

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ANNUAL REPORT 2010 of the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court



THE SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA



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Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston,
Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana Parishes.*



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JUSTICE MARCUS R. CLARK

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



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Allen, Beauregard, Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Evangeline, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Vernon, and Webster 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.*



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Third Supreme Court District
Acadia, Avoyelles, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, St. Landry, and Vermilion Parishes.*



JUSTICE BERNETTE J. JOHNSON

Seventh Supreme Court District
Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.*

ABOUT THIS REPORT

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 2010, and includes 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.

* See Court District Maps on pages 6-7.

RESOURCES ON THE WEB AT WWW.LASC.ORG

The **2010 LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT ANNUAL REPORT** and the **GUIDE TO LOUISIANA COURTS** featuring a list of judges, clerks and administrators (complete with contact phone numbers) for the Courts of Appeal, District Courts, and City and Parish Courts statewide are now available on the Louisiana Supreme Court web site at www.lasc.org/press_room/publications.asp.

ON THE COVER

Statue of former Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Edward Douglass White, who later served as an Associate Justice and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

CHALLENGES AND CHANGES

The year 2010 presented many challenges, both personally and professionally, and several changes here at the Louisiana Supreme Court. Within several months of suffering an ischemic stroke in January of 2010 and undergoing substantive rehabilitation therapy, I resumed my duties as Chief Justice. Actually, within several weeks of the stroke, I was in daily contact with the office and handling as much as I could. I would like to thank my fellow Justices, and all the members of the bench and bar, for the outpouring of support that I received from across the state during my recovery. Thank you all for your support, words of encouragement, and prayers. I would like to especially thank retired Judge Phillip Ciaccio for his contributions as an *ad hoc* Justice on the court for several months in 2010. And I would like to welcome back to the Court Timothy F. Averill, who was appointed Judicial Administrator, upon the retirement of Dr. Hugh M. Collins in late 2010.

It's true what they say, if you have your health, you have everything. I never dreamed I would have a stroke, and I am certain most people don't think about it either. I have talked to our state judges about the importance of wellness and the warning signs of a stroke. I urged them, as well as our state legislators, and I urge you, the reader, to educate yourself on this issue, but more importantly, to pay attention to your personal health needs. As elected officials, we owe as much to the people of our great state whom we serve, and as citizens, we owe this to our own families.

And now to the business at hand. Shortly after I began my term as Chief Justice in January of 2009, the Justices of the Court met for two days at a retreat, and among other business, we adopted a Vision of the Judiciary, which basically envisions a judiciary that operates timely, efficiently and fairly. Let me tell you about a few of the initiatives the Court undertook in

2010 to make this vision a reality.

We invited two national organizations to review our internal case management system and our information technology systems and to make recommendations on how we might improve handling our cases more timely and efficiently. In 2010, we enacted many of the recommendations, including eliminating one department and combining two other departments. At the suggestion of the National Center for State Courts, we are investigating the use of video conferencing as a way to reduce the travel expenses of some of our Justices, and to enable Justices to participate in conferences when they are unable to travel to New Orleans for some reason. We also continued the pilot testing of e-filing with the Orleans and Jefferson Parish District Attorneys and Public Defenders' offices. We hope to have our e-filing operations completed this year.

We have also spent many hours and



resources designing, developing and implementing an Enterprise Resource Planning system which will result in an integrated computer-based system to manage financial resources, materials, payroll, and human resources. This ERP will revolutionize the way we conduct our internal business at the court, and will result in substantial savings and increased efficiencies for years to come. After months of hard work, we are halfway through our ERP rollout, and we expect to be completely online in just a few months.

Both in Louisiana and nationally, we have seen an increase in the number of *pro se* or self-represented litigants using the court system as a result of a weakening economy and rising litigation costs. We joined with the Louisiana State Bar Association to form a committee to explore methods of assisting those self-represented litigants in navigating the legal system. The Task Force was

chaired by Judge Harry F. Randow, and represented a diverse coalition of judges, policymakers, and advocates. Task Force members met and drafted recommendations on how to improve access to all levels of court, including strengthening training for judges and court employees, improving the quality and availability of legal pleadings and forms, and simplifying court procedures and rules.

Justice Jeannette Knoll chaired the Supreme Court Committee to Study Post-Conviction Procedures, whose purpose was to conduct a comprehensive review and study of the laws, processes and procedures relevant to Louisiana post-conviction proceedings, in a collaborative method to determine the cause, if any, of delays or practices unfair to either party. The Committee members were drawn from a broad range of individuals knowledgeable about the post-conviction process. We will be acting on the Committee's recommendations in the near future.

A specially appointed Task Force chaired by Judge Jerry Barbera looked at how to improve courthouse security in Louisiana, and yet another committee was appointed to study standard jury instructions with the goal of translating them into plain and understandable language. Giving jurors the clearest instructions about the law that applies in each case is vital to helping them do justice, therefore benefitting not only the citizens who serve on juries, but ultimately the judiciary as a whole.

For several years, I have envisioned the creation of a "leadership" program for members of our state judiciary, similar to leadership programs implemented by several civic organizations. In 2010, my vision became a reality. Plans were finalized for a "Louisiana Judicial Leadership Institute," designed to serve as an organizational enrichment tool to assist in developing a judge's leadership skills, to increase awareness of leadership and management issues and challenges, and to provide a network of court leaders across the state who are actively involved in improving leadership skills and court

operations. All full-time state judges were invited to apply for participation in the program, and an initial class of 35 was selected from the applicants. The Institute consists of five sessions over an eight month period in various cities across the state, and the first session was scheduled for January 2011.

We also worked closely with the Louisiana State Bar Association and its President, Michael Patterson, on several projects again this year, including cosponsoring the Diversity Conclave, hosting the Access to Justice Committee's Pro Bono awards, and defending the new advertising rules. In the near future, we will be considering proposed changes to the Bar exam.

Over the last few years, the Legislature has asked the Supreme Court to oversee several programs, and I would like to highlight one such program. In 2001, we were asked to oversee the establishment of a Drug Court program in Louisiana, and we responded with the creation of the Supreme Court Drug Court Office. Now, almost ten years later, we currently have in operation 29 adult drug courts, 17 juvenile drug courts, and one family dependency court. The operation of these drug courts results in savings of both money and lives.

Louisiana has the highest incarceration rate in the country. In Louisiana, where recidivism is rampant, 77.4% of drug court graduates remain arrest-free two years after leaving the program. For every \$1 invested in drug courts, taxpayers save as much as \$2.21 in direct benefits to the criminal justice system – a 221% return on the investment.

Since the first drug court opened in Louisiana, over 8,300 arrestees have graduated from the program. A total of 438 drug-free babies were born, for an estimated total cost saving of \$109,500,000, based on a total of estimated costs of medical and related expenses for a drug-addicted baby in the first year of life. Further, 94% of adult 2009 drug court graduates were employed at graduation, as compared to a 51% employment rate at admission. Substance abusing mothers who

have had their children removed by the state can regain custody if they remain drug free, reuniting mothers with their children and taking the children out of the foster care system. In short, while saving the state money in terms of incarceration, medical, welfare, unemployment and other expenses, as well as reducing crime, drug courts give hope and support to people previously considered as hopeless. The state dollars allocated to funding our drug courts are certainly a wise investment with an excellent return.

This is just a snapshot of the work of the Court in 2010, with the assistance of many members of the state bench and state bar, to move the state judiciary forward, and we thank everyone who has assisted the Justices this year. I am always receptive to suggestions and recommendations as to how the Court may achieve its vision, so please feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions.

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 2010, 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 Committee on Bar Admissions and the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, entities that operate under the auspices of the Supreme Court. All who were involved in our continuing efforts throughout 2010 to improve judicial administration are to be congratulated.



