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The Honorable Joe W. Sanders
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana



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EUGENE J. MURRET

Supreme Court
STATE OF LOUISIANA
New Orleans
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To the Members of the Supreme Court of Louisiana
and the Board of Governors of the
Louisiana State Bar Association

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of Section 5 of Rule XXII of the Revised Rules of the Louisiana Supreme Court, I am pleased to submit herewith the twenty-first annual report of the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

With respect to the work of the Supreme Court, the number of appeals filed increased by 29% over the previous year and writ applications increased by 38 filings. The Court acted on 1,973 matters in 1976 compared with 564 matters ten years ago. A total of 513 opinions were handed down, averaging 73 opinions per Justice, just as in the previous year. In addition, the Court handed down 61 per curiam affirmances without written opinion.

In an effort to cope with the ever-increasing caseload of this Court, two initiatives were taken in recent months. The first was the establishment of a Criminal Appeals Research and Screening Unit to facilitate a more efficient and speedy disposition of criminal appeals by early detection of criminal appeals with insubstantial or frivolous arguments. These cases are placed on a summary docket and are decided without a written opinion, thus allowing sufficient time for a more speedy and careful consideration of cases involving more serious legal issues. From its inception on August 1 through December 31, the unit screened approximately 190 criminal appeals. The work of the unit resulted in per curiam affirmances of convictions in 61 criminal appeals.

The second initiative was to appoint a Special Committee to Study Appellate Court Caseloads and Procedures. The broadly-based 45-man committee, chaired by Justice Mack E. Barham, Retired, and staffed by the office of the Judicial Administrator, has assembled comparative data from within and without the state and is exploring various alternative solutions for balancing the workloads of our appellate courts.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Louisiana Judicial College, established by order of this Court following a feasibility study, has selected Dean Francis C. Sullivan as Director and Mr. Joseph J. Baiamonte as Associate Director, both of the LSU Law Center where the College is housed. The Board of Governors, chaired by Associate Justice James L. Dennis, has been assured of modest initial funding by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Upon receipt of initial funds, the staff will develop a program and curriculum. Anticipated additional funding should make possible the commencement of courses in the fall.

The Judicial Planning Committee appointed by me under recent congressional amendments to the LEAA Act has made substantial progress in the brief period since its beginning. One-fifth of the membership of the reconstituted Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement are judges as compared to an approximate one-fifteenth representation in the past. Governor Edwards appointed Associate Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., to represent this Court on the Commission. Chaired by Associate Justice Albert Tate, Jr., of this Court, the Judicial Planning Committee is working for a more adequate share of funds for the courts, is working for short-range improvements in our small claims procedures, and is carefully studying and classifying the long-range needs and solutions leading to substantial improvements in our court system.

The Judicial Council produced beneficial improvements to our court system during the past year. On recommendation of the Council the legislature enacted several statutes designed to speed up the process between final judgment in the trial court in civil cases and lodging of the appeal record in the appellate court. The legislation was subsequently complemented by rules of this Court designed for the same purpose in criminal cases. On recommendation of the Judicial Council the legislature also created eight additional district judgeships to assist with the increased workload at that level, increased the monetary jurisdiction of the city courts throughout the state in civil cases to \$2,000 in jurisdictions with 10,000 or more population, and to \$1,500 in jurisdictions with less than 10,000 population, authorized district judges to delegate their authority to excuse jurors, and adopted legislation to make possible the creation of a Family Court for Orleans Parish.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the judges and members of the Judicial Council who have worked so hard during the past year to improve our court system. I solicit your continued support during the coming year and welcome any suggestions you may have at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe W. Sanders
JOE W. SANDERS
Chief Justice

By rule of the Supreme Court one of the primary duties of the Office of Judicial Administrator is to collect date and information on the workloads and processing of cases through the courts at all levels. To assist the Supreme Court, the Judicial Council, and the State Legislature in making sound decisions on policy matters affecting the courts, continuing efforts are being exerted toward improving the quality and value of statistics depicting the activity of the courts in Louisiana.

Progress has been made in three important areas. First, the Judicial Administrator's Management Information System (JAMIS) was implemented in the district courts. I would like to thank each of the clerks for their cooperation, noting that 66 of the 69 courts began reporting during the year. My office is now at work providing additional training around the state to answer the many questions which have arisen and to improve the quality of the data we are receiving.

Second, my office is participating with the district court and the district attorney in the Sixteenth Judicial District (Iberia, St. Martin, St. Mary) on the development and implementation of a moderately priced computer system to serve the needs of a typical trial court. Features include calendaring, automatic preparation of notices and summons, and, significantly, the capability of preparing reports required by the state (including this office) as a by-product of satisfying local needs. This system will be operational in the latter part of 1977.

The third area of progress is the design of a system for reporting information about civil cases on appeal. When implemented, this system will allow assessment of the various laws and rules concerning appellate procedure as well as quantifying just what level of processing appellate cases can be handled in the trial court.

The quantity and quality of court reporting services in the state has been the subject of discussion among judges and court reporters for some time. On the initiative of Chief Judge Luther Cole of Baton Rouge and with the full support of Chief Justice Sanders, a series of meetings of educators from LSU and the Law Center together with several court officials is underway, hopefully leading toward the establishment of an official state school for court reporters. Solid training should be provided for persons wishing to become reporters, and seminars for upgrading the skills of graduate reporters should be offered. This in-state solution to the quantity and quality of court reporting services promises to prove more effective than alternative panaceas.

The Louisiana Judicial Newsletter has been one of the more challenging new activities undertaken by my office this year. Thus far, the publication has been produced by non-journalist assistants. In the future, we hope to engage the part-time services of a person trained in public relations to handle this publication and the publication of the annual report, as well as periodic news releases on the judges and the work of the various courts.

We wish to welcome the many new judges and clerks of court who have assumed office during the past year. We invite you and all of the judges and clerks to call upon us at any time that you feel we can be of service to you. We also want to express our deep appreciation to the many judges and attorneys who have accepted appointments to serve on assignment during the past year in the various courts of the state.

Eugene J. Murret
EUGENE J. MURRET
Judicial Administrator

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE
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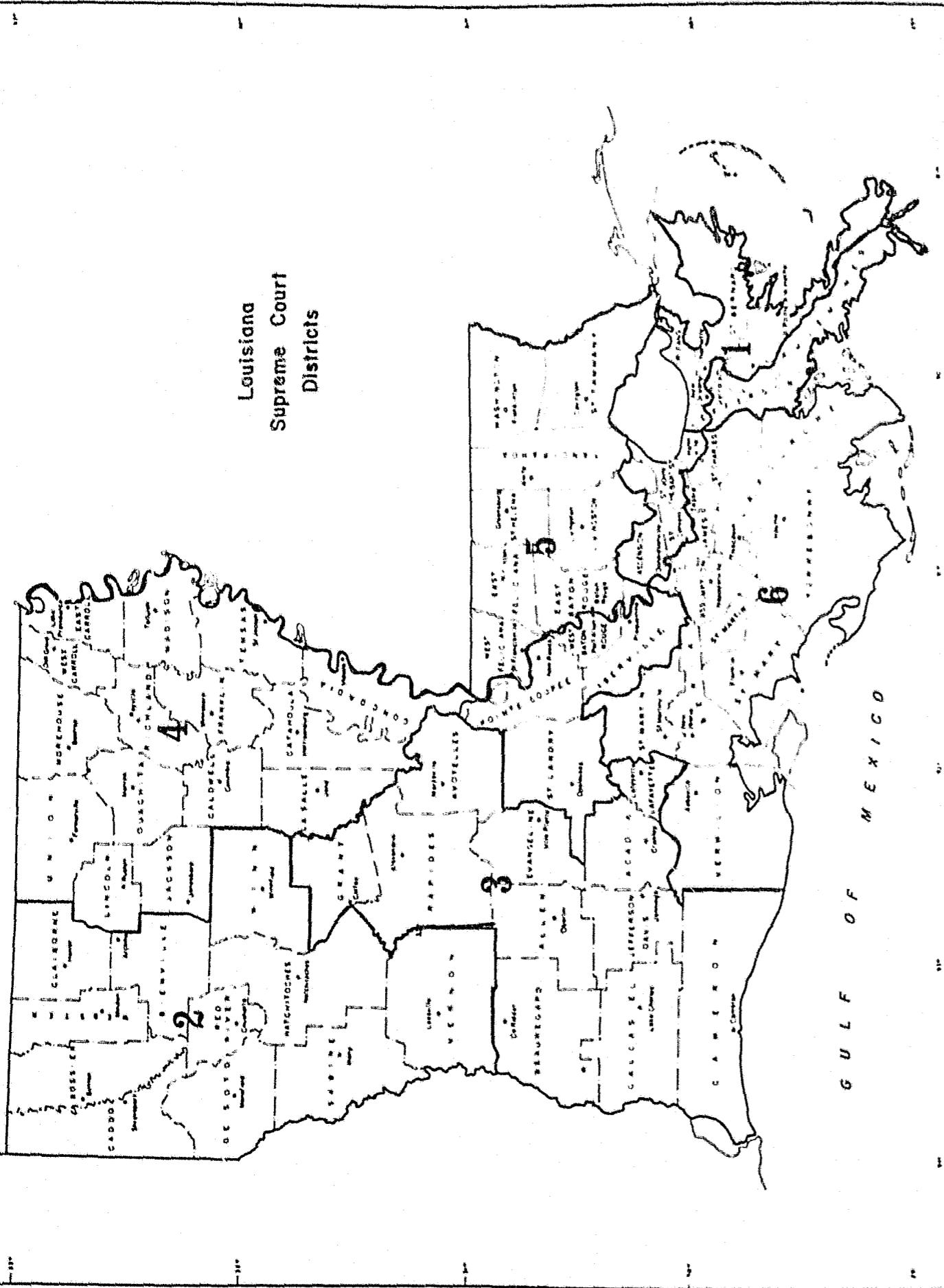
Honorable J. Cleveland Fruge
Retired Judge, Third Circuit Court of Appeal

