

The background of the cover is a photograph of the Supreme Court of Louisiana building. It features a large, ornate blue-green cast-iron lamp post in the foreground with three white globe lights. The building is constructed of light-colored stone with classical columns and a pediment. A black wrought-iron scrollwork fixture is visible on the left. The scene is brightly lit, with strong shadows.

# SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

**ANNUAL REPORT 2011**  
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Supreme Court



# THE SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA



## **CHIEF JUSTICE CATHERINE D. KIMBALL**

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



## **JUSTICE GREG G. GUIDRY**

First Supreme Court District  
Jefferson, Orleans, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes. \*



## **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. \*



## **JUSTICE JEFFREY P. VICTORY**

Second Supreme Court District  
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. \*



## **JUSTICE JEANNETTE THERIOT KNOLL**

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 2011, 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.

### **RESOURCES ON THE WEB AT WWW.LASC.ORG**

The **2011 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](http://www.lasc.org/press_room/publications.asp).

\* See Court District Maps on pages 6-7.



## OUR WORK CONTINUES

I know we say this every year, but it is once again true - 2011 has been a busy and productive year at the Louisiana Supreme Court. The work of the Court to make our vision of an efficient, fair, and timely judiciary a reality continued throughout this year. We got off to a great start with the return of Timothy F. Averill to the Court, who was appointed Judicial Administrator upon the retirement of Dr. Hugh M. Collins at the end of 2010. Tim dove right in, and has been instrumental in much of the work of the Court this year. And once again, let me thank everyone who has continued to wish me well and offer me support in my recovery from a stroke. I am doing well, and in addition to my responsibilities as Chief Justice, I have resumed speaking to groups when my schedule permits, such as when I addressed a Joint Session of the Louisiana Legislature in May 2011.



Like all state entities, we faced some budget challenges this year. We met these challenges by taking several steps, such as freezing hiring in some positions, cutting back our law library weekend and evening hours, and implementing a video conferencing system to allow several of the Justices to participate in our weekly conferences from home or their satellite offices, rather than expend the time and money to travel and stay in New Orleans overnight. We alternate these video conferences with our “live” conferences. We have also implemented a new integrated computer-based Enterprise Resource Planning system to manage financial resources, materials, payroll and human resources. While implementing this system and training our employees has been a long process, the end result will be substantial savings and increased efficiencies.

We kicked off the first year of the Louisiana Judicial Leadership Institute (LJLI) and selected an inaugural class of 36 judges who participated in the year-

long program. The purpose of the LJLI, as envisioned by the Louisiana Supreme Court, is to serve as an organizational enrichment tool to assist in developing 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. The program is also designed to instill in judges a deeper appreciation of communities, our state, and especially the leadership qualities that promote enhanced executive performance.

All full-time Louisiana appellate and district court judges were invited to apply to participate in the inaugural 2011 class. The Institute consisted of five sessions from March to November 2011, and took place in cities across the state, including New Orleans, Alexandria, Lake Charles, and Baton Rouge. The first year of the program was a resounding success, and all full-time Louisiana judges will be invited to apply for the 2012 LJLI class.

The issue of courthouse security is at the forefront these days, and the work of the Supreme Court’s Court Security Task Force, ably chaired by Judge Jerome Barbera of the 17th JDC, continued in 2011. After receiving the Task Force’s recommendations, the Supreme Court reached out to the Chief Judges in all Louisiana parishes, requesting the creation of a “Courthouse Security Committee” in each judicial district to increase the dialogue among all courthouse stakeholders, establish procedures for handling security incidents, and formulate a plan to improve security in and around the courthouse. The Supreme Court also directed each district court to have a qualified security expert conduct a security assessment of each parish courthouse in its district prior to July 1, 2012. To assist in this endeavor, the United States Marshals Service conducted three regional training sessions for Louisiana Sheriffs and their court security personnel. The sessions addressed such issues as improving facility security for all levels of budget, high

threat trials, and security for judges, both at the courthouse and at home. Approximately 31 parishes were represented at the three training sessions. The Supreme Court will be working with the U.S. Marshals again in the near future to develop further security training sessions. Their time and assistance has been invaluable to this collaborative effort.

The Supreme Court is also requiring that courts, working with local sheriffs, begin reporting security incidents to our Judicial Administrator, who will consult with the Louisiana Court Administrators Association and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association to design a reporting system which does not substantially increase paperwork or bureaucracy. This security incident data, when combined with comprehensive courthouse security assessments and reports and recommendations of parish courthouse security committees, will be crucial in demonstrating that courthouse security should be a priority for all levels of government.

We also worked closely with the Louisiana State Bar Association and its President, James J. Davidson, III, on several projects again this year, including once again co-sponsoring the LSBA Diversity Conclave, and hosting the Access to Justice Committee's Pro Bono awards. We also worked closely with the Bar and the Committee on Bar Admissions in reviewing proposed changes to the Louisiana Bar Examination.

After about a ten year review and study, we have recently implemented changes to our bar examination which are designed to assure validity, enhance reliability, and create consistency in the Louisiana bar examination process. Following extensive analysis of the existing testing system, recommendations for change were made by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Considering these recommendations and the feedback obtained from the Louisiana legal community, the Committee on Bar Admissions made several recommendations to the Louisiana Supreme Court. The LSBA also weighed in and commented through its Committee to Review Proposed Changes to the Bar Exam.

In the fall of 2011, after allowing com-

ment from the law schools, members of the bar, and members of the public, the Louisiana Supreme Court took the following actions: Effective October 19, 2011, the current scoring structure is retained, except that the "conditional failure" status has been eliminated. Applicants who had conditionally failed the exam will have one final chance to sit for the separate subject examinations required to pass at the February 2012 administration of the bar exam. Thereafter, all applicants will be required to take all nine subject examinations. The court also placed a limitation on the number of times an applicant may sit for the Louisiana bar exam, and now, applicants shall have only five (5) attempts to pass the exam.

The Court's second order does not go into effect until July 1, 2012. It implements a compensatory scoring model commencing with the July 2012 bar exam. The passing score is set at 650 with Civil Code subjects to be weighed twice as much as non-Code subjects. In addition, applicants must make a good faith effort to take and pass each subject examination. We are confident these short-term changes, as well as long-term changes to the bar examination that are still under consideration, will improve the bar examination process.

Throughout the year, the Court reviewed and approved amendments to the local Rules of Court, which are designed to ensure the administration of justice in an efficient and effective manner. The longstanding Chair of the Uniform Rules Committee, Susie Morgan, resigned the chairmanship to accept an appointment as United States District Judge, Eastern District of Louisiana. We thank Susie for her hard work on the committee and we wish her well.

Last summer, I attended the Southern Region High Court Conference in Tennessee, which was an impressive gathering of many judges and justices from the highest and appellate courts of twelve of the Southern states. I have invited the conference to hold its next meeting in New Orleans, and they have accepted our offer to host. The Conference will be held in September 2012, and we are planning several informative sessions for the attendees, as well as a few events that will highlight our culture and this great

state we are so lucky to call home.

We have another momentous event on the horizon - on March 1, 2013, the Court will celebrate the bicentennial anniversary of the first sitting of the Louisiana Supreme Court. In honor of this historic occasion, the Supreme Court is planning an exciting celebration that will recreate that day in court. In addition, the Supreme Court is planning to "ride the circuit" in 2012-2013 by sitting at the Cabildo in New Orleans, and also in Natchitoches, as was done by the Court in its early years.

This is just a snapshot of the work of the Court in 2011, 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 2011, 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 2011 to improve judicial administration are to be congratulated.