Catherine D. Kimball
Chief Justice
Louisiana Supreme Court

2010: HIGHLIGHTS OF A PRODUCTIVE YEAR

This section highlights initiatives of the Judicial Administrator's Office, the managerial arm of the Louisiana Supreme Court which serves as staffing and fiscal agent for the Judicial Council and court-appointed task forces and committees. The section also includes information about the Law Library, Judicial College, Bar Admissions, Clerk of Court's Office, Attorney Disciplinary Board, and the Judiciary Commission.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

By administering statewide programs, the Court enhances judicial services to children and families.

- The Court Improvement Program (CIP) administers three federal grants for improving the adjudication of child abuse and neglect cases. CIP continues to provide training and technical assistance for the rollout of the new statewide system of representation. CIP actively participated in the federal Child & Family Services Review and the development of the resultant Program Improvement Plan. In addition, CIP is developing a pilot Cold Case review process for children who have been in foster care for an extended period of time, with a focus on issues around disproportionate minority representation. The CIP Judicial Fellow works closely with new and seasoned legal stakeholders to help ensure timely and good decision-making.
- The Families in Need of Services (FINS) Assistance Program provides fiscal and programmatic oversight of funds allocated to support mandated informal FINS processes in every judicial district statewide. The FINS Assistance Program (FINS-AP) is committed to working in partnership with individual judicial district courts, community, and other juvenile justice stakeholders in providing pre-court diversion, intervention, and case management services for alleged status offenders and their families. FINS programs operate in 42 judicial districts, in more than 55 offices, with the primary goal of providing a continuum of voluntary diversion services to prevent delinquency and strengthen and secure maximum independence for children and their families.
- The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Assistance Program administers Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds and state general funds as appropriated annually by the legislature to support local CASA services. In 2010, 17 local CASA programs served 3,233 TANF verified abused and neglected children,

appointed from courts in 33 judicial districts across Louisiana, and more than 1,400 CASA children were permanently placed.

- Integrated Juvenile Justice Information System (IJJIS), a web-based juvenile court case management and data reporting system, has been successfully piloted in Caddo Parish Juvenile Court and efforts are underway to facilitate implementation in additional courts statewide.

DRUG COURTS

Drug Courts combine intensive substance abuse treatment with rigorous court oversight, community supervision, and regular and frequent drug testing to ensure program accountability and the best possible outcomes for offenders with substance abuse problems. Drug Court programs provide both economic and non-economic benefits to communities because they reduce drug dependency among non-violent criminal offenders, thus restoring families, increasing employment and productivity, achieving improved public health, and reducing the costs of incarceration. The Supreme Court Drug Court Office (SCDCO) is the fiscal agent for funds allocated to local drug court programs throughout the state.

In 2010, Louisiana's 46 juvenile and adult drug courts and one family dependency court spent nearly \$15 million in state and federal funds for treatment, supervision, and drug testing of about 3,300 clients per month.

- Significant progress was made toward the enhancement of the Drug Court Case Management (DCCM) computer system. The DCCM was developed by the SCDCO to assist drug courts in tracking their clients through the drug court process. The web-based system allows for multiuser entry and access to critical offender data in a real-time format.
- Local Drug Court Programs were given access to two tools for the assessment of drug use and dependency via the Office of Behav-



ioral Health. Additionally, these tools, the Addiction Severity Index and the Comprehensive Adolescent Severity Inventory, aid treatment providers with the development of client treatment plans. Training sessions held for the use of both of these tools were well attended.

- The SCDCO performed ongoing reviews of court data to track recidivism and other key outcomes; continued to work with the MacArthur Foundation on the development and deployment of evidence-based practices in juvenile court; and, continued the successful drug court judicial ride-along program.

COURT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS & LOUISIANA PROTECTIVE ORDER REGISTRY

Court Management Information Systems (CMIS) received 468,710 criminal records and 652,937 traffic records containing filing, disposition, and sentencing information during 2010.

The Criminal Records Project sends final dispositions to the Department of Public Safety for inclusion in a computerized criminal history database; 24,801 records were posted by the end of 2010. CMIS posted 23,805 qualifying felony dispositions records to the FBI National Instant Check System database. CMIS receives criminal data from 62 of 64 district courts.

The Traffic Records Project sends final dispositions to the Office of Motor Vehicles for inclusion in the state drivers records; 182,455 records were posted by the end of 2010. CMIS receives traffic data from 32

district courts, 12 city courts, and 6 mayor's courts.

- CMIS dispersed nearly \$173,000 in federal grants to District Court Clerk of Court Offices for acquisition and installation of criminal case management systems to report criminal filing and disposition data.
- Site visits and training sessions were conducted by CMIS to familiarize and assist 13 district courts and four city courts with the proper methods for reporting filings and disposition information.
- The Louisiana Protective Order Registry (LPOR) is a statewide repository for court orders issued to prohibit domestic abuse and dating violence, as well as aid law enforcement, prosecutors and the court in handling such matters. In 2010 the registry received 20,616 court orders from across the state.
- The LPOR staff responded to 903 order verification requests, providing this essential service 24 hours a day, seven days a week to the FBI as well as to state and local law enforcement.
- LPOR's training team provided educational programs that reached about 633 court and law enforcement officials.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The outreach division of the Supreme Court oversees communications, events, courthouse tours and other public involvement, including the web site (www.lasc.org), media relations, and court publications. Significant accomplishments in 2010:

- Conducted 53 tours involving nearly 900 visitors from schools of all levels, law firms, international lawyers and judges, lawyers and judges from other states, civic organizations, legislators and businesses.
- Disseminated statewide and national media updates on the post-stroke progress and recovery of Chief Justice Catherine D. "Kitty" Kimball.
- In recognition of Law Day 2010, the Community Relations Department assisted Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Bernette J. Johnson in coordinating a mock trial at the Louisiana Supreme Court presented by 90 local high school students. The mock trial was the culmination of weeks of preparation by the students. It was based on a Street Law, Inc. mock trial script that focused on the issue of hazing on a university campus.
- Assisted the Louisiana Judicial College in enhancing their continuing legal education program materials in an effort to make them more user-friendly for judges and to increase judge participation.

NEW JUDGESHIPS

In 2010, the 7th Judicial District requested a new judgeship which was not recommended by the Judicial Council. The 12th Judicial District also requested a new judgeship but

later withdrew the request.

LAW LIBRARY

Communicating to a diverse constituency—the judiciary, the bar, and the public—what resources and services the Law Library of Louisiana offers and teaching them how to reap the benefits was a major priority in 2010. Throughout the year the library reached out to its users through its DeNovo newsletter along with other outreach initiatives:

- Sponsored two free continuing legal education programs during 2010. The first, cosponsored by the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society, examined the Louisiana Civil Code as both a borrower and a source of legal ideas. The second, cosponsored by the A.P. Tureaud Inn of Court and the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society, covered the resources of the Law Library of Louisiana. Additionally the staff of the Law Library demonstrated its Westlaw expertise, featured other databases available in the library, and explained services provided for attorneys at the Louisiana State Bar Association's Solo/Small Firms Conference.
- Opened a new exhibit entitled "A Century of Endurance" which was housed in the Louisiana Supreme Court Law Museum. The exhibit opened during the Fall Judges Conference and celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the Supreme Court courthouse located in the New Orleans French Quarter.
- Added carefully selected books and other materials to enhance the collection with a total of 3,125 new volumes added in 2010. This included 589 new titles added to the library collection.
- Responded to over 12,000 customer questions directed to the library Reference Desk. There was a 13% increase in reference questions and researched responses from 2009. Additionally 1,165 letters from prisoners were answered.

JUDICIAL COLLEGE

Over 700 members of the judiciary took part in Judicial College sessions, which featured some 50 speakers on continuing legal education topics targeted to keep judges abreast of important developments in key areas of law.