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Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana

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Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana

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Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana

Honorable James L. Dennis, ex officio
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana



THE SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

Domicile

CHIEF JUSTICE

Baton Rouge The Honorable Joe W. Sanders

District

Fifth

ASSOCIATE JUSTICES

Abbeville The Honorable Frank W. Summers

Sixth

Ville Platte The Honorable Albert Tate, Jr.

Third

Shreveport The Honorable John A. Dixon, Jr.

Second

New Orleans The Honorable Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.

First

New Orleans The Honorable Walter F. Marcus, Jr.

First

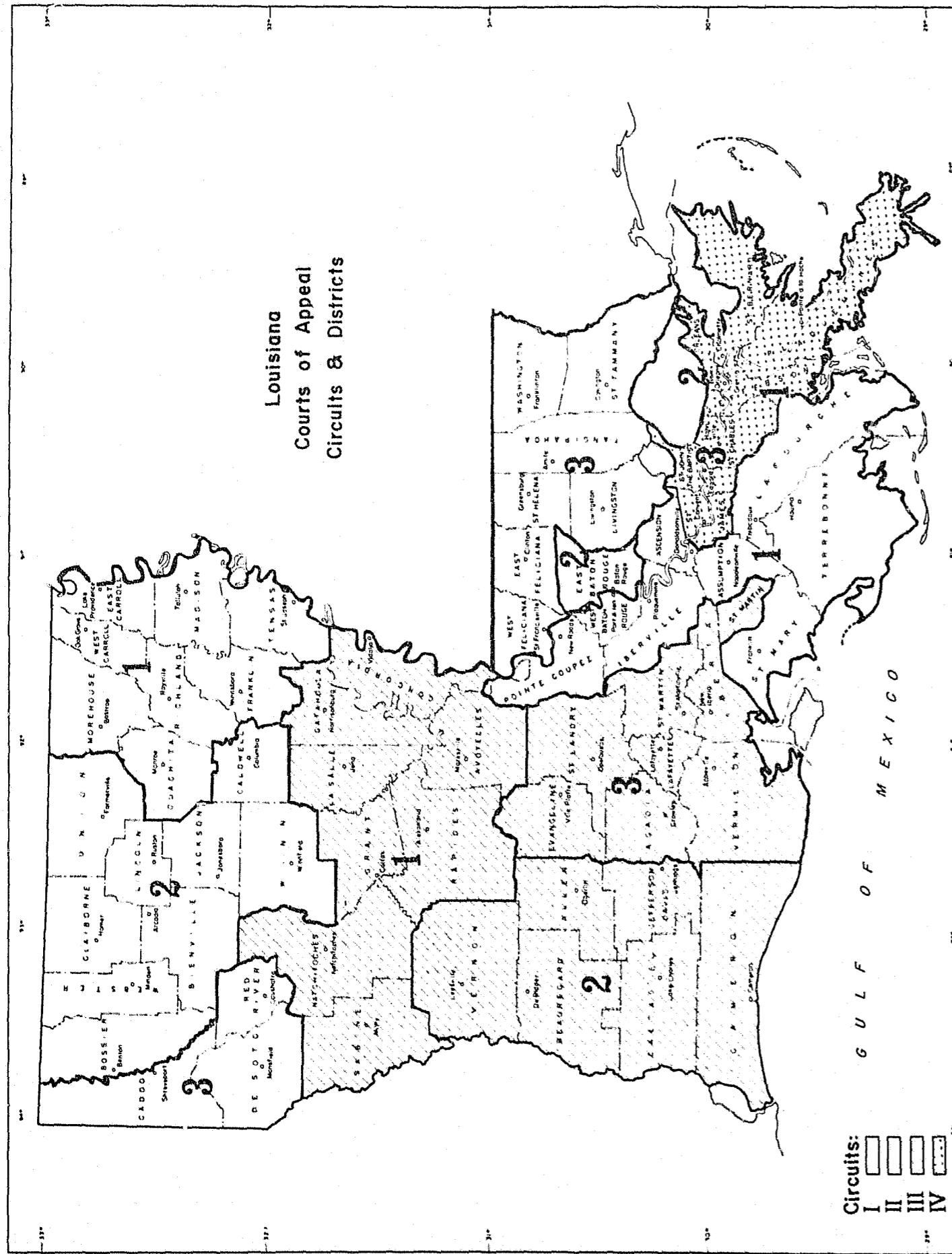
Monroe The Honorable James L. Dennis

Fourth

CLERK OF COURT

The Honorable Harold A. Moise, Jr.

The Honorable Frank W. Hawthorne, Associate Justice, Retired, has been assigned to serve as a Judge in any court of record in the Fourth Louisiana Supreme Court District.



THE LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL

FIRST CIRCUIT (Baton Rouge)

Paul B. Landry, Jr., Chief Judge
 Frederick S. Ellis
 C. Lenton Sartain
 Fred A. Blanche, Jr.
 Grover L. Covington
 Morris Lottinger, Jr.
 Remy Chiasson
 Wallard A. Edwards
 Elven E. Ponder

<u>Domicile</u>	<u>District</u>
Port Allen	First
Covington	Third
Baton Rouge	Second
Baton Rouge	Second
Hammond	Third
Houma	First
Thibodaux	First
Covington	First
Baton Rouge	Third
Baton Rouge	Second

Clerk: Edward C. Seghers

SECOND CIRCUIT (Shreveport)

James E. Bolin, Chief Judge
 O. E. Price
 Pike Hall, Jr.
 Charles W. Marvin
 Jasper E. Jones

Minden	At Large
Bossier City	At Large
Shreveport	Third
Minden	Second
West Monroe	First

Clerk: Harold L. Booth

THIRD CIRCUIT (Lake Charles)

John T. Hood, Jr., Chief Judge
 W. A. Culpepper
 Jerome E. Domeneaux
 Jack C. Watson
 Edmund L. Guidry, Jr.
 J. Burton Foret

Lake Charles	Second
Alexandria	First
Lafayette	At Large
Lake Charles	At Large
St. Martinville	Third
Ville Platte	Third