Catherine D. Kimball  
Chief Justice  
Louisiana Supreme Court

## 2011: 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. This 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 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, in the development of the resultant Program Improvement Plan, and now will be an integral part of the implementation of the plan. Work under the plan will be focused on the role of courts in family engagement and child safety decision-making.
- CIP is completing a Cold Case review project in three jurisdictions for children who have been in foster care for an extended period of time with a focus on issues around disproportionate minority representation. A final report is due in 2012.
- The CIP Judicial Fellow works closely with both new and seasoned legal stakeholders to help ensure timely and good decision-making. In addition, CIP is working diligently to establish the Pelican State Center for Children and Families, a formalized, multi-disciplinary collaborative designed to improve global outcomes of safety, permanency, and well-being for children in the foster care system.
- 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

to 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 2011, 18 local CASA programs served 3,616 TANF-verified abused and neglected children appointed from courts in 33 judicial districts across Louisiana. More than 1,250 CASA children were permanently placed.
- Integrated Juvenile Justice Information System (IJJIS), a web-based juvenile court case management and date reporting system, has been fully implemented in three juvenile courts and plans for gradual statewide implementation are underway.

### DRUG COURTS

Drug courts combine intensive substance abuse treatment with rigorous court oversight, community supervision, and frequent drug testing to ensure program accountability and the best outcomes for offenders with substance abuse problems. The Supreme Court Drug Court Office (SCDCO) is the fiscal agent for funds allocated to local drug court programs throughout the state.

Drug court programs provide both economic and non-economic benefits to communities. They reduce drug dependency among non-violent criminal offenders, help restore families destroyed by addiction, and assist clients in becoming productive members of society. By helping to reduce recidivism among non-violent criminal offenders, drug courts also reduce the costs associated with incarceration.

- In 2011, Louisiana's 47 adult and juvenile drug courts, and one family preservation court, spent almost \$16 million in state and federal funds for drug testing, treatment, and supervision of an average of 2,922 clients per month.
- The Drug Court Case Management enhancement has been implemented. Drop down lists and other added features improve the system's functionality for all users.
- The SCDCO has provided ongoing training

to drug court judges and other team members throughout the year.

- Ongoing review of court data to track recidivism and other key outcomes was performed by the SCDCO throughout the year.
- The SCDCO helped to facilitate the development of a Best Practices benchmark for judges in adult drug courts.

### COURT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS & LOUISIANA PROTECTIVE ORDER REGISTRY

Court Management Information Systems (CMIS) received 439,022 criminal records and 879,182 traffic records containing filing, disposition, and sentencing information during 2011.

The Criminal Records Project sends final dispositions to the Department of Public Safety for inclusion in a computerized criminal history database; 23,020 records were posted by the end of 2011. CMIS posted 22,291 qualifying felony disposition 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; 209,042 records were posted by the end of 2011. CMIS receives traffic data from 47 district courts, 13 city courts, and 5 mayor's courts.

- CMIS dispersed nearly \$184,521 in grants to district court clerk of court offices for the acquisition and installation of criminal case management systems to report criminal filing and disposition data.
- Site visits and training sessions were conducted by CMIS personnel to familiarize and assist 17 district courts with the proper methods for reporting filing disposition information.

The Louisiana Protective Order Registry (LPOR) is a statewide repository of court orders issued to prohibit domestic abuse and dating violence as well as aid law enforcement, prosecutors, and the courts in handling such matters. Records contained in the registry are made





available to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; certain state departments; and the courts.

- In 2011, the registry received 21,355 orders from courts across the state. Of these, 15,818 were civil orders and 5,537 were criminal orders.
- Certain qualifying records from the registry are transmitted to the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and its National Criminal Background Check System (NICS). In 2011, 17,910 Louisiana qualifying orders were transmitted to NCIC.
- The LPOR on-call staff responded to 188 requests for order verification submitted by examiners with the FBI's NICS. This federal program is designed to prevent the sale of firearms, ammunition, and explosives to those who are prohibited from possessing such materials, including those who are subject to a qualifying domestic violence restraining order.
- The LPOR training team provided presentations and/or workshops at five state conferences and one national conference.
- LPOR continues its collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, by assisting in the development and delivery of training programs designed specifically for law enforcement personnel. The program, entitled "Response to Domestic Violence and Protection Orders," was offered at nine law enforcement training centers across the state and was completed by 291 members of the law enforcement community.
- In 2011, 98 members of the New Orleans Police Department took part in a specialized training developed by LPOR in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General.

## 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](http://www.lasc.org)), media relations, and court publications. Significant accomplishments in 2011:

- Designed and coordinated materials and logistics for the inaugural class of the Louisiana Judicial Leadership Institute (LJLI). The LJLI is a 5-session program held across the state over a nine-month period and is designed to serve as an organizational enrichment tool to assist in developing 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. 36 judges participated in the 2011 class of the LJLI.
- Conducted 55 court tours involving nearly 1,000 visitors from schools of all levels, law firms, international lawyers and judges, lawyers and judges from other states, civic organizations, legislators, and business leaders.
- Disseminated local, statewide, and national press releases on the 2011 workings of the Supreme Court and Louisiana judiciary.
- Assisted the Louisiana Judicial College in enhancing its continuing legal education program materials in an effort to make them more user-friendly for judges and to increase judge

participation.

## NEW JUDGESHIPS

In 2011, the 26th Judicial District Court requested a new judgeship but later withdrew the request.

## LAW LIBRARY

In 2011, communicating to a diverse constituency including the judiciary, the bar, and the public about the resources of the law library and how to best use them remained a priority of the Law Library of Louisiana. Throughout the year, the library reached out to its users through its DeNovo newsletter and other outreach initiatives.

- The Law Library of Louisiana sponsored two free continuing legal education programs in 2011. The first, "A.P. Tureaud—A More Noble Cause," was co-sponsored by the Law Library of Louisiana and several other organizations. The second, "An Ethical Guide to the Professional in Practice," was co-sponsored by the Law Library of Louisiana and the A.P. Tureaud Inn of Court.
- The Law Library of Louisiana partnered with the Howard University Law Library in Washington, D.C. to prepare an exhibit on the life and legal career of the late civil rights leader A.P. Tureaud. Photographs depicting Tureaud's life in New Orleans were submitted by the Law Library of Louisiana.
- In 2011, the Law Library's hours of operation were reduced from 64 hours per week to 44 hours per week. Even with the reduced hours of operation, the Law Library continued to monitor customer reference statistics. There were a total of 11,849 customer questions received via telephone, mail, email, and in person. Since 2010, the number of mail/email questions has increased by approximately 8.5%.
- The Law Library has added hundreds of electronic federal government documents to the collection. These documents include congressional hearings, reports, and documents.
- The Law Library's collection of books and other materials is continually improved. In 2011, the library added 545 new titles, 2,768 new volumes, and 6,777 pieces of microfiche.

## JUDICIAL COLLEGE

Over 500 registrants took part in Judicial College sessions, which featured some 25 outstanding speakers on continuing legal education topics targeted to keep judges abreast of important developments in the law.

- Some of the 2011 highlights of the continuing education programs sponsored by the Judicial College included: Ten Things Every Judge with Juvenile Jurisdiction Should Know About Trauma & Delinquency; Professional Challenges & Wellness; Role of Hearing Officers and Magistrates; Mental Health Issues in Criminal Cases; Today's Supreme Court; and Social Media & Technology, and Effective Use of Experts in Identifying Issues Related to Sexual Abuse in Domestic Relations Cases.
- The Judicial College also co-sponsored with the Louisiana State Bar Association the 2011 Annual Summer School for Lawyers and Judges.

- 2011 Judicial College speakers included William K. Suter, Clerk, U.S. Supreme Court; Dr. Charles Zeanah, M.D., Tulane University School of Medicine; Charles A. Nelson, Ph.D., Boston Children's Hospital; Alicia Lieberman, Ph.D., San Francisco General Hospital; Retired Justice Bobbe Bridge, Supreme Court of Washington, and Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Catherine "Kitty" Kimball.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

In 2011, the Committee on Bar Admissions developed and administered examinations to 382 applicants in February, resulting in a 54.2% pass rate, and 750 applicants in July, resulting in a 72.4% pass rate. A total of 750 new attorneys were admitted to the Louisiana Bar in April and October ceremonies.

