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**COVER:**

The Court of Appeal, Third Circuit, whose jurisdiction extends over a twenty-one parish area, formally dedicated its new courthouse on January 24, 1992, in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Construction of the new courthouse began in January 1990 and the Court took occupancy November 1, 1991. The Courthouse is located at 1000 Main Street in Lake Charles, at the end of the main entrance to the old Chennault Air Force Base. The 3.2 acres on which the Court is located was donated to the State by Mr. A. P. Leonard.

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March 4, 1992

To the Members of the Supreme Court of Louisiana  
To the Members of the Board of Governors of the  
Louisiana State Bar Association

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The work of Louisiana's judiciary is statistically recorded within these pages and I am pleased to submit herewith the thirty-sixth annual report of the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

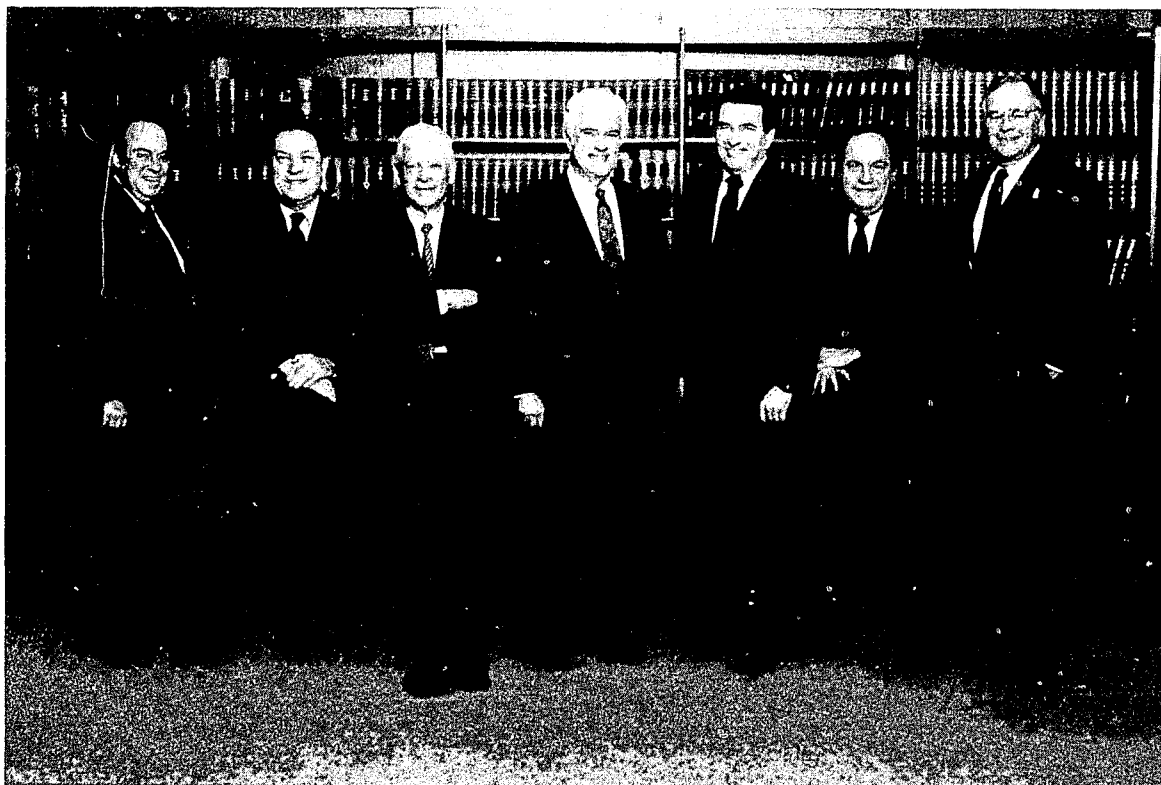
The work of the judiciary is reflected in increased caseloads and additional judgeships. The work of the Judicial Administrator's office is significant in the ongoing effort to improve the court system and is described within these pages. Additionally there is considerable factual information about the Law Library of Louisiana, the Judiciary Commission, the Judicial College, and the Judicial Council. All of these elements work together as part of the realization of the judiciary's determination to provide justice to the people of Louisiana.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.

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**THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICES  
OF THE  
LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT**

(Left to right): Associate Justice Luther F. Cole; Associate Justice Jack C. Watson; Associate Justice Walter F. Marcus, Jr.; Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.; Associate Justice James L. Dennis; Associate Justice Harry T. Lemmon; and Associate Justice Pike Hall.

**CHIEF JUSTICE  
PASCAL F. CALOGERO, JR.**

Justice Calogero is elected from the First Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, AND ST. BERNARD.

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
WALTER F. MARCUS, JR.**

Justice Marcus is elected from the First Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, AND ST. BERNARD.

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
JACK C. WATSON**

Justice Watson is elected from the Third Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: ACADIA, ALLEN, AVOUELLES, BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU, CAMERON, EVANGELINE, GRANT, JEFFERSON DAVIS, LAFAYETTE, AND RAPIDES.

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
LUTHER F. COLE**

Justice Cole is elected from the Fifth Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: EAST BATON ROUGE, EAST FELICIANA, IBERVILLE, LIVINGSTON, POINTE COUPEE, ST. HELENA, ST. LANDRY, ST. TAMMY, TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON, WEST BATON ROUGE, AND WEST FELICIANA.

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
JAMES L. DENNIS**

Justice Dennis is elected from the Fourth Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA, CONCORDIA, EAST CARROLL, FRANKLIN, JACKSON, LA SALLE, LINCOLN, MADISON, MOREHOUSE, OUACHITA, RICHLAND, TENSAS, UNION, AND WEST CARROLL.

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
HARRY T. LEMMON**

Justice Lemmon is elected from the Sixth Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: ASCENSION, ASSUMPTION, IBERIA, LAFOURCHE, ST. CHARLES, ST. JAMES, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. MARY, ST. MARTIN, TERREBONNE, AND VERMILION.

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
PIKE HALL, JR.**

Justice Hall is elected from the Second Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER, CADDO, CLAIBORNE, DESOTO, NATCHITOCHES, RED RIVER, SABINE, VERNON, WEBSTER, AND WINN.

**CLERK OF COURT  
THE HONORABLE  
FRANS J. LABRANCHE, JR.**

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# The Judicial Council

## Requests for new judgeships evaluated . . . Two new judgeships created . . .

In 1991 the Louisiana Legislature created two new judgeships, one each in the 4th Judicial District Court, Morehouse and Ouachita Parishes, and in Orleans Juvenile Court. The new judgeships were created following investigation and recommendation by the Judicial Council Committee to Evaluate Requests for New Judgeships, chaired by Retired Judge Thomas W. Tanner. This committee (which, in 1991, received seven requests for new judgeships), working in cooperation with members of the Judicial Administrator's staff, examined court records and conducted on-site visits to the courts in question before making recommendations to the members of the Judicial Council.

## Judicial Planning Committee: Reports . . . Survey . . .

The subcommittees of the Judicial Planning Committee of the Judicial Council, which is chaired by Associate Justice James L. Dennis are involved in numerous activities as follows.

The Science and Technology Subcommittee, chaired by Appellate Judge Charles A. Marvin, staffed by Deputy Judicial Administrator Ronald Wm. Stritzinger, and of which Deputy Judicial Administrator Rose Marie Bye is a member, was instrumental in passing legislation authorizing the Supreme Court to supervise the development of comprehensive plans for use of FAX in Louisiana's courts (Act 531). Additionally, the Science & Technology Committee is following use of FAX with regard to filings by Clerks of Court (Act 463). Legislation relevant to search warrants issued via phone and the affixing of electronic signatures is also being followed closely by the Science and Technology Committee (Act 84).

Additionally, the Science and Technology Subcommittee is responsible for a pilot project in Baton Rouge City Court utilizing video transcription and a planned pilot project in one division of Orleans Criminal District Court utilizing the Computer Integrated Courtroom (CIC) method of transcription.

The Juvenile Courts Subcommittee, chaired by Judge Salvatore T. Mulé and staffed by Deputy Judicial Administrator Nancy C. Chachere, is working with a statewide Task Force created in response to House and Senate Resolutions and Executive Order, chaired by Judge Gorman E. Taylor, which is studying the potential of a statewide juvenile justice system. This task force is also staffed by Ms. Chachere. Additionally, members of the subcommittee have served for over four years on the Children's Code Project which produced a compilation of all laws regarding juveniles, resolution of ambiguity, and a reconciliation of conflicting laws where necessary to reconcile statutory law with constitutional demands and to produce a true code. The Judicial Council approved the Code in principle and the legislature passed the code into law.

The Appellate Court Delay/Court Reporting Subcommittee, chaired by Retired Judge J. Cleveland Marcel and staffed by Deputy Judicial Administrator Ronald Wm. Stritzinger, is working with the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, in analyzing a 1988 ABA study on appellate time standards to determine if procedures implemented for the 1988 study have had a significant impact on the movement of cases currently decided by the court. The subcommittee is also cooperating with the work of a committee studying delay in the Second and Third Circuits. Additionally, the subcommittee was a participant in the successful effort to pass legislation requiring certification of all official court reporters

in Louisiana.

The annual survey of Louisiana's district judges, conducted for the Judicial Planning Committee each year by Deputy Judicial Administrator Paulette H. Holahan, requested information relevant to the impact of drug-related cases on the court system. While the survey questions dealt with a perceived future impact, the judges' responses indicated that the impact was immediate and dramatic. A majority of those judges responding offered solutions: these ranged from additional judges and courts exclusively for drug cases, tougher sentencing laws, additional jail space, better support services and more funding for Indigent Defenders and District Attorneys, to increased efforts to educate the populace as to the hazards of drug use.

## Jury Standards approved . . . Task Force on Women in the Courts completes public hearings . . . Records Management Committee underway . . .

In other areas of activity, the Judicial Council also received reports from the following groups.

The Jury Standards Committee, chaired by Judge Melvin A. Shortess and staffed by Judicial Administrator Dr. Hugh M. Collins and Deputy Judicial Administrator Timothy F. Averill, has completed its work and presented its report. The Judicial Council approved the report of the committee which will be submitted to the Supreme Court. The new standards, if implemented, will essentially increase the authority of the Supreme Court and the Office of the Judicial Administrator with relationship to the jury system. It was noted that Louisiana law was utilized in the standards extensively with little need to make many changes.

A pilot project of the Committee on Time Standards for Trial Courts, chaired by Judge Gerald P. Fedoroff and staffed by Chief Deputy Judicial Administrator Timothy J. Palmatier, has completed its work and was unable to conclude from its efforts that time standards can be achieved in other than one-parish, one-judge, rural district courts.

The Louisiana Task Force on Women in the Courts, chaired by Judge Miriam G. Waltzer and on which Deputy Judicial Administrator Paulette H. Holahan serves, has completed the public hearings portion of its work, having held hearings in New Orleans, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, Alexandria, Baton Rouge and Shreveport. Additionally, the Task Force has had a survey conducted of a random selection of members of the Louisiana State Bar Association on the subject of gender bias in the courts. The Task Force has begun the final phase of its work, that of preparing recommendations. The full report of the Task Force is expected by the middle of 1992.

## Backlog under study . . .

The Committee to Study Backlog in the Courts of Appeal,

The Judicial Council notes with sadness the death, on November 10, 1991, of Retired Judge J. Cleveland Frugé, longtime secretary of the Judicial Council and first President of the Louisiana District Judges Association. Judge Frugé served on the Thirteenth Judicial District Court, Evangeline Parish, from 1935 until 1960, and on the Court of Appeal, Third Circuit from 1960 until his retirement in 1975. He was 91.

First and Third Circuits, chaired by Judges J. Burton Foret and Walter I. Lanier, Jr., has submitted a report to the Judicial Council which will be considered by a seven member special committee of the Judicial Council, prior to submission to the Supreme Court.

The Records Management Committee, chaired by Judge Blady M. Fitzsimmons and staffed by Deputy Judicial Administrator Paulette H. Holahan, is working toward recommendations in four areas: 1) implementation of a record retention schedule — in this regard, the committee is working closely with the office of the State Archivist who has received a federal grant to investigate record retention; 2) evaluation of court forms to simplify language and to reduce the number of forms; 3) limitation on the size of briefs; and, 4) uniform rules for court reporters.

The Committee to Study Orleans Criminal and Civil Courts: A Response to the National Center for State Courts Study, chaired by Judge Patrick M. Schott and staffed by Chief Deputy Judicial Administrator Timothy J. Palmatier, has begun its work and expects to have a report in early 1992.

The Judicial Council is the appointing authority for two members each on the Judicial Funding Commission and on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Task Force, each created by the legislature. These groups are expected to have reports sometime in 1992-93. Timothy J. Palmatier and Timothy F. Averill of the Judicial Administrator's office, respectively, are monitoring these groups for the Judicial Council.

Additionally, the Judicial Council passed a motion recommending that the Supreme Court look into the feasibility of implementing a rule whereby failure to obey orders of a court regarding child support would be a basis for disciplinary action leading to suspension or revocation of a license. It was recommended that the work on this study be done in cooperation with the Louisiana State Bar Association.

The Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana was established in 1950 and received its first funding by the state legislature in 1954. Its task is to evaluate and monitor the operations and procedures of the judicial system of the state. In this capacity, it serves as a clearinghouse for ideas for simplifying and expediting judicial procedures and/or correcting shortcomings in the system. Deputy Judicial Administrator Paulette H. Holahan serves as administrative staff to the Judicial Council.