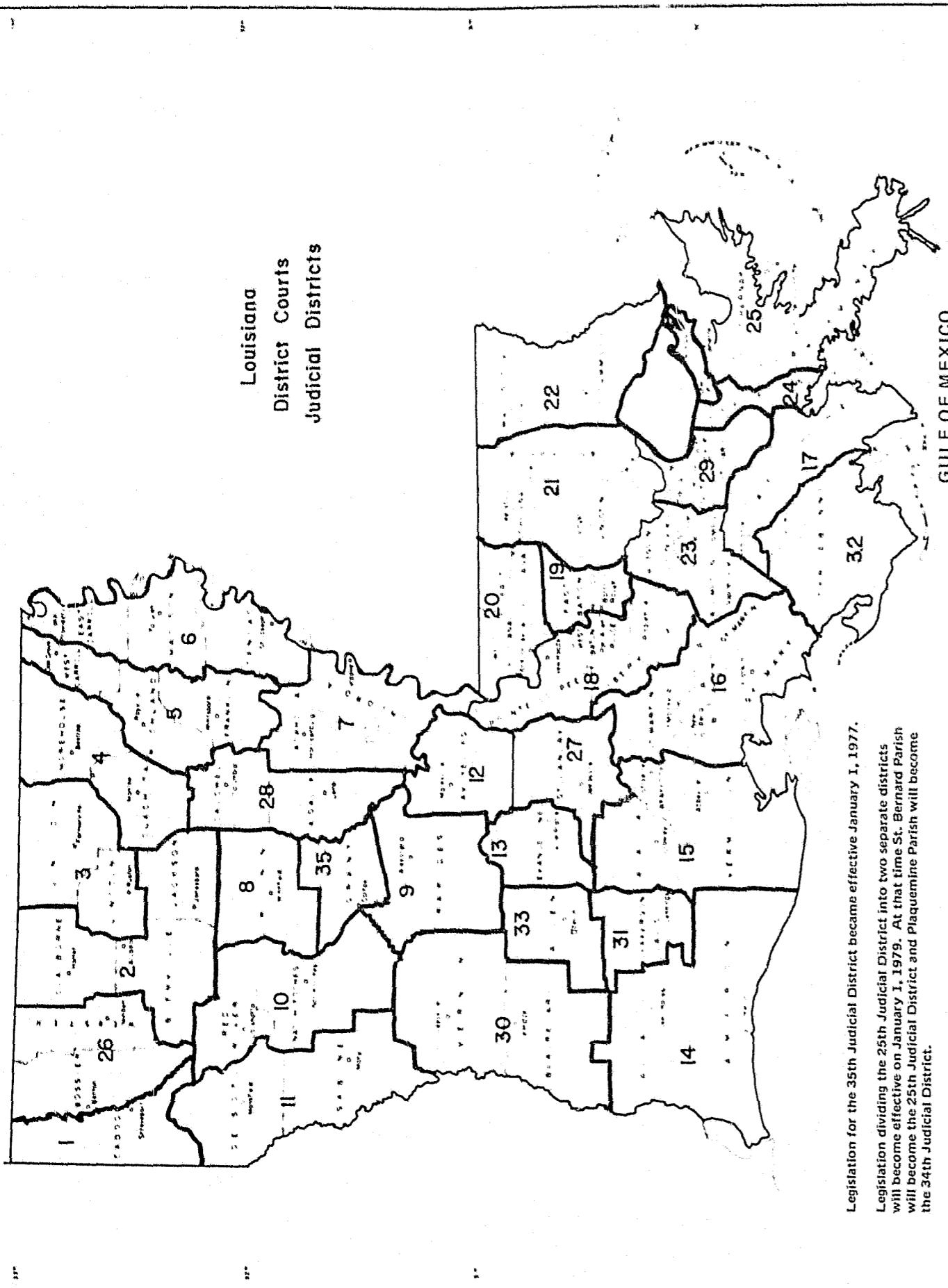
Clerk: Kenneth J. deBlanc

FOURTH CIRCUIT (New Orleans)

L. Julian Samuel, Chief Judge
 William V. Redmann
 Harry T. Lemmon
 James G. Gulotta
 Edward J. Stoulig
 John C. Boutall
 Patrick M. Schott
 Ernest N. Morial
 Peter H. Beer
 Julian E. Bailes, Retired, Assigned

Gretna	First
New Orleans	Second
Hahnville	Third
New Orleans	Second
Kenner	First
Metairie	First
New Orleans	Second
New Orleans	Second
New Orleans	Second

Clerk: Marjorie R. Cambre



DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

JUDGES	Parishes within District	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
FIRST DISTRICT			
William J. Fleniken, Chief Judge C. J. Bolin, Jr. John F. Fant James E. Clark Fred C. Sexton, Jr. John R. Ballard Gayle K. Hamilton	Caddo	Shreveport	D. D. Pyburn
CADDO PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
Gorman E. Taylor			
SECOND DISTRICT			
David T. Caldwell, Chief Judge Fred L. Jackson (Assigned)	Bienville Claiborne Jackson	Arcadia Homer Jonesboro	H. R. Sledge J. J. Smith Arvel Walsworth
THIRD DISTRICT			
Fred W. Jones, Jr., Chief Judge	Lincoln Union	Ruston Farmerville	Ruby Nell Cobb Joe A. Brantley
FOURTH DISTRICT			
Robert T. Farr, Chief Judge Fred Fudickar, Jr. Lemmie O. Hightower William Norris, III John R. Joyce	Morehouse Ouachita	Bastrop Monroe	A. T. Goodnight Bill Downey
FIFTH DISTRICT			
John C. Morris, Jr., Chief Judge B. I. Berry	Franklin Richland West Carroll	Winnsboro Rayville Oak Grove	Robert Lowe D. B. McKay Marvin N. Oldham
SIXTH DISTRICT			
Cliff C. Adams, Chief Judge A. Mulhearn Smith	East Carroll Madison Tensas	Lake Providence Tallulah St. Joseph	E. B. Brock J. K. Post, Jr. J. A. Kitchen
SEVENTH DISTRICT			
Richard P. Boyd, Jr., Chief Judge	Catahoula Concordia	Harrisonburg Vidalia	W. A. Book C. R. Webber, Jr.
EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Hiram J. Wright, Chief Judge	Winn	Winnfield	J. O. Anders

DISTRICT COURT ROSTER (Continued)

JUDGES	Parishes within District	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
NINTH DISTRICT			
Guy E. Humphries, Jr., Chief Judge Jules L. Davidson, Jr. Martin L. Laird, III Robert P. Jackson Jimmy M. Stoker	Rapides	Alexandria	P. M. Dyer, Jr.
TENTH DISTRICT			
Richard B. Williams, Chief Judge W. Peyton Cunningham, Jr.	Natchitoches Red River	Natchitoches Coushatta	I. L. Knotts, Jr. E. V. Womack
ELEVENTH DISTRICT			
Jack E. Burgess, Chief Judge John S. Pickett, Jr.	DeSoto Sabine	Mansfield Many	W. A. Porter, Jr. J. E. Wright
TWELFTH DISTRICT			
Earl H. Edwards, Chief Judge	Avoyelles	Marksville	G. H. Couvillon
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT			
Joseph E. Coreil, Chief Judge	Evangeline	Ville Platte	Walter Lee
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT			
G. William Swift, Jr. Cecil C. Cutrer, Chief Judge Earl E. Veron Henry L. Yelverton Warren E. Hood, Jr. L. E. Hawsey	Calcasieu Cameron	Lake Charles Cameron	A. Hillebrandt Roland U. Primeaux
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT			
Carrol L. Spell, Chief Judge Lucien C. Bertrand, Jr. Douglas J. Nehrbass Allen M. Babineaux G. Bradford Ware Hugh E. Brunson	Acadia Lafayette Vermilion	Crowley Lafayette Abbeville	J. A. Barousse Dan Guillot Irby Hebert
SIXTEENTH DISTRICT			
Edw. A. de la Houssaye, III Robert M. Fleming, Chief Judge Robert E. Johnson C. Thomas Bienvenu	Iberia St. Martin St. Mary	New Iberia St. Martinville Franklin	Orres LeBlanc James A. Theriot B. A. Blakeman
SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT			
Bernard L. Knobloch, Chief Judge Walter I. Lanier, Jr. Wollen J. Falgout P. Davis Martinez (Retired, Assigned)	Lafourche	Thibodaux	A. H. Landry

DISTRICT COURT ROSTER (Continued)