- Among the topics: 1) Recent Developments in Juvenile Law, in Domestic Relations Legislation and Jurisprudence, in Civil and Criminal Law, in Capital Litigation, and in Torts; 2) Judicial Ethics and Best Practices in Family Law, Juvenile Law, Drug Court, Criminal Law, and Civil Law; 3) Family Issues of Domestic Violence, Developments in Domestic Relations, Economics of the Family, and Violent Families; 4) Evidentiary Issues Arising in Civil and Criminal Cases, Handling Default Judgements and Evidentiary

Objections; and 5) Local Mental Health Programs, Social Services and Health & Hospitals, and Tips on Handling Competency and Sanity Issues in Criminal Cases.

- In 2010, the Judicial College also co-sponsored with the National Judicial College a four-day "Training the Trainers," a faculty and curriculum development program designed to enhance the planning and presentation of Judicial College sessions.

BAR ADMISSIONS

In 2010, the Committee on Bar Admissions developed and administered exams in February, resulting in a 49% pass rate, and in July, resulting in a 65.8% pass rate. A total of 824 new attorneys were admitted to the Louisiana Bar in April and October ceremonies. The Committee on Bar Admissions:

- Continued its efforts to educate potential bar applicants by visiting the Louisiana law schools throughout the year to provide information regarding the bar application and character and fitness screening processes.
- Continued its study of new bar examination formats and scoring methods. It also sought public comment and met with representatives of the Louisiana State Bar Association, local and specialty bar associations, and the Louisiana law schools to discuss possible changes to the examination. Ultimately, the Committee submitted its proposals for change to the Louisiana Bar Examination to the Louisiana Supreme Court.
- Carried out its character and fitness screening duties by reviewing applicant information, conducting investigations, and making determinations as to the character and fitness of all applicants. The Committee recommended that 18 applicants be denied admission and that 8 applicants be conditionally admitted. Substance abuse, criminal conduct, lack of candor, and financial irresponsibility were among the most common obstacles preventing certification.

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY BOARD

2010 marked the 20th year of operation of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB). The Supreme Court's regulatory agency noted the occasion as an opportunity for reflection upon past efforts and ways to improve going forward. In 2010 the LADB:

- Held a self-assessment session with a view towards bringing meaningful improvement to the system. In this spirit, the LADB recommitted its focus to educating members of the bar and encouraged the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to explore innovative ways of resolving minor misconduct investigations in a more timely manner.
- Cosponsored continuing legal education seminars with the Louisiana State Bar Association focused primarily upon the ethical

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dilemmas faced by solo practitioners and small firms. The ongoing goal is to provide practical solutions to recurring issues which often result in the filing of disciplinary complaints.

- The Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the prosecutorial arm of the LADB, received 3,210 complaints in 2010. Of those, 1,280 were opened for full disciplinary investigation; 1,569 were screened with a view towards resolution without a full disciplinary investigation, and the balance were referred to the Louisiana State Bar Association Practice Assistance Counsel. Practitioners who fell in the latter category were those where minor, unintentional misconduct was found. For these practitioners, attendance at a daylong Ethics School has proven to be a successful remedy.
- The Office of Disciplinary Counsel added a Certified Public Accountant to its staff to assist in developing solutions to inadvertent problems experienced by lawyers relating to client trust accounts. Informal tutorials were developed for the practitioner whose accounting and business practices are in need of reform to fully comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct.

CLERK OF COURT

In 2010, the Clerk of Court’s Office continued to do more with less. The Clerk’s office absorbed the responsibilities of the Administrative Counsel’s office and reduced its staff by two employees. 2,875 cases were filed in the Clerk of Court’s Office, up from 2,780 cases in 2009. The Court disposed of 2,801 cases in 2010, coincidentally, the same as in 2009. In 2010 the clearance rate was 97.4%.

Among key responsibilities of the Clerk of Court’s Office, in addition to the processing of all incoming and outgoing filings and dispositions, were:

- Participated in the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) design and development as the Court moved toward implementing an integrated computer-based system designed to manage financial resources, materials, and human resources.
- Oversaw courthouse maintenance and improvements involving roof repairs, basement waterproofing, lightning damage repair, and general building maintenance.
- Issued Certificates of Good Standing for Louisiana attorneys. The demand for issuance of Certificates of Good Standing rose in 2010 to 4,978, a 6.8% increase over the 4,661 certificates which were issued in 2009, but not much more than the 4,909 issued in

2008.

- Managed logistics for 274 events hosted by the Court which included Court conferences, oral argument days and other meetings.
- Continued the pilot testing of e-filing with the Orleans and Jefferson Parish District Attorneys and Public Defenders’ Offices.

JUDICIARY COMMISSION

The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana received and docketed 586 complaints against judges and justices of the peace in 2010. In addition, 278 prior complaints were pending as of January 1, 2010.

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

- In 2010, the Commission’s Office of Special Counsel received 360 requests for information, and the Commission Office received more than 100 requests.
- Of the 586 complaints filed and docketed in 2010, 408 were screened out as not within the jurisdiction of the Commission, or without merit or sufficient corroborating evidence. The remaining 178 cases were reviewed to consider the need for investigation. During 2010, 26 of these cases required in-depth investigation.
- The Commission filed 14 sets of formal charges. The Commission lost jurisdiction

in two cases because the respondent judges resigned rather than continue with Commission proceedings.

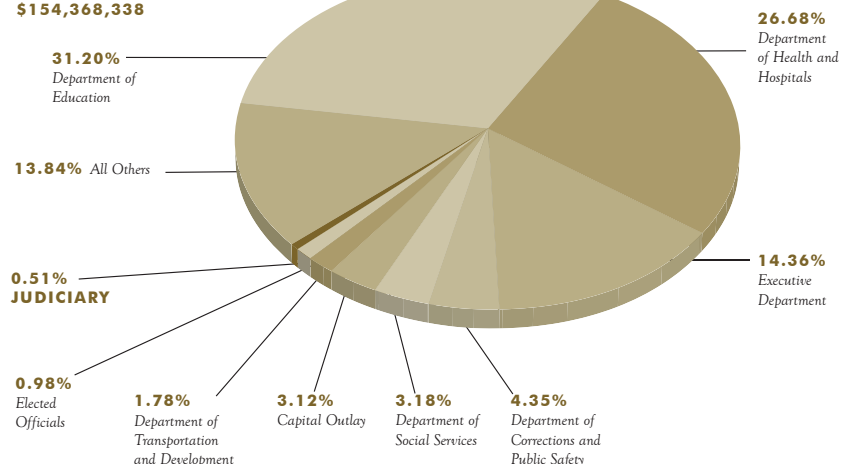
- Formal hearings before a hearing officer were conducted and/or scheduled in seven cases. After formal hearings, the Commission submitted to the Supreme Court one case recommending discipline.
- Also during 2010, one judge personally appeared before the Commission for questioning after hearings before randomly appointed hearing officers. Five other judges or justices of the peace were invited and appeared before the Commission with regard to complaints about their judicial conduct.
- In 2010, the Supreme Court publicly fined one judge, which is authorized when a judge is determined to have violated the Court’s rule regarding financial disclosure.
- As of December 31, 2010, there were no cases pending before the Supreme Court. The Commission had 338 cases pending, having disposed of 526 cases in 2010.

JUDICIAL BUDGET

Louisiana does not have a unified state court funding system. Operations of district, parish, and city courts are primarily funded by local governments. An annual legislative appropriation funds the operations of the Louisiana Supreme Court, the five circuit courts of appeal, and the salaries of the Supreme Court Justices, courts of appeal judges, and district court judges, including family and juvenile courts. The state also funds a portion of the salaries of parish and city court judges, and the compensation of retired and ad hoc judges. In 2010, 0.51% of the state’s general fund was appropriated to the budget of the state judiciary.