- The Committee continued its work with experts, law school administrators and faculty, and members of the bench and bar to study a proposal to restructure the bar examination to include a performance test and an objective test in future examinations.
- Following the Committee's submission of proposals to change the bar examination, the Louisiana Supreme Court issued two orders amending its Rule XVII which governs admission to the Louisiana Bar. Beginning with the February 2012 bar examination, the conditional failure status has been eliminated. In addition, the Supreme Court placed a limitation on the number of times an applicant may sit for the Louisiana Bar Examination. Applicants are now limited to five attempts to pass. Beginning in July 2012, a compensatory scoring model will be implemented. The passing score is set at 650/900 with Code subjects weighed twice as much as non-Code subjects.
- The Committee 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 34 applicants be denied admission and that 14 applicants be conditionally admitted. Substance abuse, criminal conduct, lack of candor, and financial irresponsibility were among the most common obstacles preventing certification.
- Efforts to educate potential bar applicants continued through several programs aimed at educating potential applicants about bar application and character and fitness screening processes were presented at Louisiana law schools.

## ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Following the 20th year of operations, the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB) and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) held a planning retreat with follow-up sessions during 2011 to evaluate operations and to examine opportunities for improved performance in furtherance of the mission of administering the Supreme Court's regulation of the practice of law in Louisiana. As a result, the agency:

- Sought and obtained amendments to Supreme Court Rule XIX designed to assist the ODC in screening out non-meritorious complaints to assure that agency resources are

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devoted to matters deserving full disciplinary investigation.

- Began the process of examining continuing legal education requirements with a view towards requiring periodic training for lawyers on the proper operation and maintenance of client trust and escrow accounts.
- Received approval from the Supreme Court to simplify and expedite the process by which overdraft notification agreements on lawyer's trust accounts are completed and submitted, lessening the regulatory burden on both the lawyers and financial institutions.
- Examined ways to further educate and inform the public regarding the role of the LADB and the ODC in supporting the Supreme Court in regulating the legal profession.

• In 2011, the workload continued apace. The ODC received 3,132 new written complaints during the year. Of these, 1,348 were opened for full disciplinary investigation; 340 were referred to the Louisiana State Bar Association for diversion or relational follow-up; and 1,444 were administratively closed either by resolution of the concerns, referral to the appropriate agency, or because the matters did not reflect violations of the Rules of Professional Responsibility warranting the imposition of discipline.

• The ODC initiated 143 public disciplinary prosecutions consisting of formal charges, permanent resignations in lieu of discipline, and consent discipline petitions. An additional 23 matters were resolved by private discipline, bringing the total case disposition during 2011 to 166.

• During 2011, the LADB and the ODC continued its partnership with the Louisiana State Bar Association to provide free continuing legal education for solo practitioners and small firms. Nine presentations were made across the state to over 1,500 lawyers.

## CLERK OF COURT

In 2011, 2,852 cases were filed, slightly down from 2,875 cases in 2010. The Supreme Court disposed of 2,916 cases in 2011, up about 4% from the 2,801 disposed of in 2010. The clearance rate for 2011 was 102%.

Among key responsibilities of the Clerk of Court Office in 2011, in addition to the processing of all incoming and out-going filings and dispositions, were:

- Participation in the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) design and development as the Supreme Court completed implementing an integrated computer-based system designed to manage financial resources, materials, and human resources.
- Overseeing courthouse maintenance and improvements involving roof repairs, basement waterproofing, lightening damage repair, and general building maintenance. A Hazard Mitigation Basement Water Proofing contract was awarded in 2011 and work will begin in 2012.
- Issuing Certificates of Good Standing. The

demand for issuance of Certificates of Good Standing decreased slightly in 2011 to 4,888 from the 4,978 certificates issued in 2010. This is still above the 4,661 issued in 2009.

- Managing logistics for 216 events hosted by the Court – Court conferences, Oral Argument days, and other meetings. This was less than the 274 events hosted in 2010.
- Scanning of incoming filings and dispositions which began at the end of 2010 and continued throughout the year. Priority filings began being expedited in the workflow in 2011. This allowed the justices and the staff to begin work on these filings immediately upon filing.
- Recorded 2,191 minute entries including 2,059 orders outside of the ones considered in the writ applications and appeals.

## JUDICIARY COMMISSION

The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana received and docketed 561 complaints against judges and justices of the peace in 2011. Additionally, 349 prior complaints were pending as of January 1, 2011. In addition to the complaints, the Commission's Office of Special Counsel received and responded to 345 requests for information.

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

- Of the 561 complaints filed and docketed in 2011, 389 were screened out as not within the jurisdiction of the Commission or failing to allege facts implicating a possible violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct. The remaining

172 cases were reviewed to consider the need for investigation. The Commission authorized in-depth investigation in 36 cases during 2011.

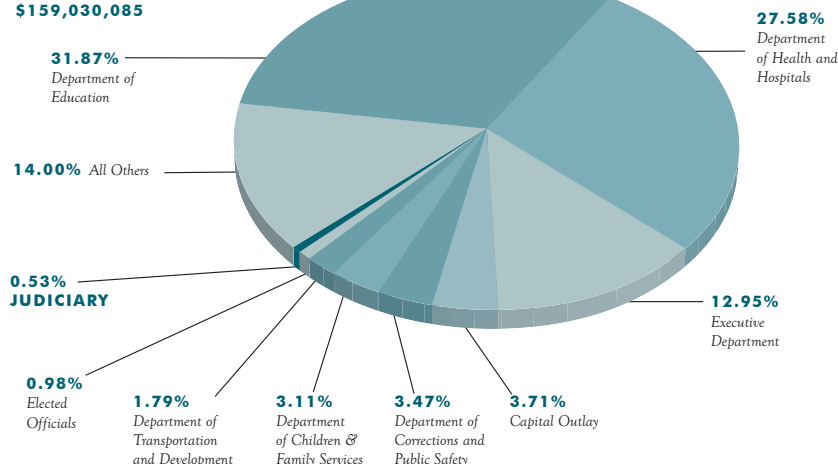
- In 2011, the Commission filed formal charges against one judge and four justices of the peace. Formal hearings before a hearing officer were conducted and/or scheduled in seven cases.
- In 2011, the Commission submitted 11 cases recommending discipline to the Supreme Court. Seven of the cases involved a failure to file the financial disclosure statement required under Supreme Court Rule XXXIX.
- Also during 2011, three judges personally appeared before the Commission for questioning after hearings held before randomly appointed hearing officers. Three other judges were invited and appeared before the Commission with regard to complaints about their judicial conduct. One judge appeared before the Commission's Cases Under Advisement Committee.
- In 2011, the Supreme Court publicly censured one judge and suspended one justice of the peace for misconduct, and fined seven justices of the peace for failing to file financial disclosure statements required by Rule XXXIX; As of December 31, 2011, there were two cases pending before the Supreme Court. At year's end, the Commission had 348 cases pending having disposed of 562 cases in 2011.

## 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 the district 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 2011, 0.53% of the state's general fund was appropriated to the budget of the state judiciary.