JUDGES	Parishes within District	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT			
Daniel P. Kimball Edward N. Engolio Ian W. Claiborne, Chief Judge	W. Baton Rouge Pointe Coupee Iberville	Port Allen New Roads Plaquemines	T. J. LeBlanc I. G. Olinde J. Gerald Dupont
NINETEENTH DISTRICT			
Elmo E. Lear Luther F. Cole, Chief Judge Lewis S. Doherty, III Donovan W. Parker Melvin A. Shortess John S. Covington Daniel W. LeBlanc Eugene W. McGehee Steve Alford Frank Foil Douglas Gonzales John S. Pickett, Sr. (Retired, Assigned)	E. Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	Mike Cannon
E. B. R. FAMILY COURT			
Thomas B. Pugh, Chief Judge E. Donald Moseley (on assignment from the Nineteenth District)			
TWENTIETH DISTRICT			
Wm. F. Kline, Jr., Chief Judge	E. Feliciana W. Feliciana	Clinton St. Francisville	I. M. Durham R. P. Daniel
TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT			
William M. Dawkins, Chief Judge Gordon E. Causey Leon Ford, III Burrel J. Carter	Livingston St. Helena Tangipahoa	Livingston Greensburg Amite	Lucius W. Patterson Betty S. Chappelle Alvin Stire
TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT			
Hillary J. Crain Thomas W. Tanner, Chief Judge Stephen A. Duczer John W. Greene	St. Tammany Washington	Covington Franklin	Lucy Reid Rausch Dewaine Seal
TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT			
J. Adolph Menuet, Chief Judge Leon J. LeSueur Penrose St. Amant	Ascension Assumption St. James	Donaldsonville Napoleonville Convent	K. H. Bourque R. J. Marquette Edmond E. Kinler, Jr.
TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT			
Fred Bowes Frank V. Zaccaria H. Charles Gaudin, Chief Judge Floyd W. Newlin Gordon L. Bynum Nestor L. Currault, Jr. Louis G. DeSonier, Jr. Thomas C. Wicker, Jr. Wallace C. LeBrun Alvin R. Eason Patrick E. Carr	Jefferson	Gretna	W. M. Justice, Jr.

DISTRICT COURT ROSTER (Continued)

JUDGES	Parishes within District	Parish Seats	Clerks of Court
JEFFERSON PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
Sol Gothard Thomas P. McGee			
TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT			
August A. Nobile Richard H. Gauthier Eugene E. Leon, Jr., Chief Judge Preston H. Hufft	Plaquemines St. Bernard	Point-a-la-Hache Chalmette	A. L. Lobrano S. D. Torres
TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT			
Enos C. McClendon, Jr., Chief Judge Monty M. Wyche Louis H. Padgett, Jr. Cecil C. Lowe	Bossier Webster	Benton Minden	Wilna Mabry Henry S. Matthews
TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT			
Joseph A. LaHaye, Chief Judge H. Garland Pavay Isom J. Guillory, Jr.	St. Landry	Opelousas	H. Sylvester
TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Edwin R. Hughes, Chief Judge	Caldwell LaSalle	Columbia Jena	A. L. Darden J. D. Nugent
TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT			
C. William Bradley Ruche J. Marino, Chief Judge Thomas J. Malik	St. Charles St. John	Hahnville Edgard	E. Dufrense, Jr. H. L. Montegut
THIRTIETH DISTRICT			
James C. Terrell, Jr., Chief Judge Leland H. Coltharp, Jr. Ted R. Broyles	Vernon Beauregard	Leesville DeRidder	C. N. Hyde R. B. Nichols
THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT			
Walter C. Peters, Chief Judge	Jefferson Davis	Jennings	Gay B. Huff
THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT			
Baron B. Bourg, Chief Judge Cleveland J. Marcel, Sr. Ashby W. Pettigrew, Jr. Wilmore J. Broussard, Jr.	Terrebonne	Houma	I. R. Boudreaux
THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT			
Edward M. Mouser, Chief Judge	Allen	Oberlin	Robert L. Thomas
THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT			
W. T. McCain, Chief Judge	Grant	Colfax	J. ElRay Lemoine

DISTRICT COURT ROSTER (Continued)

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

Thomas A. Early, Jr.
Adrian G. Duplantier
Richard J. Garvey
S. Sanford Levy
Gerald P. Fedoroff
Henry J. Roberts, Jr.
Paul P. Garofalo, Chief Judge
Oliver P. Carriere
Melvin J. Duran
George C. Connolly, Jr.
Charles L. Rivet
John M. Holahan
Anthony J. Vesich, Jr.

Clerk: Richard J. Ganuchea

ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

Charles R. Ward
Matthew S. Braniff
Jerome M. Winsberg
Frank A. Marullo, Jr.
Rudolph F. Becker, III
Oliver P. Schulingkamp
Frank J. Shea, Jr.
Bernard J. Bagert, Chief Judge
Israel M. Augustine, Jr.
Alvin V. Oser
Robert F. Collins
Gerard J. Hansen
Nils R. Douglas
Anthony J. Russo, Jr.

Clerk: Edwin A. Lombard

ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT

Joan M. B. Armstrong
Leo B. Blessing
Salvador T. Mule
Edward G. Gillin

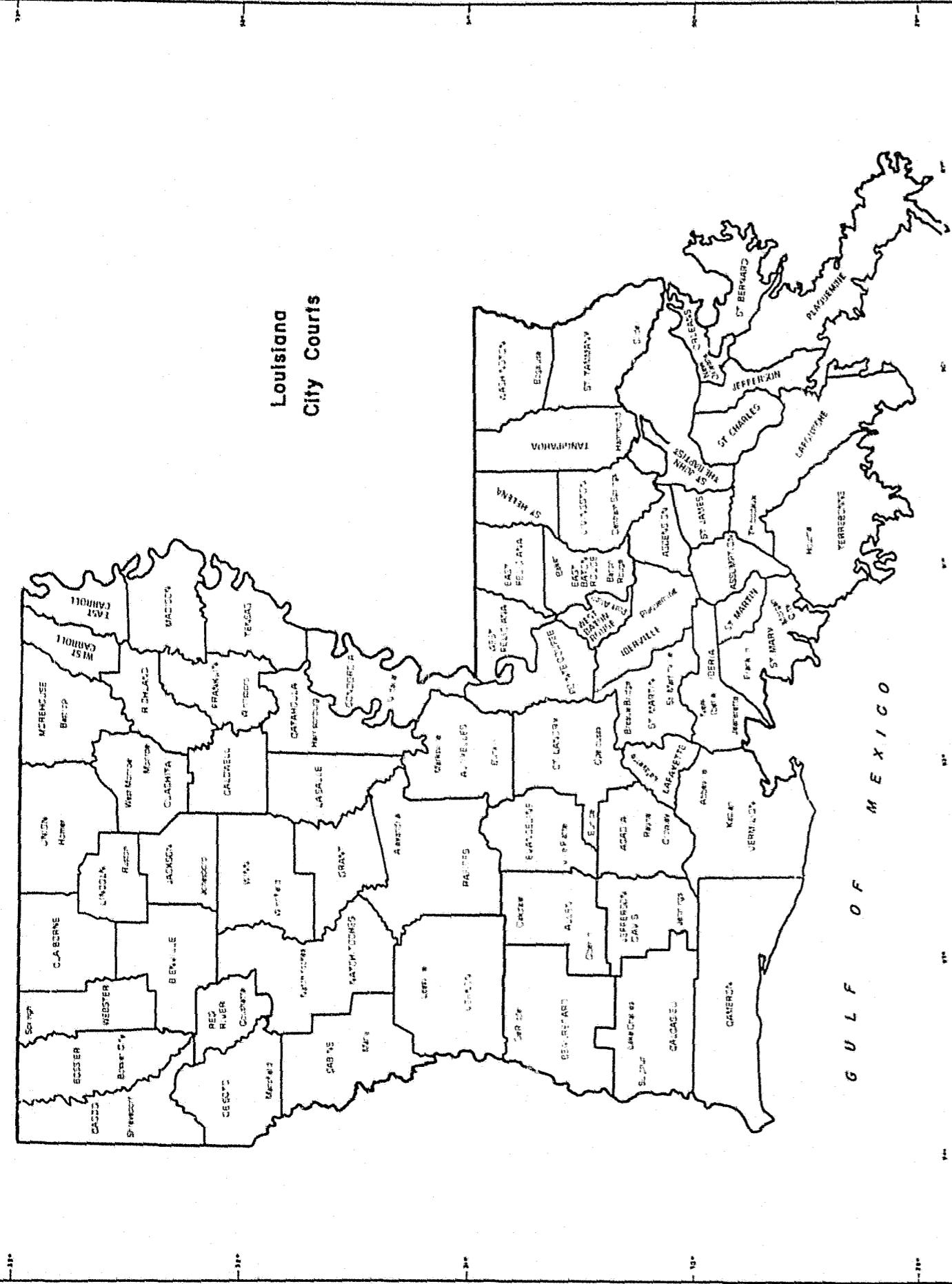
Clerk: Joseph L. Peyton

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Magistrate
Commissioner
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Commissioner

Section
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NOTE: With the exception of the Orleans Parish Civil and Criminal District Court and the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, the Judges in each District are listed according to their seniority within their respective Districts. The Judges of Orleans Parish are listed by their Division and Section Numbers.