P.H.H.

#### NON-VOTING

Honorable J. Cleveland Frugé,  
Retired Third Circuit Court  
of Appeal-Secretary

#### EX-OFFICIO

Honorable Walter F. Marcus, Jr.  
Associate Justice  
Supreme Court of Louisiana

Honorable James L. Dennis  
Associate Justice  
Supreme Court of Louisiana

Honorable Harry T. Lemmon  
Associate Justice  
Supreme Court of Louisiana

Honorable Luther F. Cole  
Associate Justice  
Supreme Court of Louisiana

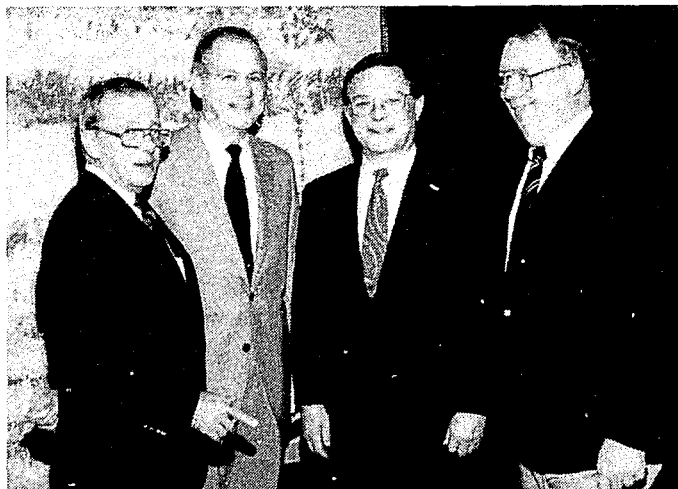
Honorable Pike Hall  
Associate Justice  
Supreme Court of Louisiana

#### STAFF

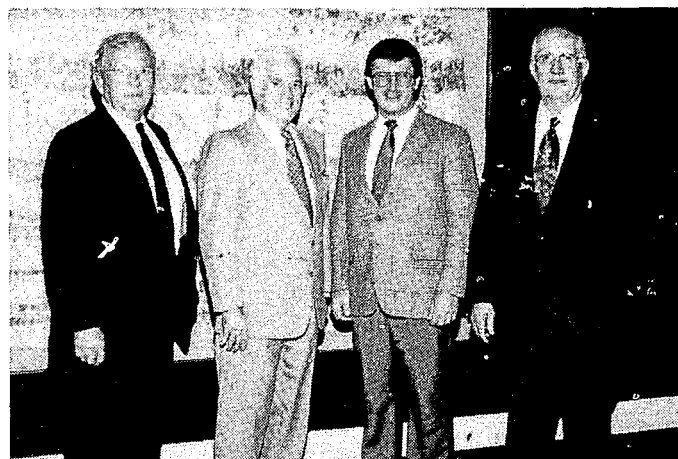
Paulette H. Holahan  
Deputy Judicial Administrator

Missing from pictures: Judge John R. Joyce, representing the Louisiana District Judges Association; Judge A. J. Planchard, representing the Louisiana District Judges Association; Senator Fritz Windhorst; Representative Joseph Accardo, Jr.; Mr. Duncan S. Kemp, III, representing the Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Ms. Julie Mobley Lafarque, representing the Louisiana State Bar Association; and Ms. Mary Lou Winters, Citizen Representative.

## Membership of the Judicial Council



Left to right: Judge Charles A. Marvin, representing the Conference of Court of Appeal Judges; Mr. Frank P. Simoneaux, representing the Louisiana State Law Institute; Mr. Clyde R. Webber, Jr., representing Louisiana Clerks of Court Association; Hugh M. Collins, Ph.D., Judicial Administrator.



Mr. Leonard Fuhrer, representing Louisiana State Bar Association; Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Chair; Judge Richard N. Ware, representing the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and Judge J. Burton Foret, representing the Conference of Court of Appeal Judges.



Left to right: Associate Justice Jack Crozier Watson, Supreme Court of Louisiana; Ms. E. Jane Sherman, representing the Young Lawyers Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association; Judge Robert S. Robertson, representing the Louisiana City Court Judges Association; and Judge Nancy Amato Konrad, representing the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.



# The Judicial Administrator Reports



HUGH M. COLLINS, Ph.D.  
Judicial Administrator

1991 was a year of quiet progress, much of which occurred through the subcommittees of the Judicial Council (for the specific achievements of the Council, see the Judicial Council report on page 4). This report will discuss the staff support provided by the members of my office to the Judicial Council and to other efforts to support and improve the court system.

Mr. Timothy Palmatier serves as Chief Deputy Judicial Administrator. In addition, he staffs the Judicial Council's Committees on Financing the

Orleans Parish Courts and Reducing Delay in the First and Third Circuit Courts of Appeal. He is this office's representative on the LSBA's Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and provides technical assistance to both the legislature's Judicial Funding Commission and LSBA's Committee on the Composition and Administration of Justice.

Mrs. Paulette Holahan, of my staff, continues to serve as the chief staff person for the Judicial Council. In this capacity she coordinates the various Council subcommittees, personally staffs the Records Management Subcommittee and the Committee to Evaluate Requests for New District Judgeships, and also conducts the annual survey concerning the most pressing problems facing the courts. In addition, Mrs. Holahan serves as a member of the Task Force on Women in the Courts and as the public information and education officer for the Supreme Court. During 1991, she also began serving as a guest lecturer at the Loyola University School of Journalism.

Mr. Ronnie Stritzinger provides staff support to the Judicial Council's Science and Technology Committee. In addition, he directs the statistical information gathering activities of the office and in 1991 upgraded the data gathering process in the city and district courts to bring them into compliance with national standards. Mr. Stritzinger also generates statistical reports for a large number of Judicial Council committees and provides answers to the numerous statistical inquiries we receive. Mr. Stritzinger is the project director for a federal grant to improve the collection of criminal history information in order to make it useful to courts in bond setting activities and sentencing. Lastly, Mr. Stritzinger found time during the summer to participate in and graduate from Phase 2 of the Institute for Court Management.

Ms. Nancy Chachere continues to provide staff support to the Judicial Council's Juvenile Task Force. She has become the most active staff person for the Judiciary Commission, which handled more than 600 inquiries last year about the appropriateness of Judicial behavior. She continues to serve as the office expert on child support matters, and, lastly she continues to assist the office's efforts to monitor *Clark v. Roemer*, Louisiana's judicial voting rights lawsuit, and to interpret the legislation resulting from this lawsuit.

Mr. Timothy Averill staffs the Judicial Council's subcommittees on the indigent Defense System and Juror Use and Management. In addition, he serves on the joint legisla-

tive Task Force on Alternate Dispute Resolution and on the LSBA's Bridging the Gap Committee. Mr. Averill has also become the office's chief legal consultant and, in this capacity, has answered hundreds of questions from the Supreme Court, other Louisiana courts, and various judges and administrators around the country. Perhaps his finest work has been in assisting the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana State Bar Association in refining its new discipline system.

Mrs. Michelle Speaser continues to direct the budget section, and in this capacity she and her staff have modernized the budget process this year, including making provision for the submission of budget data by diskette. Mrs. Speaser also has worked on a uniform longevity pay plan for the Courts of Appeal and together with Tim Palmatier provides staff support for the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund. Lastly, Mrs. Speaser found time this year to produce a baby girl.

Mrs. Rose Marie Bye serves as a member of the Judicial Council's Science & Technology Committee. Efforts of Mrs. Bye and of the Sciences & Technology Committee have culminated in legislation creating and refining the certification process for court reporters in Louisiana. Additionally, Mrs. Bye serves as a member of the Records Management Committee of the Judicial Council.

1991 has seen other significant activities. The first work on the renovation of the 400 Royal Street for use by the Supreme Court, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, and the Attorney General began in November. November also witnessed the tragic, unexpected death of the architect of the Royal Street project, Mr. Bill Hess.

During the year Mr. John Stritzinger joined our staff as an investigator for the Judiciary Commission. He also lends expertise he acquired from his previous jobs as a safety officer.

Mr. Paul Tumminello of the finance section took and passed his CPA exam, commonly regarded as one of the most difficult, if not the most difficult, certification exams.

1991 also witnessed the reinvigoration of the State/Federal Judicial Council. This holds great hope for improving cooperation between the two court systems.

The normal day-to-day activities of the office continue to rise to record levels. I have already alluded to the inquiries received by the Judiciary Commission (on page 9). Similarly the number of orders assigning judges to sit in the various courts in the state rose to more than 1,200 from 312 in 1987, the year prior to the effective date of a constitutional amendment mandating to the Supreme Court sole authority to provide by rule for appointments of attorneys as temporary or ad hoc judges of city, municipal, traffic, parish, juvenile or family courts.

To meet increased demands at a time when the state cannot afford to provide adequate staffing for my office, we have begun to utilize volunteers to assist the office on a regular basis. The first of these volunteers is Dr. Elizabeth Francis. It is anticipated in the future we will also seek assistance from students and faculty at nearby law schools.

H.M.C.





# Law Library of Louisiana 1991 Annual Report

"What happens when you cross a lawyer and a librarian? You get all the information you want, but you can't understand it." This joke told by a colleague in Idaho contains a great deal of truth when one considers how intimidating a large modern law library can be — even to an experienced attorney, let alone a layman.

Both the sheer quantity of legal information and the plethora of publishing formats — print (monographic, serial, hardbound, advance sheet, slip opinion, looseleaf), microform, CD-ROM, and online — have made the process of legal research something not to be tackled by the faint of heart. And to make matters even more complicated, judges and attorneys are increasingly in need of more "non-legal" information — science, medicine, economics, ethics, religion, history, etc. — for preparing cases, making decisions and writing articles and speeches. Busy judges, law clerks and practitioners find it nearly impossible to keep up with the deluge of new tools of the trade and the techniques for using them. To deliver the goods to these library patrons in "ready to use" form, professional law libraries have increasingly expanded their roles as teachers, researchers and information managers. The Law Library of Louisiana is fortunate that we have been able to attract and retain staff members who not only possess a wealth of education and experience to handle the growing demand for service, but who are also constantly taking advantage of continuing education opportunities, both formal and informal.

The sadness of losing our superb reference librarian Tina McLellan to fulltime motherhood in April was tempered by the joy of welcoming Marie Erickson, an extraordinarily experienced former law school librarian and practitioner, to our staff. Our delight upon receiving approval for a second reference librarian was made complete when Catherine Lemann, an experienced New Orleans attorney who has just received her master's degree in library and information science accepted the new position in October. Happily, the other eight members of our staff remain.

Financially the library is merely marking time without being able to move forward significantly. The total expenditure for staff, books, equipment and operations for fiscal year 1990/91 totalled \$671,052, an increase of 4.3% over the previous year. (Self-generated funds constitute \$55,460 of that total.) Payments for books and subscriptions, \$320,426, represent only a 2% rise — far short of publishers' price for renewing subscriptions. Consequently, we are being forced to cancel subscriptions to stay within our budget.

The number of new titles acquired during 1991 was only 389 (accounting for 502 physical volumes) — up slightly from last year. Only half of these were purchased, however, with free federal and Louisiana documents and gifts making up the balance. In the category of continuations and added volumes of serials, our net gain was 1,472 — down 260 from 1990. It is ominous to note that while the cost of acquiring new materials rises dramatically each year, the quantity of acquisitions grows smaller. As happened last year, the area experiencing the greatest growth was our microform collection. Huge additions on Congressional hearings and reports as well as superseded state codes contributed to a total of 22,258 fiches acquired.

Reliance on information accessed by computer continues to mount. Westlaw and Lexis searches conducted by our reference librarians for patrons numbered 685 for the year. The 360 additional searches carried out for court personnel bring the total to 1,045. The addition to our staff of another librarian enables us to provide these research services without

sacrificing traditional reference service for our patrons. We fulfilled 87 requests for materials on interlibrary loan and borrowed 84 items from other libraries. Our telefax machine again proved a boon to service, with 414 items being transmitted by us and 144 being received.

Our staff was very involved in preparations for the 84th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, which convened in our city in July. Betty Kern chaired the Local Arrangements Committee; Janice Shull, assisted by D. D. Thompson, was in charge of publicity; Marie Erickson was a function coordinator; Carol Billings arranged the opening reception at the Aquarium; Ruth Mahoney coordinated the closing banquet revel and Cathy Lemann assisted with hospitality and registration. Janice Shull also prepared an impressive exhibit on AALL and the profession of law librarianship for the courthouse lobby. State law librarians from other states were entertained at a luncheon in the Conference Room, and many convention attendees toured the library. Marie Erickson also coordinated one of the convention educational programs.

As usual, the staff took advantage of a wide range of professional development opportunities, particularly those offered by AALL and its chapters. Carol Billings co-directed AALL's 1991 Winter Institute in Williamsburg, Virginia, "Law Libraries — Serving the Legal Information Needs of a Varied Constituency: The Judiciary, the Bar and the Public," and Tina McLellan served as a faculty member. Janice Shull and Betty Kern also attended. Betty Kern continues to serve on AALL's Advisory Committee on the Indexing of Periodical Literature. Carol Billings, in her third year on the AALL Executive Board, chairs the association's Long Range Planning Committee. Both Betty Kern and Carol Billings spoke on the program at the Tuscaloosa annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter on AALL in April, and Carol Billings received the chapter's Distinguished Service Award.