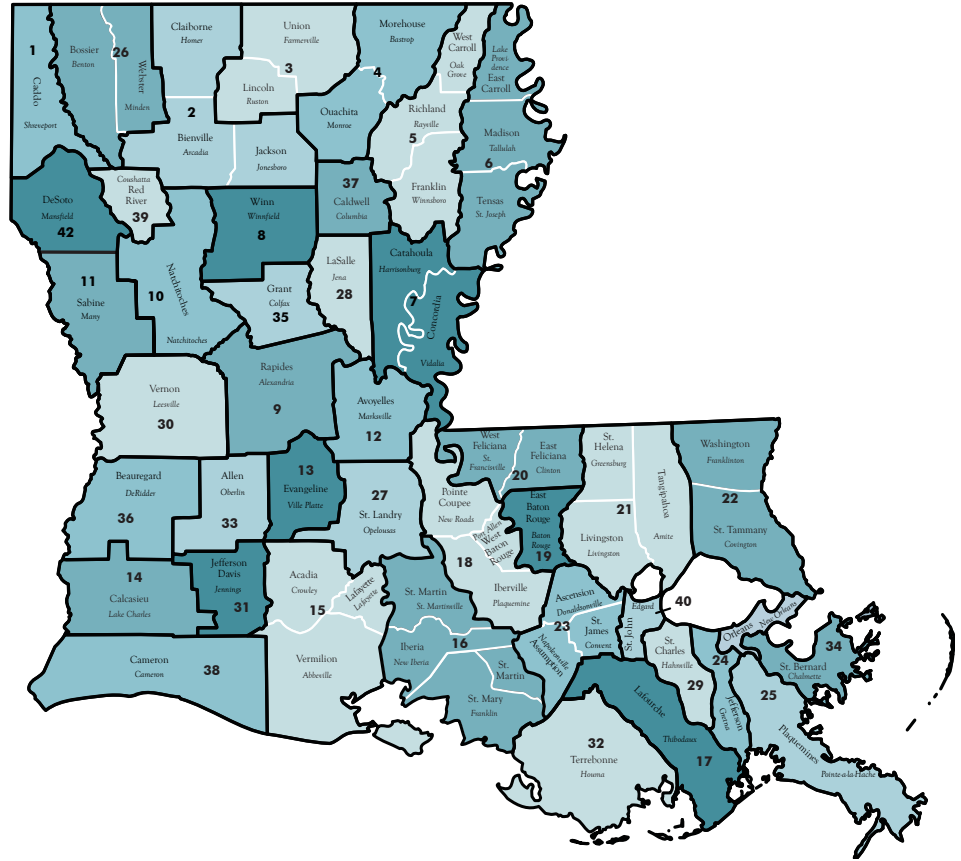
## LOUISIANA STATE BUDGET 2011-2012

Total State Budget:  
**\$29,905,248,224**  
Judiciary Budget:  
**\$159,030,085**

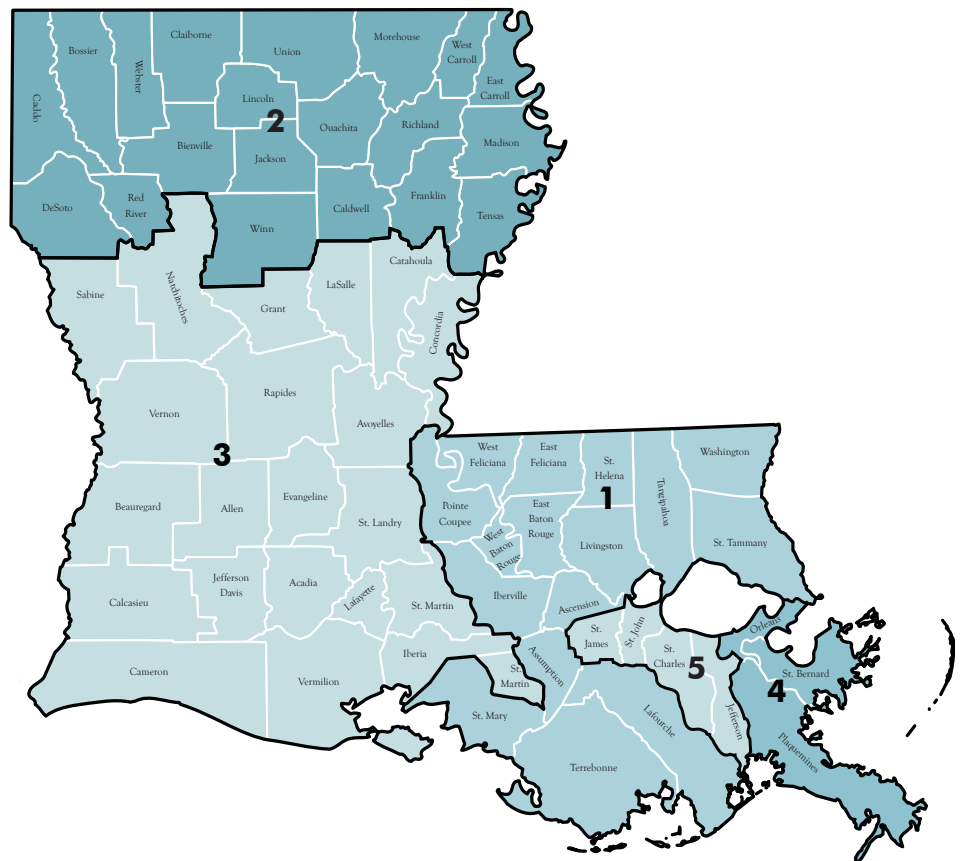


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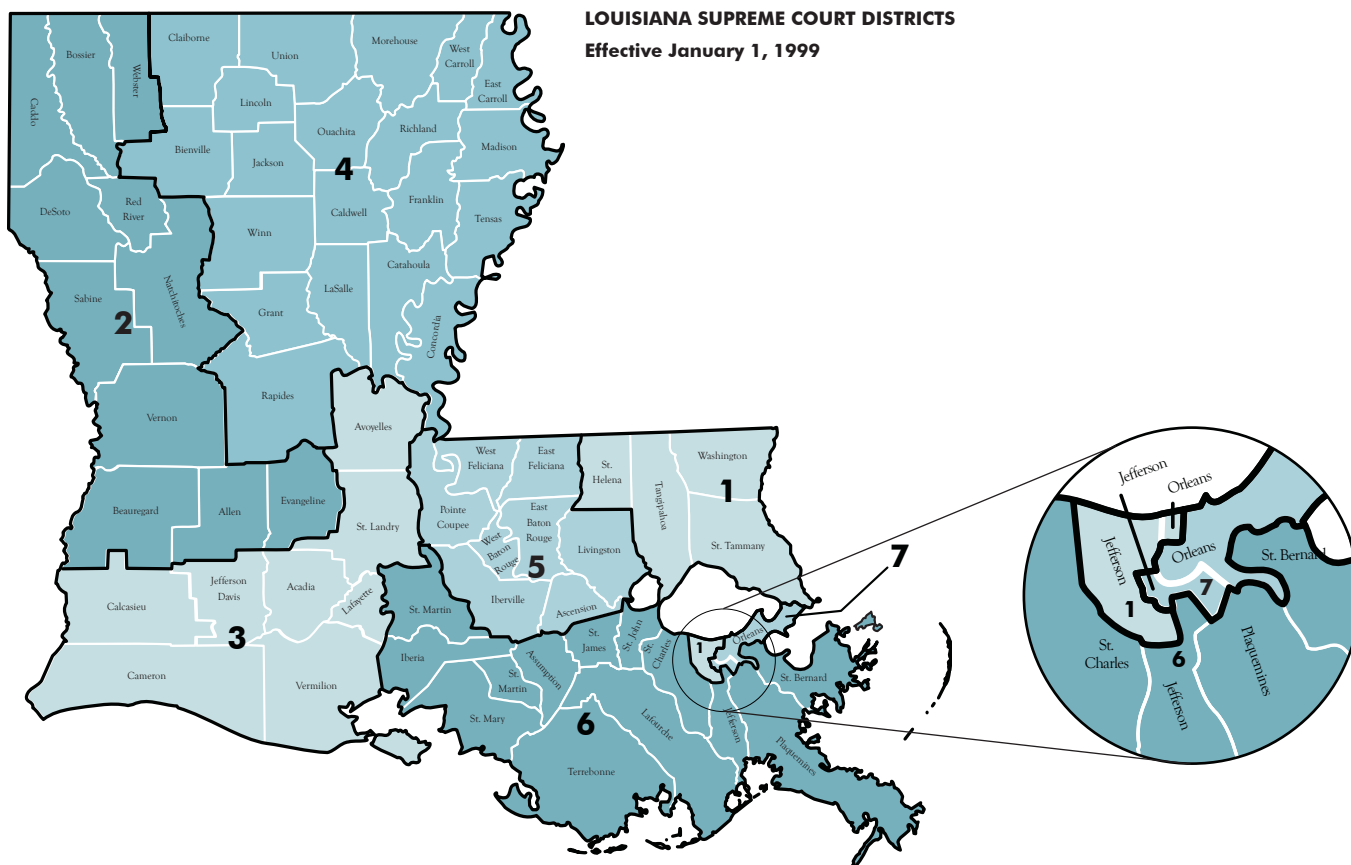
\* ACT 621 of 2006 Regular Legislative Session reorganizes and consolidates the Orleans Parish civil and criminal courts to the 41<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court by January 1, 2010; consolidates civil and criminal sheriffs by January 1, 2010; consolidates Orleans Parish civil, criminal, juvenile, 1<sup>st</sup> City and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 41<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court is created January 1, 2010; consolidates Orleans Parish Juvenile Court with the 41<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court effective January 1, 2015. ACT 873 of the 2008 Regular Legislative Session amends ACT 621 to change the effective date from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2014.



### LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL CIRCUITS







**\*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 2011 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.

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Hon. Catherine D. Kimball, Chair  
*Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana*  
 Hon. Bernette J. Johnson  
*Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana*  
 Honorable John Michael Guidry  
*representing Conference of Court of Appeal Judges*  
 Honorable Billy Ezell  
*representing Conference of Court of Appeal Judges*  
 Honorable Madeleine M. Landrieu  
*representing Louisiana District Judges Association*  
 Honorable Raymond S. Childress  
*representing Louisiana District Judges Association*  
 Honorable George Murray  
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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 2011.

### SUPREME COURT

In 2011, 2,852 cases were filed, slightly down from 2,875 cases in 2010. The Court disposed of 2,916 cases in 2011, up about 4% from the 2,801 disposed of in 2010. In 2011 the clearance rate was 102%.

### COURTS OF APPEAL

In 2011, there were 7,949 filings in the Louisiana courts of appeal. The 2011 filings were 1.6% higher than those in 2010. In total 2,233 opinions were rendered during 2011, a decrease of 5.3% as compared to 2010. The number of opinions rendered per judge totaled 55 in the First Circuit, 34 in the Second Circuit, 45 in the Third Circuit, 31 in the Fourth Circuit and 47 in the Fifth Circuit.

### DISTRICT COURTS

During 2011, there were 787,104 filings in the district courts, a decrease of 46,934 filings compared with 2010 (a 5.6% decrease). Juvenile filings increased by .1% over 2010 to 28,450. 2011 criminal filings were down by 5.1% (a decrease of 8,587); civil filings decreased by 8.9% (13,749 less); and traffic filings were down by 5.1% (a decrease of 24,630).

### CITY AND PARISH COURTS

Filings in Louisiana City and Parish Courts decreased by 2.5%, from 997,186 filings in 2010 to 972,559 filings in 2011.

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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA *Two Year Trend in Activity*

	2010 Total	2011 Total	2011 Civil	2011 Criminal
<b>APPEALS</b>				
Filed	9	10	5	5
Dismissed	0	2	2	0
Opinions Rendered				
With written opinions	9	6	1	5
Per curiams	3	2	1	1
<b>WRITS</b>				
Applications Filed (Except Prisoner Pro Se)	1,592	1,527	946	581
Prisoner Pro Se Writs	1,077	1,087	51	1,036
Granted	273	217	114	103
To be argued	78	69	54	15
With orders & transferred	195	148	60	88
Dismissed	34	18	11	7
Not Considered	43	44	33	11
Denied	2,197	2,380	845	1,535
Opinions Rendered	51	53	47	6
<b>REHEARINGS</b>				
Applied for	56	46	33	13
Granted	0	1	1	0
Denied/Dismissed	53	51	37	14
Opinions Rendered	0	0	0	0
<b>ORIGINAL JURISDICTION</b>				
Petitions Filed	191	228	228	0
Opinions Rendered	1	9	9	0
Other Actions	220	211	211	0
<b>OTHER MATTERS</b>				
Filed	6	0	0	0
Opinions Rendered	0	1	1	0
Other Actions	27	18	5	13
<b>OTHER PER CURIAM OPINIONS RENDERED</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>TOTAL FILINGS</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>2,852</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>1,622</b>
Per Justice	411	407	176	232
<b>TOTAL OPINIONS RENDERED</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>11</b>

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	2010 Total	2011 Total	2011 Civil	2011 Criminal
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>				
Appeals Filed	808	906	653	253
Motions Filed	36	40	31	9
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	645	651	481	170
Writs Refused*	477	473	325	148
Writs Granted	142	156	115	41
Pro Se Writs Filed	897	852	118	734
Pro Se Writs Refused*	702	842	99	743
Pro Se Writs Granted	87	84	22	62
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	114	125	103	22
Consolidated Opinions	31	21	21	0
Opinions Rendered **	665	663	455	208
Rehearings Acted Upon***	149	137	108	29
Appeals Pending	439	540	403	137
Argued But Not Decided	24	46	41	5
To Be Argued	415	494	362	132
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	55	55	38	17
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>				
Appeals Filed	367	356	202	154
Motions Filed	24	15	1	14
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	212	178	115	63
Writs Refused*	154	126	80	46
Writs Granted	67	50	33	17
Pro Se Writs Filed	376	342	11	331
Pro Se Writs Refused*	351	320	10	310
Pro Se Writs Granted	29	32	2	30
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	41	44	33	11
Consolidated Opinions	24	30	18	12
Opinions Rendered **	334	303	172	131
Rehearings Acted Upon***	68	60	43	17
Appeals Pending	146	141	83	58
Argued But Not Decided	56	27	18	9
To Be Argued	90	114	65	49
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	37	34	19	15
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>				
Appeals Filed	587	651	444	207
Motions Filed	43	33	12	21
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	397	385	281	104
Writs Refused*	312	290	218	72
Writs Granted	90	76	44	32
Pro Se Writs Filed	536	529	25	504
Pro Se Writs Refused*	394	418	19	399
Pro Se Writs Granted	66	62	4	58
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	45	103	87	16
Consolidated Opinions	5	0	0	0
Opinions Rendered **	588	543	370	173
Rehearings Acted Upon***	104	129	88	41
Appeals Pending	278	289	187	102
Argued But Not Decided	18	27	23	4
To Be Argued	260	262	164	98
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	49	45	31	14

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL *Two Year Trend in Activity*