THE CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Locations of Courts

CITIES	PARISHES	JUDGES
Abbeville	Vermilion	Marcus A. Broussard, Jr.
Alexandria	Rapides	George M. Foote
Baker	East Baton Rouge	Prentice L. G. Smith
Bastrop	Morehouse	Woodrow Wilson
Baton Rouge:	East Baton Rouge	Carl A. Guidry William H. Daniels William H. Brown
Division A		
Division B		
Division C		
Bogalusa	Washington	A. J. Jones
Bossier City	Bossier	Billy Ross Robinson
Breaux Bridge	St. Martin	Terry Theriot
Bunkie	Avoyelles	James N. Lee
Crowley	Acadia	Don Aaron, Jr.
Denham Springs	Livingston	Raymond S. Bennett
De Ridder	Beauregard	William E. Hall, Jr.
Eunice	St. Landry	J. Niles Young
Franklin	St. Mary	Charles R. Prevost
Ascension Parish	Ascension	A. J. Kling, Jr.
Hammond	Tangipahoa	Edward B. Dufreche
Houma	Terrebonne	Robert D. Lottinger
Jeanerette	Iberia	John A. Rogers
Jefferson Parish:	Jefferson	Cyril A. Gracianette James M. Lockhart John J. Molaison
First Parish Court		
Division A		
Division B		
Second Parish Court	Jefferson	William N. Knight
Jennings	Jefferson Davis	O. H. Deshotels, Jr.
Kaplan	Vermilion	Kaliste J. Saloom, Jr.
Lafayette	Lafayette	Murray Anderson
Lake Charles	Calcasieu	Jack L. Simms
Leesville	Vernon	Benjamin C. Bennett, Jr.
Marksville	Avoyelles	Graydon Kitchens, Jr.
Minden	Webster	Elvis C. Stout
Monroe	Ouachita	Robert S. Robertson
Morgan City	St. Mary	

CITY COURTS OF LOUISIANA (Continued)

<u>CITIES</u>	<u>PARISHES</u>	<u>JUDGES</u>	<u>STATISTICAL SECTION</u>
Natchitoches	Natchitoches	Marvin F. Gahagan	
New Iberia	Iberia	Ward L. Tilly	
New Orleans:			
First City Court	Orleans	Dominic C. Grieshaber	1976 ANNUAL REPORT
First City Court		Arthur J. O'Keefe, Jr.	of the
First City Court		Marion G. Seeber	JUDICIAL COUNCIL
Second City Court		Lorain F. Wingerter	of the
Municipal Court		Andrew G. Bucaro	SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA
Municipal Court		Joseph R. Bossetta	
Municipal Court		Eddie L. Sapir	
Municipal Court		James E. Glancey, Jr.	
Traffic Court		Lambert J. Hassinger	
Traffic Court		Thomas L. Giraud	
Traffic Court		Oliver S. Delery	
Traffic Court		Louis P. Trent	
Oakdale	Allen	John P. Navarre	Prepared by:
Opelousas	St. Landry	Kenneth Boagni, Jr.	
Pineville	Rapides	Richard E. Lee	Mrs. Fay T. Courville
Plaquemine	Iberville	Joseph B. Dupont, Sr.	Dr. Hugh M. Collins
Port Allen	West Baton Rouge	Philip N. Pecquet	Mr. James F. Martin, III
Rayne	Acadia	Denald A. Beslin	
Ruston	Lincoln	Kenneth W. Campbell	
Slidell	St. Tammany	Gus A. Fritchie, Jr.	
Shreveport:	Caddo		
Division A		Garner R. Miller	Statistical Data for the 1976 court year
Division B		Nolan Harper	on the following:
Division C		H. Dan Sawyer	
Springhill	Webster	N. J. McConnell	Supreme Court
Sulphur	Calcasieu	Ellis W. Thompson	Courts of Appeal
Thibodaux	Lafourche	David M. Richard	District Courts
Vidalia	Concordia	Patrick A. McDonough, III	Family and Juvenile Courts
Ville Platte	Evangeline	Jack L. Rogers (Assigned)	City and Parish Courts
West Monroe	Ouachita	Charles A. Traylor, II	
Winnfield	Winn	Martin S. Sanders, Jr.	
Winnsboro	Franklin	E. Rudolph McIntyre	
Zachary	East Baton Rouge	Russell Bankston	

INTRODUCTION

The statistical data presented in this section was compiled from reports submitted by the various courts in Louisiana to the Judicial Administrator's Office during the 1976 court year (January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976). The tables in this section are designed to represent the workload of the various courts of the Louisiana Court System. Several of these tables summarize court activity over a three year period, and each court may discover something about the trends and changes in its workload and performance by selecting from each table the data pertaining to itself.

A comparison of the 1976 statistical data with that of prior years reveals some rather startling increases in the workloads of several of the courts. In the Supreme Court, total filings (including appeals, writs, rehearing applications, and original jurisdiction petitions) were up 8% over last year and 133% since 1970. The number of appeals filed increased 29% over last year and has more than tripled (a 339% increase) since 1970. The number of written opinions handed down by the Supreme Court during 1976 was 513. This represents an increase of 198% since 1970. During 1976 each justice wrote an average of 73 opinions. This is an increase of 48 opinions per justice since 1970. In addition 61 per curiam affirmances of criminal convictions were rendered without written opinions.

Appeals filed in the four Courts of Appeal increased 7% over 1975 and 54% since 1970. This increase is reflected in the pending caseload of the circuit courts. On December 31, 1975, there were 726 cases pending. On December 31, 1976, there were 918 cases pending. This is an increase of 26%. The number of judgments rendered by Courts of Appeal in 1976 increased 8% over 1975 and by 35% since 1970.

The tables presented for the district courts are quite different from recent years. A new reporting system was begun on January 1, 1976, which ultimately will provide very useful information about case processing in these courts. However, the first year of reporting under a new system does not lend itself to valid comparison with other systems. Because of this, the district court tables are very general in nature, depicting what happened in the state as whole.

It should be noted that the figures in Table III-A are *not* considered complete. This is particularly true because of the different dates during the year that individual courts began reporting. It should also be understood that in Caddo, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson and Orleans parishes, the figures for separate juvenile or family courts and the district courts have been combined for convenience of printing.

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA
STATISTICAL DATA - 1974 through 1976

	1974	1975	1976
APPEALS:			
Appeals Filed	235	358	461
Appeals Dismissed	10	11	13
Opinions Rendered on Appeals	240	354	331**
WRITS:			
Writ Applications Filed	1,014	1,240	1,278
Writs Granted (Total)	204	280	248
—To Be Argued	—*	151	148
—With Orders	—*	129	100
Writ Applications Dismissed	2	10	5
Writ Applications Not Considered	23	23	37
Writs Denied	774	873	946
Opinions Rendered on Writs Granted	152	146	145
REHEARINGS:			
Rehearings Applied For	175	229	212
Rehearings Granted	16	28	14
Rehearings Denied	148	190	208
Opinions Rendered on Rehearings	9	7	28
OTHER:			
Original Jurisdiction Petitions Filed	9	3	3
Opinions Rendered on Original Jurisdiction Petitions	3	7	7

*Breakdown not kept in 1974

**61 of the opinions rendered were per curiam affirmances without written opinions

TABLE I-A

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA
TEN YEAR RECAP OF FILINGS

	<u>APPEALS FILED</u>	<u>WRITS FILED</u>	<u>REHEARING APPLICATIONS FILED</u>	<u>ORIGINAL JURISDICTION PETITIONS FILED</u>	<u>TOTAL FILINGS</u>	<u>FILINGS PER JUSTICE*</u>
1967	71	443	49	1	564	81
1968	74	455	66	3	598	85
1969	74	523	64	4	665	95
26	1970	105	646	92	847	121
	1971	151	699	96	959	137
	1972	214	822	123	1,167	167
	1973	204	873	139	1,222	175
	1974	235	1,014	175	1,433	205
	1975	358	1,240	229	1,835	262
	1976	461	1,278	212	1,973	282

*Figures rounded to nearest whole number

TABLE I-B

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA
TEN YEAR RECAP OF OPINIONS RENDERED

