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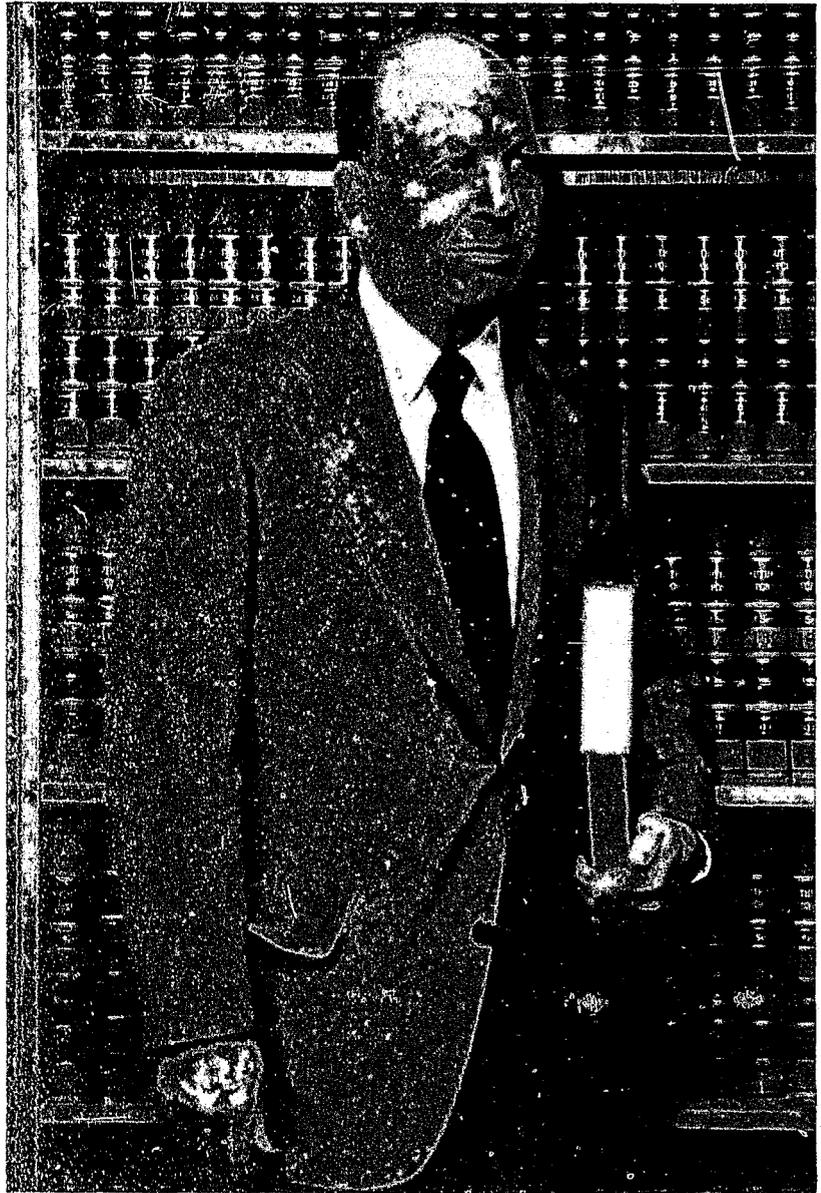
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THE SUPREME COURT of LOUISIANA



CHIEF JUSTICE JOE W. SANDERS

Chief Justice Sanders is elected from the Fifth Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: EAST BATON ROUGE, EAST FELICIANA, IBERVILLE, LIVINGSTON, POINT COUPEE, ST HELENA, ST. LANDRY, ST. TAMMANY, TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON, WEST BATON ROUGE, and WEST FELICIANA.

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
FRANK W. SUMMERS**

Justice Summers 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, TERREBONNE, AND VERMILION.



**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
ALBERT TATE, JR.**

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

**ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
JOHN A. DIXON, JR.**

Justice Dixon is elected from the Second Supreme Court District comprised of the following parishes: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER, CADDO, CLAIBORNE, DE-SOTO, NATCHITOCHEs, RED RIVER, SABINE, VERNON, WEBSTER, AND WINN.



**ASSOCIATE 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
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.



**CLERK OF COURT
THE HONORABLE HAROLD A. MOISE, JR.**



Supreme Court

STATE OF LOUISIANA
301 LOYOLA AVENUE

New Orleans

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JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATOR

EUGENE J. MURRET

March 1, 1978

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-second annual report of the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court.

With respect to the work of the Supreme Court in 1977, the number of appeals filed increased by 32% over the previous year and writ applications increased by 27%. The Court acted on 2,435 matters compared with 1,167 matters five years ago. A total of 420 opinions were handed down, averaging 60 opinions per Justice. In addition, the Court handed down 200 per curiam affirmances without written opinion.

To enable the Court to continue to maintain a current docket in the face of the ever-increasing caseload, the broadly-based Special Committee on Appellate Caseloads and Procedures has recommended that the central staff be augmented to five attorneys and that each justice be provided with an additional law clerk.

Considerable interest in a statewide program of records maintenance surfaced during the past year. As a result, I have appointed a Committee on Court Records Maintenance and Storage. Chaired by Clerk of Court Ambrose H. Landry, President of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, the Committee is composed of clerks from every level of the court system, historians, archivists and preservationists. The Committee has met several times and has undertaken national and local inquiries which will lead to recommendations on record retention schedules, preservation and storage.

New scientific and technological developments are being utilized by various courts throughout the nation to improve their services. To accelerate a process already begun in some of our own courts, I have appointed a Committee on Science and Technology in the Courts. Chaired by Chief Judge Luther F. Cole of Baton Rouge, the Committee is composed of judges, prosecutors, clerks of court, and

court administrators. In order to handle the increasing workload, courts need the most advanced equipment and facilities. Establishment of the Committee represents an organized effort to introduce the latest scientific techniques into our courts, both urban and rural.

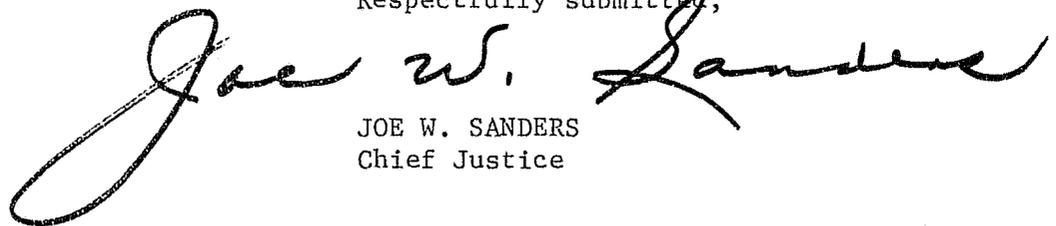
In recent years, the executive and legislative branches have increasingly afforded more fiscal independence and responsibility to the judicial branch. As a result, the need arose for some type of judicial fiscal authority. By rule of the Supreme Court, the Judicial Budgetary Control Board exercises this function. Primary functions of the Board, composed of judges from every level of the court system, are to review and make recommendations on the budget requests of the various courts and to reallocate certain funds during the year to meet unanticipated needs.

In closing, I should like to single out for commendation the many judges of our trial and appellate courts who have willingly accepted assignments to serve on other courts when need arose. With their generous cooperation the threat of clogged dockets in these courts was averted.

I should also like to recognize and welcome those judges who have assumed the bench for the first time. Some of these are attorneys who at considerable personal sacrifice have accepted temporary appointments to fill judicial vacancies.