	2010 Total	2011 Total	2011 Civil	2011 Criminal
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>				
Appeals Filed	498	526	322	204
Motions Filed	18	19	14	5
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	875	854	385	469
Writs Refused*	713	621	311	310
Writs Granted	246	231	82	149
Pro Se Writs Filed	405	429	10	419
Pro Se Writs Refused*	288	298	6	292
Pro Se Writs Granted	95	140	4	136
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	59	65	45	20
Consolidated Opinions	45	32	30	2
Opinions Rendered **	497	372	237	135
Rehearings Acted Upon***	94	102	71	31
Appeals Pending	275	296	175	121
Argued But Not Decided	32	47	38	9
To Be Argued	243	249	137	112
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	41	31	20	11
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>				
Appeals Filed	326	399	224	175
Motions Filed	16	17	10	7
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	296	303	188	115
Writs Refused*	239	247	162	85
Writs Granted	68	56	31	25
Pro Se Writs Filed	462	464	23	441
Pro Se Writs Refused*	447	549	17	532
Pro Se Writs Granted	143	127	4	123
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	33	41	27	14
Consolidated Opinions	14	10	8	2
Opinions Rendered **	274	352	180	172
Rehearings Acted Upon***	75	80	38	42
Appeals Pending	211	218	123	95
Argued But Not Decided	57	9	6	3
To Be Argued	154	209	117	92
Opinions Rendered Per Judge by Circuit	34	47	24	23
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL CIRCUITS</b>				
Appeals Filed	2,586	2,838	1,845	993
Motions Filed	137	124	68	56
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	2,425	2,371	1,450	921
Writs Refused*	1,895	1,757	1,096	661
Writs Granted	613	569	305	264
Pro Se Writs Filed	2,676	2,616	187	2,429
Pro Se Writs Refused*	2,182	2,427	151	2,276
Pro Se Writs Granted	420	445	36	409
Appeals Dismissed/Transferred	292	378	295	83
Consolidated Opinions	119	93	77	16
Opinions Rendered **	2,358	2,233	1,414	819
Rehearings Acted Upon***	490	508	348	160
Appeals Pending	1,349	1,484	971	513
Argued But Not Decided	187	156	126	30
To Be Argued	1,162	1,328	845	483
Opinions Rendered Per Judge	45	43	27	16

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The 5th Circuit calculation on opinions per judge is based upon 7.5 judges. The court did not have 8 Judges for the entire year.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS *Two Year Trend in Activity*

		2010 Total Filed	2011 Juvenile Filed	2011 Civil Filed	2011 Criminal Filed	2011 <sup>3</sup> Traffic Filed	2011 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS Civil Filed	Criminal Filed
DISTRICT	PARISH								
1	Caddo <sup>1</sup>	30,224	584	7,986	9,417	5,637	23,624	5	49
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>30,224</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>7,986</b>	<b>9,417</b>	<b>5,637</b>	<b>23,624</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>49</b>
2	Bienville	5,336	62	543	530	3,714	4,849	0	1
	Claiborne	4,907	176	394	592	3,406	4,568	0	0
	Jackson	2,312	427	486	589	389	1,891	2	2
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>12,555</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>7,509</b>	<b>11,308</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
3	Lincoln	5,813	577	914	1,659	2,814	5,964	0	2
	Union	3,316	221	590	1,068	895	2,774	0	0
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>9,129</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>3,709</b>	<b>8,738</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
4	Morehouse	8,551	288	566	1,320	7,111	9,285	1	4
	Ouachita	38,605	1,153	4,235	7,642	27,650	40,680	3	27
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>47,156</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>4,801</b>	<b>8,962</b>	<b>34,761</b>	<b>49,965</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>
5	Franklin	2,312	122	698	690	594	2,104	2	2
	Richland	5,026	116	540	1,091	2,324	4,071	0	2
	West Carroll	1,680	116	326	520	510	1,472	1	3
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>9,018</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>3,428</b>	<b>7,647</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
6	East Carroll	5,215	97	175	319	2,519	3,110	0	0
	Madison	4,484	181	339	828	7,888	9,236	0	0
	Tensas	2,172	12	178	781	1,001	1,972	0	3
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>11,871</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>1,928</b>	<b>11,408</b>	<b>14,318</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
7	Catahoula	1,586	22	341	484	1,155	2,002	1	0
	Concordia	3,007	247	630	1451	814	3,142	0	1
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>4,593</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>5,144</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
8	Winn	2,862	34	498	604	1,141	2,277	0	0
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>2,862</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
9	Rapides	22,233	1,318	3,209	4382	13,260	22,169	4	17
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>22,233</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>4382</b>	<b>13,260</b>	<b>22,169</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>
10	Natchitoches	10,909	2,147	1,051	1,370	4,731	9,299	1	6
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>10,909</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>4,731</b>	<b>9,299</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
11	Sabine	5,613	180	659	1,530	2,883	5,252	0	5
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>5,613</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>5,252</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
12	Avoyelles	9,156	468	1,706	2,342	3,314	7,830	2	6
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>9,156</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>2,342</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
13	Evangeline	7,950	922	1,003	1,467	4,219	7,611	1	7
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>7,950</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>4,219</b>	<b>7,611</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
14	Calcasieu	28,041	1,852	6,508	11,585	10,303	30,248	14	15
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>28,041</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>6,508</b>	<b>11,585</b>	<b>10,303</b>	<b>30,248</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
15	Acadia	8,851	375	1,677	1,532	3,493	7,077	2	3
	Lafayette	26,614	2,117	7,762	5,190	7,847	22,916	14	17
	Vermilion	7,789	322	1,668	2,311	2,876	7,177	1	6
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>43,254</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>11,107</b>	<b>9,033</b>	<b>14,216</b>	<b>37,170</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>
16	Iberia	15,630	157	2,055	1,712	9,992	13,916	2	9
	St. Martin	12,864	464	1,400	1,778	11,038	14,680	3	8
	St. Mary	9,203	569	1,624	2,654	2,971	7,818	3	5
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>37,697</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>5,079</b>	<b>6,144</b>	<b>24,001</b>	<b>36,414</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>
17	Lafourche	21,054	777	2,423	4,952	9,029	17,181	1	12
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>21,054</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>4,952</b>	<b>9,029</b>	<b>17,181</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
18	Iberville	12,963	232	1,805	1,030	8,648	11,715	2	4
	Pointe Coupee	6,805	275	621	1,076	2,687	4,659	3	1
	West Baton Rouge	4,771	95	938	1,258	2,526	4,817	1	5
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>24,539</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>13,861</b>	<b>21,191</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
19	East Baton Rouge <sup>1</sup>	55,639	0	12,363	8,876	31,531	52,770	58	50
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>55,639</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,363</b>	<b>8,876</b>	<b>31,531</b>	<b>52,770</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>
20	East Feliciana <sup>2</sup>	4,337	261	1,019	919	1,928	4,127	0	2
	West Feliciana	1,304	27	327	510	488	1,352	0	0
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>5,641</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>



LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS *Two Year Trend in Activity*