LOUISIANA STATE BUDGET 2010-2011

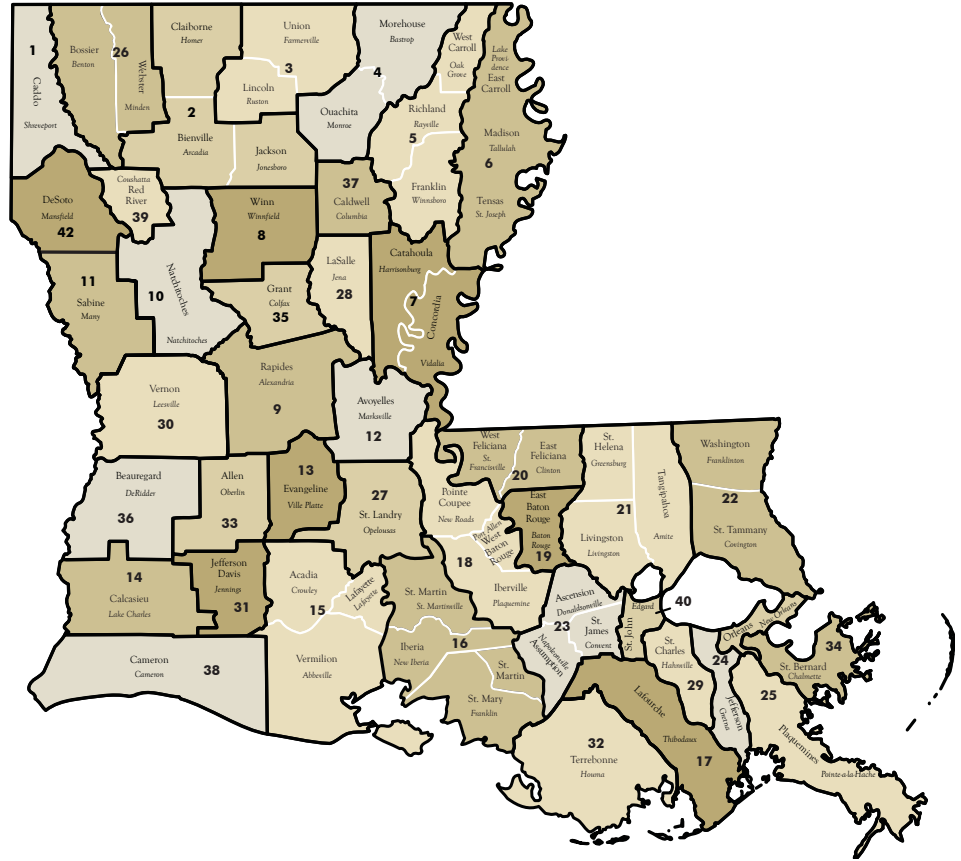
Total State Budget: **\$30,319,412,845**
 Judiciary Budget: **\$154,368,338**



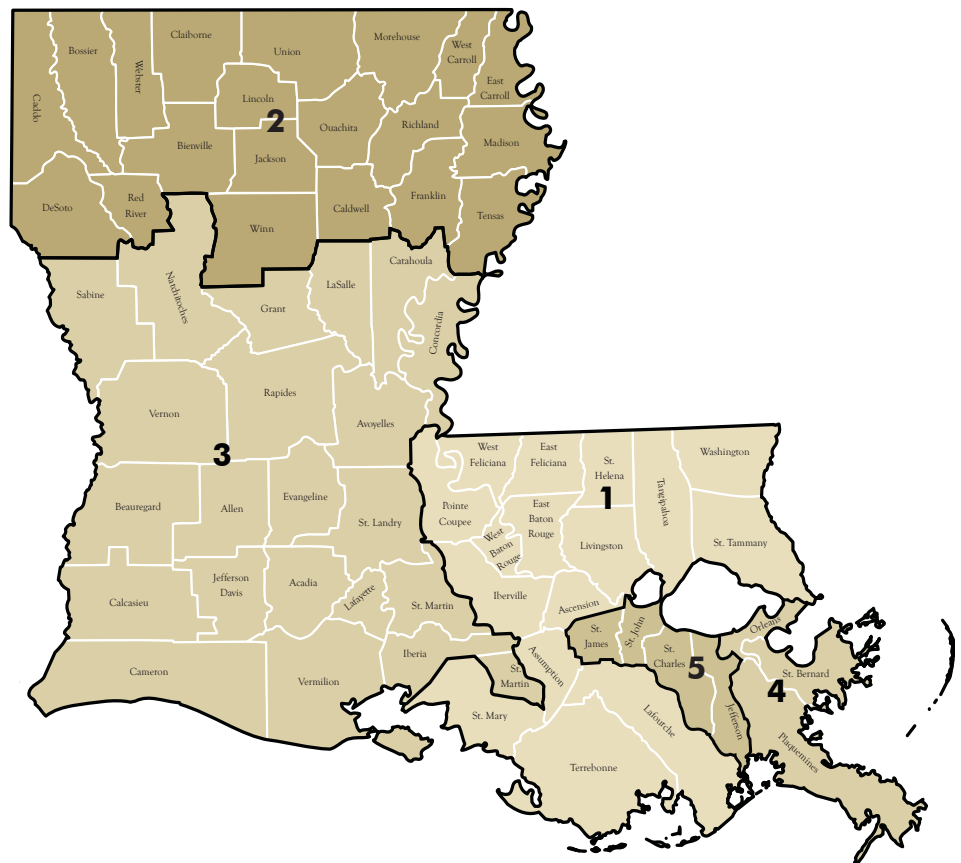
**LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS
JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

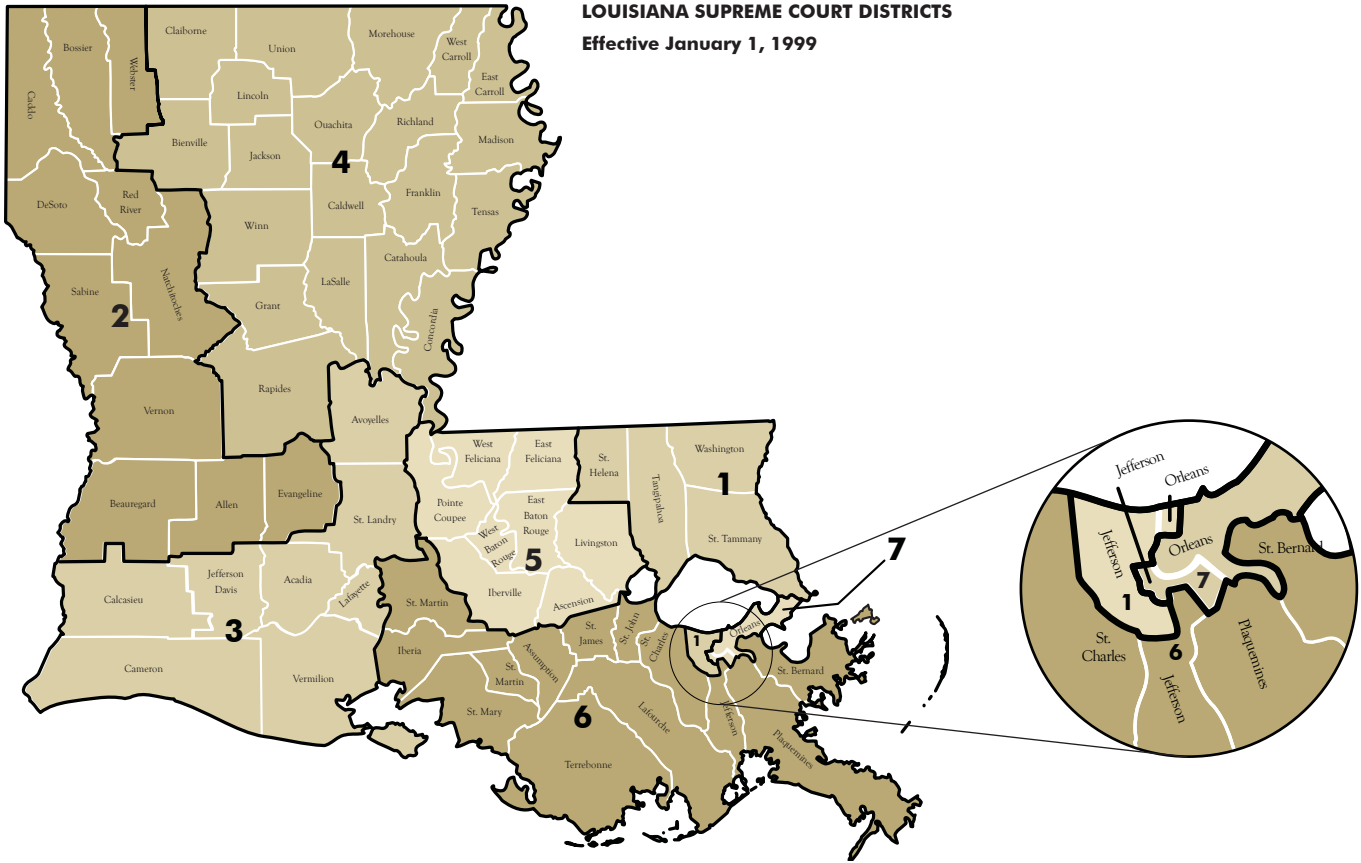
* ACT 621 of 2006 Regular Legislative Session reorganizes and consolidates the Orleans Parish civil and criminal courts to 41st Judicial District Court by January 1, 2010; consolidates civil and criminal sheriffs by January 1, 2010; consolidates Orleans Parish civil, criminal, juvenile, 1st City and 2nd City Courts judicial expense funds by January 1, 2009; abolishes the recorder of mortgages, register of conveyances and notarial archives by January 1, 2009, and merges those offices with the Clerk of Civil District Court until the Clerk of the 41st Judicial District Court is created January 1, 2010; consolidates Orleans Parish Juvenile Court with the 41st Judicial District Court effective January 1, 2015. ACT 873 of the 2008 Regular Legislative Session amends ACT 621 to change the effective date of January 1, 2010 to be December 31, 2014.