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,

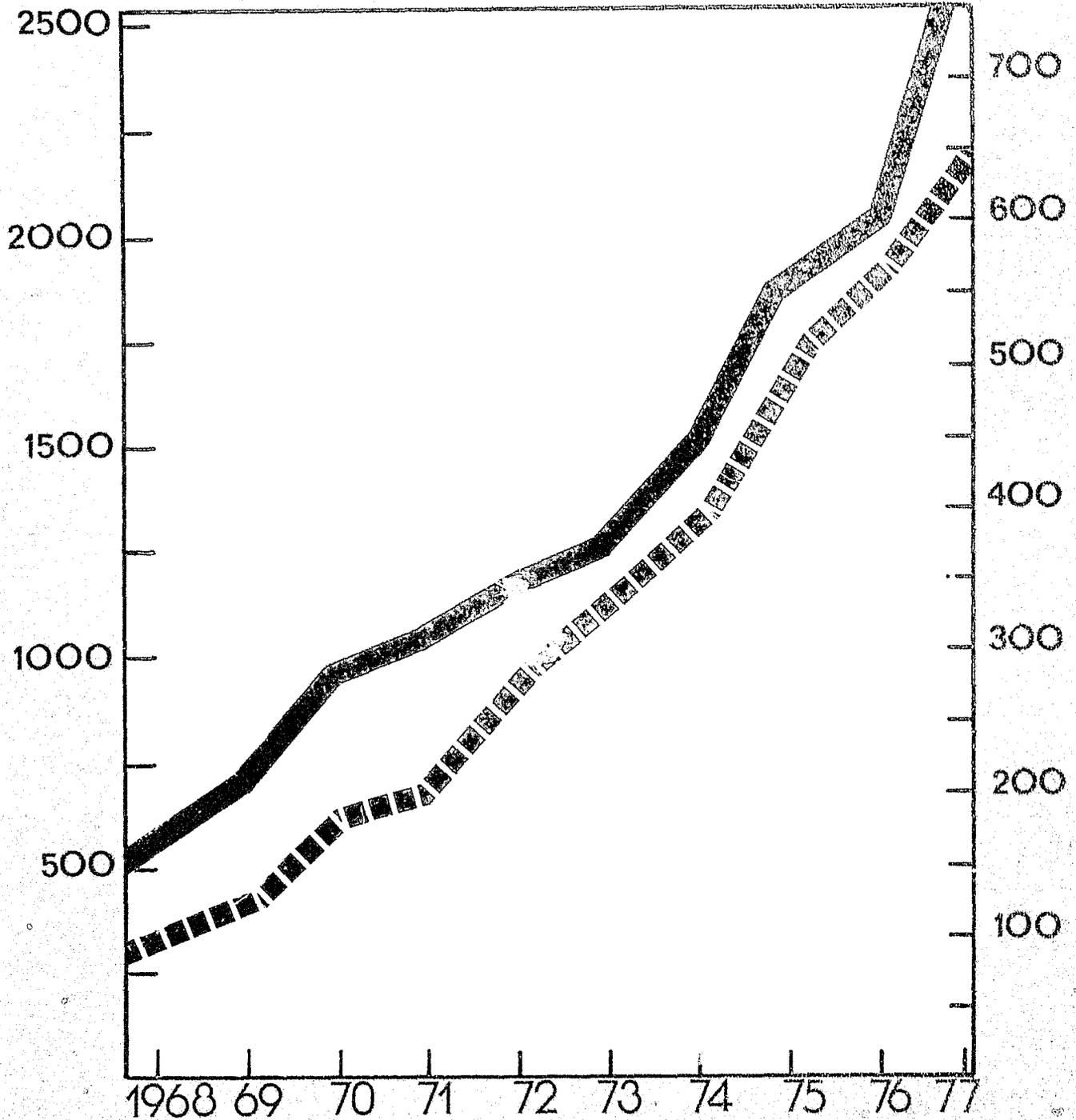
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JOE W. SANDERS
Chief Justice



SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

GROWTH OF FILINGS AND OPINIONS RENDERED



■ total filings (scale at left)

■ opinions rendered (scale at right)

SEE STATISTICAL APPENDIX FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON DISPOSITION OF FILINGS

THE JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

... Conference of court of appeal judges adopted far-reaching rules changes. . .

One of the most significant developments to occur during the past year was the creation by the Court of Appeal judges of a special committee to study their case loads and rules of practice and procedure, with a view toward making changes which would improve the operations of those courts. Chaired by Judge William A. Culpepper, the committee recommended, and the Conference of Court of Appeal Judges adopted far-reaching rules changes. The routine practice of extending review beyond issues raised by the parties will now be reserved only in cases enunciating a new rule of law or modifying an existing rule, or where there are conflicting authorities or where the court is divided in its opinion, or when the public has a substantial interest in the outcome. The determination of whether to publish an opinion will be based on similar criteria. Oral argument has been reduced from one hour to forty minutes per case. As a result of the foregoing rules changes, it is anticipated that the courts of appeal will be able to handle their increasing case loads more effectively.

... New process reduces seasonal fluctuations and permits the justices to allocate their energies more effectively . . .

The Louisiana Supreme Court, through the individual efforts of its justices and aided by its Internal Study Committee, likewise undertook inquiries into ways and means of more efficiently handling the court's heavy work load. With the assistance of Dr. Hugh M. Collins of my office staff, the court is able to predict the volume of new filings and to docket these filings evenly throughout the year. This new process reduces seasonal fluctuations and permits the justices to allocate their energies more effectively.

Concomitantly, experiments by the court with procedures for handling writ applications have progressively evolved into a new, more qualitative system. Formerly, because of scarcity



EUGENE J. MURRET
Judicial Administrator

of preparation time, conference time was often consumed in lengthy discussion of the facts and the law as reported by the justice to whom the original writ was assigned. Now, designation of the specific writs to be taken up at a conference are made sufficiently in advance, so that each justice can utilize his preparation time in studying each writ on the conference list. As a result, conference discourse is utilized to elucidate legal points of significance. The new system, because of improved advance study, preparation and scheduling, requires four half-day conferences per five week cycle to avoid backlogs in writ filings, as compared to four full day conferences and four half-day conferences to achieve the same result under the former system.

The Special Committee on Appellate Court Case Loads and Procedures, appointed by the Supreme Court, rendered an interim report at the end of the year, approving the aforementioned recommendations of the Courts of Appeal study committee and the Supreme Court study committee. The Special Committee additionally recommended that it or a similar committee should convene at the end of this year to study the effects of the changes instituted by the Courts of Appeal and the Supreme Court on the latter's work loads.

Trial judges bench book is nearing completion . . .

The Trial Judges Benchbook project is nearing the completion of Phase I, criminal jury instructions - general and in particular cases. The Advisory Committee, chaired by Judge Hillary J. Crain and assisted by Professors Cheney Joseph and Raymond Lamonica of the LSU Law Center, expects to distribute these completed instructions in ring-binders by the end of June.

Criminal district court for the parish of orleans has decided to apply for funds . . .

The Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans has decided to apply for funds for a project to study its sentencing patterns and to develop sentencing guidelines for that court. If funded, the techniques and applications of that project can be studied and adapted by other interested trial courts.

. . . Jamis individual case reporting system . . . is undergoing modification

The JAMIS individual case reporting system instituted in the district courts two years ago is undergoing modification. The desirability of reducing costs and employee time dictated a change to a sampling system. Instead of reporting data on each case, the clerks of the district courts will report data on every tenth case. Applying statistical techniques to the sample data, the analysis can reach the necessary valid findings on the universe of filings in each court. Court systems in other states are already beginning to look upon this approach initiated by my staff as a model for their future systems.

Finally, I wish to make special note of the excellent spirit of cooperation which continues to mark the judges and clerks of Louisiana. My staff and I give thanks to them for their friendship and support.

Eugene J. Muret
Judicial Administrator

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Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana

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Judge, First Circuit Court of Appeal

Mr. Ambroise H. Landry
President, Louisiana Clerks of Court Association

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President, Louisiana District Judges Association

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Judge, 15th Judicial District

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State Representative

Mr. Eugene J. Murret
Judicial Administrator

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Judicial council . . . charged with the responsibility of monitoring and evaluating the operations and procedures of the judicial system of the state.

Since its establishment in 1950 and subsequent funding by the state legislature in 1954, the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana has been charged with the responsibility of monitoring and evaluating the operations and procedures of the judicial system of the state. In fulfilling its mandate, the Judicial Council serves as a vehicle for the receipt and consideration of suggestions for methods of simplifying and expediting judicial procedures and for correcting faults in the administration of justice.

An important facet of this process is to recommend to the state legislature creation of new judgeships and new judicial districts where crowded dockets and a growing backlog of cases reflect this need.

. . . New judgeships . . . New district court.

As a result of Judicial Council recommendations to the state legislature in 1977, three new judges were added to the Third Circuit Court of Appeal and one judgeship each was created for the following Judicial Districts: 13th - Evangeline parish; 16th - Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary parishes; 21st - Livingston, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa parishes; 24th - Jefferson parish; and the 34th - St. Bernard parish. Two new judges were added to the Family Court in Baton Rouge, and a Juvenile Court Judge for Caddo parish was designated.

A new district court for Caldwell parish - now the 37th Judicial District - was established. City courts in Lake Charles and Monroe each received one new judgeship.

. . . A new law clerk for the 20th judicial district . . . (and) recommendations of the judicial council with regard to regulation procedures. . .

Upon recommendation of the Judicial Council, a law clerk for the 20th Judicial District - East and West Feliciana parishes - which has only one judge and in which are located two state institutions - Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola and the East Louisiana State Mental Hospital, which includes the criminally insane - was funded by the state.

Recommendations of the Judicial Council with regard to regulation procedures resulted in making uniform with the rest of the state the term of the constable of the First City Court of New Orleans - six years - and affirming jurisdiction of the First City Court of New Orleans at \$2,000, also uniform with the rest of the state as well as establishing a method for appointment of an interim Justice of the Peace to fill a vacancy created by the temporary absence of a Justice of the Peace. This appointment will be made by the chief judge of the district court for the area.