Once again, the library is grateful for the financial support of the Friends of the Law Library of Louisiana. As the year drew to a close, members of the Friends joined with the entire Supreme Court staff to celebrate at the annual party "judged the most appealing" of the season.

Carol Billings



Front Row Left to Right: Catherine Lemann, William Luster, Diane Thompson, Marie Erickson, Janice Shull, David Laurent. Back Row Left to Right: Ruth Mahoney, Betty Kern, Carol Billings, and Henry Hobbs.

# Louisiana Judicial College 1991 Annual Report

Furthering its goal of providing quality continuing legal education for Louisiana's judges, the Judicial College presented programs at eleven meetings in 1991.

The College provided the educational programs at five judges' conferences: Joint Meeting of the City and Juvenile Judges (68 attendees); Annual Spring Judges' Conference (246 attendees); Summer School for Judges (176 attendees); Annual Fall Judges' Conference (214 attendees); and the Annual Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges' Conference (20 attendees).

The College also sponsored or co-sponsored six special seminars during the year. The conferences and number of attendees were: Evidence and Procedure Seminar (59 attendees); A Summary of the 1991 Children's Code (44 attendees); 1991 Summer Seminar (82 attendees); Family Violence: A Seminar for Judges and Professionals (19 Attendees); Sentencing Guidelines Orientation (27 attendees); and Annual Torts Seminar (49 attendees).

During 1991, the College republished the Louisiana Judicial Law Clerks Manual and distributed it, without cost, to all Louisiana Judges who have law clerks. In addition, the College (in cooperation with the LSU Law Center), published and distributed to all Louisiana judges "Louisiana Law of Comparative Fault: A Decade of Progress," by Professor David Robertson. The Judicial College bore the expense of distribution to the judiciary.

Several other publications are in progress, including civil jury charges, a civil judges bench book, the updating of the juvenile judges bench book and the criminal judges bench book.

In its efforts to keep judges abreast of recent developments, the judicial College during 1991 published a criminal law newsletter. The College also published and distributed to the judges a summary of legislative developments during the 1990 session.

The Judicial College also contributed in 1991 to the development of the proposed new edition of the biographies of Louisiana judges.

Many outstanding legal scholars and other experts made presentations at Judicial College programs in 1991. Among the speakers were Professors Thomas Galligan, Symeon Symeonides and Cheney Joseph of the LSU Law Center; Professors Robert Force and Catherine Hancock of Tulane Law School; Professors David W. Robertson and William Powers, University of Texas School of Law; Professor Marilyn Yarbrough of University of West Virginia Law School; Professor Charles McManis, Washington University, Judge Frank Andrews, 116th District Court (Dallas); Judge Ken Corey, Circuit Judge (Louisville, Kentucky), Justice Richard L.

Jones, Alabama Supreme Court; Judge Henry Politz, U. S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; Judge Scott Jordan, 2nd Judicial District (Nevada); Judge Robert Payant, Dean, National Judicial College; and Judge Howard D. McKibben, U. S. District Court (Nevada).

Louisiana judges who served as speakers or panelists at Judicial College programs during 1991 included Judges Harold Brouillette, Carrell White, Gorman Taylor, Lynette Feucht, Niles Hellmers, Bill Kelly, Robert Burns, Wilson Ramshur, Freddie Pitcher, E. A. delaHoussaye, Morris A. Lottinger, Jr., Robert J. Klees, W. Peyton Cunningham, Jr., Durwood Conque, John L. Peytavin, Thomas P. McGee, Jimmy Stoker, Gerald Fedoroff, Melvin Shortess, Jeffrey Victory, Richard Ganucheau, Robert Katz, Thomas Wicker, Graydon Kitchens, Douglas Gonzales, P. J. Laborde, Ian W. Claiborne, John R. Joyce, Max N. Tobias, William Redmann (retired), Salvatore Mulé, Nancy Amato Konrad, and Charles Lindsay. Dr. Hugh Collins, Judicial Administrator, also made a presentation.

Among the attorneys making presentations at Judicial College programs were H. Alston Johnson, John P. Calmes, Jr., Tracey Ewing, Lon D. Norris, and James Boren, all of Baton Rouge; District Attorney Bernard Boudreaux of New Iberia; Patrick A. Juneau of Lafayette; Karen Hallstrom, Research Director, Louisiana Children's Code Project; Dr. Donna Rosenberg of Denver and Dr. Henry Cellini of Albuquerque.

Frank Maraist



Left to right standing: Judge P. J. Laborde, Judge Robert J. Burns, Judge Jeffrey P. Victory, Professor Frank L. Mariast, Executive Director. Seated: Judge G. Bradford Ware<sup>1</sup>, Judge John R. Joyce, Associate Justice Harry T. Lemmon, Chair, Judge Lynette Feucht<sup>1</sup>, Judge Randolph H. Parro<sup>1</sup>.

1. Term began October 1991.

Missing from picture: Judge Steven R. Plotkin<sup>2</sup>, Judge Thomas J. Kliebert<sup>2</sup>, Judge Charles R. Scott<sup>2</sup>, Judge John M. Robinson<sup>2</sup>, Judge John S. Hood<sup>2</sup>, Judge Darrell D. White, Senator Sydney B. Nelson, Representative Hunt B. Downer, Jr., Executive Counsel Thomas A. Casey, Mr. Rutledge C. Clement, Judge Morris A. Lottinger<sup>1</sup>, Judge Ernestine S. Gray<sup>1</sup>, Hugh M. Collins, Ph.D., Judicial Administrator.

1. Term began in October 1991.

2. Term ended in October 1991.

## THE JUDICIARY COMMISSION OF LOUISIANA 1991 ANNUAL REPORT

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

### Powers

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

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

On recommendation of the Judiciary Commission, the Supreme Court may retire involuntarily a judge for disability that seriously interferes with the performance of his duties and that is or is likely to become permanent.

The Commission's jurisdiction includes justices and judges of all courts of this state, including commissioners, magistrates, justices of the peace, and mayors who perform judicial functions.

### Confidentiality

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

### Membership

Membership of the Judiciary Commission as of December 31, 1991:

Judge Graydon K. Kitchens, Jr. Chairman  
W. McKerral O'Niell, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Herbert A. Cade, Esquire  
Robert G. Pugh, Esquire  
Judge William Norris, III  
Judge A. Clayton James

Lynn M. Luker, Esquire  
Jacob S. Segura, Jr., M.D.  
Edward M. Simmons

Hugh M. Collins, Ph.D.,  
Chief Executive Officer

### Complaints

During the year 1991 the Commission opened 80 new case files on complaints against judges and justices of the peace, and 9 open cases were pending from 1990. In January, 1991, this office began for the first time collecting statistics on all complaints received even those not within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The 606 complaints tabulated include those received as phone calls and in person. Many of these complaints were questions concerning possible unethical conduct which could be answered immediately. A large number were legal rather than ethical matters. Of the written complaints, 37 were resolved with letters explaining the functions of the Judiciary Commission. Many were undocumentable or without content. The serious ones, of course, are accounted for in the new files opened. These complaints included alleged violations of Canon 2, "A Judge Should Avoid Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety in All His Activities"; Canon 3, "A Judge Should Perform the Duties of His Office Impartially and Diligently"; Canon 7, "A Judge Should Refrain from Political Activity Inappropriate to His Judicial Office"; allegations of misconduct in exercising judicial discretion, unprofessional conduct, undue delays in rendering decisions, and failure to perform judicial duties, among others, and were filed by litigants, interested citizens, and by the Commission's own motion.

### Dispositions

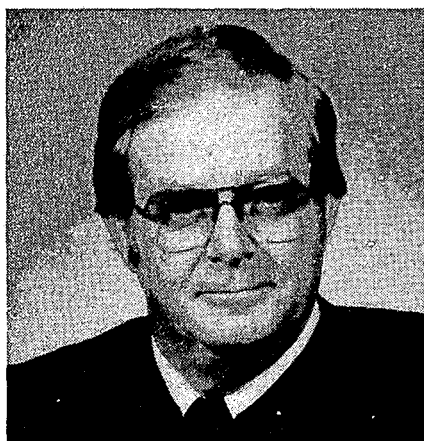
During the year 1991 the Commission disposed of 60 open cases. These complaints were either closed because of insufficient evidence of judicial misconduct or otherwise resolved to the satisfaction of the Commission; preliminary investigations were ordered and conducted in 89 complaints. Twenty-nine cases are still pending at the beginning of 1992.

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*Editor's Note: Complaints may be made to the office of the Chief Executive Officer of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana, Hugh M. Collins, Ph.D., 301 Loyola Avenue, Room 109, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112-1887, Telephone: (504) 568-5747.*

# THE LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL

## Roster of Judges and Clerks



Chief Judge Grover L. Covington

### FIRST CIRCUIT (Baton Rouge)

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

Judges	Domicile	District
Grover L. Covington, Chief Judge	Hammond	Third
Morris A. Lottinger, Jr.	Houma	First
Wallace A. Edwards	Covington	Third
J. Louis Watkins, Jr.	Houma	First
Melvin A. Shortess	Baton Rouge	Second
Burrell J. Carter	Greensburg	Third
Felix H. Savoie, Jr. <sup>1</sup>	Belle Rose	First
Walter I. Lanier, Jr.	Thibodaux	First
Hillary J. Crain	Bogalusa	Third
Daniel W. LeBlanc	Baton Rouge	Second
Frank Foil	Baton Rouge	Second
Douglas M. Gonzales	Baton Rouge	Second
Vanessa Guidry-Whipple <sup>2</sup>	Bourg	First

Clerk: Stanley P. Lemoine



Chief Judge Charles A. Marvin

### SECOND CIRCUIT (Shreveport)

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

Judges	Domicile	District
Charles A. Marvin, Chief Judge	Minden	Second
Fred C. Sexton, Jr.	Shreveport	Third
William Norris, III	West Monroe	First
Charles R. Lindsay	Shreveport	At Large
Lemmie O. Hightower	Monroe	First
Jeffrey P. Victory	Shreveport	Third
Henry N. Brown, Jr.	Bossier City	Second
Carl E. Stewart	Shreveport	Third
Vacancy <sup>3</sup>		

Clerk/Court Administrator: Diana Heisler

1. Retired December 31, 1991.
2. Term of office began January 1, 1992.
3. New judgeship effective January 1, 1989; election stayed by federal lawsuit.

# THE LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL

## Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Domicile	District
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Chief Judge Jerome E. Domengeaux

### THIRD CIRCUIT (Lake Charles)

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

Jerome E. Domengeaux, Chief Judge	Lafayette	At Large
Edmond L. Guidry, Jr.	St. Martinville	Third
J. Burton Foret	Ville Platt	At Large
Jimmy M. Stoker	Alexandria	First
Ned Doucet, Jr.	Abbeville	Third
P. J. Laborde, Jr.	Marksville	At Large
Henry L. Yelverton	Lake Charles	Second
Jeannett Theriot Knoll	Marksville	First
Charles S. King <sup>1</sup>	Lake Charles	Second
Vacancies <sup>2</sup>		

Clerk: Kenneth J. deBlanc



Chief Judge Patrick M. Schott

### FOURTH CIRCUIT (New Orleans)

Parishes: Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard

Patrick M. Schott, Chief Judge	New Orleans	First
Jim Garrison <sup>3</sup>	New Orleans	First
Denis A. Barry	New Orleans	First
Robert J. Klees	Meraux	Third
Charles R. Ward	New Orleans	First
William H. Byrnes, III	New Orleans	At Large
Philip C. Ciacchio	New Orleans	At Large
Robert L. Lobrano	Belle Chasse	Second
David R. M. Williams <sup>4</sup>	New Orleans	First
Joan Bernard Armstrong	New Orleans	First
Steven R. Plotkin	New Orleans	First
Rudolph F. Becker, III <sup>5</sup>	New Orleans	First
Charles R. Jones <sup>6</sup>	New Orleans	First

Clerk: Danielle Schott



Chief Judge Thomas J. Kliebert

### FIFTH CIRCUIT (Gretna)

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

Thomas J. Kliebert, Chief Judge	Paulina	Second
Fred S. Bowes	Gretna	First
H. Charles Gaudin	Metairie	First
Edward A. Dufresne, Jr.	Luling	Third
Charles Grisbaum, Jr.	Gretna	First
Thomas C. Wicker, Jr.	Metairie	First
Sol Gothard	Metairie	First
James L. Canella <sup>7</sup>	Metairie	First

Clerk: Peter J. Fitzgerald, Jr.