** ACT 416 of 2007 Regular Legislative Session splits the 11th Judicial District Court to create a new judicial district comprised of DeSoto Parish as the 42nd Judicial District.



**LOUISIANA COURTS
OF APPEAL CIRCUITS**





LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT DISTRICTS
Effective January 1, 1999

***Districts 1, 6 & 7 Detail:**

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

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

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

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

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

BEHIND THE COURTS' SUCCESS

Dozens of people, working together, have made the accomplishments of 2010 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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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 2010.

SUPREME COURT

In 2010, 2,875 cases were filed, up from 2,780 cases in 2009. The Court disposed of 2,801 cases in 2010, coincidentally, the same as in 2009. In 2010 the clearance rate was 97.4%.

COURTS OF APPEAL

In 2010, there were 7,824 filings in the Louisiana courts of appeal. The 2010 filings were .15% greater than those in 2009. In total, 2,358 opinions were rendered during 2010, an increase of .86% compared to 2009. The number of opinions rendered per judge totaled 55 in the First Circuit, 37 in the Second Circuit, 49 in the Third Circuit, 41 in the Fourth Circuit, and 34 in the Fifth Circuit.

DISTRICT COURTS

During 2010, there were 833,898 filings in the district courts, a decrease of 21,360 filings compared with 2009 (a 2.50% decrease). Juvenile filings decreased by 4.72% over 2009 to 28,278. 2010 criminal filings were down 5.21% (a decrease of 9,199); civil filings increased by .56% (859 more); and traffic filings were down by 2.35% (a decrease of 11,618).

CITY AND PARISH COURTS

Filings in Louisiana city and parish courts decreased by 5.90%, from 1,059,702 filings in 2009 to 997,186 in 2010.

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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA *Two Year Trend in Activity*

	2009 Total	2010 Total	2010 Civil	2010 Criminal
APPEALS				
Filed	14	9	5	4
Dismissed	8	0	0	0
Opinions Rendered				
With written opinions	7	9	5	4
Per curiams	7	3	3	0
WRITS				
Applications Filed (Except Prisoner Pro Se)	1,510	1,592	1,037	555
Prisoner Pro Se Writs	1,036	1,077	62	1,015
Granted	336	273	134	139
To be argued	59	78	58	20
With orders & transferred	277	195	76	119
Dismissed	29	34	25	9
Not Considered	64	43	28	15
Denied	2,085	2,197	904	1,293
Opinions Rendered	54	51	39	12
REHEARINGS				
Applied for	67	56	42	14
Granted	3	0	0	0
Denied/Dismissed	133	53	41	12
Opinions Rendered	0	0	0	0
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION				
Petitions Filed	212	191	191	0
Opinions Rendered	7	1	1	0
Other Actions	190	220	220	0
OTHER MATTERS				
Filed	8	6	5	1
Opinions Rendered	0	0	0	0
Other Actions	48	27	4	23
OTHER PER CURIAM OPINIONS RENDERED				
	210	265	210	55
TOTAL FILINGS				
	2,780	2,875	1,300	1,575
Per Justice	397	411	186	225
TOTAL OPINIONS RENDERED				
	68	61	45	16

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	2009 Total	2010 Total	2010 Civil	2010 Criminal
FIRST CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	823	808	573	235
Motions Filed	37	36	25	11
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	625	645	438	207
Writs Refused*	485	477	315	162
Writs Granted	171	142	116	26
Pro Se Writs Filed	906	897	163	734
Pro Se Writs Refused*	894	702	134	568
Pro Se Writs Granted	102	87	16	71
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	142	114	94	20
Consolidated Opinions	72	31	31	0
Opinions Rendered **	680	665	488	177
Rehearings Acted Upon***	188	149	122	27
Appeals Pending	417	439	323	116
Argued But Not Decided	40	24	22	2
To Be Argued	377	415	301	114
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	57	55	41	15
SECOND CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	385	367	222	145
Motions Filed	6	24	6	18
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	245	212	117	95
Writs Refused*	205	154	89	65
Writs Granted	61	67	24	43
Pro Se Writs Filed	338	376	15	361
Pro Se Writs Refused*	294	351	15	336
Pro Se Writs Granted	39	29	1	28
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	39	41	26	15
Consolidated Opinions	30	24	13	11
Opinions Rendered **	366	334	218	116
Rehearings Acted Upon***	81	68	53	15
Appeals Pending	170	146	88	58
Argued But Not Decided	47	56	36	20
To Be Argued	123	90	52	38
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	41	37	24	13
THIRD CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	596	587	413	174
Motions Filed	27	43	15	28
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	391	397	280	117
Writs Refused*	266	312	237	75
Writs Granted	87	90	65	25
Pro Se Writs Filed	556	536	17	519
Pro Se Writs Refused*	481	394	12	382
Pro Se Writs Granted	51	66	4	62
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	37	45	36	9
Consolidated Opinions	2	5	5	0
Opinions Rendered **	557	588	429	159
Rehearings Acted Upon***	106	104	80	24
Appeals Pending	302	278	180	98
Argued But Not Decided	19	18	16	2
To Be Argued	283	260	164	96
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	46	49	36	13

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL *Two Year Trend in Activity*