. . . The council has requested . . . study of methods . . . dealing with a systematic standardized procedure for recommending new judgeships

As an aid to the Council in its deliberations, the Council has requested the Judicial Administrator to conduct a study of methods in other states dealing with a systematic standardized procedure for recommending new judgeships. The Judicial Administrator has under-taken such a program.

The Judicial Council has also noted that requests for additional judgeships or for the splitting of judicial districts can no longer be considered for any district not reporting its caseload figures under the Judicial Administrator's Management Information System (JAMIS) on a regular basis as these statistics are vital to any decision making process in this area.

The Judicial Council maintains through its members and the office of Eugene J. Murret, the Judicial Administrator, a continuing overview of the courts of the state and all the activities related to them.

On the following pages these areas of concern are enumerated.

THE JUDICIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Louisiana's JPC . . . The outstanding judicial planning committee now operating in the United States. . .

The successful activities of the JPC subcommittees, coupled with the enthusiastic national reception given to the organizational approach which the JPC has taken, has led Dean Ellis Katz, who was named by the National Center for State Courts to evaluate court planning projects, to name Louisiana's JPC as the outstanding Judicial Planning Committee now operating in the United States.

The order given the JPC by the Chief Justice was twofold. First, they were charged with developing a more productive relationship between the judiciary and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) which administers Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) funds. Secondly, the JPC was asked to develop a planning process for the courts of Louisiana which would allow for a continuing rational examination of problems and potentialities within the court system.

The JPC appointed six short range subcommittees and one long-range subcommittee.

After delegating responsibility for negotiations with LEAA to the steering subcommittee and thereby successfully avoiding the possibility of becoming bogged down in the work of federal grant-

manship, the JPC turned its attention to developing an organization which would allow it to develop plans concerning substantive problem areas within the courts. The JPC appointed six short-range subcommittees and one long-range subcommittee.

The six short-range subcommittees are small claims, judicial compensation, sentencing, public information, court reporting, and juvenile. These six subcommittees are charged with producing near-term progress in their substantive areas.

JPC . . . delegated to . . . steering committee subcommittee full authority to negotiate with LCLE.

The JPC established a seven member steering subcommittee chaired by Judge Guy E. Humphries and delegated to this steering subcommittee full authority to negotiate with LCLE. This subcommittee, with the cooperation of the staff of LCLE and of the Commission itself, has been able to almost double the amount of LEAA money available to the judiciary. In addition, the Commission has now been reapportioned so that one out of every five of its members is a judge. Also, the JPC is now entitled to write the judicial section of the annual LCLE Plan.

Small claims . . .

The problems addressed by these subcommittees have been chosen so that rapid constructive change can be achieved. For instance, the small claims subcommittee successfully introduced small claims legislation in the 1977 Legislature and is following up on this legislation by developing manuals for Louisiana's small claims courts.

Public information . . .

The public information subcommittee chaired by Judge Melvin A. Shortess sponsored a successful jury management seminar last Summer, worked successfully to create a public information office for the Louisiana Courts, and is presently finishing the preparations for a Judicial/Press Seminar.

Court reporting. . .

The court reporting subcommittee chaired by Judge C. J. Bolin, Jr. is negotiating with LSU concerning setting up a school for court reporters and is reviewing the possible uses of new technology in speeding up the production of transcripts.

Sentencing. . .

The sentencing subcommittee held a conference on sentencing guidelines in New Orleans in November and has carefully monitored the latest developments in the national trend toward developing guidelines for sentencing.

Juvenile. . .

The juvenile subcommittee chaired by Judge Joan B. Armstrong and Judge Kenneth A. Boagni, Jr. has developed into a formal liaison between the JPC and the Governor's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Board (JJDP). This subcommittee is monitoring all legislation which is being developed by the JJDP. Additionally, the juvenile subcommittee is providing judicial input to the 1979 JJDP Plan which will detail the areas in which the federal funds for juvenile projects will be spent.

Long-range planning subcommittee. . .

The long-range planning subcommittee chaired by Judge Patrick M. Schott has committed itself to a fundamental study of the Louisiana judicial system. Once they are finished, the results of this study will be reviewed by the JPC and later will be used as judicial input to the Louisiana Priorities for the Future project sponsored by the state government and the private sector.

In the fall of 1976, Chief Justice Sanders appointed a 17 member Judicial Planning Committee (JPC). The members are:

Justice Albert Tate, Jr., Chairman

Judge Patrick M. Schott

Judge Benjamin L. Berry

Judge Guy E. Humphries, Jr.

Judge C. J. Bolin, Jr.

Judge Prentice L. G. Smith, Jr.

Judge Joan B. Armstrong

Judge Cleveland J. Marcel, Jr.

Judge Cecil C. Cutrer

Judge Melvin A. Shortess

Judge Bernard J. Bagert

Judge Frank V. Zaccaria

Hon. John M. Mamoulides

Mr. Edward M. Baldwin

Judge Kenneth A. Boagni, Jr.

Dr. Raymond P. Witte

Hon. Clyde R. Webber

Staff support is provided by
Dr. Hugh Collins.

THE JUDICIAL COLLEGE

The Louisiana Supreme Court, by order on June 24, 1976 created the Louisiana Judicial College. The College is located at the Louisiana State University Law Center. The Court appointed the College's initial Board of Governors. The judges presently serving on the board are:

Justice James L. Dennis, New Orleans, Louisiana
Honorable Fred A. Blanche, Jr.; Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Honorable Thomas B. Pugh; Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Honorable Bernard L. Knobloch; Thibodaux, Louisiana
Honorable Leon Ford, III; Hammond, Louisiana
Honorable Sol Gothard; Gretna, Louisiana
Honorable Kaliste J. Saloom; Lafayette, Louisiana

The remaining members of the board are:

The president of the Louisiana Bar Association (the current president is Howard Gist, Jr.; Alexandria, Louisiana)
The Governor or his representative (Camille Gravel, Jr.; Baton Rouge, Louisiana currently represents the governor)
One state representative appointed by the governor (Rep. Robert Freeman of Plaquemines currently fills this position)
One state senator appointed by the governor (Senator Nat Kiefer; New Orleans, Louisiana currently fills this position)

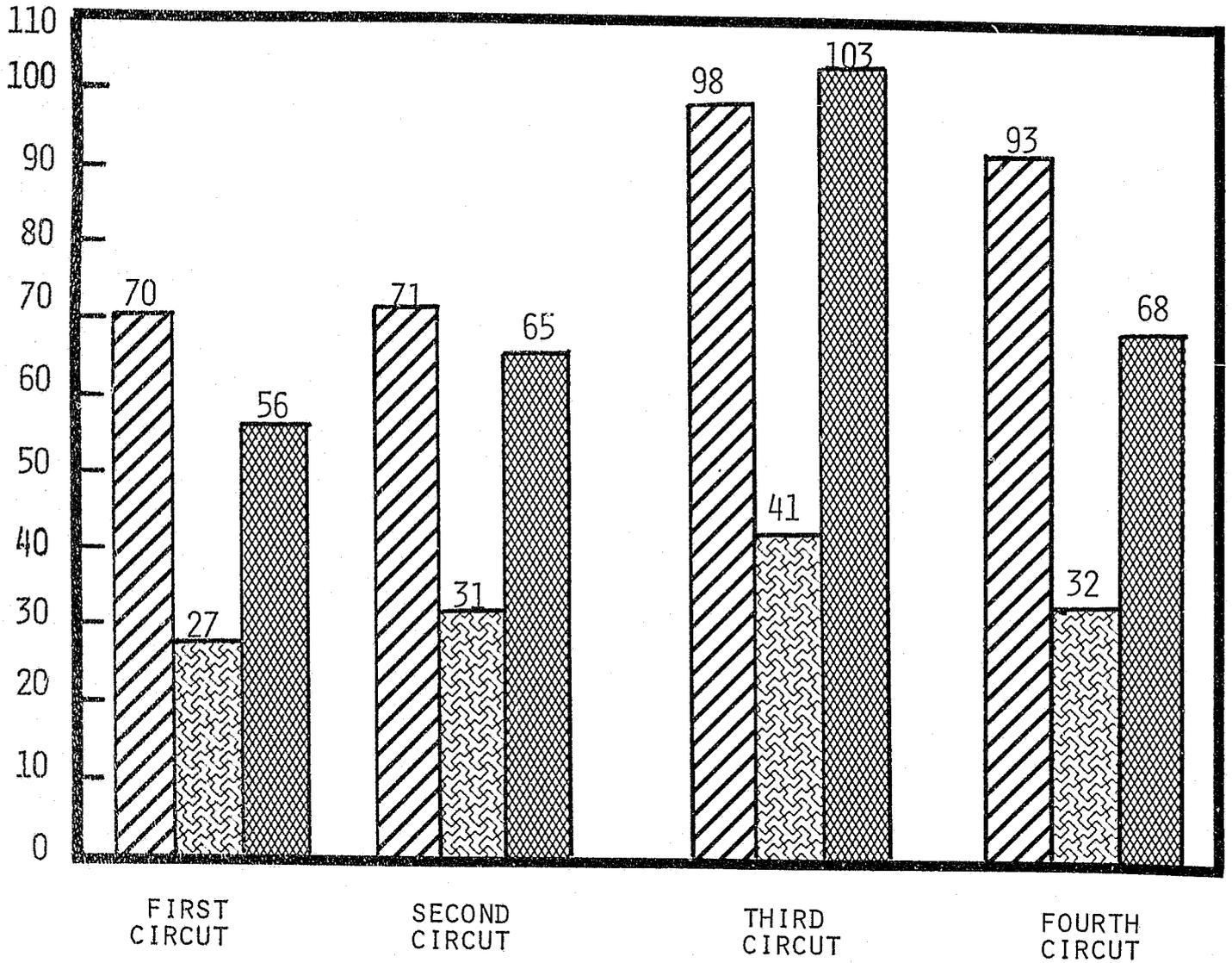
The Judicial Administrator, Mr. Eugene Murret, serves as the Board's secretary.