DISTRICT	PARISH	2010 Total Filed	2011 Juvenile Filed	2011 Civil Filed	2011 Criminal Filed	2011 <sup>3</sup> Traffic Filed	2011 Total Filed	JURY TRIALS Civil Filed	Criminal Filed
21	Livingston	20,569	829	3,846	3,720	11,250	19,645	1	8
	St. Helena	3,346	80	305	751	2,825	3,961	0	0
	Tangipahoa	34,505	939	3,865	4,691	25,710	35,205	2	9
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>58,420</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>8,016</b>	<b>9,162</b>	<b>39,785</b>	<b>58,811</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>
22	St. Tammany	53,597	1,528	8,292	7,056	31,289	48,165	13	122
	Washington	6,837	489	1,233	1,224	2,719	5,665	2	24
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>60,434</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>9,525</b>	<b>8,280</b>	<b>34,008</b>	<b>53,830</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>146</b>
23	Ascension <sup>1</sup>	6,456	492	3,814	1,235	0	5,541	5	30
	Assumption <sup>2</sup>	5,061	476	680	923	2,536	4,615	2	2
	St. James	6,012	262	877	919	3,584	5,642	1	1
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>17,529</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>5,371</b>	<b>3,077</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>15,798</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>33</b>
24	Jefferson <sup>1</sup>	21,165	0	13,366	6,692	0	20,058	34	101
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>21,165</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,366</b>	<b>6,692</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,058</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>101</b>
25	Plaquemines	7,392	99	906	1,304	2,522	4,831	0	3
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>7,392</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>2,522</b>	<b>4,831</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
26	Bossier	17,385	1,797	2,806	6,147	5,259	16,009	2	12
	Webster	9,161	349	1,009	2,131	5,257	8,746	1	4
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>26,546</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>3,815</b>	<b>8,278</b>	<b>10,516</b>	<b>24,755</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>
27	St. Landry	38,085	594	2,532	2,753	34,228	40,107	10	16
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>38,085</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>2,753</b>	<b>34,228</b>	<b>40,107</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
28	LaSalle	3,177	82	409	991	991	2,473	0	7
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
29	St. Charles	34,472	373	2,090	1,952	30,681	35,096	4	12
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>34,472</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>30,681</b>	<b>35,096</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>
30	Vernon	13,073	335	1,174	2,121	8,204	11,834	3	1
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>13,073</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>8,204</b>	<b>11,834</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
31	Jefferson Davis	15,277	96	844	890	15,425	17,255	1	0
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>15,277</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>15,425</b>	<b>17,255</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
32	Terrebonne	31,196	767	2,999	4,347	23,290	31,403	4	34
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>31,196</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>4,347</b>	<b>23,290</b>	<b>31,403</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>
33	Allen	5,139	315	677	1,329	4,726	7,047	0	5
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>5,139</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>4,726</b>	<b>7,047</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
34	St. Bernard	15,109	120	1,736	7,508	5,774	15,138	5	1
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>15,109</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>7,508</b>	<b>5,774</b>	<b>15,138</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
35	Grant	5,024	291	595	832	2,505	4,223	0	4
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>5,024</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>4,223</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
36	Beauregard	7,833	293	1,186	872	4,977	7,328	1	4
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>7,833</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>7,328</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
37	Caldwell	2,205	86	353	981	776	2,196	1	3
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
38	Cameron	3,692	32	198	651	1,822	2,703	4	0
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>2,703</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
39	Red River	2,858	111	263	464	1,720	2,558	0	1
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>2,858</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>2,558</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
40	St. John the Baptist	30,964	375	1,890	1,884	16,156	20,305	4	7
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>30,964</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>16,156</b>	<b>20,305</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
42	DeSoto	13,262	247	944	1,281	11,312	13,784	1	3
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>13,262</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>11,312</b>	<b>13,784</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
	Orleans Civil <sup>1</sup>	12,682	0	12,901	0	0	12,901	39	0
	Orleans Criminal <sup>1</sup>	9,370	0	0	7,035	0	7,035	0	327
	<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>22,052</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,901</b>	<b>7,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,936</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>327</b>
	<b>Statewide Totals:</b>	<b>834,038</b>	<b>28,450</b>	<b>141,047</b>	<b>158,743</b>	<b>458,864</b>	<b>787,104</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>1,015</b>

**2011 Report of the Total Number of Awards and the Total Amount of Funds Distributed for Wrongful Conviction and Imprisonment\***

Total Number of Awards: 2    Total Amount Awarded: \$380,000

Total Amount of Funds Distributed, Including Previous Year Awards: \$1,768,852

1. Violations of Traffic, Misdemeanors, and/or Juvenile/Family Laws are Processed by Parish, City, and/or Juvenile/Family Courts. 2. East Feliciana and Assumption corrected their 2010 juvenile filings. 3. DWI is included in the criminal totals beginning in 1990. \*Pursuant to R.S. 15:572.8, Act 262, Regular Session 2007.

## JUVENILE JUDICIAL ACTIVITY: FORMAL PROCESS – CALENDAR YEAR 2011

	CADD0				E. BATON ROUGE			
	Filings	Charges	Children <sup>1</sup>		Filings	Charges	Children <sup>1</sup>	
Formal FINS	410	446	413		35	108	35	
Juvenile Traffic	399	501	399		352	553	352	
Juvenile Delinquency	1,153	1,092	1,158		2,002	2,905	2,002	
Mental Incapacity to Proceed <sup>2</sup>	1	1	1		3	31	3	
Interstate compact for Juveniles	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Contempt of Court	334	0	334		385	385	385	
Child in Need of Care Cases	184		191		109		157	
Voluntary Transfer of Custody	36		0		73		87	
Jud. Certification of Children for Adoption Cases	16		0		3		3	
Surrender of Parental Rights	20		0		102		84	
Adoption	54		0		77		85	
Child Support	782		0		0		0	
Mental Health	256		256		6		6	
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	170		0		1		1	
Other	0		0		1		1	
Subtotal	3,845	2,040	2,752		3,149	3,982	3,201	

## FAMILY COURT FILINGS

EBR FAMILY COURT			
New Cases Filed	5,299	Payment Determination	2,200
Community Property	132	QDRO	113
Contempt State	1,697	Review (Non-Support)	361
Deferred Execution	620	Rule to Establish Medical Support	4
Deferred Sentencing	635	Rule to Set Arrears	442
Dismissals	151	Rules	5,953
Divorces	1,704	State Rules	786
DVC's	2,050	Stipulated Judgments	1,377
Ex-Parte Custody	74	Suspension Revocation	9
Income Assignments	895	UISA	581
Joint Custody	8	Disavowals	0
Modification	280	Annulments	0
Paternity	7		

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 <sup>1</sup>	Filings	Charges	Children <sup>1</sup>	Filings	Charges	Children <sup>1</sup>
226	241	226	64	64	64	735	859	738
336	491	336	185	369	185	1,272	1,914	1,272
1,230	2,051	1,230	576	822	619	4,961	6,870	5,009
26	26	26	9	0	9	39	58	39
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
518	595	518	27	0	27	1,264	980	1,264
357		357	96		104	746		809
295		298	27		30	431		415
46		46	19		19	84		68
19		19	19		19	160		122
131		131	63		64	325		280
2,482		0	9		0	3,273		0
0		0	0		0	262		262
3		0	0		0	3		0
1		1	0		0	1		1
0		0	0		0	0		0
0		0	0		0	171		1
0		0	339		305	370		306
5,670	3,404	3,188	1,433	1,255	1,445	14,097	10,681	10,586