	OPINIONS RENDERED ON:				<u>TOTAL OPINIONS Rendered</u>	<u>OPINIONS Rendered Per Justice*</u>	
	<u>APPEALS</u>	<u>WRITS</u>	<u>REHEARING APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>ORIGINAL JURISDICTION PETITIONS</u>			
27	1967	55	55	2	2	114	16
	1968	55	65	4	2	126	18
	1969	79	56	4	2	141	20
	1970	76	88	7	1	172	25
	1971	99	79	4	3	185	26
	1972	191	91	6	3	291	42
	1973	229	106	8	4	347	50
	1974	240	152	9	3	404	58
	1975	354	146	7	7	514	73
	1976	331	145	28	8	512	73

*Figures rounded to nearest whole number

TABLE I-C

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL — STATISTICAL DATA BY CIRCUITS

For the Period January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Fourth</u>	<u>Total</u>
Appeals Filed	429	328	484	706	1,947
Writs Filed	48	25	47	122	242
Judgments Rendered	458	282	397	490	1,627
Writs Refused	32	22	41	83	178
Writs Granted	7	3	5	36	51
Cases Dismissed	35	12	37	91	175
Rehearings Acted Upon	233	147	245	271	896
Cases Pending:					
Argued but not decided	52	26	11	95	184
To be argued	120	89	148	377	734

TABLE II-A

LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL — STATISTICAL DATA BY CIRCUITS

1974 through 1976

	<u>Appeals Filed</u>	<u>Writs Filed</u>	<u>Judgments Rendered</u>	<u>Writs Refused</u>	<u>Writs Granted</u>	<u>Cases Dismissed</u>	<u>Rehearings Acted Upon</u>
FIRST CIRCUIT							
1974	388	40	391	29	2	54	174
1975	464	49	362	38	32	37	202
1976	429	48	458	32	7	35	233
SECOND CIRCUIT							
1974	252	23	189	15	8	20	80
1975	282	31	263	27	4	13	80
1976	328	25	282	22	3	12	147
THIRD CIRCUIT							
1974	339	28	344	23	3	13	194
1975	434	25	423	21	1	21	213
1976	484	47	397	41	5	37	245
FOURTH CIRCUIT							
1974	428	81	534	48	18	48	237
1975	632	103	457	57	38	65	247
1976	706	122	490	83	36	91	271
TOTALS: ALL CIRCUITS							
1974	1,407	172	1,458	115	32	135	685
1975	1,812	208	1,505	143	49	136	742
1976	1,947	242	1,627	178	51	175	896

TABLE II-B

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL

TEN YEAR RECAP

	<u>Appeals Filed</u>	<u>Writs Filed</u>	<u>Judgments Rendered</u>	<u>Rehearings Acted Upon</u>
1967	1,226	110	1,138	563
1968	1,312	118	1,162	591
1969	1,282	124	1,147	591
1970	1,262	154	1,204	584
1971	1,318	137	1,143	581
1972	1,573	140	1,367	680
1973	1,429	160	1,374	710
1974	1,407	172	1,458	685
1975	1,812	208	1,505	742
1976	1,947	242	1,627	896

TABLE II-C

**LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL
STATISTICAL DATA PRESENTED ON A PER JUDGE BASIS
January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976**

Circuits	Writs Filed	Rehearings Acted Upon	Judgments Rendered	Argued	PENDING CASES To be Argued
First	5	26	51	6	13
Second	5	29	56	5	18
Third	8	41	66	2	25
Fourth	14	30	54	11	42
Statewide Average	8	31	56	6	25

TABLE II-D

**NUMBER OF WRITS FILED, REHEARINGS ACTED UPON AND JUDGMENTS RENDERED
PER JUDGE IN THE COURTS OF APPEAL OVER THREE YEAR PERIOD, 1974 - 1976**

Circuits	Writs Filed			Rehearings Acted Upon			Judgments Rendered		
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
First	4	5	5	19	22	26	43	40	51
Second	5	6	5	16	16	29	38	53	56
Third	5	4	8	32	36	41	57	71	66
Fourth	8	11	14	24	27	30	53	51	54
Statewide Average	6	7	8	23	26	31	49	52	56

(All figures rounded to the nearest whole number)

TABLE II-E

DISTRICT COURTS – STATE OF LOUISIANA
NUMBER OF CASES FILED BY CASE TYPE

DISTRICT/PARISH:	First Caddo	Second Bienville	Second Claiborne	Second Jackson	Third Lincoln	Third Union	Fourth Morehouse	Fourth Ouachita
Domestic	1,558 ¹	109	79	12	175	60	232	1,337
Contract	1,708	284	133	31	246	203	366	988
Tort-Auto	369	21	12	2	36	27	52	138
Tort-Other	389	5	10	2	19	8	38	117
Succession	895	54	78	15	84	52	175	335
Workman's Comp.	97	21	16	2	24	12	16	150
Property Rights	96	19	19	1	6	11	17	37
Appeal	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	4
Other	1,207	13	33	0	82	5	76	372
All Civil	6,319	528	380	65	672	378	975	3,478
Homicide	45	8	5	0	7	1	3	14
Assault & Battery	37	9	1	0	0	0	3	10
Rape	17	0	0	0	5	0	1	7
Burglary	193	16	11	0	32	8	25	105
Robbery & Extortion	50	0	0	0	0	0	1	28
Theft	201	51	17	0	0	2	26	79
Driving	4	0	3	0	0	0	7	10
Drugs	144	0	1	0	1	9	12	63
Other Felony	86	7	0	0	3	0	11	73
All Felony	777	91	38	0	48	20	89	389
Assault & Battery	103	0	16	0	24	16	40	109
Theft	97	1	10	0	59	64	24	174
Non-Support	344 ¹	7	29	0	0	0	25	47
Driving	447	90	67	0	85	76	59	440
Drugs	250	29	4	0	46	3	24	0
Other Misdemeanors	288	184	149	0	65	56	92	755
All Misdemeanors	1,529	311	275	0	279	215	264	1,647
Delinquency	733	15	13	0	6	0	28	79
Child in Need	118	1	0	0	8	0	0	1
Other	1	1	0	0	58	0	0	8
All Juvenile	852	17	13	0	72	0	28	88

TABLE III-A

¹ Many of these cases are heard by the Juvenile Court

District Courts – Number of cases filed by case type (continued)

DISTRICT/PARISH:	Fifth Franklin	Fifth Richland	Fifth West Carroll	Sixth East Carroll	Sixth Madison	Sixth Tensas	Seventh Catahoula	Seventh Concordia
Domestic	179	49	59	53	96	41	46	178
Contract	241	104	179	145	100	28	128	299
Tort-Auto	27	5	6	10	20	11	15	44
Tort-Other	16	1	5	4	5	11	13	18
Succession	94	1	59	31	0	45	0	63
Workman's Comp.	20	9	8	7	3	4	11	28
Property Rights	15	5	1	6	3	3	6	13
Appeal	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Other	46	7	22	21	13	46	17	57
All Civil	638	556 ²	339	277	240	190	236	700
Homicide	10	0	3	3	0	1	0	6
Assault & Battery	3	1	0	10	7	3	0	5
Rape	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
Burglary	11	22	7	21	5	6	0	16
Robbery & Extortion	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	4
Theft	29	3	5	30	8	14	0	8
Driving	2	0	2	1	2	1	0	3
Drugs	0	4	6	4	0	11	0	0
Other Felony	16	0	3	11	4	4	0	5
All Felony	72	144 ²	27	90	26	41	0	48
Assault & Battery	11	12	5	16	16	18	0	4
Theft	115	70	71	31	9	42	0	4
Non-Support	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Driving	165	36	87	35	26	45	0	204
Drugs	16	3	9	21	0	2	0	10
Other Misdemeanors	34	54	37	53	14	50	0	28
All Misdemeanors	378	432 ²	209	150	65	157	0	250
Delinquency	23	154 ²	4	45	1	4	0	0
Child in Need	12	0	0	4	2	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1	4	1	12	0	0
All Juvenile	40	154 ²	5	53	4	16	0	0

² Totals were adjusted using data supplied by the court.