The Board has appointed Professor Francis Sullivan, former Acting Dean of the LSU Law Center, to serve as the College's Executive Director and Joseph Baiamonte, Assistant to the Dean, LSU Law Center, to serve as the College's Associate Director.

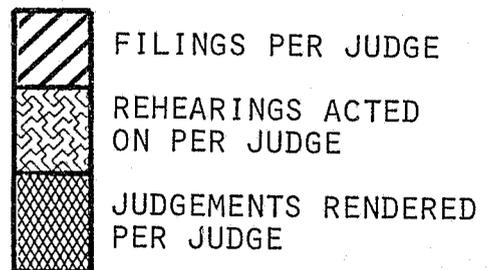
The College will serve the judiciary by providing continuing legal education programs for both judges and other court personnel. The College will also undertake other projects which will assist the judiciary and improve the administration of justice.

***THE LOUISIANA
COURTS OF APPEAL***

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL COMPARISON OF WORKLOAD



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* SEE STATISTICAL APPENDIX FOR MAP AND ADDITIONAL DATA

THE LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL
Roster of Judges and Clerks

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
Wallace A. Edwards
Elven E. Ponder

Domicile
Port All.
Covington
Baton Rouge
Baton Rouge
Hammond
Houma
Thibodaux
Covington
Baton Rouge

District
First
Third
Second
Second
Third
First
First
Third
Second

Clerk: Edward C. Seghers

SECOND CIRCUIT (Shreveport)

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

Minden
Bossier City
Shreveport
Minden
West Monroe

At Large
At Large
Third
Second
First

Clerk: Harold L. Booth

THIRD CIRCUIT (Lake Charles)

W. A. Culpepper, Chief Judge
Jerome E. Domengeaux
Jack C. Watson
Edmond L. Guidry, Jr.
J. Burton Foret
Cecil C. Cutrer

Alexandria
Lafayette
Lake Charles
St. Martinville
Ville Platte
Lake Charles

First
At Large
At Large
Third
At Large
Second

Clerk: Kenneth J. deBlanc

FOURTH CIRCUIT (New Orleans)

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

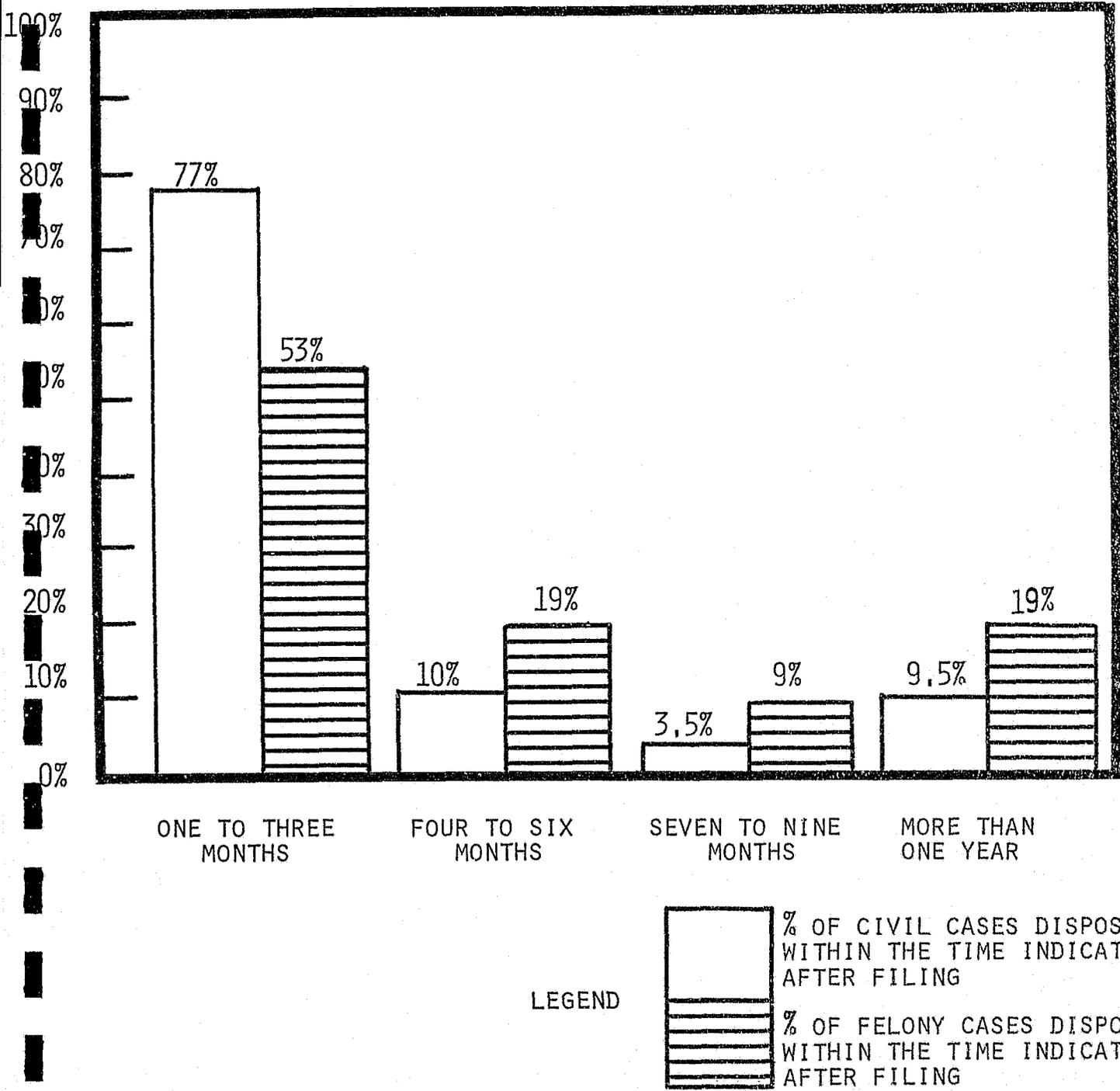
Gretna
New Orleans
Hahnville
New Orleans
Kenner
Metairie
New Orleans
New Orleans

First
Second
Third
Second
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First
Second
Second