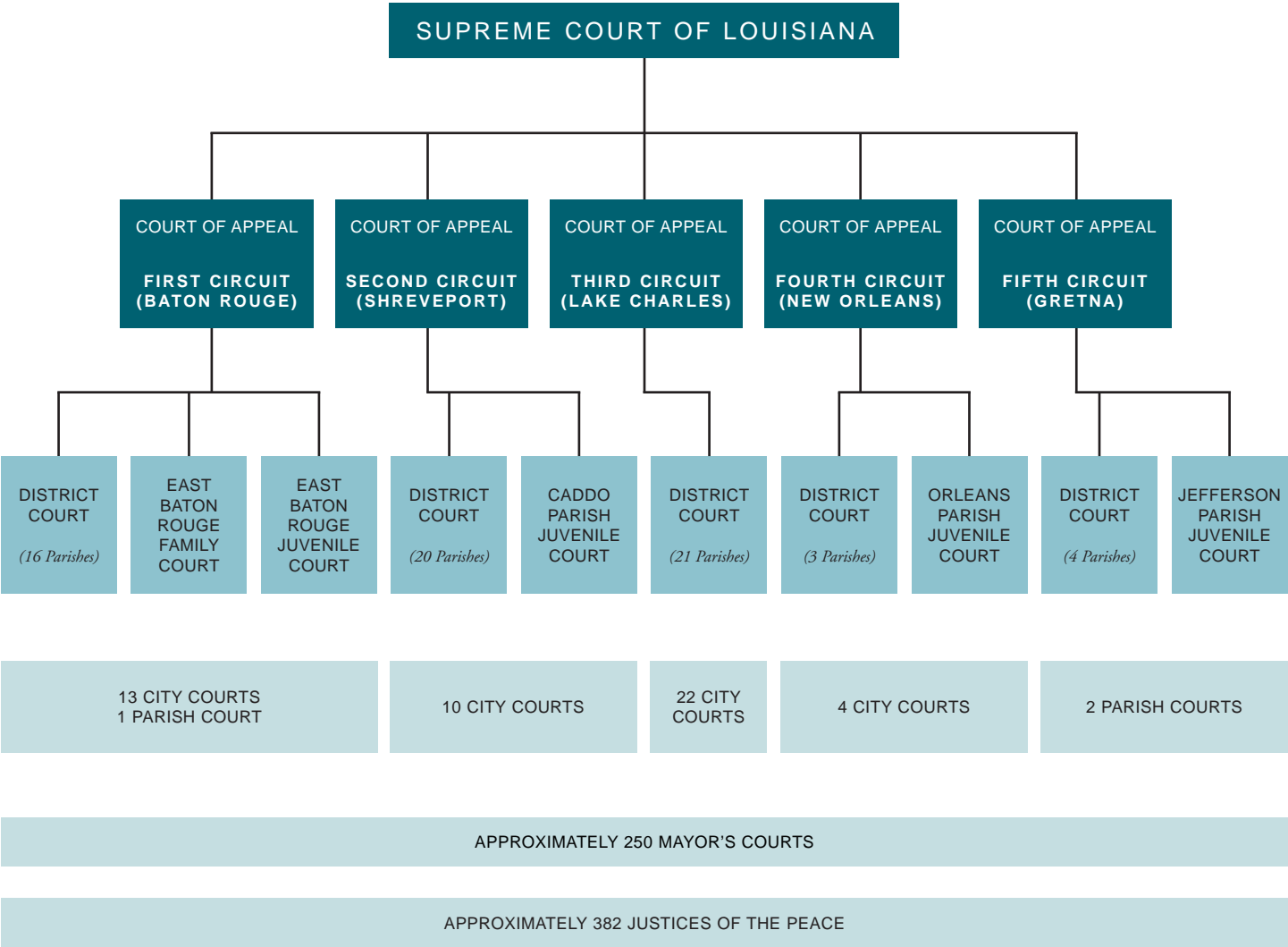


LOUISIANA CITY AND PARISH COURTS *Cases Processed Report Year 2011*

	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.
CITY	CIVIL		CRIMINAL		TRAFFIC*		JUVENILE		TOTAL CASES		OTHER PROCEEDINGS**	
Abbeville	411	316	735	624	2,166	2,043	204	258	3,516	3,241	0	0
Alexandria	2,700	1,924	6,821	6,328	12,806	10,874	0	0	22,327	19,126	0	0
Ascension	626	233	4,211	4,044	15,348	14,937	184	308	20,369	19,522	0	0
Baker	388	347	921	496	5,853	5,576	0	0	7,162	6,419	0	0
Bastrop	890	712	924	805	1,536	1,446	23	17	3,373	2,980	610	0
Baton Rouge	11,942	11,240	34,668	31,701	141,066	130,479	0	0	187,676	173,420	53,088	65,451
Bogalusa	361	67	1,317	1,340	1,851	2,178	210	166	3,739	3,751	2,847	3,044
Bossier City	2,134	1,412	2,834	3,077	10,070	11,338	1,598	1,398	16,636	17,225	301	762
Breaux Bridge	462	508	640	559	1,867	1,584	67	60	3,036	2,711	151	133
Bunkie	72	72	209	210	1,540	1,540	98	98	1,919	1,920	0	0
Crowley	498	461	1,868	1,418	4,960	4,114	272	226	7,598	6,219	0	0
Denham Springs	1,782	1,816	1,952	3,268	13,857	15,049	666	597	18,257	20,730	179	179
Eunice	528	402	1,536	1,564	2,119	1,923	212	218	4,395	4,107	0	0
Franklin	435	357	670	912	1,394	1,391	169	127	2,668	2,787	134	63
Hammond	2,070	1,624	2,620	1,362	11,039	8,060	1,058	540	16,787	11,586	0	0
Houma	3,616	2,383	2,687	4,616	5,882	6,219	1,719	1,459	13,904	14,677	1,356	1,109
Jeanerette	162	162	582	467	4,469	4,067	124	99	5,337	4,795	0	0
Jeff. 1st Parish Ct.	1,837	3,355	4,615	15,529	56,399	107,799	0	0	62,851	126,683	0	0
Jeff. 2nd Parish Ct.	5,785	8,045	4,868	12,041	48,799	100,129	0	0	59,452	120,215	0	0
Jennings	400	425	654	426	1,352	810	32	29	2,438	1,690	0	0
Kaplan	80	57	348	323	1,011	1,101	57	53	1,496	1,534	0	0
Lafayette	3,431	3,310	8,695	7,829	30,544	29,477	652	711	43,322	41,327	563	563
Lake Charles	3,330	2,652	4,911	3,670	20,147	18,391	127	110	28,515	24,823	0	0
Leesville	194	55	962	484	2,288	1,700	79	27	3,523	2,266	0	0
Marksville	752	716	585	548	2,257	2,250	97	71	3,691	3,585	0	0
Minden	506	566	988	884	1,585	1,525	251	134	3,330	3,109	78	78
Monroe	4,127	1,851	3,604	4,840	10,876	10,118	456	154	19,063	16,963	0	0
Morgan City	591	451	1,202	1,177	1,127	1,175	155	168	3,075	2,971	0	0
Natchitoches	626	341	1,801	1,531	4,838	4,648	225	198	7,490	6,718	93	93
New Iberia	1,171	1,063	1,872	1,971	4,021	4,134	287	254	7,351	7,422	305	297
N.O. 1st City Ct.	8,526	4,886	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,526	4,886	0	0
N.O. 2nd City Ct.	1,350	1,345	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,350	1,345	0	0
N.O. Municipal	0	0	31,537	32,396	0	0	0	0	31,537	32,396	0	0
N.O. Traffic	0	0	1,818	1,613	167,125	147,978	0	0	168,943	149,591	0	0
Oakdale	280	225	293	263	1,538	1,425	138	68	2,249	1,981	0	0
Opelousas	936	964	2,739	2,647	5,418	4,416	548	357	9,641	8,384	0	0
Pineville	832	1,198	4,302	3,726	4,236	3,920	0	0	9,370	8,844	0	0
Plaquemine	374	374	408	175	665	501	68	68	1,515	1,118	0	0
Port Allen	327	226	298	216	11,449	10,226	67	63	12,141	10,731	0	0
Rayne	551	490	484	586	1,630	1,715	64	61	2,729	2,852	0	0
Ruston	1,455	1,018	1,483	1,617	2,951	1,830	0	0	5,889	4,465	622	701
Shreveport	9,936	9,157	12,223	13,263	56,959	54,035	0	0	79,118	76,455	31,637	0
Slidell	1,894	1,690	2,054	1,987	6,584	6,107	574	466	11,106	10,250	391	391
Springhill	364	370	1,388	979	1,255	1,255	183	142	3,190	2,746	120	104
Sulphur	859	729	3,114	3,545	9,407	10,866	159	114	13,539	15,254	276	240
Thibodaux	795	308	2,669	2,494	4,036	3,752	196	164	7,696	6,718	0	0
Vidalia	32	14	164	46	499	135	16	9	711	204	0	0
Ville Platte	590	358	1,684	1,497	1,158	849	170	148	3,602	2,852	0	0
West Monroe	1,768	1,713	2,302	2,374	4,314	5,085	123	103	8,507	9,275	336	336
Winnfield	136	62	803	549	571	338	0	0	1,510	949	0	0
Winnsboro	970	62	540	519	346	492	54	46	1,910	1,119	0	0
Zachary	438	277	567	522	2,479	2,073	0	0	3,484	2,872	0	0
<b>STATE TOTALS:</b>	<b>84,320</b>	<b>72,389</b>	<b>171,170</b>	<b>185,058</b>	<b>705,687</b>	<b>763,073</b>	<b>11,382</b>	<b>9,289</b>	<b>972,559</b>	<b>1,029,809</b>	<b>93,087</b>	<b>73,544</b>

\* 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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