	2009 Total	2010 Total	2010 Civil	2010 Criminal
FOURTH CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	477	498	342	156
Motions Filed	18	18	12	6
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	878	875	395	480
Writs Refused*	623	713	322	391
Writs Granted	239	246	117	129
Pro Se Writs Filed	377	405	7	398
Pro Se Writs Refused*	318	288	6	282
Pro Se Writs Granted	72	95	1	94
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	69	59	50	9
Consolidated Opinions	25	45	36	9
Opinions Rendered **	429	497	352	145
Rehearings Acted Upon***	116	94	78	16
Appeals Pending	300	275	169	106
Argued But Not Decided	77	32	28	4
To Be Argued	223	243	141	102
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	36	41	29	12
FIFTH CIRCUIT				
Appeals Filed	351	326	198	128
Motions Filed	8	16	8	8
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	289	296	179	117
Writs Refused*	190	239	150	89
Writs Granted	83	68	37	31
Pro Se Writs Filed	479	462	7	455
Pro Se Writs Refused*	289	447	7	440
Pro Se Writs Granted	125	143	2	141
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	42	33	24	9
Consolidated Opinions	13	14	12	2
Opinions Rendered **	306	274	181	93
Rehearings Acted Upon***	48	75	41	34
Appeals Pending	180	211	106	105
Argued But Not Decided	55	57	40	17
To Be Argued	125	154	66	88
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	38	34	23	12
TOTAL FOR ALL CIRCUITS				
Appeals Filed	2,632	2,586	1,748	838
Motions Filed	96	137	66	71
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	2,428	2,425	1,409	1,016
Writs Refused*	1,769	1,895	1,113	782
Writs Granted	641	613	359	254
Pro Se Writs Filed	2,656	2,676	209	2,467
Pro Se Writs Refused*	2,276	2,182	174	2,008
Pro Se Writs Granted	389	420	24	396
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	329	292	230	62
Consolidated Opinions	142	119	97	22
Opinions Rendered **	2,338	2,358	1,668	690
Rehearings Acted Upon***	539	490	374	116
Appeals Pending	1,369	1,349	866	483
Argued But Not Decided	238	187	142	45
To Be Argued	1,131	1,162	724	438
Opinions Rendered Per Judge	44	44	31	13

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LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS *Two Year Trend in Activity*

DISTRICT	PARISH	2009 Total Filed	2010 Juvenile Filed	2010 Civil Filed	2010 Criminal Filed	2010 ³ Traffic Filed	2010 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS Civil Filed	Criminal Filed
1	Caddo ¹	26,618	539	8,673	9,702	11,310	30,224	12	43
	District Totals:	26,618	539	8,673	9,702	11,310	30,224	12	43
2	Bienville	5,477	42	595	652	4,047	5,336	0	2
	Claiborne	4,905	187	334	797	3,589	4,907	0	0
	Jackson	2,739	455	635	594	628	2,312	1	1
	District Totals:	13,121	684	1,564	2,043	8,264	12,555	1	3
3	Lincoln	5,708	468	905	1,517	2,923	5,813	3	2
	Union	2,854	286	756	1,141	1,133	3,316	0	1
	District Totals:	8,562	754	1,661	2,658	4,056	9,129	3	3
4	Morehouse	5,258	383	609	1,411	6,148	8,551	0	5
	Ouachita	38,360	1,266	4,460	7,639	25,240	38,605	7	33
	District Totals:	43,618	1,649	5,069	9,050	31,388	47,156	7	38
5	Franklin	2,640	222	727	814	549	2,312	1	4
	Richland	4,682	126	705	1,302	2,893	5,026	1	2
	West Carroll	1,847	101	346	537	696	1,680	0	2
	District Totals:	9,169	449	1,778	2,653	4,138	9,018	2	8
6	East Carroll	2,736	75	188	460	4,492	5,215	1	1
	Madison	4,494	149	369	790	3,176	4,484	1	0
	Tensas	1,628	22	215	708	1,227	2,172	0	2
	District Totals:	8,858	246	772	1,958	8,895	11,871	2	3
7	Catahoula	1,668	27	416	366	777	1,586	0	0
	Concordia	2,847	185	748	1,417	657	3,007	1	3
	District Totals:	4,515	212	1,164	1,783	1,434	4,593	1	3
8	Winn	2,852	50	581	638	1,593	2,862	0	3
	District Totals:	2,852	50	581	638	1,593	2,862	0	3
9	Rapides	23,351	1,344	3,708	4,386	12,795	22,233	10	27
	District Totals:	23,351	1,344	3,708	4,386	12,795	22,233	10	27
10	Natchitoches	10,722	1,842	1,273	1,513	6,281	10,909	4	7
	District Totals:	10,722	1,842	1,273	1,513	6,281	10,909	4	7
11	Sabine	5,756	201	795	1,593	3,024	5,613	0	0
	District Totals:	5,756	201	795	1,593	3,024	5,613	0	0
12	Avoyelles	8,505	411	1,932	2,758	4,055	9,156	3	10
	District Totals:	8,505	411	1,932	2,758	4,055	9,156	3	10
13	Evangeline	8,192	619	1,149	949	5,233	7,950	1	7
	District Totals:	8,192	619	1,149	949	5,233	7,950	1	7
14	Calcasieu	29,134	1,621	6,572	9,978	9,870	28,041	17	19
	District Totals:	29,134	1,621	6,572	9,978	9,870	28,041	17	19
15	Acadia	11,232	397	1,813	1,394	5,247	8,851	5	2
	Lafayette ²	29,261	2,586	8,419	5,614	9,995	26,614	13	11
	Vermilion	9,654	385	1,837	2,352	3,215	7,789	1	9
	District Totals:	50,147	3,368	12,069	9,360	18,457	43,254	19	22
16	Iberia	13,593	173	2,185	2,062	11,210	15,630	5	12
	St. Martin	22,653	583	1,532	2,028	8,721	12,864	0	3
	St. Mary	9,536	663	1,851	2,682	4,007	9,203	3	4
	District Totals:	45,782	1,419	5,568	6,772	23,938	37,697	8	19
17	Lafourche	21,025	759	2,670	4,806	12,819	21,054	2	7
	District Totals:	21,025	759	2,670	4,806	12,819	21,054	2	7
18	Iberville	13,344	205	1,618	1,277	9,863	12,963	3	2
	Pointe Coupee ⁵	5,458	215	952	1,115	4,523	6,805	3	2
	West Baton Rouge	4,566	87	906	1,396	2,382	4,771	2	1
	District Totals:	23,368	507	3,476	3,788	16,768	24,539	8	5
19	East Baton Rouge ¹	61,847	0	14,065	9,631	31,943	55,639	35	38
	District Totals:	61,847	0	14,065	9,631	31,943	55,639	35	38
20	East Feliciana	4,496	146	1,050	873	2,135	4,204	1	3
	West Feliciana	1,235	18	330	412	544	1,304	0	5
	District Totals:	5,731	164	1,380	1,285	2,679	5,508	1	8

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS *Two Year Trend in Activity*