TABLE III-A

District Courts — Number of cases filed by case type (continued)

DISTRICT/PARISH:	Eighth Grant	Eighth Winn	Ninth Rapides	Tenth Natchitoches	Tenth Red River	Eleventh DeSoto	Eleventh Sabine	Twelfth Avoyelles
Domestic	91	144	1,387	302	11	143	109	267
Contract	165	373	1,154	526	13	251	119	420
Tort-Auto	23	20	315	112	1	35	27	4
Tort-Other	19	3	144	38	1	15	10	32
Succession	61	62	510	105	0	120	69	141
Workman's Comp.	11	32	315	73	2	22	38	53
Property Rights	18	8	170	46	1	19	20	12
Appeal	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	0
Other	22	65	477	51	1	19	104	59
All Civil	410	707	4,474	1,263	30	624	496	988
Homicide	2	4	24	5	0	2	13	5
Assault & Battery	7	4	29	3	0	0	3	10
Rape	3	2	4	0	0	1	1	0
Burglary	26	3	191	29	0	24	28	33
Robbery & Extortion	1	3	32	7	0	5	0	1
Theft	6	41	161	45	11	25	29	33
Driving	1	0	48	0	0	0	2	1
Drugs	3	22	102	53	0	1	10	5
Other Felony	3	8	90	5	0	9	15	5
All Felony	52	87	681	147	11	67	101	93
Assault & Battery	12	15	102	27	6	11	6	35
Theft	13	23	303	45	1	156	15	83
Non-Support	8	4	90	21	0	65	36	53
Driving	52	41	692	129	4	99	51	148
Drugs	9	3	128	4	0	10	15	12
Other Misdemeanors	25	36	1,075	139	11	78	136	289
All Misdemeanors	119	122	2,390	365	22	419	259	620
Delinquency	28	11	113	26	0	8	4	11
Child in Need	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	227	0	0	0	0	2
All Juvenile	31	11	345	26	0	8	4	13

TABLE III-A

District Courts — Number of cases filed by case type (continued)

DISTRICT/PARISH:	Thirteenth Evangeline	Fourteenth Calcasieu	Fourteenth Cameron	Fifteenth Acadia	Fifteenth Lafayette	Fifteenth Vermilion	Sixteenth Iberia	Sixteenth St. Martin
Domestic	254	1,815	95	347	1,082	275	438	152
Contract	414	1,400	11	407	1,066	353	589	191
Tort-Auto	65	404	20	8	304	75	117	39
Tort-Other	35	243	19	159	215	88	69	11
Succession	1	452	31	196	325	205	0	87
Workman's Comp.	44	265	9	162	208	39	69	24
Property Rights	7	110	6	8	14	15	20	0
Appeal	1	11	0	0	3	0	0	0
Other	40	391	165	197	485	156	24	264
All Civil	861	5,091	356	1,667 ²	4,578 ²	1,419 ²	1,326	768
Homicide	3	31	3	6	24	4	7	3
Assault & Battery	2	45	0	8	31	8	2	5
Rape	2	1	0	4	7	0	0	1
Burglary	9	211	8	36	114	47	20	2
Robbery & Extortion	10	44	0	9	19	4	7	5
Theft	10	708	12	66	102	44	21	9
Driving	0	4	0	0	66	6	3	1
Drugs	9	158	1	15	73	14	4	9
Other Felony	4	170	3	10	53	14	11	7
All Felony	49	1,372	27	154	489	141	75	42
Assault & Battery	0	282	13	66	38	18	33	48
Theft	0	3,058	18	96	29	113	80	9
Non-Support	0	80	0	6	0	31	50	4
Driving	37	783	54	81	351	53	82	66
Drugs	0	236	11	17	124	16	0	17
Other Misdemeanors	4	724	109	66	66	50	172	111
All Misdemeanors	41	5,163	205	332	608	281	417	255
Delinquency	2	77	3	5	97	25	17	23
Child in Need	1	19	0	0	9	25	2	2
Other	0	9	0	2	9	16	0	13
All Juvenile	3	105	3	7	115	66	19	38

² Totals were adjusted using data supplied by the court.

TABLE III-A

District Courts – Number of cases filed by case type (continued)

DISTRICT/PARISH:	Sixteenth *St. Mary	Seventeenth Lafourche	Eighteenth W. Baton Rouge	Eighteenth Pointe Coupee	Eighteenth Iberville	Nineteenth E. Baton Rouge	Twentieth E. Feliciana	Twentieth W. Feliciana
Domestic	0	394	117	111	208	4,415 ³	94	46
Contract	0	459	276	191	431	5,696	252	100
Tort-Auto	0	146	66	53	87	1,291	12	19
Tort-Other	0	104	29	21	29	905	2	20
Succession	0	4	66	49	127	1,066	53	12
Workman's Comp.	0	57	11	15	31	618	11	13
Property Rights	0	25	12	6	10	250	12	2
Appeal	0	0	1	0	0	9	0	0
Other	0	189	59	25	81	1,601	63	24
All Civil	0	1,907 ²	637	471	1,004	15,851	499	236
Homicide	0	3	4	0	4	39	5	8
Assault & Battery	0	14	11	0	10	47	22	25
Rape	0	1	0	0	0	17	1	4
Burglary	0	33	25	0	38	178	39	3
Robbery & Extortion	0	10	3	0	7	73	1	12
Theft	0	65	17	0	51	285	35	5
Driving	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	4
Drugs	0	10	7	0	30	138	3	13
Other Felony	0	13	11	0	28	92	12	55
All Felony	0	370 ²	78	0	169	871	120	129
Assault & Battery	0	114	23	0	58	508	20	24
Theft	0	92	13	0	62	625	5	14
Non-Support	0	120	5	0	20	973 ³	8	8
Driving	0	231	100	0	170	1,234	35	53
Drugs	0	56	3	0	67	369	4	2
Other Misdemeanors	0	210	78	0	70	518	58	83
All Misdemeanors	0	823	222	0	447	4,327	130	184
Delinquency	0	54	0	0	23	957	3	0
Child in Need	0	10	0	0	5	278	0	0
Other	0	27	0	0	5	3,165	0	0
All Juvenile	0	505 ²	0	0	33	4,400	3	0

* Clerk failed to submit data.

² Totals were adjusted using data supplied by the court.

³ Most of these cases are heard by the Family Court.

TABLE III-A

District Courts – Number of cases filed by case type (continued)

DISTRICT/PARISH:	Twenty- First Livingston	Twenty- First St. Helena	Twenty- First Tangipahoa	Twenty- Second St. Tammany	Twenty- Second Washington	Twenty- Third *Ascension	Twenty- Third *Assumption	Twenty- Third St. James
Domestic	382	16	528	717	332	0	0	32
Contract	415	14	268	1,188	791	0	0	60
Tort-Auto	81	3	156	261	75	0	0	26
Tort-Other	67	0	130	105	36	0	0	22
Succession	122	14	339	322	184	0	0	55
Workman's Comp.	55	7	82	88	59	0	0	12
Property Rights	54	1	11	220	25	0	0	5
Appeal	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other	129	68	858	238	37	0	0	19
All Civil	1,306	123	2,374	3,139	1,539	0	0	231
Homicide	1	0	24	43	12	0	0	0
Assault & Battery	6	0	32	18	5	0	0	2
Rape	1	0	4	11	7	0	0	0
Burglary	52	0	147	115	64	0	0	1
Robbery & Extortion	2	0	9	44	12	0	0	0
Theft	51	6	238	84	51	0	0	2
Driving	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	1
Drugs	4	5	90	38	10	0	0	0
Other Felony	8	2	43	72	33	0	0	0
All Felony	126	13	588	419	194	0	0	6
Assault & Battery	137	4	64	103	46	0	0	65
Theft	63	1	84	99	26	0	0	13
Non-Support	19	2	0	44	0	0	0	13
Driving	77	11	185	749	74	0	0	52
Drugs	10	2	49	60	36	0	0	1
Other Misdemeanors	159	9	119	237	153	0	0	110
All Misdemeanors	465	29	501	1,292	335	0	0	254
Delinquency	16	3	36	102	0	0	0	0
Child in Need	3	0	5	1	0	0	0	0
Other	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Juvenile	29	3	41	103	0	0	0	0

* Clerk Failed to submit data.