1. Died January 11, 1992.

2. Three new judgeships effective January 1, 1989. U.S. Justice Dept. preclearance pending.

3. Retired November 1, 1991.

4. Retired December 31, 1991

4. Retired December 31, 1991.

5. Died August 29, 1991.

6. Term of office began January 1, 1992.

7. Term of office began October 30, 1991.

# DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

## Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
<b>FIRST DISTRICT</b> Robert P. Waddell James E. Stewart Scott J. Crichton Vacancy <sup>2</sup> Frank H. Thaxton, III Gary A. Bowers Gayle K. Hamilton, Chief Judge Eugene W. Bryson <sup>1</sup> Charles R. Scott	Caddo	Shreveport	Curtis A. Warren
Court Administrator: Thomas N. Williams			
<b>CADDO PARISH JUVENILE COURT</b> Gorman E. Taylor, Chief Judge Andrew B. Gallagher			E. E. Rushing
<b>SECOND DISTRICT</b> Jenifer Ward Clason Leon H. Whitten Robert Y. Butler, Chief Judge	Claiborne Jackson Bienville	Homer Jonesboro Arcadia	B. A. Gladney A. B. Walsworth F. N. Joyner
<b>THIRD DISTRICT</b> James M. Dozier, Chief Judge E. Joseph Bleich	Union Lincoln	Farmerville Ruston	J. A. Brantley S. Sanderson
<b>FOURTH DISTRICT</b> Robert W. Kostelka, Chief Judge Charles E. Joiner D. Milton Moore, III John R. Harrison John R. Joyce Michael S. Ingram James H. Boddie, Jr. Vacancy <sup>2</sup>	Morehouse Ouachita	Bastrop Monroe	A. T. Goodnight W. J. Hodge
Court Administrator: Scott F. Kadar			
<b>FIFTH DISTRICT</b> Glen W. Strong Glynn D. Roberts, Chief Judge Chet D. Traylor	Franklin Richland West Carroll	Winnsboro Rayville Oak Grove	F. T. Elkins R. N. Haire M. N. Oldham
<b>SIXTH DISTRICT</b> Charles R. Brackin, Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams	Madison Tensas	Tallulah St. Joseph	J. K. Post, Jr. J. A. Kitchen

1. Became Chief Judge September 1991.

2. New judgeship effective January 1, 1992. U.S. Justice Dept. preclearance pending.

# DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

## Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
<b>SEVENTH DISTRICT</b> Glen B. Gremillion, Chief Judge Leo Boothe	Catahoula Concordia	Harrisonburg Vidalia	K. Johnson C. R. Webber, Jr.
<b>EIGHTH DISTRICT</b> Douglas H. Allen, Chief Judge	Winn	Winnfield	D. E. Kelley
<b>NINTH DISTRICT</b> Alfred A. Mansour, Chief Judge William P. Polk <sup>1</sup> F. Rae Swent W. Ross Foote B. Dexter Ryland Lewis O. Lauve	Rapides	Alexandria	R. L. Stewart
<b>TENTH DISTRICT</b> John B. Whitaker W. Peyton Cunningham, Jr., Chief Judge	Natchitoches	Natchitoches	I. L. Knotts, Jr.
<b>ELEVENTH DISTRICT</b> Robert E. Burgess <sup>1</sup> Elizabeth A. Pickett, Chief Judge	Sabine DeSoto	Many Mansfield	D. M. Knippers W. A. Porter, Jr.
<b>TWELFTH DISTRICT</b> Michael J. Johnson Harold J. Brouillette, Chief Judge	Avoyelles	Marksville	S. G. Couvillion
<b>THIRTEENTH DISTRICT</b> Preston A. Aucoin, Chief Judge A. Gaynor Soileau	Evangeline	Ville Platte	W. Lee
<b>FOURTEENTH DISTRICT</b> Gregory D. Lyons William L. McLeod, Jr. Billy H. Exell Fred R. Godwin A. J. Planchard, Chief Judge Vacancy <sup>2</sup> Charley Quienalty James C. McInnis	Calcasieu	Lake Charles	J. R. Andrus

Court Administrator: W. P. Hastings

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1992.  
 2. Election stayed by federal lawsuit.



# DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

## Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
<b>FIFTEENTH DISTRICT</b>			
G. Bradford Ware	Acadia	Crowley	J. A. Barousse
Douglas J. Nèhrbass	Lafayette	Lafayette	O. C. Guilliot
J. Byron Hebert	Vermilion	Abbeville	R. R. Gaspard
Lucien C. Bertrand, Jr.			
Allen M. Babineaux			
Hugh E. Brunson			
Durwood W. Conque, Chief Judge			
Donald David Cox			
John Rixie Mouton, Sr. <sup>1</sup>			
Don Aaron, Jr. <sup>2</sup>			
Patrick L. Michot			
Herman C. Clause, Commissioner			
<b>SIXTEENTH DISTRICT</b>			
C. Thomas Bienvenu, Jr.	Iberia	New Iberia	P. Saunier
Paul J. deMahy	St. Martin	St. Martinville	J. A. Theriot
Edward A. de la Houssaye, III	St. Mary	Franklin	C. G. Dressel
Robert M. Flemming <sup>3</sup>			
Richard T. "Dicky" Haik, Chief Judge <sup>4</sup>			
Anne Lennan Simon <sup>5</sup>			
Michael J. McNulty, Jr.			
<b>SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT</b>			
Sidney A. Ordoyne, Jr.	Lafourche	Thibodaux	B. A. Theriot
Jerome J. Barbera, III			
John J. Erny, Jr.			
Randolph H. Parro, Chief Judge			
<b>EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT</b>			
Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Judge	Iberville	Plaquemine	J. G. Dupont
Ian W. Claiborne	W. Baton Rouge	Port Allen	T. J. LeBlanc
Edward N. Engolio <sup>6</sup>	Pointe Coupee	New Roads	I. G. Olinde
Jack T. Marionneaux			
<b>NINETEENTH DISTRICT</b>			
Robert D. Downing	E. Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	D. Welborn <sup>7</sup>
Freddie Pitcher, Jr.			
Bob H. Hester			
Michael E. Ponder			
Linda L. Holliday			
Frank J. Saia			
A. Foster Sanders, III			
J. Michael McDonald			
William H. "Bill" Brown, Chief Judge			
L. J. Hymel			
Carl A. Guidry			
Michael R. Erwin			
Joseph F. Keogh			
Allen J. Bergeron, Jr., Commissioner			
Kay Bates, Commissioner			

Court Administrator: R. Clifton Berry

1. Retired December 31, 1991.  
2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1992.  
3. Became Chief Judge June 14, 1991.  
4. Resigned June 14, 1991. Appointed to U.S. District Court, Western District.

5. Resigned in Division "G"; took oath for Division "E" November 12, 1991.  
6. Retired August 25, 1991.  
7. Became Clerk November 21, 1991.

# DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

## Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
EAST BATON ROUGE FAMILY COURT			
Jennifer Luse Annette M. Lassalle Anthony J. Graphia, Chief Judge			
Court Administrator: Paul Kieffer			
EAST BATON ROUGE JUVENILE COURT			
Kathleen Stewart Richey			
TWENTIETH DISTRICT			
William F. Kline, Jr., Chief Judge Wilson R. Ramshur	East Feliciana West Feliciana	Clinton St. Francisville	D. D. Hudnall M. N. Marchive
TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT			
Kenneth J. Fogg Bruce C. Bennett Robert H. Morrison, III, Chief Judge James E. Kuhn Edward Brent Dufreche Jefferson D. Hughes, III	Livingston Tangipahoa St. Helena	Livingston Amite Greensburg	L. W. Patterson C. Moore H. C. Newell
Court Administrator: Melissa Easley			
TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT			
France W. Watts Stephen A. Duczer, Chief Judge Brady M. Fitzsimmons John W. Greene <sup>1</sup> A. Clayton James Martin E. Coady Vacancy <sup>2</sup>	St. Tammany Washington	Covington Franklinton	L. R. Rausch D. Seal
Court Administrator: Robert G. Tyler, Jr.			
TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT			
Glynn A. Long John L. Peytavin Guy Holdridge, Chief Judge A. J. Kling, Jr. <sup>1</sup>	Assumption Ascension St. James	Napoleonville Donaldsonville Convent	L. E. Bergeron K. H. Bourque E. E. Kinler, Jr.
TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT			
G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. <sup>1</sup> Ernest V. Richards, IV Joseph F. Grefer <sup>3</sup> Walter E. Kollin Clarence E. McManus Patrick J. McCabe M. Joseph Tiemann, Chief Judge Hubert Vondenstein	Jefferson	Gretna	J. A. Gegenheimer
(continued on page 16)			
Court Administrator: Sandra Joaen Smith			

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1992.  
2. New judgeship effective January 1, 1991. U.S. Justice Dept. preclearance pending.  
3. Retired December 31, 1991.

# DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

## Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT (continued)			
Jo Ellen Grant Jacob L. Karno Martha E. Sassone Charles V. Cusimano, II Robert J. Burns James L. Cannella <sup>1</sup> Ronald P. Loumiet Vacancy <sup>2</sup>	Jefferson	Gretna	J. A. Gegenheimer
Court Administrator: Sandra Joaen Smith			
JEFFERSON PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
Ann Murry Keller Thomas P. McGee, Chief Judge Nancy Amato Konrad	Court Administrator: James Boulware		
TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT			
Michael E. Kirby, Chief Judge William A. Roe <sup>3</sup>	Plaquemines	Pointe-a-la-Hache	S. M. Hardin
TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT			
Dewey Burchett, Jr. Graydon K. Kitchens, Jr., Chief Judge Cecil P. Campbell, II R. Harmon Drew, Jr. Bruce M. Bolin	Bossier Webster	Benton Minden	W. Mabry W. B. Brinkley
TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT			
H. Garland Pavy Joseph A. LaHaye, Chief Judge Isom J. Guillory, Jr. Robert Brinkman	St. Landry	Opelousas	P. H. Kempf
TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Jimmie C. Peters, Chief Judge	LaSalle	Jena	S. Crooks
Court Administrator: Bobby L. Wilson			
TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT			
Ruche J. Marino Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, Chief Judge Joel T. Chaisson <sup>3</sup>	St. Charles	Hahnville	C. J. Oubre, Jr.
THIRTIETH DISTRICT			
Roy B. Tuck, Jr. Ted R. Broyles, Chief Judge	Vernon	Leesville	D. M. Perkins

1. Elected to Court of Appeal, Fifth Circuit; term of office began October 30, 1991.  
2. New judgeship effective January 1, 1991; election stayed by federal lawsuit.  
3. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1992.

# DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

## Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges	Parishes Within Districts	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
<b>THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT</b> William N. Knight, Chief Judge	Jefferson Davis	Jennings	C. L. Duhon
<b>THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT</b> Edward J. "Jimmy" Gaidry Baron B. Bourg, Chief Judge Timothy C. Ellender John T. Pettigrew Paul R. Wimbish <sup>1</sup>	Terrebonne     Court Administrator: Walton Dill	Houma	I. R. Boudreaux
<b>THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT</b> John P. Navarre, Chief Judge	Allen	Oberlin	R. L. Thomas
<b>THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT</b> Thomas M. McBride, III David S. Gorbaty, Chief Judge Melvyn J. Perez <sup>2</sup> Kirk A. Vaughn	St. Bernard	Chalmette	L. R. Torres
<b>THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT</b> B. G. "Billy" Lutes, Chief Judge	Grant Court Administrator: Barbara Bivens <sup>3</sup> — A. Gregory Riley <sup>4</sup>	Colfax	J. E. Lemoine
<b>THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT</b> Stuart S. Kay, Jr., Chief Judge	Beauregard	DeRidder	R. L. Nichols
<b>THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT</b> Ronald L. Lewellyan, Chief Judge	Caldwell Court Administrator: Marion Harrelson <sup>5</sup> — Shannon Scruggs <sup>6</sup>	Columbia	E. Dunn
<b>THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT</b> H. Ward Fontenot, Chief Judge	Cameron	Cameron	D. Theriot
<b>THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT</b> Richard N. Ware, Chief Judge	Red River	Coushatta	E. V. Womack
<b>FORTIETH DISTRICT</b> Madeline Jasmine Thomas J. Malik, Chief Judge Thomas F. Daley <sup>2</sup>	St. John the Baptist	Edgard	H. L. Montegut, Jr.

1. Became Chief Judge December 1, 1991.
2. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1992.
3. Appointment ended July 31, 1991.
4. Appointment began August 1, 1991.
5. Resigned March, 1991.
6. Became Court Administrator March, 1991.

# DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

## Roster of Judges and Clerks

Judges		Clerks of Court
ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT		
Thomas A. Early, Jr.	Division A	D. N. Atkins
Robert A. Katz	B	
Richard J. Garvey	C	
Louis A. DiRosa <sup>1</sup>	D	
Gerald P. Fedoroff	E	
Yada T. Magee	F	
Robin Giarrusso	G	
Revius O. Ortique, Jr.	H	
Bernette Joshua Johnson	I	
George C. Connolly, Jr.	J	
Richard J. Ganucheau, Chief Judge	K	
Max N. Tobias	L	
Ronald J. Sholes	M	
Okla Jones, II	N	
ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT		
Miriam G. Waltzer	Section A	E. A. Lombard
Patrick G. Quinlan	B	
Jerome M. Winsberg	C	
Frank A. Marullo, Jr.	D	
Calvin Johnson	E	
Dennis J. Waldron	F	
Frank J. Shea, Chief Judge	G	
James F. McKay, III	H	
Shirley G. Wimberly, Jr.	I	
Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr.	J	
Gerard J. Hansen	Magistrate-Judge	
Arthur L. Harris, Sr.	Commissioner	
Anthony J. Russo	Commissioner	
George G. Kiefer	Commissioner	
Andrew J. Sciambra	Commissioner	
Court Administrator: Darryl M. Schultz		
ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT		
Ernestine S. Gray, Administrative Judge	Section A	J. L. Peyton <sup>6</sup> C. L. Messina <sup>7</sup>
Clarence B. Giarrusso, Jr. <sup>2</sup>	B	
C. Hearn Taylor <sup>3</sup>		
Salvadore T. Mule <sup>4</sup>	C	
Lawrence L. Lagarde	D	
Anita H. Ganucheau	E	
Vacancy <sup>5</sup>		
Court Administrator: Mary Jordan		

1. Became Chief Judge January 1, 1992.
2. Retired March 28, 1991.
3. Term of office began November 8, 1991.
4. Became Administrative Judge August 1, 1991.
5. New judgeship effective January 1, 1992. Election called for March 10, 1992.
6. Died March 13, 1991.
7. Term of office began August 26, 1991.

# CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

## Roster of Judges and Location of Courts

Cities	Parishes	Judges
Abbeville	Vermilion	Roger C. Sellers
Alexandria	Rapides	Edward E. Roberts
Ascension Parish	Ascension	Pegram J. Mire, Jr.
Baker	East Baton Rouge	John E. Engelsman
Bastrop	Morehouse	Merwin M. Brandon, Jr.
Baton Rouge: Division A	East Baton Rouge	Byron Stringer
Division B		Ralph Tyson
Division C		Darrell D. White
Division D		Rosemary T. Pillow <sup>1</sup>
Division E		Curtis A. Calloway
Baton Rouge Clerk/Court Administrator: Milton R. Skyring		
Bogalusa	Washington	Donald M. Fendlason
Bossier City	Bossier	Billy Ross Robinson
Bossier City Clerk/Court Administrator: Elizabeth Edmonds		
Breaux Bridge	St. Martin	Randy P. Angelle
Bunkie	Avoyelles	James H. Mixon
Crowley	Acadia	T. Barrett Harrington
Denham Springs	Livingston	Charles W. Borde, Jr.
DeRidder	Beauregard	James K. Nichols
Eunice	St. Landry	Lynette Young Feucht
Franklin	St. Mary	Charles R. Prevost
Hammond	Tangipahoa	John D. Kopfler
Hammond Clerk/Court Administrator: Walter R. Parker		
Houma	Terrebonne	Jude T. Fanguy
Jeanerette	Iberia	Cameron B. Simmons
Jefferson Parish:	Jefferson	
1st Parish Court Division A		J. Bruce Naccari, Senior Judge
Division B		George W. Giacobbe
First Parish Court Court Administrator: Beatrice D. Tranchina		
2nd Parish Court Division A	Jefferson	John J. Molaison, Senior Judge
Division B		Calvin J. Hotard, Jr.
Second Parish Court Court Administrator: Rodney M. de la Gardelle		
Jennings	Jefferson Davis	Bernard N. Marcantel
Kaplan	Vermilion	Reule P. Bourque
Lafayette	Lafayette	Kaliste J. Saloom, Jr., Senior Judge
Lafayette Court Administrator: Fay Markham		Michael G. Sullivan
Lake Charles Division A	Calcasieu	Thomas P. Quirk, Senior Judge
Division B		John S. Hood
Leesville	Vernon	S. Chris Smith, III
Leesville Clerk/Court Administrator: Glenda F. Dowden		

1. Became Administrative Judge August 20, 1991.

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

Cities	Parishes	Judges
Marksville	Avoyelles	Angelo J. Piazza, III
Minden	Webster Minden Court Administrator: Joan Burns	John C. Campbell
Monroe	Ouachita	Larry D. Jefferson John Larry Lolley, Senior Judge D. C. Bernhardt
Morgan City	St. Mary	Robert S. Robertson
Natchitoches	Natchitoches	Fred S. Gahagan
New Iberia	Iberia	Robert L. Segura
New Orleans	Orleans	
1st City Court	Section A Section B Section C	Charles A. Imbornone Dominic C. Grieshaber, Senior Judge Niles A. Hellmers Lorain F. Wingerter Eddie L. Sapir Bruce J. McConduit John A. Shea James E. Glancey, Sr., Senior Judge Dennis J. Dannel Thomas L. Giraud Terry Q. Alarcon Oliver S. Delery, Senior Judge
2nd City Court	Section A Section B Section C Section D	
Municipal Court	Section A Section B Section C Section D	
Traffic Court	Traffic Court Court Administrator: Mary Rome	
Oakdale	Allen	Perrell Fuselier
Opelousas	St. Landry Opelousas Clerk/Court Administrator: Ronnie Leger	Kenneth Boagni, Jr.
Pineville	Rapides	Henry H. Lemoine, Jr.
Plaquemine	Iberville Plaquemine Court Administrator: Lionel Jenkins	Robert L. Freeman
Port Allen	West Baton Rouge	William T. Kleinpeter
Rayne	Acadia	Denald A. Beslin
Ruston	Lincoln Ruston Clerk/Court Administrator: Jennifer Floyd	Robert G. James



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

Cities		Parishes	Judges
Shreveport	Division A Division B Division C	Caddo	R. Lee Irvin Charles W. Kelly, IV Gay Caldwell Gaskins
		Shreveport Clerk/Court Administrator: Virginia Hester	
Slidell		St. Tammany	James R. Strain
Springhill		Webster	John M. Robinson
Sulphur		Calcasieu	J. Steven Broussard
Thibodaux		Lafourche	David M. Richard
Vidalia		Concordia	George C. Murray, Jr.
Ville Platte		Evangeline	Donald J. Launey, Jr.
West Monroe		Ouachita	Charles A. Traylor, II
Winnfield		Winn	Jim W. Wiley
Winnsboro		Franklin	Michael E. Kramer
Zachary		East Baton Rouge	Russell Bankston

## STATISTICAL APPENDIX

### INTRODUCTION TO THE STATISTICAL SECTION

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 1991.

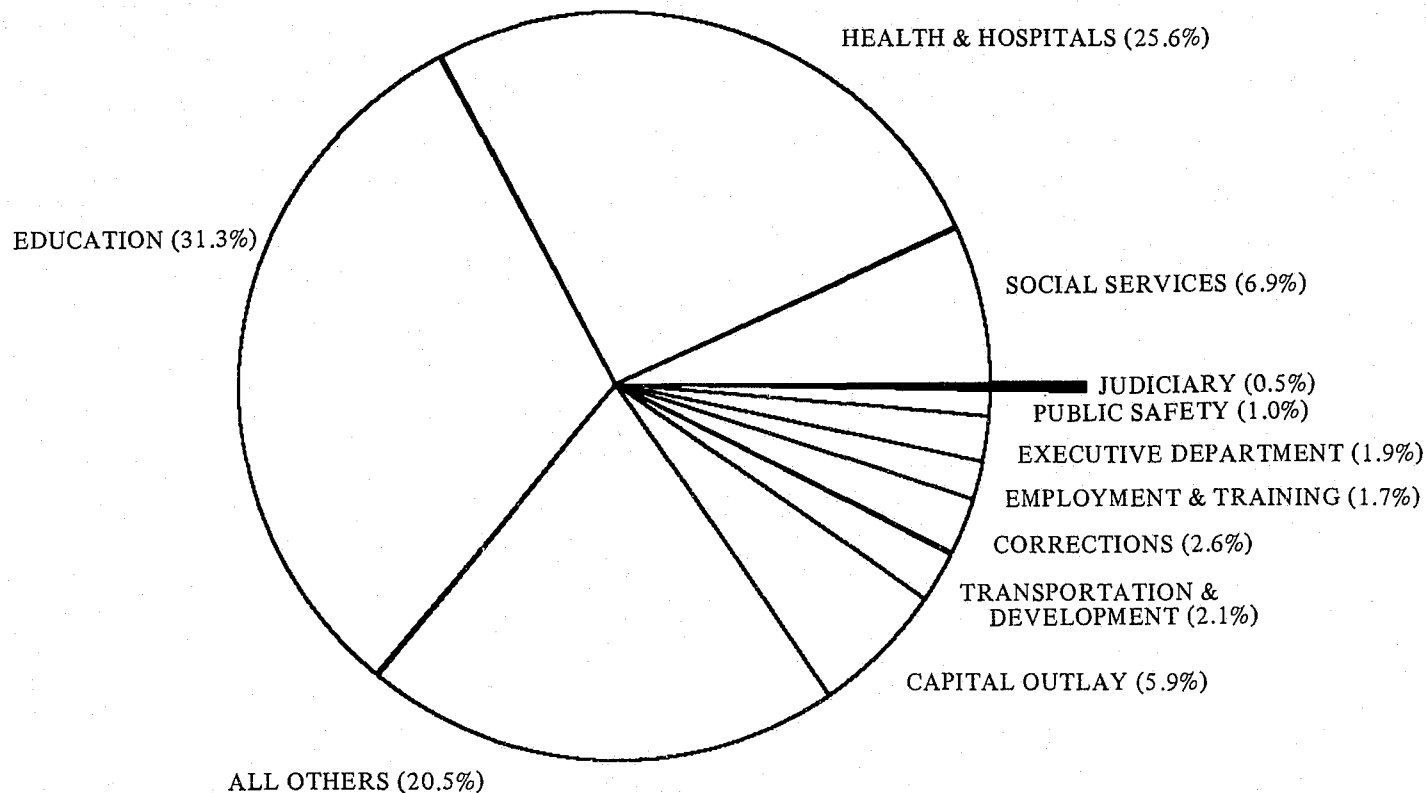
In 1991 there were 3,004 filings in the Supreme Court. The filings in 1991 were 8.6% greater than in 1990.

In 1991 there were 8,623 filings in the Louisiana courts of appeal. This represents an increase of 200% over the filings 10 years earlier. In addition, the 1991 filings were 10.3% greater than those in 1990. The average time interval from the filing of a civil appeal to its disposition was 401 days in the First Circuit, 292 days in the Second Circuit, 535 days in the Third Circuit, 297 days in the Fourth Circuit, and 171 days in the Fifth Circuit. The average time interval from the filing of a criminal appeal to its disposition was 382 days in the First Circuit, 244 days in the Second Circuit, 314 days in the Third Circuit, 440 days in the Fourth Circuit, and 167 in the Fifth Circuit.

During 1991 there were 167,602 civil filings in the district courts, a decrease of .4% when compared to 1990. During 1991 there were 348,210 criminal filings in the district courts, an increase of 8.2% over 1990. Civil jury trials increased by 10.2% when compared with 1990, and criminal jury trials increased by 8.1% when compared with 1990.

Filings in Louisiana city and parish courts increased by 2.2% from 663,598 filings in 1990 to 678,461 filings in 1991.

### LOUISIANA STATE BUDGET 1991-1992



**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA  
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY**

	1989 Total	1990 Total	1991 Total	1991 Civil	1991 Criminal
<b>APPEALS:</b>					
Filed	20	11	18	11	7
Dismissed	2	1	0	0	0
Opinions Rendered					
with written opinions	24	13	12	9	3
per curiams	10	2	0	0	0
<b>WRITS:</b>					
Applications Filed (Except Prisoner Pro Se)	1,600	1,583	1,621	1,155	466
Prisoner Pro Se Writs	1,176	988	1,118	50	1,068
Granted	624	563	847	257	590
to be argued	86	97	90	72	18
with orders	538	568	757	185	572
Dismissed	18	31	27	10	17
Not Considered	33	21	32	14	18
Denied	1,937	2,000	1,972	945	1,027
Opinions Rendered	76	97	91	76	15
<b>REHEARINGS:</b>					
Applied for	110	109	71	64	7
Granted	21	12	9	8	1
Denied/Dismissed	91	92	52	47	5
Opinions Rendered	6	3	3	2	1
<b>ORIGINAL JURISDICTION:</b>					
Petitions Filed	88	71	88	88	0
Opinions Rendered	40	24	21	21	0
Other Actions	0	77	65	65	0
<b>OTHER MATTERS:</b>					
Filed	2	113	159	159	0
Opinions Rendered	1	2	0	0	0
Other Actions	0	106	147	147	0
<b>OTHER PER CURIAM OPINIONS RENDERED</b>	25	35	46	15	31
<b>TOTAL FILINGS:</b>	2,996	2,766	3,004	1,463	1,541
Per Justice	428	395	429	209	220
<b>TOTAL OPINIONS RENDERED</b>	182	176	173	123	50

**LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL  
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY**

	<b>TOTAL 1989</b>	<b>TOTAL 1990</b>	<b>TOTAL 1991</b>	<b>CIVIL 1991</b>	<b>CRIMINAL 1991</b>
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>					
Appeals Filed	1,022	1,102	1,105	863	242
Motions Filed	49	33	32	29	3
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	508	578	559	406	153
Writs Refused	367	416	398	279	119
Writs Granted	136	122	141	99	42
Pro Se Writs Filed	576	613	659	143	516
Pro Se Writs Refused	452	476	492	120	372
Pro Se Writs Granted	110	110	122	3	119
Appeals Dismissed	198	175	173	155	18
Opinions Rendered	856	830	940	756	184
Rehearings Acted Upon	154	133	120	109	11
Appeals Pending	937	1,047	1,021	778	243
Argued But Not Decided	11	15	19	19	0
To Be Argued	926	1,032	1,002	759	243
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>					
Appeals Filed	584	607	527	324	203
Motions Filed	9	9	7	4	3
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	255	195	235	123	112
Writs Refused	204	152	151	82	69
Writs Granted	57	45	80	39	41
Pro Se Writs Filed	159	223	368	0	368
Pro Se Writs Refused	138	164	261	0	261
Pro Se Writs Granted	42	48	80	0	80
Appeals Dismissed	59	59	54	43	11
Opinions Rendered	507	494	537	319	218
Rehearings Acted Upon	75	74	83	60	23
Appeals Pending	362	412	335	215	120
Argued But Not Decided	41	66	45	25	20
To Be Argued	321	346	290	190	100
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT:</b>					
Appeals Filed	740	842	787	604	183
Motions Filed	19	32	13	12	1
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	457	427	409	236	173
Writs Refused	281	305	249	160	89
Writs Granted	127	176	106	58	48
Pro Se Writs Filed	144	158	227	1	226
Pro Se Writs Refused	83	121	120	1	94
Pro Se Writs Granted	51	68	79	0	79
Appeals Dismissed	102	102	97	93	4
Opinions Rendered	610	621	637	457	180
Rehearings Acted Upon	72	84	68	61	7
Appeals Pending	875	1,003	1,040	892	148
Argued But Not Decided	13	8	18	18	0
To Be Argued	862	995	1,022	874	148

# LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

	TOTAL 1989	TOTAL 1990	TOTAL 1991	CIVIL 1991	CRIMINAL 1991
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>					
Appeals Filed	825	860	934	632	302
Motions Filed	3	15	14	14	0
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	525	493	585	384	201
Writs Refused	339	336	350	258	92
Writs Granted	174	161	226	130	96
Pro Se Writs Filed	1,050	1,027	1,264	19	1,245
Pro Se Writs Refused	645	509	552	13	539
Pro Se Writs Granted	425	394	650	8	642
Appeals Dismissed	96	85	79	72	7
Opinions Rendered	731	734	720	419	301
Rehearings Acted Upon	118	142	102	89	13
Appeals Pending	796	859	999	619	380
Argued But Not Decided	93	147	129	98	31
To Be Argued	703	712	870	521	349
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT:</b>					
Appeals Filed	393	424	429	337	92
Motions Filed	9	15	23	18	5
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	279	265	247	191	56
Writs Refused	191	179	180	139	41
Writs Granted	96	74	67	50	17
Pro Se Writs Filed	144	131	288	2	286
Pro Se Writs Refused	90	55	96	1	95
Pro Se Writs Granted	59	75	103	0	103
Appeals Dismissed	37	34	55	53	2
Opinions Rendered	406	362	354	278	76
Rehearings Acted Upon	114	78	58	52	6
Appeals Pending	162	180	190	150	40
Argued But Not Decided	52	88	36	32	4
To Be Argued	110	92	154	118	36
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL CIRCUITS:</b>					
Appeals Filed	3,564	3,835	3,782	2,760	1,022
Motions Filed	89	104	89	77	12
Writs Filed (except Pro Se)	2,024	1,958	2,035	1,340	695
Writs Refused	1,382	1,388	1,328	918	410
Writs Granted	590	588	620	376	244
Pro Se Writs Filed	2,073	2,022	2,806	165	2,641
Pro Se Writs Refused	1,408	1,325	1,496	135	1,361
Pro Se Writs Granted	687	695	1,034	11	1,023
Appeals Dismissed	492	455	458	416	42
Opinions Rendered	3,110	3,041	3,188	2,229	959
Rehearings Acted Upon	533	511	431	371	60
Appeals Pending	3,132	3,501	3,585	2,654	931
Argued But Not Decided	210	324	247	192	55
To Be Argued	2922	3,177	3,338	2,462	876

## FILINGS PER COURT OF APPEAL JUDGE

	<u>APPEALS</u>	<u>WRITS</u>
1987	80.1 (57.8 civil, 22.3 criminal)	73.8 (21.1 civil, 52.7 criminal)
1988	82.7 (59.9 civil, 22.7 criminal)	80.8 (22.8 civil, 58.0 criminal)
1989	74.3 (53.9 civil, 20.3 criminal)	85.4 (28.7 civil, 56.7 criminal)
1990	79.9 (56.2 civil, 23.7 criminal)	82.9 (29.9 civil, 53.0 criminal)
1991	77.3 (56.4 civil, 20.9 criminal)	99.0 (30.8 civil, 68.2 criminal)

## 1991 FILINGS PER JUDGE BY CIRCUIT

	<u>APPEALS</u>	<u>WRITS</u>
FIRST	92.1	101.5
SECOND	66.7	76.3
THIRD	87.4	70.7
FOURTH	77.8	154.1
FIFTH	53.6	66.9
AVERAGE ALL JUDGES	77.3	99.0

## OPINIONS BY THE COURTS OF APPEAL

	<u>CIVIL</u>	<u>CRIMINAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1987	2,162	891	3,053
1988	2,251	949	3,200
1989	2,111	999	3,110
1990	2,082	959	3,041
1991	2,229	959	3,188

# **OPINIONS RENDERED PER COURT OF APPEAL JUDGE BY CIRCUIT**

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
First Circuit					
Civil	54.8	54.4	56.8	50.8	63.0
Criminal	17.0	17.4	14.5	18.3	15.3
Totals	71.8	71.8	71.3	69.1	78.3
Second Circuit					
Civil	42.9	41.1	36.1	38.9	40.4
Criminal	26.3	27.1	36.3	31.7	27.6
Totals	69.2	68.2	72.4	70.6	68.0
Third Circuit					
Civil	51.4	51.4	49.8	51.7	50.8
Criminal	16.6	18.6	18.0	17.3	20.0
Totals	68.0	70.0	67.8	69.0	70.8
Fourth Circuit					
Civil	34.3	42.1	34.3	39.3	34.9
Criminal	21.8	21.4	26.6	21.8	25.1
Totals	56.1	63.5	60.9	61.2	60.0
Fifth Circuit					
Civil	38.3	42.8	39.5	32.9	34.8
Criminal	11.0	15.8	11.3	12.4	9.5
Totals	49.3	58.5	50.8	45.3	44.3
All Circuits					
Civil	45.0	46.9	44.0	43.4	45.6
Criminal	18.6	19.8	20.8	20.0	19.6
Totals	63.6	66.7	64.8	63.4	65.2

## **APPEALS PENDING**

		FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	TOTAL ALL CIRCUITS
1987	Civil	750	186	672	411	197	2,216
	Criminal	132	121	111	265	73	702
	Totals	882	307	783	676	270	2,918
1988	Civil	832	179	741	433	199	2,384
	Criminal	135	154	120	371	44	824
	Totals	967	333	861	804	243	3,208
1989	Civil	786	224	758	475	122	2,365
	Criminal	151	138	117	321	40	767
	Totals	937	362	875	796	162	3,132
1990	Civil	844	258	856	485	148	2,591
	Criminal	203	154	147	374	32	910
	Totals	1,047	412	1,003	859	180	3,501
1991	Civil	778	215	892	619	150	2,654
	Criminal	243	120	148	380	40	931
	Totals	1,021	335	1,040	999	190	3,585



**APPEALS PENDING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1991  
ELAPSED TIME SINCE FILING**

	<b>UNDER 6 MONTHS</b>	<b>OVER 6 BUT UNDER 9 MONTHS</b>	<b>OVER 9 BUT UNDER 12 MONTHS</b>	<b>OVER 12 BUT UNDER 15 MONTHS</b>	<b>OVER 15 BUT UNDER 18 MONTHS</b>	<b>OVER 18 MONTHS</b>
<b>First Circuit</b>						
Civil	410	160	115	45	9	39
Criminal	112	47	57	25	2	0
<b>Second Circuit</b>						
Civil	145	61	6	1	1	1
Criminal	99	14	6	1	0	0
<b>Third Circuit</b>						
Civil	313	134	121	132	157	35
Criminal	96	39	3	3	1	6
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>						
Civil	328	117	48	21	25	80
Criminal	163	59	57	32	41	28
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>						
Civil	112	18	14	1	1	4
Criminal	38	1	0	0	1	0

**TIME FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION ON AN APPEAL**

	<b>AVERAGE FOR 1987 DISPOSITIONS</b>	<b>ESTIMATE FOR APPEALS FILED DURING DECEMBER, 1991</b>
<b>First Circuit</b>		
Civil	11.7 Months	16.5 Months
Criminal	7.3 Months	9.5 Months
<b>Second Circuit</b>		
Civil	7.6 Months	8.0 Months
Criminal	8.3 Months	8.0 Months
<b>Third Circuit</b>		
Civil	12.4 Months	16.5 Months
Criminal	8.4 Months	16.5 Months
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>		
Civil	8.2 Months	7.5 Months
Criminal	9.1 Months	7.5 Months
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>		
Civil	5.5 Months	4.5 Months
Criminal	6.0 Months	4.5 Months

**LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS  
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY**

**JURY TRIALS  
1991**

District	Parish	Cases Filed 1989 Total	Cases Filed 1990 Total	1991 Juvenile	1991 Civil	1991*** Criminal	1991 Traffic	1991 Total	Civil	Criminal
1	Caddo*	19,195	17,679		8,909	4,322	4,169	17,400		
	District Totals	19,195	17,679		8,909	4,322	4,169	17,400	12	44
2	Bienville	2,767	2,880	352	572	688	2,765	4,377		
	Claiborne	2,459	2,139	263	439	444	1,189	2,335		
	Jackson	2,361	2,134	127	742	615	495	1,979		
	District Totals	7,587	7,153	742	1,753	1,747	4,449	8,691	3	15
3	Lincoln	3,811	5,260	396	957	1,139	1,641	4,133		
	Union	2,602	2,665	345	770	939	1,177	3,231		
	District Totals	6,413	7,925	741	1,727	2,078	2,818	7,364	3	22
4	Morehouse**	3,958	4,307	488	948	3,322		4,758		
	Ouachita	17,201	19,640	2,316	4,744	4,431	7,970	19,461		
	District Totals	21,159	23,947	2,804	5,692	7,753	7,970	24,219	11	30
5	Franklin	2,341	2,300	389	819	513	461	2,182		
	Richland	3,176	3,788	405	807	649	2,161	4,022		
	West Carroll	1,199	1,108	192	325	262	321	1,100		
	District Totals	6,716	7,196	986	1,951	1,424	2,943	7,304	1	14
6	East Carroll**	2,487	2,377	214	234	2,111		2,559		
	Madison	4,291	3,636	282	478	858	2,331	3,949		
	Tensas	3,667	2,803	131	269	401	1,756	2,557		
	District Totals	10,445	8,816	627	981	3,370	4,087	9,065	0	6
7	Catahoula**	2,742	3,034	56	425	2,313		2,794		
	Concordia	5,226	4,105	350	758	1,187	2,720	5,015		
	District Totals	7,968	7,139	406	1,183	3,500	2,720	7,809	6	16
8	Winn	1,960	2,162	47	877	384	3,236	4,544		
	District Totals	1,960	2,162	47	877	384	3,236	4,544	2	1
9	Rapides	19,568	21,122	992	5,277	2,607	12,402	21,278		
	District Totals	19,568	21,122	992	5,277	2,607	12,402	21,278	20	23
10	Natchitoches**	6,856	7,271	119	1,297	7,646		9,062		
	District Totals	6,856	7,271	119	1,297	7,646		9,062	12	7
11	DeSoto**	3,134	5,395	93	1,277	5,178		6,548		
	Sabine	3,662	4,145	117	1,243	1,121	1,915	4,396		
	District Totals	6,796	9,540	210	2,520	6,299	1,915	10,944	3	20
12	Avoyelles	4,350	4,202	202	2,216	1,380	2,409	6,207		
	District Totals	4,350	4,202	202	2,216	1,380	2,409	6,207	6	5
13	Evangeline**	3,437	2,860	256	1,442	1,723		3,421		
	District Totals	3,437	2,860	256	1,442	1,723		3,421	7	1
14	Calcasieu	15,468	18,393	715	7,108	4,331	7,145	19,299		
	District Totals	15,468	18,393	715	7,108	4,331	7,145	19,299	40	39
15	Acadia	6,842	5,625	431	1,428	1,188	3,543	6,590		
	Lafayette	15,543	14,654	1,606	7,083	2,707	4,700	16,096		
	Vermilion	3,583	3,523	377	2,109	538	1,338	4,362		
	District Totals	25,968	23,802	2,414	10,620	4,433	9,581	27,048	74	15
16	Iberia	8,095	7,124	292	2,983	1,152	4,637	9,064		
	St. Martin	5,701	6,069	469	1,702	1,276	6,750	10,197		
	St. Mary	8,343	7,664	278	2,444	2,490	3,699	8,911		
	District Totals	22,139	20,857	1,039	7,129	4,918	15,086	28,172	39	25
17	Lafourche**	13,813	13,322	581	3,538	11,720		15,839		
	District Totals	13,813	13,322	581	3,538	11,720		15,839	24	6
18	Iberville**	3,923	3,481	18	1,734	3,100		4,852		
	Pointe Coupee	4,942	4,378	57	793	2,044	956	3,850		
	W. Baton Rouge**	6,000	4,792	29	998	5,330		6,357		
	District Totals	14,865	12,651	104	3,525	10,474	956	15,059	15	16
19	E. Baton Rouge	30,498	32,255		13,908	9,491	13,894	37,293		
	District Totals	34,498	32,255		13,908	9,491	13,894	37,293	79	88

**LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS  
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY**

**JURY TRIALS  
1991**

District	Parish	Cases Filed 1989 Total	Cases Filed 1990 Total	1991 Juvenile	1991 Civil	1991*** Criminal	1991 Traffic	1991 Total	Civil	Criminal
20	East Feliciana	4,300	4,225	70	820	1,251	1,881	4,022		
	West Feliciana**	2,066	2,224	73	409	1,686		2,168		
	District Totals	6,366	6,449	143	1,229	2,937	1,881	6,190	3	4
21	Livingston	8,505	6,249	474	2,800	1,671	3,330	8,275		
	St. Helena	844	895	33	341	585	414	1,373		
	Tangipahoa	12,420	12,148	798	4,023	2,805	7,022	14,648		
	District Totals	21,769	19,292	1,305	7,164	5,061	10,766	24,296	29	22
22	St. Tammany	20,290	20,999	1,616	5,845	9,163	6,131	22,755		
	Washington	3,978	4,290	252	2,144	1,101	1,976	5,473		
	District Totals	24,268	25,289	1,868	7,989	10,264	8,107	28,228	30	60
23	Ascension*	3,022	2,970	163	2,390	580		3,133		
	Assumption	3,563	3,689	83	894	510	2,711	4,198		
	St. James**	2,783	3,425	42	816	3,267		4,125		
	District Totals	9,368	10,084	288	4,100	4,357	2,711	11,456	21	23
24	Jefferson*	24,061	23,726		16,683	6,340		23,023		
	District Totals	24,061	23,726		16,683	6,340		23,023	76	70
25	Plaquemines**	6,920	5,725	227	1,036	3,671		4,934		
	District Totals	6,920	5,725	227	1,036	3,671		4,934	8	13
26	Bossier	9,124	10,154	766	2,628	1,113	4,836	9,343		
	Webster**	4,754	2,219	529	1,239	746		2,514		
	District Totals	13,878	12,373	1,295	3,867	1,859	4,836	11,857	10	20
27	St. Landry	14,965	12,904	743	3,140	1,331	5,532	10,746		
	District Totals	14,965	12,904	743	3,140	1,331	5,532	10,746	52	53
28	LaSalle	2,101	3,372	140	616	534	1,145	2,435		
	District Totals	2,101	3,372	140	616	534	1,145	2,435	2	4
29	St. Charles	22,721	19,141	767	1,618	1,906	14,205	18,496		
	District Totals	22,721	19,141	767	1,618	1,906	14,205	18,496	10	11
30	Vernon	11,641	11,956	365	1,802	1,131	11,255	14,553		
	District Totals	11,641	11,956	365	1,802	1,131	11,255	14,553	5	5
31	Jefferson Davis	6,756	7,400	290	1,143	636	5,422	7,491		
	District Totals	6,756	7,400	290	1,143	636	5,422	7,491	5	7
32	Terrebonne**	14,982	15,777	1,019	3,408	13,575		18,002		
	District Totals	14,982	15,777	1,019	3,408	13,575		18,002	38	46
33	Allen**	3,040	3,184	230	957	2,391		3,578		
	District Totals	3,040	3,184	230	957	2,391		3,578	2	2
34	St. Bernard**	11,325	11,349	616	2,636	7,747		10,999		
	District Totals	11,325	11,349	616	2,636	7,747		10,999	15	10
35	Grant	3,593	3,808	265	613	296	2,665	3,839		
	District Totals	3,593	3,808	265	613	296	2,665	3,839	3	1
36	Beauregard	3,599	3,372	159	1,049	591	2,136	3,935		
	District Totals	3,599	3,372	159	1,049	591	2,136	3,935	1	6
37	Caldwell**	1,937	1,987	87	429	1,130		1,646		
	District Totals	1,937	1,987	87	429	1,130		1,646	0	0
38	Cameron**	2,777	3,025	39	458	2,598		3,095		
	District Totals	2,777	3,025	39	458	2,598		3,095	10	1
39	Red River**	3,646	2,642	163	387	1,613		2,163		
	District Totals	3,646	2,642	163	387	1,613		2,163	0	0
40	St. John	16,117	17,482	614	1,751	2,195	13,239	17,799		
	District Totals	16,117	17,482	614	1,751	2,195	13,239	17,799		
60	Orleans Civil*							23,874	144	
	Orleans Criminal*							6,767		595
	District Totals	33,626	32,184		23,874	6,767		30,641	144	595
	Statewide Totals	507,647	500,813	23,608	167,602	168,530	179,680	692,599	824	1,354

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

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

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

# **JUVENILE 1991 DELINQUENCY REPORT** **Felony and Misdemeanor Charges and Status**

Parish	Filed	Detention Hearings	Pre-trial Motions	Pleas		Adjudications (Trials)	Disposition		Dispos. Reviews	Petitions Disclosure	Misc. Actions
				Not Guilty	Guilty		DOC*	Other			
Caddo Juvenile	1,103	283	5	261	655	277	144	399	691		
E. B. R. Juvenile	1,159	392	99	1,027	451	42	110	979	11	63	
Jefferson Juvenile	5,584	1,562	826	1,690	923	445	205	1,937	2,851	33	
Orleans Juvenile	3,360	2,068	45	2,435	1,228	1,719	665	4,870	809	59	1,047

## **TRAFFIC REPORT**

Parish	Cases Filed	Not Guilty Pleas	Guilty Pleas	Trials	Dispositions	
					Fine	Other
Caddo Juvenile	1,576	58	973	57	268	958
E. B. R. Juvenile	1,543	105	1,131	143	33	1,371
Jefferson Juvenile	1,708	272	834	21	649	824
Orleans Juvenile	2,144	48	1,226	119	655	1,223

## **NON DELINQUENCY REPORT**

**Abandonment; Abortion; Adoption; Neglect/Abuse; Custody Termination; Voluntary Custody Transfer**

Parish	Cases Filed	Cont'd. Custody Hearings	Motions	Adjudications (Trials)	Dispositions			Permanency Planning (18-month) Hearings	Other Judicial Dispositional Reviews
					Granted	Denied	Other		
Caddo Juvenile	411	182	104	86	256	1	63	446	2
E. B. R. Juvenile	321	142	77	37	262	10	103	35	182
Jefferson Juvenile	1,286	251	161	538	232	2	1,048	712	1,361
Orleans Juvenile	745	252	4	495	376	3	1,823	21	1,520

## **NON-SUPPORT REPORT** **Criminal Neglect; URESA**

Parish	Cases Filed	Pleas		Trials	Consent Judgements	Rules	Sentences		Misc. Actions
		Not Guilty	Guilty				Jail	Other	
Caddo Juvenile	829	35	1	41	385	365	1	9	
E. B. R. Juvenile	1,108	37		6	311	1,468	456	1,176	
Jefferson Juvenile	1,354	82	1	6	887	10,030	18	8,062	
Orleans Juvenile	1,667	564	41	191	566	2,277	2	3,091	3,783

## **ADULT REPORT**

**Parents in Need of Supervision; Contributing to Delinquency; Divorce; Separation**

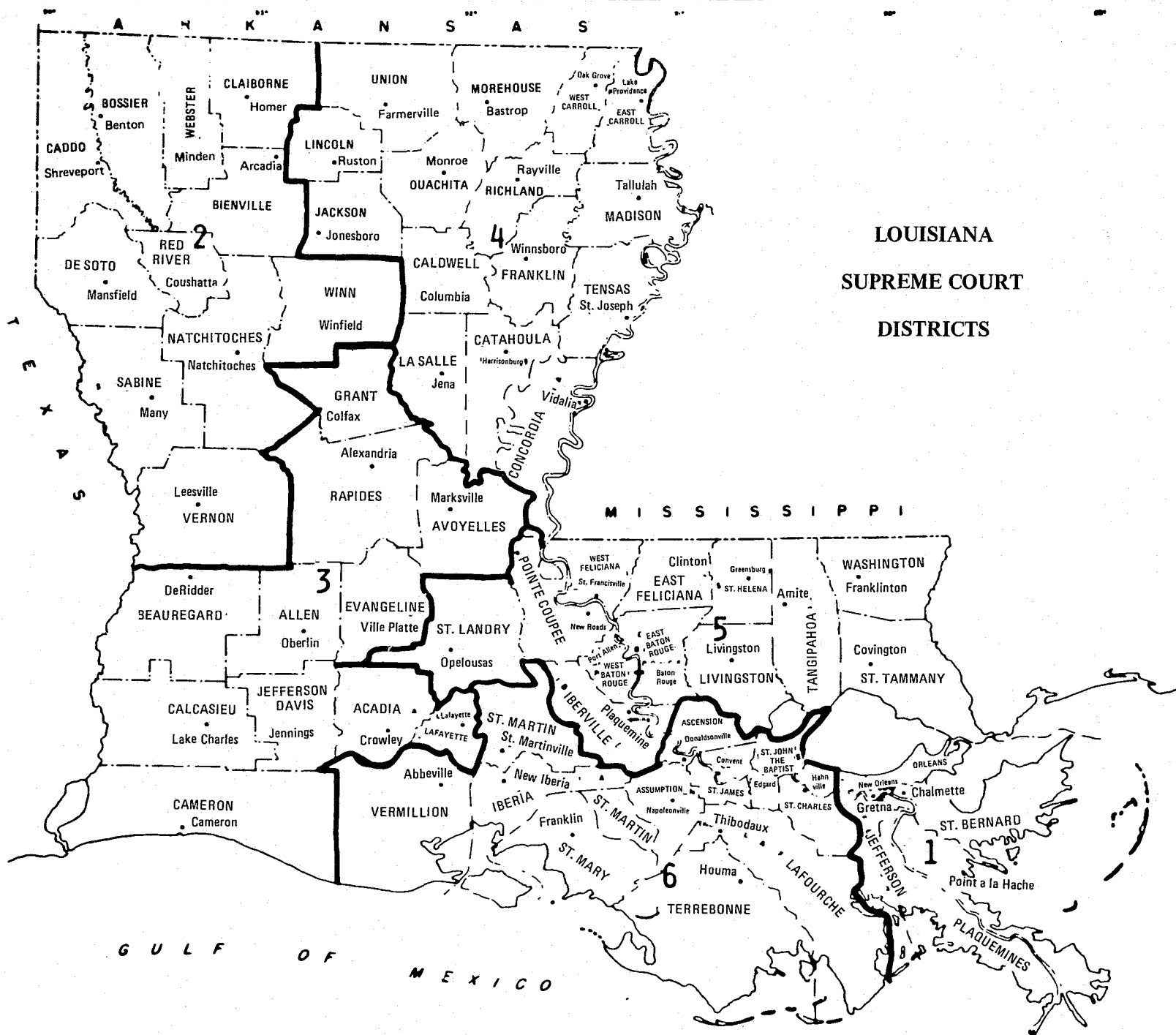
Parish	Cases Filed	Pleas		Motions	Divorce/Separation			Trials	Rules	Sentences	
		Not Guilty	Guilty		Granted	Dismissed	Other			Jail	Other
Caddo Juvenile											
E. B. R. Family	4,813				2,001		142			4,129	
E. B. R. Juvenile	3										
Jefferson Juvenile	10	9									
Orleans Juvenile	10	9									

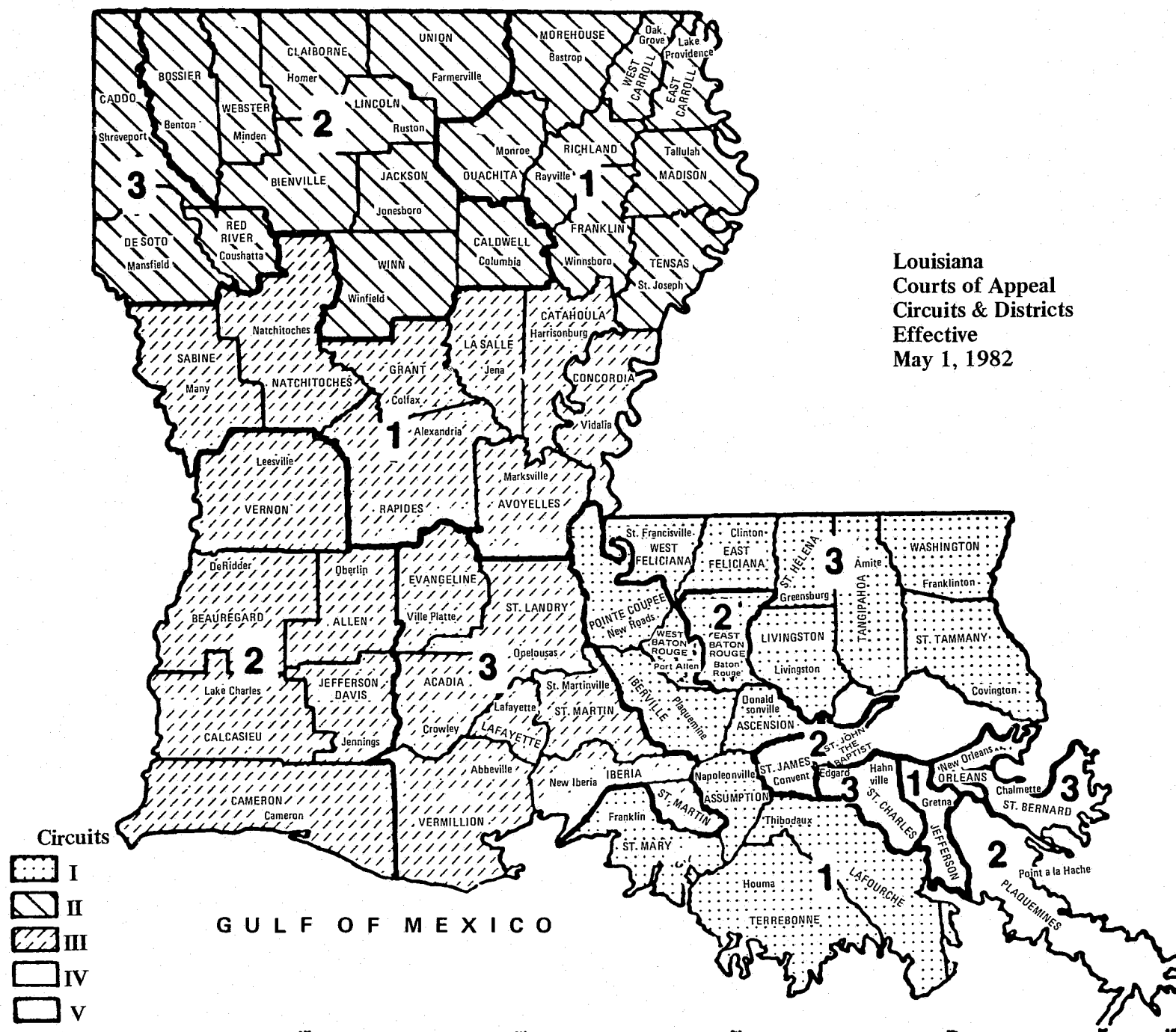
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# LOUISIANA CITY AND PARISH COURTS – CASES PROCESSED