DISTRICT	PARISH	2009 Total Filed	2010 Juvenile Filed	2010 Civil Filed	2010 Criminal Filed	2010 ³ Traffic Filed	2010 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS	
								Civil Filed	Criminal Filed
21	Livingston	19,557	785	4,510	3,876	11,398	20,569	5	10
	St. Helena ⁴	3,806	108	359	881	1,998	3,346	0	2
	Tangipahoa	33,802	931	4,560	5,347	23,667	34,505	3	7
	District Totals:	57,165	1,824	9,429	10,104	37,063	58,420	8	19
22	St. Tammany	65,113	1,330	8,934	7,734	35,599	53,597	16	101
	Washington	7,452	520	1,571	1,391	3,355	6,837	2	13
	District Totals:	72,565	1,850	10,505	9,125	38,954	60,434	18	114
23	Ascension ¹	6,225	567	4,158	1,731	0	6,456	3	18
	Assumption	5,459	240	798	876	3,140	5,054	0	3
	St. James	6,858	259	852	1,073	3,828	6,012	1	2
	District Totals:	18,542	1,066	5,808	3,680	6,968	17,522	4	23
24	Jefferson ¹	20,394	0	14,671	6,494	0	21,165	27	106
	District Totals:	20,394	0	14,671	6,494	0	21,165	27	106
25	Plaquemines	6,892	98	934	1,511	4,849	7,392	3	4
	District Totals:	6,892	98	934	1,511	4,849	7,392	3	4
26	Bossier	22,144	1,882	3,342	6,925	5,236	17,385	0	9
	Webster	9,116	414	1,226	2,177	5,344	9,161	0	4
	District Totals:	31,260	2,296	4,568	9,102	10,580	26,546	0	13
27	St. Landry	33,047	557	2,933	2,573	32,022	38,085	14	11
	District Totals:	33,047	557	2,933	2,573	32,022	38,085	14	11
28	LaSalle	3,242	94	519	1,092	1,472	3,177	0	6
	District Totals:	3,242	94	519	1,092	1,472	3,177	0	6
29	St. Charles	29,211	356	1,961	1,951	30,204	34,472	2	4
	District Totals:	29,211	356	1,961	1,951	30,204	34,472	2	4
30	Vernon	13,469	323	1,434	2,453	8,863	13,073	3	4
	District Totals:	13,469	323	1,434	2,453	8,863	13,073	3	4
31	Jefferson Davis	14,427	73	968	1,037	13,199	15,277	2	7
	District Totals:	14,427	73	968	1,037	13,199	15,277	2	7
32	Terrebonne	33,425	741	3,785	5,021	21,649	31,196	8	29
	District Totals:	33,425	741	3,785	5,021	21,649	31,196	8	29
33	Allen	5,109	252	751	976	3,160	5,139	2	4
	District Totals:	5,109	252	751	976	3,160	5,139	2	4
34	St. Bernard	16,290	146	1,649	7,528	5,786	15,109	2	0
	District Totals:	16,290	146	1,649	7,528	5,786	15,109	2	0
35	Grant	5,806	300	685	893	3,146	5,024	2	2
	District Totals:	5,806	300	685	893	3,146	5,024	2	2
36	Beauregard	9,494	299	1,292	752	5,490	7,833	1	1
	District Totals:	9,494	299	1,292	752	5,490	7,833	1	1
37	Caldwell	2,512	85	392	932	796	2,205	0	1
	District Totals:	2,512	85	392	932	796	2,205	0	1
38	Cameron	4,463	63	246	1,100	2,283	3,692	1	2
	District Totals:	4,463	63	246	1,100	2,283	3,692	1	2
39	Red River	2,862	290	278	316	1,974	2,858	0	1
	District Totals:	2,862	290	278	316	1,974	2,858	0	1
40	St. John the Baptist	28,775	570	2,297	2,898	25,199	30,964	0	7
	District Totals:	28,775	570	2,297	2,898	25,199	30,964	0	7
42	DeSoto	11,568	157	1,090	1,118	10,897	13,262	0	7
	District Totals:	11,568	157	1,090	1,118	10,897	13,262	0	7
	Orleans Civil ¹	13,131	0	12,682	0	0	12,682	47	0
	Orleans Criminal ¹	10,736	0	0	9,370	0	9,370	0	282
	District Totals:	23,867	0	12,682	9,370	0	22,052	47	282
	Statewide Totals:	855,258	28,278	154,796	167,330	483,494	833,898	280	920

2010 Report of the Total Number of Awards and the Total Amount of Funds Distributed for Wrongful Conviction and Imprisonment¹

Total Number of Awards: 1 Total Amount Awarded: \$150,000 Total Amount of Funds Distributed, Including Previous Year Awards: \$1,388,852

1. Violations of Traffic, Misdemeanors, and/or Juvenile/Family Laws are Processed by Parish, City, and/or Juvenile/Family Courts. 2. Criminal filed for Lafayette denotes the number of defendants, not the number of cases filed. 3. DWI is included in the criminal totals beginning in 1990. 4. St. Helena parish discovered they have been counting their caseload incorrectly. Corrections were made to the numbers for 2009. 5. Pointe Coupee parish made changes to their case management system which resulted in changes to their 2009 numbers. *Pursuant to R.S. 15:572.8, Act 262, Regular Session 2007.

JUVENILE JUDICIAL ACTIVITY: FORMAL PROCESS – CALENDAR YEAR 2010

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	Filings	Charges	Children ¹	Filings	Charges	Children ¹
Formal FINS	384	408	384	44	116	44
Juvenile Traffic	458	0	296	376	594	376
Juvenile Delinquency	1,817	2,116	1,817	2,107	3,040	2,107
Mental Incapacity to Proceed ²	0	0	0	5	32	5
Interstate compact for Juveniles	1	0	0	1	1	1
Contempt of Court	506	0	0	2,447	2,447	2,447
Child in Need of Care Cases	165		294	89		119
Voluntary Transfer of Custody	37		0	45		58
Jud. Certification of Children for Adoption Cases	0		0	8		10
Surrender of Parental Rights	12		0	93		79
Adoption	38		0	71		81
Child Support	634		0	1,023		0
Mental Health	0		0	10		10
Misdemeanor Prosecution of Adults/Other	0		0	0		0
Minor Marriages	0		0	0		0
Protection of Terminally Ill Children	0		0	0		0
Domestic Abuse	183		0	0		0
Other	272		258	1		1
Subtotal	4,507	2,524	3,049	6,320	6,230	5,338

FAMILY COURT FILINGS

EBR FAMILY COURT	
New Cases Filed	5,711
Divorces Granted	1,620
Rules Set for Hearings	5,867
Cases Dismissed	154
Paternity Cases and State Cases	1,191
Domestic Violence Cases	1,796
Disavowals	2
Annulments	1
Qualified Domestic Relations Orders	121
Stipulated Judgments	1,725
Income Assignments	547
Community Property	151
Joint Custody	25
Ex-Parte Custody	77

1. The category of Children denotes the number of children listed in filed petitions for each case type.

2. Mental Incapacity to Proceed is a subset of the category of Delinquency. The event is enumerated separately as it is considered a significant delinquency event.

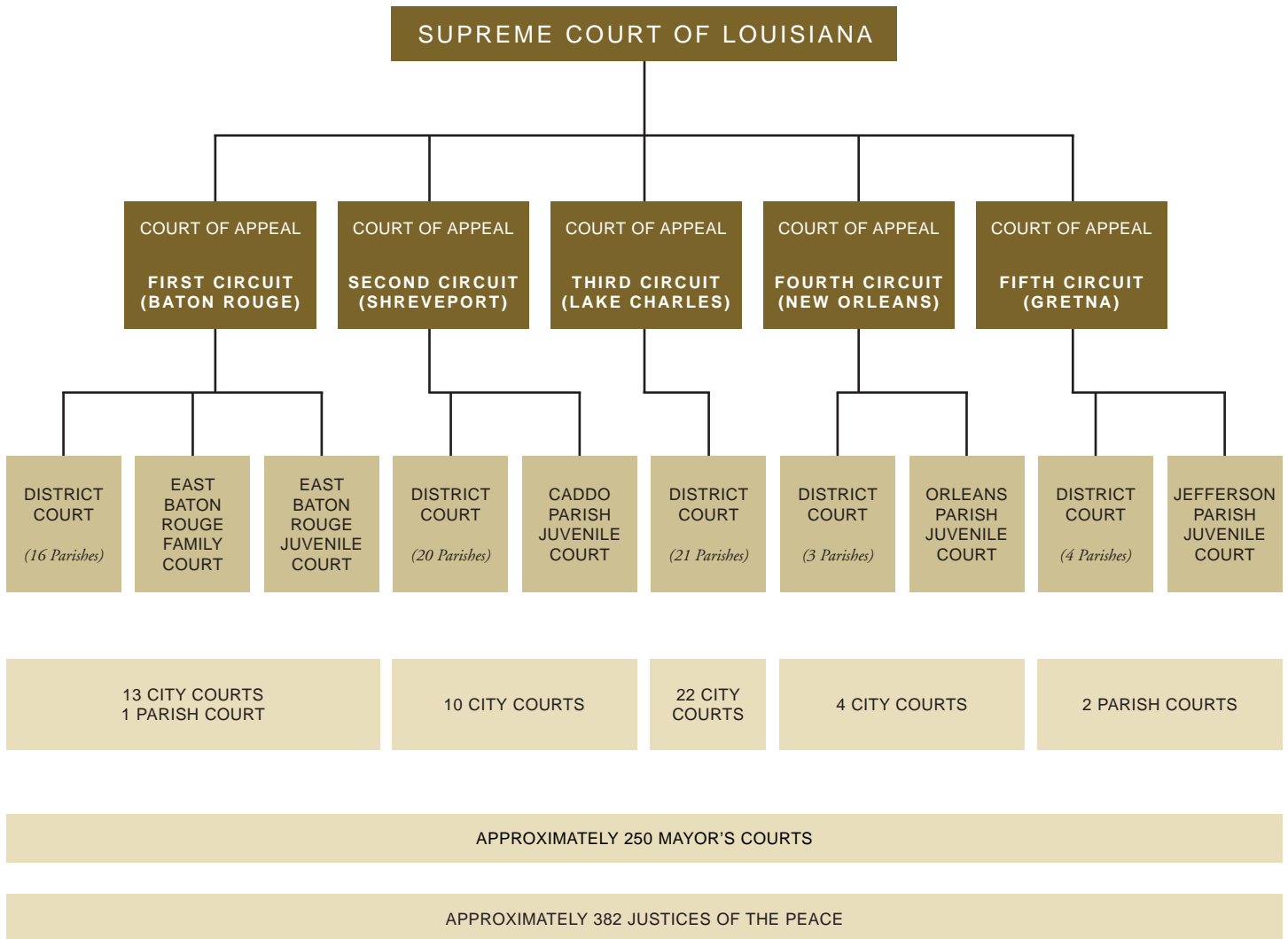
JEFFERSON			ORLEANS			GRAND TOTAL		
Filings	Charges	Children ¹	Filings	Charges	Children ¹	Filings	Charges	Children ¹
268	319	268	54	50	55	750	893	751
408	593	408	207	439	207	1,449	1,626	1,287
1,473	2,381	1,473	528	716	582	5,925	8,253	5,979
32	35	32	22	22	22	59	89	59
0	0	0	10	10	12	12	11	13
523	610	523	27	27	27	3,503	3,084	2,997
202		202	82		90	538		705
298		298	22		26	402		382
56		56	23		25	87		91
19		19	46		44	170		142
164		164	82		89	355		334
2,283		0	0		0	3,940		0
0		0	0		0	10		10
8		0	0		0	8		0
4		4	0		0	4		4
0		0	0		0	0		0
0		0	0		0	183		0
0		0	442		253	715		512
5,738	3,938	3,447	1,545	1,264	1,432	18,110	13,956	13,266