Clerk: Marjorie R. Cambre

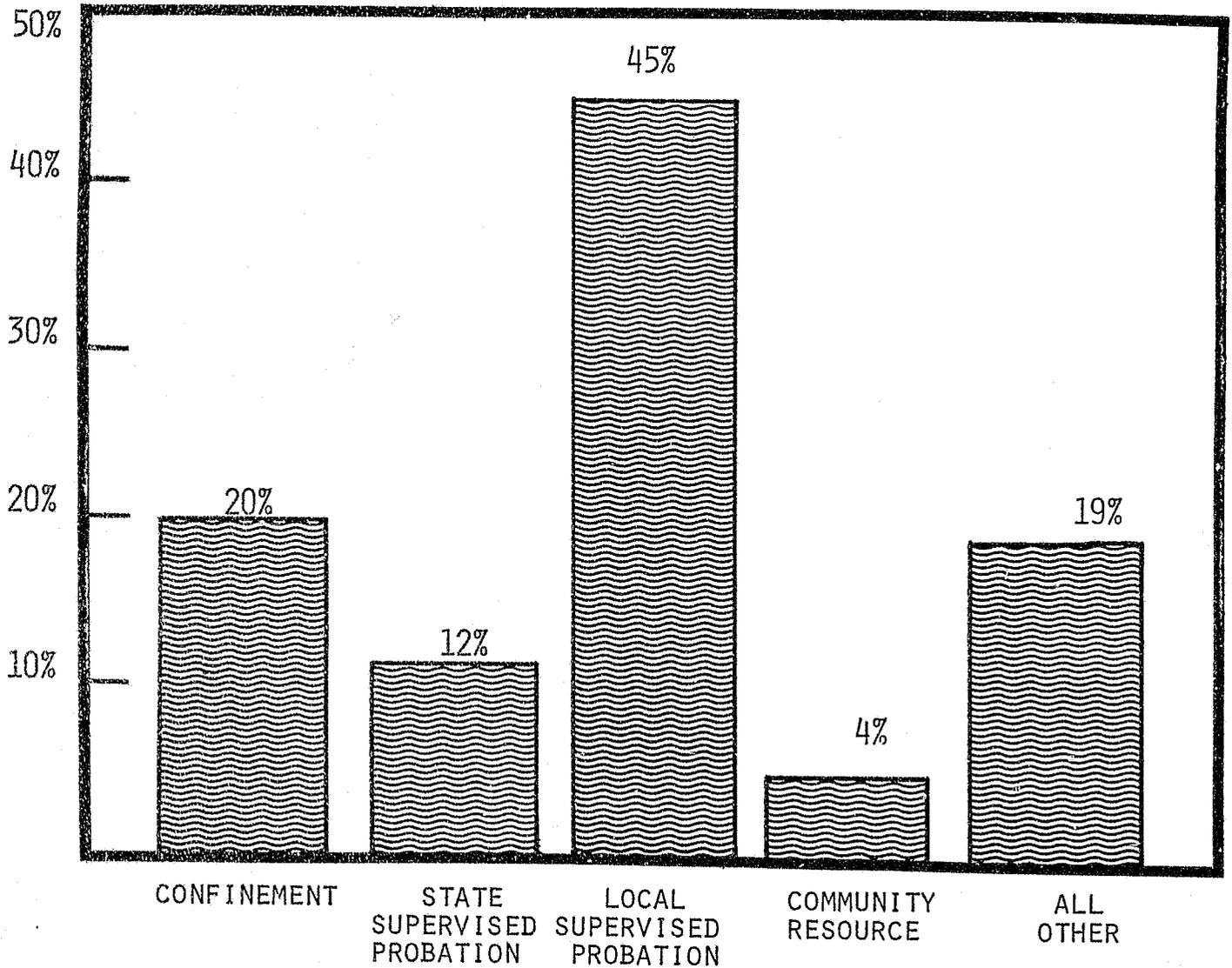
***DISTRICT COURTS
OF LOUISIANA***

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS
 TIME REQUIRED TO DISPOSE OF CASES



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LOUISIANA FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURTS
TYPE OF REFERRAL- FOR DELINQUENCY CASES



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DISTRICT COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Clerks

<u>Judges</u>	<u>Parishes Within District</u>	<u>Parish Seats</u>	<u>Clerks of Court</u>
FIRST DISTRICT			
William J. Fleniken, Chief Judge C. J. Bolin, Jr. James E. Clark Fred C. Sexton, Jr. John R. Ballard Gayle K. Hamilton Charles R. Lindsay	Caddo	Shreveport	D. D. Pyburn
CADDO PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
Gorman E. Taylor			
SECOND DISTRICT			
David T. Caldwell, Chief Judge Paul A. Newell	Bienville Claiborne Jackson	Arcadia Homer Jonesboro	H. R. Sledge Betty A. Gladney 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 B. 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. Andrews
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

DISTRICT COURT ROSTER (Continued)

<u>Judges</u>	<u>Parishes within District</u>	<u>Parish Seats</u>	<u>Clerks of Court</u>
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT			
G. William Swift, Jr. Henry L. Yelverton, Chief Judge Warren E. Hood L. E. Hawsey A. J. Planchard H. Ward Fontenot (Assigned)	Calcasieu Cameron	Lake Charles Cameron	A. Hillebrandt Roland U. Primeaux
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT			
Carrol L. Spell Lucien C. Bertrand, Jr. Douglas J. Nehrass Allen M. Babineaux, Chief Judge 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 Robert E. Johnson, Chief Judge 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
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
EAST BATON ROUGE 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			
Gordon E. Causey, Chief Judge Leon Ford, III Burrell J. Carter Ben R. Miller (Assigned)	Livingston St. Helena Tangipahoa	Livingston Greensburg Amite	Lucius W. Patterson Betty S. Chappelle Alvin Stire

DISTRICT COURT ROSTER (Continued)

<u>Judges</u>	<u>Parishes within District</u>	<u>Parish Seats</u>	<u>Clerks of Court</u>
TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT			
Hillary J. Crain Thomas W. Tanner Stephen A. Duczer, Chief Judge John W. Greene	St. Tammany Washington	Covington Franklinton	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 Floyd W. Newlin, Chief Judge Nestor L. Currault, Jr. Louis G. DeSonier, Jr. Thomas C. Wicker, Jr. Wallace C. LeBrun Alvin R. Eason Patrick E. Carr Lionel R. Collins (Assigned)	Jefferson	Gretna	W. M. Justice, Jr.
JEFFERSON PARISH JUVENILE COURT			
Sol Gothard Thomas McGee			
TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT			
August A. Nobile Richard H. Gauthier Eugene E. Leon Preston H. Hufft, Chief Judge	Plaquemines St. Bernard	Point-a-la Hache Chalmette	A. L. Lobrano S. D. Torres
TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT			
Enos C. McClendon, Jr., Chief Judge Monty W. 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 Pavy Ison J. Guillory, Jr.	St. Landry	Opelousas	G. S. DeChicclis
TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT			
Edwin R. Hughes, Chief Judge	LaSalle	Jena	J. D. Nugent
TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT			
C. William Bradley Ruche J. Marino Thomas J. Malik, Chief Judge	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

DISTRICT COURT ROSTER (Continued)

	<u>Parishes</u> <u>Within District</u>	<u>Parish Seats</u>	<u>Clerks of Court</u>
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
THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT Ronald L. Lewellyan, Chief Judge	Caldwell	Columbia	A. L. Darden

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 J. Connolly, Jr.
Charles L. Rivet
John M. Holahan
Anthony J. Vesich, Jr.

Division

A
B
C
D
E
F
G
H
I
J
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

Clerk: Richard J. Ganuchau

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
Gerald J. Hansen
Nils R. Douglas
Anthony J. Russo, Jr.

Section

A
B
C
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Magistrate
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

Clerk: Edwin A. Lombard

ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT

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

Section

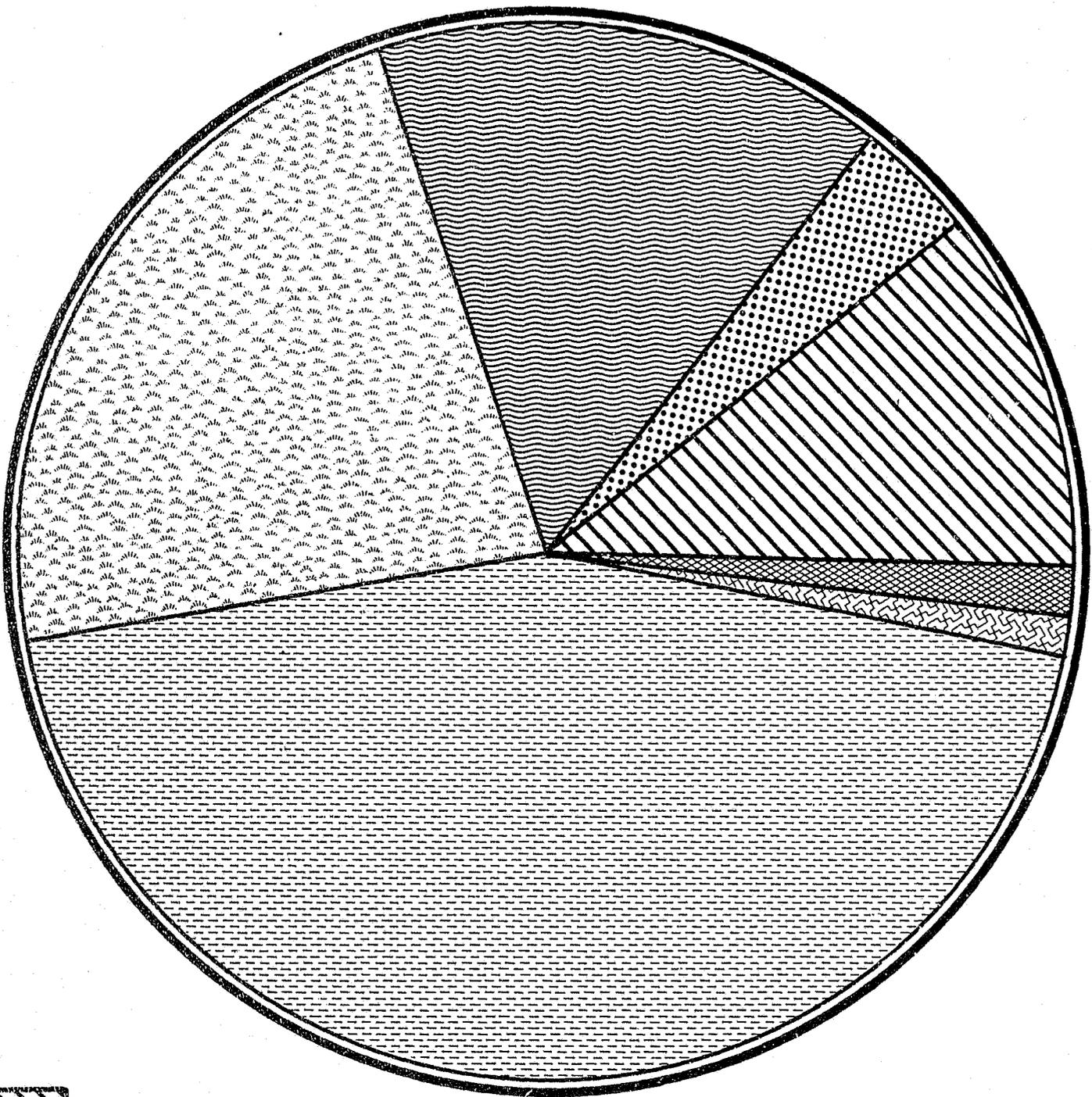
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Clerk: Joseph L. Peyton