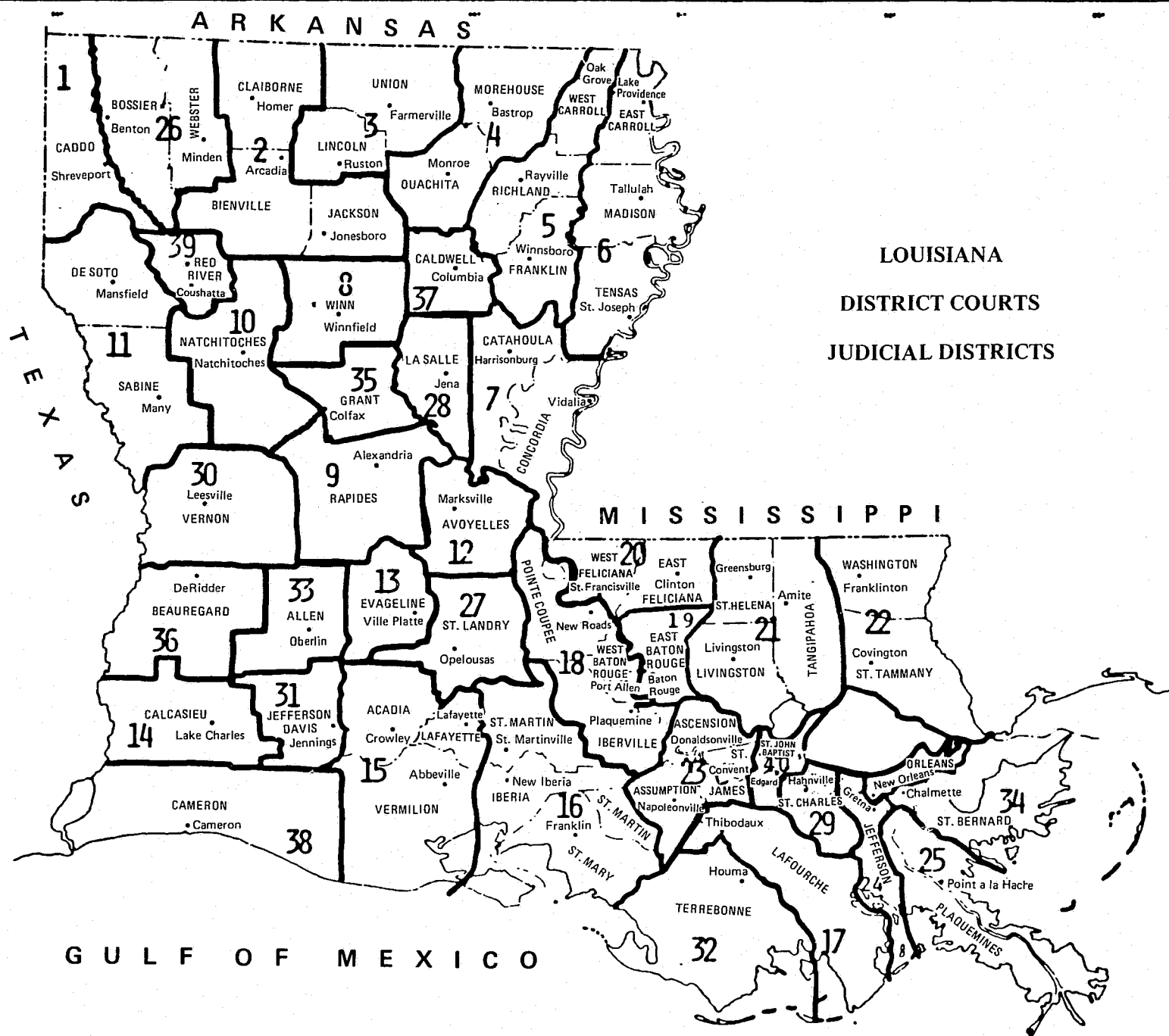
CITY	CIVIL		CRIMINAL		TRAFFIC		JUVENILE		TOTAL CASES	
	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.	Filed	Term.
Abbeville	423	284	764	700	1,506	1,604	147	139	2,840	2,727
Alexandria	1,472	568	4,003	3,371	6,416	6,017	529	531	12,420	10,487
Ascension	235	89	3,879	2,896	10,602	6,462	388	388	15,104	9,835
Baker	141	34	607	526	1,194	1,026	22	14	1,964	1,600
Bastrop	703	439	1,072	451	1,996	1,551	192	162	3,963	2,603
Baton Rouge	8,172	5,272	9,693	8,976	66,537	59,850	0	0	84,402	74,098
Bogalusa	324	122	1,331	1,167	1,261	1,064	467	452	3,383	2,805
Bossier City	1,169	713	2,291	2,017	3,740	3,324	335	274	7,535	6,328
Breaux Bridge	267	232	1,097	813	1,122	793	183	167	2,669	2,005
Bunkie	144	120	1,624	1,624	677	677	42	41	2,487	2,462
Crowley	354	129	1,052	881	888	868	333	285	2,627	2,163
Denham Springs	356	360	1,404	1,156	9,206	8,898	616	588	11,582	11,002
De Ridder	64	42	753	406	837	443	144	79	1,798	970
Eunice	415	363	1,227	1,044	1,969	1,924	389	375	4,000	3,706
Franklin	127	96	837	797	861	694	87	57	1,912	1,644
Hammond	1,318	1,228	3,714	2,701	4,891	4,178	733	635	10,656	8,741
Houma	1,524	1,768	6,169	3,525	2,493	2,458	957	821	11,143	8,582
Jeanerette	104	104	684	877	756	680	45	30	1,589	1,691
Jeff. 1st Par. Ct.	3,276	2,426	6,339	3,703	44,935	36,252	0	0	54,550	42,381
Jeff. 2nd Par. Ct.	1,735	1,529	5,775	5,240	23,365	21,331	0	0	30,875	28,100
Jennings	524	435	773	819	1,481	1,420	38	2	2,826	2,676
Kaplan	98	81	251	261	1,131	1,178	105	106	1,585	1,626
Lafayette	1,686	1,261	5,189	5,309	17,781	17,368	838	862	25,494	24,800
Lake Charles	2,824	2,262	3,512	2,911	14,326	15,029	320	288	20,982	20,490
Leesville	103	25	3,818	3,813	3,389	3,299	177	177	7,487	7,314
Marksville	136	107	565	391	623	436	63	59	1,387	933
Minden	353	307	960	943	1,329	1,307	55	55	2,697	2,612
Monroe	2,897	1,652	23,528	8,918	18,162	6,555	697	459	45,284	17,584
Morgan City	261	212	2,148	1,707	2,297	2,176	232	164	4,938	4,259
Natchitoches	473	246	886	801	1,529	1,348	61	59	2,949	2,454
New Iberia	771	717	2,876	2,504	3,116	3,424	208	217	6,971	6,862
N.O. 1st City	20,764	14,717	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,764	15,717
N.O. 2nd City	1,760	1,084	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,760	1,084
N.O. Municipal	0	0	29,940	29,968	0	0	0	0	29,940	29,968
N.O. Traffic	0	0	2,526	1,781	106,902	85,037	0	0	109,428	86,818
Oakdale	121	140	1,037	933	994	1,008	187	115	2,339	2,196
Opelousas	321	293	3,000	2,501	3,930	3,241	478	510	7,729	6,545
Pineville	461	297	928	816	1,236	1,126	318	250	2,943	2,489
Plaquemine	205	116	860	615	979	646	43	42	2,087	1,419
Port Allen	117	81	1,413	871	733	548	22	22	2,285	1,522
Rayne	212	174	1,120	1,166	661	721	134	129	2,127	2,190
Ruston	919	1,001	883	715	1,468	1,331	254	226	3,525	3,273
Shreveport	5,135	3,738	6,367	5,661	52,965	49,668	0	0	64,467	59,067
Slidell	1,155	707	2,040	1,947	3,878	3,714	232	262	7,305	6,630
Springhill	293	277	938	733	301	295	41	24	1,573	1,329
Sulphur	728	565	1,498	1,026	10,877	9,015	321	319	13,424	10,925
Thibodeaux	302	136	1,464	1,192	1,715	1,277	116	76	3,597	2,681
Vidalia	46	31	432	383	1,077	1,037	22	34	1,577	1,485
Ville Platte	625	130	1,071	878	449	442	332	321	2,477	1,771
West Monroe	910	719	1,700	1,341	3,167	2,658	127	113	5,904	4,831
Winnfield	56	35	242	240	310	290	0	0	608	565
Winnsboro	59	50	771	597	744	560	51	57	1,625	1,264
Zachary	258	24	190	185	431	384	0	0	879	593
State Totals	66,906	48,538	157,241	124,807	443,233	376,632	11,081	9,985	678,461	559,962

\*DWI is included in the Criminal Column.





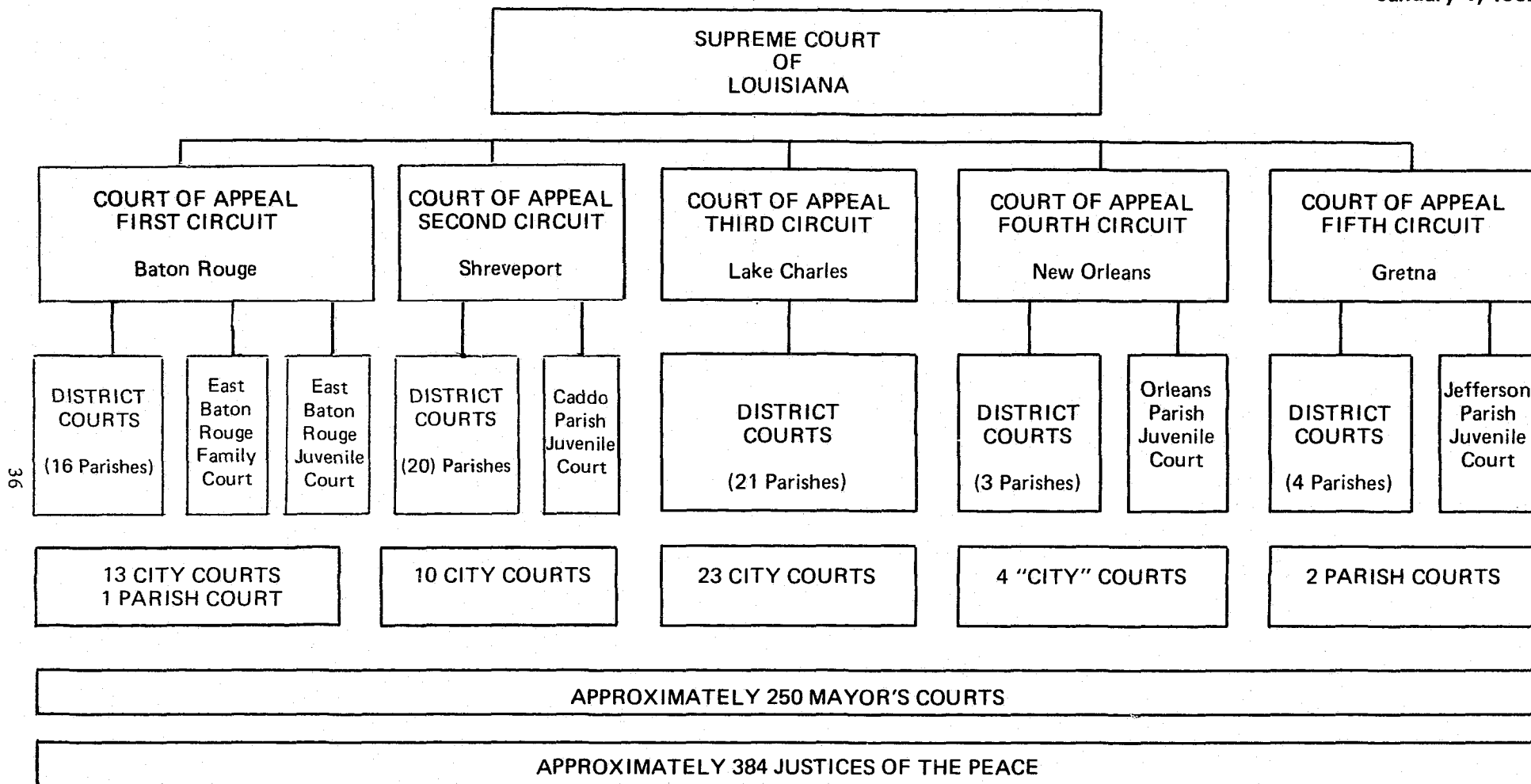




LOUISIANA  
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# LOUISIANA COURT STRUCTURE

January 1, 1992



Number of Justices and Judges:

7	Supreme Court
53	Courts of Appeal
202	District, Family and Juvenile
73	City and Parish Courts
<u>335</u>	Total

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