LOUISIANA CITY AND PARISH COURTS *Cases Processed*

CITY	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.
	CIVIL		CRIMINAL		TRAFFIC*		JUVENILE		TOTAL CASES		OTHER PROCEEDINGS**	
Abbeville	540	396	670	546	1,559	1,391	235	252	3,004	2,585	0	0
Alexandria	3,030	1,784	8,159	4,935	14,654	14,654	0	0	25,843	21,373	0	0
Ascension	770	232	4,741	5,538	12,758	14,335	196	408	18,465	20,513	0	0
Baker	531	332	728	341	7,489	5,150	0	0	8,748	5,823	0	0
Bastrop	896	760	1,142	1,097	1,829	1,797	59	46	3,926	3,700	720	0
Baton Rouge	12,157	11,106	42,302	32,433	144,829	123,980	0	0	199,288	167,519	47,626	67,905
Bogalusa	418	97	1,408	1,297	2,186	2,415	273	222	4,285	4,031	0	0
Bossier City	2,226	1,975	3,043	3,120	10,612	13,069	1,523	1,360	17,404	19,524	324	225
Breaux Bridge	491	450	647	658	688	799	88	77	1,914	1,984	139	97
Bunkie	70	69	286	285	829	832	67	67	1,252	1,253	0	0
Crowley	545	500	2,605	1,319	6,307	4,750	355	307	9,812	6,876	0	0
Denham Springs	1,871	1,782	1,840	2,554	16,478	16,331	710	671	20,899	21,338	190	190
Eunice	525	338	1,642	2,029	2,627	2,792	211	214	5,005	5,373	0	0
Franklin	502	416	1,008	1,376	1,273	1,094	167	104	2,950	2,990	134	46
Hammond	2,160	1,818	2,753	1,985	11,087	8,071	950	395	16,950	12,269	0	0
Houma	3,912	2,638	2,776	4,374	5,965	7,015	1,687	1,467	14,340	15,494	1,434	1,156
Jeanerette	178	188	600	458	4,126	3,558	142	201	5,046	4,405	0	0
Jeff. 1st Parish Ct.	2,292	3,917	6,233	15,533	63,816	130,218	0	0	72,341	149,668	0	0
Jeff. 2nd Parish Ct.	7,806	6,625	5,789	11,876	54,116	101,866	0	0	67,711	120,367	0	0
Jennings	447	362	668	452	2,586	1,551	28	25	3,729	2,390	0	0
Kaplan	80	69	454	408	1,347	1,233	60	73	1,941	1,783	0	0
Lafayette	3,226	3,168	8,793	4,987	29,572	25,476	692	617	42,283	34,248	577	577
Lake Charles	3,944	2,899	3,526	2,950	18,010	15,296	121	113	25,601	21,258	0	0
Leesville	203	53	1,245	542	2,293	1,642	76	29	3,817	2,266	0	0
Marksville	676	658	830	781	1,636	1,541	114	110	3,256	3,090	0	0
Minden	555	551	913	805	1,065	1,135	108	89	2,641	2,580	87	87
Monroe	4,086	1,729	4,034	5,511	17,701	16,545	451	201	26,272	23,986	0	0
Morgan City	589	483	1,043	1,247	1,479	1,433	172	179	3,283	3,342	0	0
Natchitoches	724	337	1,859	1,843	4,346	4,581	229	173	7,158	6,934	81	81
New Iberia	1,293	1,132	1,581	1,677	4,818	5,427	231	215	7,923	8,451	286	192
N.O. 1st City Ct.	9,777	7,228	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,777	7,228	0	0
N.O. 2nd City Ct.	1,809	1,486	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,809	1,486	0	0
N.O. Municipal	0	0	30,458	32,190	0	0	0	0	30,458	32,190	0	0
N.O. Traffic	0	0	1,523	1,323	153,501	144,980	0	0	155,024	146,303	0	0
Oakdale	318	205	78	78	3,152	1,833	151	26	3,699	2,142	0	0
Opelousas	1,096	993	2,547	2,180	4,942	3,787	501	342	9,086	7,302	0	0
Pineville	833	962	4,958	4,202	5,345	4,949	0	0	11,136	10,113	0	0
Plaquemine	385	385	436	424	732	719	36	36	1,589	1,564	0	0
Port Allen	343	220	446	323	11,840	10,036	100	63	12,729	10,642	0	0
Rayne	662	686	631	689	1,688	1,748	93	94	3,074	3,217	2	2
Ruston	1,460	827	1,155	826	2,376	2,086	0	0	4,991	3,739	676	701
Shreveport	10,731	9,097	12,599	11,661	51,012	47,539	0	0	74,342	68,297	32,010	0
Slidell	2,230	1,884	2,331	2,069	6,793	6,095	576	488	11,930	10,536	218	218
Springhill	336	322	1,343	871	1,210	1,210	185	173	3,074	2,576	185	84
Sulphur	1,043	757	2,970	3,621	8,634	10,174	150	143	12,797	14,695	237	218
Thibodaux	939	355	2,128	2,275	2,954	2,888	311	266	6,332	5,784	0	0
Vidalia	18	11	232	51	1,518	482	14	18	1,782	562	0	0
Ville Platte	631	381	1,333	1,112	801	534	178	178	2,943	2,205	0	0
West Monroe	1,771	1,615	2,408	2,402	3,984	4,826	110	89	8,273	8,932	331	331
Winnfield	95	88	557	379	332	241	0	0	984	708	0	0
Winnsboro	618	90	643	483	435	482	59	58	1,755	1,113	0	0
Zachary	329	220	693	580	1,493	1,199	0	0	2,515	1,999	0	0
STATE TOTALS:	92,167	74,676	182,787	180,696	710,823	775,785	11,409	9,589	997,186	1,040,746	85,257	72,110

* DWI is included in the Criminal Column

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



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

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