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***

CASES PROCESSED
LOUISIANA CITY AND PARISH COURTS



CIVIL	11%
CRIMINAL STATE	4%
CRIMINAL LOCAL	16%
TRAFFIC STATE	22%
TRAFFIC LOCAL	45%
JUVENILE DEL.	1%
JUVENILE TRAF.	1%

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THE CITY AND PARISH COURTS OF LOUISIANA

Roster of Judges and Locations of Courts

CITIES

Abbeville
Alexandria
Ascension Parish
Baker
Bastrop
Baton Rouge:
 Division A
 Division B
 Division C
Bogalusa
Bossier City
Breaux Bridge
Bunkie
Crowley
Denham Springs
DeRidder
Eunice
Franklin
Hammond
Houma
Jeanerette
Jefferson Parish:
 First Parish Court
 Division A
 Division B
 Second Parish Court
Jennings
Kaplan
Lafayette
Lake Charles:
 Division A
 Division B
Leesville
Marksville
Minden
Monroe
Morgan City

PARISHES

Vermilion
Rapides
Ascension
East Baton Rouge
Morehouse

East Baton Rouge

Washington
Bossier
St. Martin
Avoyelles
Acadia
Livingston
Beauregard
St. Landry
St. Mary
Tangipahoa
Terrebonne
Iberia

Jefferson

Jefferson
Jefferson Davis
Vermilion
Lafayette

Calcasieu

Vernon
Avoyelles
Webster
Ouachita
St. Mary

JUDGES

Marcus A. Broussard, Jr.
George M. Foote
A. J. Kling, Jr.
Prentice L. G. Smith
Woodrow Wilson

Carl A. Guidry
Thomas K. Kirkpatrick, (Assigned)
William H. Brown
A. J. Jones
Billy Ross Robinson
Terry Theriot
James N. Lee
Don Aaron, Jr.
Raymond S. Bennett
William E. Hall, Jr.
J. Nilas Young
Charles R. Prevost
Edward B. Dufreche
Robert D. Lottinger
John A. Rogers

Cyril A. Gracianette
James M. Lockhart
John J. Molaison
William N. Knight
O. H. Deshotels, Jr.
Kaliste J. Saloom, Jr.

Murray Anderson
Ralph J. Hanks, Jr.
Jack L. Simms
Benjamin C. Bennett, Jr.
Graydon Kitchens, Jr.
Elvis C. Stout
Robert S. Robertson

CITY COURTS OF LOUISIANA (Continued)

CITIES

Natchitoches
 New Iberia
 New Orleans:
 First City Court
 First City Court
 First City Court
 Second City Court
 Municipal Court
 Municipal Court
 Municipal Court
 Municipal Court
 Traffic Court
 Traffic Court
 Traffic Court
 Traffic Court
 Oakdale
 Opelousas
 Pineville
 Plaquemine
 Port Allen
 Rayne
 Ruston
 Slidell
 Shreveport:
 Division A
 Division B
 Division C
 Springhill
 Sulphur
 Thibodaux
 Vidalia
 Ville Platte
 West Monroe
 Winnfield
 Winnsboro
 Zachary

PARISHES

Natchitoches
 Iberia

 Orleans

 Allen
 St. Landry
 Rapides
 Iberville
 West Baton Rouge
 Acadia
 Lincoln
 St. Tammany
 Caddo

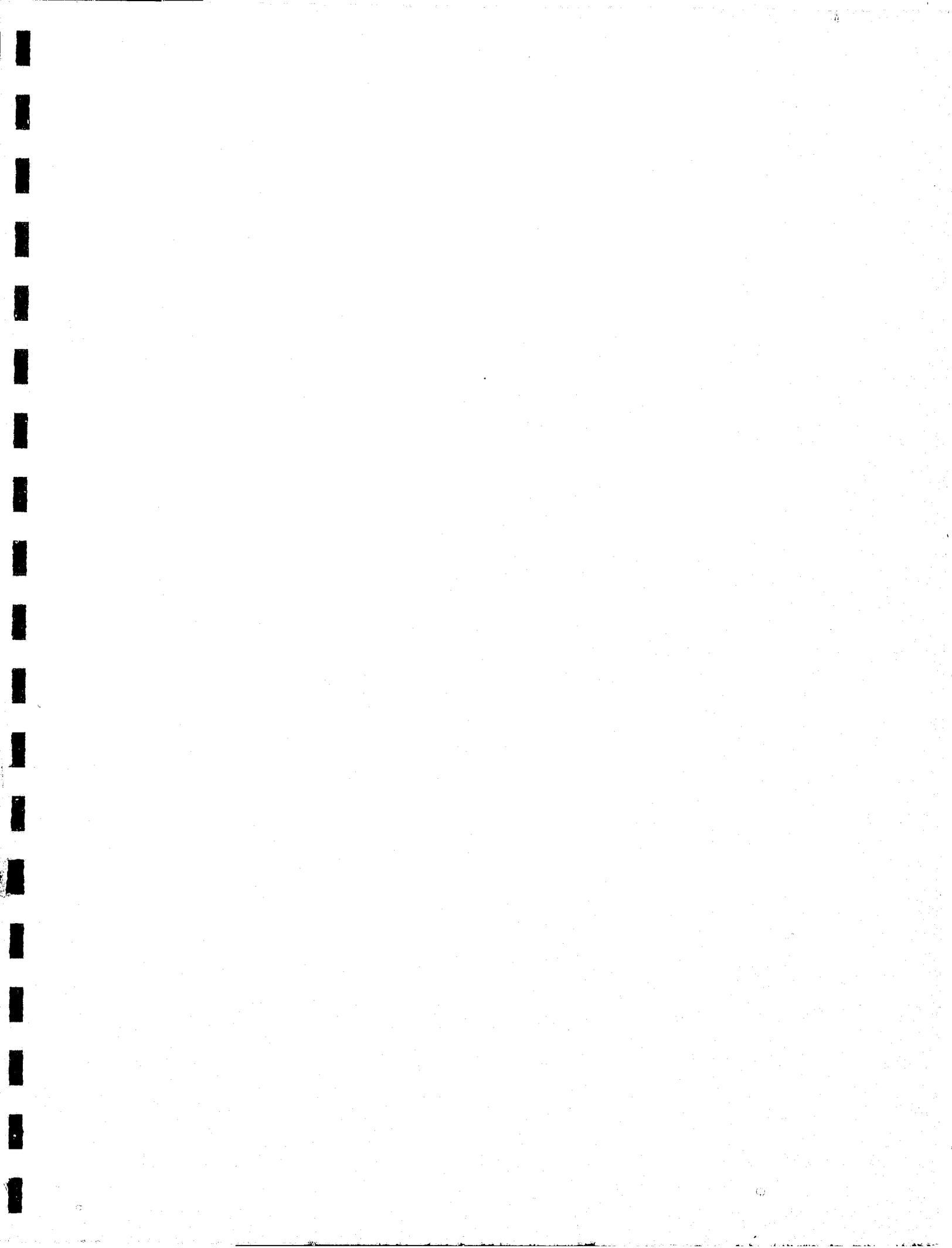
 Webster
 Calcasieu
 Lafourche
 Concordia
 Evangeline
 Ouachita
 Winn
 Franklin
 East Baton Rouge

JUDGES

Marvin F. Gahagan
 Ward L. Tilly

 Dominic C. Grieshaber
 Arthur J. O'Keefe, Jr.
 Marion G. Seeber
 Lorain F. Wingerter
 Andrew G. Bucaro
 Joseph R. Bossetta
 Eddie L. Sapir
 James E. Glancey, Jr.
 Lambert J. Hassinger
 Thomas L. Giraud
 Oliver S. Delery
 Louis P. Trent
 John P. Navarre
 Kenneth Boagni, Jr.
 Richard E. Lee
 Joseph B. Dupont, Sr.
 Philip N. Pecquet
 Denald A. Beslin
 Kenneth W. Campbell
 Gus A. Fritchie, Jr.