TABLE III-A

District Courts – Number of cases filed by case type (continued)

DISTRICT/PARISH:	Twenty-Fourth Jefferson	Twenty-Fifth Plaquemines	Twenty-Fifth St. Bernard	Twenty-Sixth Bossier	Twenty-Sixth Webster	Twenty-Seventh St. Landry	Twenty-Eighth Caldwell	Twenty-Eighth LaSalle
Domestic	3,248 ⁴	0	537	758	157	200	70	96
Contract	71	0	501	606	242	242	84	160
Tort-Auto	1,646	0	282	113	30	83	16	41
Tort-Other	934	0	126	94	16	53	7	16
Succession	967	0	125	218	114	83	31	30
Workman's Comp.	459	0	82	65	51	45	27	46
Property Rights	6	0	59	26	6	13	3	9
Appeal	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Other	3,914	0	149	347	85	418	20	13
All Civil	11,247	0	1,861	2,230	701	1,137	258	411
Homicide	40	0	9	5	0	18	2	2
Assault & Battery	110	0	29	17	0	32	0	1
Rape	13	0	1	4	0	1	3	0
Burglary	304	0	56	116	0	48	5	11
Robbery & Extortion	103	0	26	17	0	9	0	2
Theft	504	0	34	77	0	59	10	9
Driving	0	0	1	10	0	0	4	3
Drugs	434	0	88	62	0	23	0	0
Other Felony	176	0	41	33	0	32	1	10
All Felony	1,684	0	285	341	0	222	25	38
Assault & Battery	117	0	228	37	0	51	20	9
Theft	311	0	173	32	0	31	61	71
Non-Support	0 ⁴	0	64	0	3	0	1	2
Driving	0	0	1,039	41	0	0	54	113
Drugs	462	0	84	62	0	13	17	11
Other Misdemeanors	219	0	417	268	0	170	83	62
All Misdemeanors	1,109	0	2,005	440	3	265	236	268
Delinquency	282	0	0	0	0	8	23	36
Child in Need	75	0	0	6	0	2	3	0
Other	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
All Juvenile	361	0	0	6	0	10	30	37

* Clerk failed to submit data.

⁴ Many of these cases are heard in the Juvenile Court.

TABLE III-A

District Courts – Number of cases filed by case type (continued)

DISTRICT/PARISH:	Twenty-Ninth St. Charles	Twenty-Ninth St. John	Thirtieth Vernon	Thirtieth Beauregard	Thirty-First Jefferson Davis	Thirty-Second Terrebonne	Thirty-Third Allen	Orleans
Domestic	174	128	369	170	190	0	183	1,758 ⁴
Contract	330	72	343	317	203	0	209	623
Tort-Auto	123	113	90	19	45	0	0	1,375
Tort-Other	95	106	23	31	19	0	1	527
Succession	0	56	119	113	119	0	0	708
Workman's Comp.	62	39	32	32	36	0	31	447
Property Rights	13	9	20	15	13	0	19	53
Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Other	232	219	43	49	82	0	90	1,970
All Civil	1,029	742	1,039	746	979 ²	0	674 ²	7,468
Homicide	16	1	3	5	1	0	6	142
Assault & Battery	32	0	0	7	10	0	11	98
Rape	9	0	3	2	1	0	2	58
Burglary	65	0	8	39	46	0	55	571
Robbery & Extortion	40	0	5	2	6	0	3	315
Theft	39	0	4	46	25	0	64	659
Driving	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Drugs	38	0	15	10	14	0	6	475
Other Felony	79	0	13	14	12	0	9	428
All Felony	318	1	83 ²	125	115	0	157	2,746
Assault & Battery	0	43	8	19	23	0	18	348
Theft	0	15	3	139	44	0	42	479
Non-Support	0	9	6	19	14	0	0	2,010 ⁴
Driving	0	102	136	90	74	0	43	1
Drugs	0	5	22	12	26	0	4	1,153
Other Misdemeanors	0	78	84	196	37	0	33	1,484
All Misdemeanors	0	252	598 ²	475	218	0	140	4,779
Delinquency	0	3	11	4	31	0	8	2,346
Child in Need	108	0	10	2	10	0	1	123
Other	34	0	5	0	13	0	9	30
All Juvenile	142	3	26	6	97 ²	0	36 ²	2,399

* Clerk failed to submit data.

² Totals were adjusted using data supplied by the court.

⁴ Many of these cases are heard in the Juvenile Court.

TABLE III-A

DISTRICT COURTS – STATE OF LOUISIANA
CIVIL CASE DISPOSITIONS (%) BY CASE TYPE

	Exceptions	Dismissals	Settlement	Defaults	Summary Judgments	Judgments on Pleadings	Trials	Other	Total*
ALL CIVIL	2	15	9	42	0	4	10	17	100
Domestic	1	7	3	56	0	4	21	9	100
Contract	1	24	4	61	1	2	4	4	100
Tort-Auto	1	51	24	12	0	2	9	1	100
Tort-Other	1	42	34	8	2	1	9	2	100
Succession	4	0	5	2	1	13	0	75	100
Workman's Comp.	1	5	64	1	0	5	3	21	100
Property Rights	3	27	9	18	1	6	31	5	100
Appeal	33	13	13	0	0	7	20	13	100

*Numbers may not total to 100 because of rounding.

TABLE III-B

TYPICAL (MEDIAN) NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION

	CASES SET FOR TRIAL			Cases Disposed Without Being Set	Total For All Cases
	Ultimately Tried	Disposed Without Trial	Total		
ALL CIVIL	52	85	58	37	40
Domestic	44	89	49	40	42
Contract	58	87	64	53	54
Tort-Auto	263	272	271	113	145
Tort-Other	264	273	271	88	135
Succession	23	18	19	17	17
Workman's Comp.	192	93	135	17	18
Property Rights	113	272	135	47	58
Appeal	48	60	49	48	48

TABLE III-C

DISTRICT COURTS – STATE OF LOUISIANA
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS (%) BY OFFENSE CHARGED

	No! Pros	Dismissal	Guilty Plea	Trials	Other	Total*
ALL FELONIES	23	6	59	9	2	100
Homicide	20	9	46	18	7	100
Assault & Battery	30	8	45	13	3	100
Rape	33	2	35	23	8	100
Burglary	19	5	68	6	2	100
Robbery & Extortion	14	5	64	16	1	100
Theft	25	5	61	6	2	100
Driving	4	0	91	2	4	100
Drugs	29	8	52	9	2	100
ALL MISDEMEANORS	12	7	61	12	8	100
Assault & Battery	33	5	45	12	5	100
Theft	18	4	68	5	4	100
Non-Support	8	28	11	49	4	100
Driving	4	3	82	3	7	100
Drugs	4	4	66	11	4	100

*Numbers may not total to 100 because of rounding.

TABLE III-D

DISTRICT COURTS – STATE OF LOUISIANA
TYPICAL (MEDIAN) NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION BY OFFENSE CHARGED

	CASES SET FOR TRIAL			Cases Disposed Without Being Set	Total For All Cases
	Ultimately Tried	Disposed Without Trial	Total		
ALL FELONIES	114	97	99	66	84
Homicide	124	103	115	132	124
Assault & Battery	98	103	104	95	103
Rape	250	102	110	273	195
Burglary	115	84	87	56	74
Robbery & Extortion	111	92	97	86	94
Theft	98	94	94	57	74
Driving	285	112	114	87	95
Drugs	129	123	124	97	114
ALL MISDEMEANORS	65	53	55	20	26
Assault & Battery	78	55	57	26	42
Theft	78	57	60	21	27
Non-Support	58	29	52	83	57
Driving	88	55	58	18	21
Drugs	82	56	57	24	40

TABLE III-E

DISTRICT COURTS – STATE OF LOUISIANA

TYPE OF CRIMINAL SENTENCE (%) BY OFFENSE CHARGED

	State Confinement	Local Confinement	State Probation	Local Probation	Fined	Other	Total*
ALL FELONIES	29	19	24	10	8	9	100
Homicide	58	14	17	2	4	4	100
Assault & Battery	17	24	17	8	16	17	100
Rape	60	10	13	3	0	13	100
Burglary	37	18	30	8	2	5	100
Robbery & Extortion	60	15	13	5	2	5	100
Theft	15	26	23	15	10	11	100
Driving	2	26	13	2	43	15	100
Drugs	23	15	33	11	11	7	100
ALL MISDEMEANORS	0	9	5	3	63	20	100
Assault & Battery	0	20	2	7	48	22	100
Theft	0	24	8	7	44	17	100
Criminal Neglect	0	1	17	1	11	69	100
Driving	0	3	1	1	89	6	100
Drugs	0	13	13	7	44	23	100

TABLE III-F

JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS (%) BY CASE TYPE

	Withdrawn	Dismissed	Adjudicate	Other	Total*
ALL JUVENILE	1	29	64	7	100
Delinquency	1	32	62	5	100
Child in Need	0	13	77	10	100

TABLE III-G

TYPE OF JUVENILE REFERRAL (%) BY CASE TYPE

	State Confinement	Local Confinement	State Probation	Local Probation	Community Resource	Other	Total*
ALL JUVENILE	17	1	11	43	5	23	100
Delinquency	19	1	12	45	4	19	100
Child in Need	8	3	4	47	14	24	100

TABLE III-H

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