1,983	386	402	3,517	3,102	0
Alexandria	2,466	1,366	6,402	4,162	9,405	9,405	0	0	18,273	14,943	0
Ascension	481	236	4,822	3,160	10,126	9,037	349	123	15,778	12,556	0
Baker	270	227	584	256	2,297	1,342	0	0	3,151	1,825	0
Bastrop	881	760	1,327	1,196	2,951	2,747	113	92	5,272	4,795	820
Baton Rouge	10,894	9,750	40,580	25,416	121,694	73,983	0	0	173,168	109,149	36,611
Bogalusa	252	211	1,610	1,354	2,215	1,865	307	332	4,384	3,762	2,271
Bossier City	2,080	1,282	2,636	2,694	10,259	8,815	1,523	1,493	16,498	14,284	458
Breaux Bridge	373	326	1,356	1,357	1,004	1,063	161	116	2,894	2,862	137
Bunkie	147	146	284	282	548	543	104	99	1,083	1,075	0
Crowley	308	229	3,283	1,220	3,616	2,217	748	488	7,955	4,154	0
Denham Springs	1,053	1,184	6,847	5,841	8,932	8,165	715	690	17,547	15,880	169
Eunice	376	362	2,734	3,148	2,529	2,621	379	360	6,018	6,491	0
Franklin	397	407	828	518	1,355	1,194	202	195	2,782	2,314	131
Hammond	1,723	1,319	4,018	1,881	10,302	6,766	1,121	620	17,164	10,586	0
Houma	2,625	1,756	2,616	2,223	5,113	5,428	1,757	1,574	12,111	10,981	969
Jeanerette	175	158	981	465	1,516	976	259	156	2,931	1,755	0
Jeff. 1st Parish Ct.	3,580	5,465	6,061	15,964	74,409	128,331	0	0	84,050	149,760	0
Jeff. 2nd Parish Ct.	3,291	5,381	4,878	10,896	54,113	100,488	0	0	62,282	116,765	0
Jennings	290	129	759	515	1,866	1,450	0	0	2,915	2,094	0
Kaplan	81	57	367	317	378	366	82	82	908	818	0
Lafayette	2,911	2,666	6,578	7,020	22,449	22,431	714	656	32,652	32,773	775
Lake Charles	2,208	411	3,586	3,045	10,597	8,734	119	137	16,510	12,327	0
Leesville	94	50	1,472	1,470	2,247	2,023	53	25	3,866	3,568	0
Marksville	292	211	1,090	1,006	1,251	1,204	115	108	2,748	2,529	0
Minden	528	637	1,271	969	1,356	1,197	195	168	3,350	2,971	179
Monroe	2,133	880	4,633	5,855	13,656	10,852	745	384	21,167	17,971	0
Morgan City	364	280	1,183	1,171	1,560	1,552	227	229	3,334	3,232	0
Natchitoches	521	294	1,338	1,103	3,726	3,281	282	262	5,867	4,940	162
New Iberia	790	737	2,107	1,959	4,737	4,210	356	368	7,990	7,274	0
N.O. 1st City Ct.	12,397	8,392	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,397	8,392	0
N.O. 2nd City Ct	1,778	1,566	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,778	1,566	0
N.O. Municipal	0	0	57,792	35,881	0	0	0	0	57,792	35,881	0
N.O. Traffic	0	0	3,192	2,530	128,441	100,078	0	0	131,633	100,078	0
Oakdale	216	200	516	303	1,199	1,389	109	160	2,040	2,052	33
Opelousas	722	583	3,640	3,031	5,664	4,808	731	601	10,757	9,023	0
Pineville	864	925	4,015	2,256	6,331	7,866	0	0	11,172	11,047	0
Plaquemine	349	349	405	382	2,308	2,265	99	99	3,161	3,095	0
Port Allen	249	109	297	196	9,423	6,422	58	35	9,889	6,900	0
Rayne	481	377	688	718	1,380	1,230	184	151	2,733	2,476	0
Ruston	1,021	575	1,618	2,360	3,637	2,723	0	0	6,276	5,658	287
Shreveport	9,355	7,361	10,551	10,374	48,772	48,604	0	0	68,678	66,339	26,810
Slidell	1,351	1,429	2,237	2,090	3,938	3,610	493	496	8,019	7,625	0
Springhill	367	304	886	625	850	850	190	149	2,293	1,928	226
Sulphur	830	686	2,454	2,907	7,732	8,240	172	27	11,188	11,860	259
Thibodaux	630	231	2,551	3,172	2,762	3,127	339	251	6,282	6,781	339
Vidalia	21	15	294	187	1,028	588	28	31	1,371	821	0
Ville Platte	816	491	1,122	809	611	442	73	56	2,612	1,798	0
West Monroe	1,503	1,081	2,369	2,172	5,698	6,315	124	117	9,694	9,685	120
Winnfield	318	170	389	215	550	330	0	0	1,257	715	0
Winnsboro	886	467	1,146	767	733	590	182	180	2,947	2,004	0
Zachary	176	111	586	776	1,677	1,381	0	0	2,439	2,268	0
STATE TOTALS	76,160	62,494	213,594	178,776	621,201	625,127	13,794	11,512	924,573	875,528	70,756

* DWI is included in the Criminal column.

LOUISIANA COURT STRUCTURE

JANUARY 1, 2006



Number of Justices and Judges: **7** Supreme Court
 53 Courts of Appeal
 242 District, Family and Juvenile
 (includes 11 Commissioners)
 73 City and Parish Courts
 375 Total



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