 Garner R. Miller
 Nolan Harper
 H. Dan Sawyer
 N. J. McConnell
 Ellis W. Thompson
 David M. Richard
 Patrick A. McDonough, III
 J. Wendell Fusilier
 Charles A. Traylor, II
 Martin S. Sanders, Jr.
 E. Rudolph McIntyre
 Russell Bankston



Introduction To Statistical Section

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 1977 court year (January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977). The tables in this section represent the workload of the courts in Louisiana during a three year period. Footnotes may be found immediately following the set of tables.

Ten years ago, 298 matters were filed in the Supreme Court resulting in 126 written opinions or 18 opinions for each justice. This year filings were 2,435 representing an annual increase of 17 percent. 275 written opinions were rendered or about 40 for each justice. Although this has more than doubled, it is far less than would be expected had the Criminal Appeals Screening Unit not identified 200 appeals for per curiam affirmances without written opinions. Before this procedure was used, written opinions were rendered on 404 cases in 1974 or nearly 58 for each justice.

During the last five years, the cases filed in Louisiana's Courts of Appeal have jumped from 1,589 to 2,405, an increase of more than 50 percent. The Fourth Circuit has gotten some relief by using the Preargument Settlement Conference. This year, 555 cases were conferenced and resulted in 86 being settled, 66 with stipulations entered and 73 with oral argument waived. The Third Circuit, where the workload for each judge is heaviest, will get some relief because the Legislature, acting on a recommendation of the Judicial Council, created three new judgeships (one panel) for that Circuit.

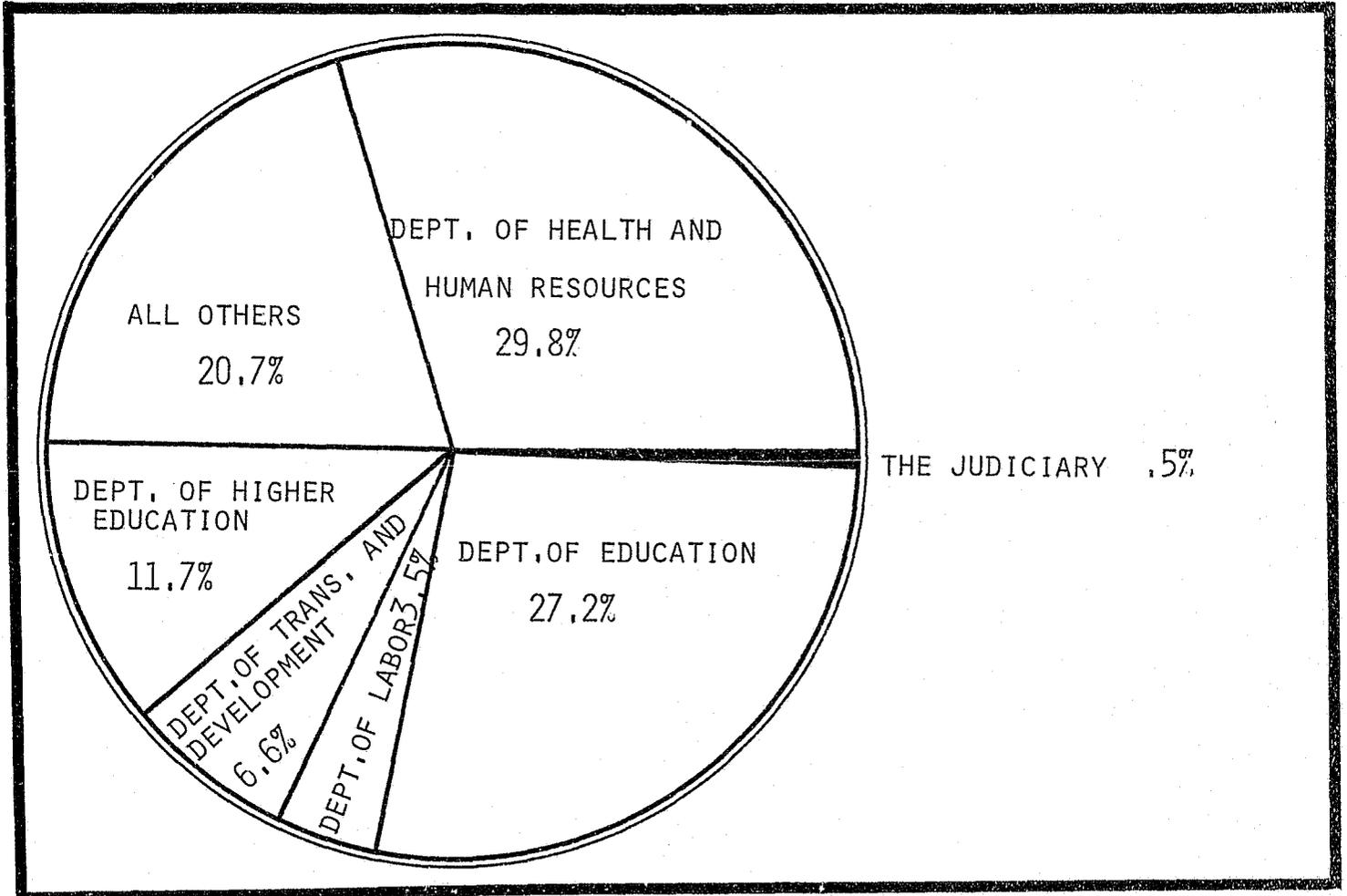
Filings in Louisiana's District Courts are also increasing. They rose from 210,234 in 1968 to 367,085 this year. To cope with this growing caseload, 21 new judgeships have been created or recommended during the last two years. Apparently, the effect of this is being felt as data reported to this office indicates that 5.4 percent of all civil and 13.2 percent of all criminal cases were disposed of more rapidly than one year ago.

Although the activity in Louisiana's Family and Juvenile Courts has remained stable for the last three years, the ten year trend is definitely up. In 1968, 16,986 cases were filed, while this year 26,217 cases were filed. This represents an increase of nearly 55 percent.

Data on Louisiana's City and Parish Courts has only been collected since 1972. During that six years, filings have increased more than 100,000 representing an annual increase of 7 percent.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that although the number of judges has been increasing each year to keep pace with the ever increasing caseload in Louisiana's courts, the expense to the state is still quite small. In fact, as the chart on the following page depicts, the Judiciary's budget is only $\frac{1}{2}$ of one percent of the total expenditures.

STATE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1977-1978



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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

	1975	1976	1977
APPEALS:			
Filed	358	461	608
Dismissed	11	13	15
Opinions Rendered			
-with written opinions	354	331	275
-per curiam affirmances		61	200
WRITS:			
Applications Filed	1,240	1,278	1,622
Granted	280	248	317
-to be argued	151	148	149
-with orders	129	100	168
Dismissed	10	5	15
Not considered	23	37	52
Denied	873	946	1,155
Opinions Rendered	146	145	123
REHEARINGS:			
Applied for	229	212	169
Granted	28	14	11
Denied	190	208	170
Opinions Rendered	7	28	12
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION:			
Petitions filed	8	22	31
Opinions rendered	7	8	5
OTHER MATTERS:			
Filed			5
Opinions Rendered			5
TOTAL FILINGS:			
-Per Justice	1,835	1,973	2,435
	262	282	348
TOTAL OPINIONS RENDERED:			
-Per Justice	514	573	620
	73	82	89

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

FIRST CIRCUIT:	1975	1976	1977
Appeals Filed			550
Appeals Filed	464	429	76
Writs Filed	49	48	53
Writs Refused	38	32	19
Writs Granted	6	7	36
Cases Dismissed	37	35	502
Judgments Rendered	362	458	241
Rehearings Acted Upon	202	233	
Cases Pending			
Argued But Not Decided	57	52	75
To Be Argued	137	120	105
SECOND CIRCUIT:			
Appeals Filed	282	328	324
Writs Filed	31	25	33
Writs Refused	27	22	28
Writs Granted	4	3	5
Cases Dismissed	13	12	12
Judgments Rendered	263	282	323
Rehearings Acted Upon	80	147	156
Cases Pending			
Argued But Not Decided	19	26	30
To Be Argued	58	89	60
THIRD CIRCUIT:			
Appeals Filed	434	484	549
Writs Filed	25	47	41
Writs Refused	21	41	34
Writs Granted	1	5	5
Cases Dismissed	21	37	41
Judgments Rendered	423	397	431
Rehearings Acted Upon	213	245	245
Cases Pending			
Argued But Not Decided	11	11	9
To Be Argued	89	148	155
FOURTH CIRCUIT:			
Appeals Filed	632	706	669
Writs Filed	103	122	165
Writs Refused	57	83	94
Writs Granted	38	36	30
Cases Dismissed	65	91	64
Judgments Rendered	457	490	515
Rehearings Acted Upon	247	271	280
Cases Pending			
Argued But Not Decided	82	95	102
To Be Argued	273	377	373
TOTAL FOR ALL CIRCUITS:			
Appeals Filed	1,812	1,947	2,092
Writs Filed	208	242	315
Writs Refused	143	178	269
Writs Granted	49	51	51
Cases Dismissed	136	175	163
Judgments Rendered	1,505	1,627	1,671
Rehearings Acted Upon	742	896	931
Cases Pending			
Argued But Not Decided	569	184	213
To Be Argued	169	734	693

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

DISTRICT	PARISH	CASES FILED				
		1975 TOTAL	1976 TOTAL	1977 TOTAL	1977 CIVIL	1977 CRIMINAL
1	Caddo	15,245	14,297	17,129	7,624	9,505
2	Bienville	1,627	1,739	1,547	555	992
	Claiborne	2,222	2,390	2,002	496	1,506
	Jackson	2,420	1,735	1,817	713	1,104
3	Lincoln	1,833	1,300	1,423	898	525
	Union	939	1,839	1,847	606	1,241
4	Morehouse	1,944	2,115	2,552	790	1,762
	Ouachita	14,139	15,405	18,264	3,972	14,292
5	Franklin	1,421	1,395	1,302	666	636
	Richland	2,027	2,305	2,676	666	2,010
	W. Carroll	1,159	1,117	1,497	423	1,074
6	E. Carroll	1,087	1,300	1,203	302	901
	Madison	1,990	2,842	2,294	404	1,890
	Tensas	974	1,067	1,307	278	1,029
7	Catahoula ¹	1,871	2,623	2,526	376	2,150
	Concordia	3,145	3,118	3,342	861	2,481
8	Winn	1,932	1,862	2,027	749	1,278
9	Rapides	16,348	15,995	14,880	4,597	10,283
10	Natchitoches	3,723	4,313	4,599	1,483	3,116
	Red River ²	1,224	1,702	1,699	362	1,337
11	DeSoto	3,153	2,701	2,929	994	1,935
	Sabine	2,713	1,176	1,366	668	698
12	Avoyelles	3,312	3,795	3,566	1,250	2,316
13	Evangeline	2,405	2,970	2,888	1,410	1,478
14	Calcasieu	18,152	22,611	19,215	6,088	13,127
	Cameron	1,244	2,095	1,977	374	1,603
15	Acadia	3,859	3,524	3,079	1,797	1,282
	Lafayette	12,523	12,230	13,531	4,956	8,625
	Vermilion	3,304	3,216	3,122	1,466	1,656
16	Iberia	5,116	5,788	5,616	2,128	3,488
	St. Martin	1,893	2,860	4,434	1,093	3,341
	St. Mary	8,208	8,604	9,171	2,703	6,468
17	Lafourche	8,683	9,072	9,009	2,100	6,909

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

DISTRICT	PARISH	CASES FILED				
		1975 TOTAL	1976 TOTAL	1977 TOTAL	1977 CIVIL	1977 CRIMINAL
18	Iberville	3,101	6,743	5,032	1,357	3,725
	Pointe Coupee	2,857	2,868	3,518	606	2,912
	W. Baton Rouge	7,815	5,334	6,550	714	5,836
19	E. Baton Rouge	18,562	19,363	21,185	11,711	9,474
20	E. Feliciana	1,850	1,627	1,917	696	1,221
	W. Feliciana	958	1,735	1,718	293	1,425
21	Livingston	3,560	3,857	4,516	1,791	2,725
	St. Helen	231	462	458	299	159
	Tangipahoa	8,170	9,065	9,592	2,355	7,237
22	St. Tammany	8,309	9,425	10,218	3,678	6,540
	Washington	3,877	3,465	5,338	1,833	3,505
23	Ascension	6,151	6,271	9,407	1,298	8,109
	Assumption	2,214	2,471	2,393	458	1,935
	St. James	1,526	1,519	1,590	457	1,133
24	Jefferson	14,861	15,314	15,539	12,643	2,896
25	Plaquemines	4,849	5,162	5,025	788	4,237
	St. Bernard	7,055	6,483	7,359	1,939	5,420
26	Bossier	8,366	3,656	3,932	2,255	1,677
	Webster	3,783	3,530	3,631	1,158	2,473
27	St. Landry ³	5,900	6,591	6,340	2,667	4,173
28	LaSalle	2,003	2,367	2,303	615	1,688
29	St. Charles	7,082	9,832	11,701	1,195	10,506
	St. John	8,573	8,010	6,136	893	5,293
30	Beauregard	3,744	4,249	4,328	885	3,443
	Vernon	7,302	7,024	7,542	1,083	6,459
31	Jefferson Davis	2,817	3,198	3,045	1,044	2,001
32	Terrebonne	6,494	9,777	11,215	3,497	7,718
33	Allen	2,057	2,900	2,690	774	1,916
35	Grant	2,028	2,725	2,832	548	2,284
37	Caldwell	1,197	1,127	1,380	355	1,025
Orleans	Civil	19,614	19,837	19,635	19,636	0
	Criminal	6,415	5,077	4,827	0	4,827
STATE TOTAL		335,156	350,326	369,379	133,369	236,010

LOUISIANA FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURTS

THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

	CASES FILED		
	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Caddo Juvenile ⁴	4,444	4,767	5,151
East Baton Rouge Family	7,280	8,103	8,219
Jefferson Juvenile	5,799	4,607	4,300
Orleans Juvenile	<u>9,075</u>	<u>9,184</u>	<u>8,545</u>
State Totals	26,598	26,861	26,217

LOUISIANA CITY AND PARISH COURTS
THREE YEAR TREND IN ACTIVITY

COURT	1975 TOTAL FILINGS	1976 TOTAL FILINGS	1977 TOTAL FILINGS	1977 CIVIL FILINGS	1977 CRIM. FILINGS	1977 TRAFFIC FILINGS	1977 JUVENILE FILINGS
Abbeville	2,210	2,404	2,750	257	429	1,605	159
Alexandria	11,737	9,612	8,823	1,496	2,077	3,788	1,062
Ascension Parish Court ⁵			8,162	153	711	6,011	131
Baker	998	1,884	2,126	133	825	1,081	87
Bastrop	2,854	3,110	3,529	951	746	1,605	227
Baton Rouge	56,536	61,794	73,138	3,699	10,751	56,571	2,117
Bogalusa	3,234	3,146	2,677	569	1,142	673	293
Bossier City	6,654	9,143	7,013	892	1,644	4,145	332
Breaux Bridge	2,628	3,306	2,385	110	243	1,888	95
Bunkie	3,213	1,800	2,245	71	864	1,157	153
Crowley	3,410	3,470	3,872	186	908	1,603	675
Denham Springs	4,220	4,030	3,632	203	721	2,274	284
DeRidder	1,112	1,698	2,269	18	322	1,753	176
Eunice	4,205	3,809	3,770	416	726	2,520	108
Franklin	961	836	945	17	322	468	136
Hammond	6,233	7,023	7,077	663	1,474	4,519	421
Houma ⁶	0	5,142	0	0	0	0	0
Jeanerette	798	1,232	1,191	170	312	609	100
Jefferson:							
First Parish Court	38,378	38,218	37,447	3,304	1,600	32,543	0
Second Parish Court ⁷	16,707	17,561	25,649	1,929	5,312	17,808	0
Jennings	1,344	1,189	1,467	89	169	1,104	75
Kaplan	1,077	1,245	1,051	59	271	643	78
Lafayette	16,762	19,208	26,635	1,343	1,976	21,917	1,399
Lake Charles	20,667	24,435	25,652	1,810	2,712	20,448	682
Leesville	3,770	3,330	4,163	140	1,636	2,292	95
Marksville ⁸	923	578	1,315	199	337	750	29
Minden	1,365	1,678	1,641	676	296	614	55
Monroe	22,213	23,487	24,023	3,557	9,880	9,542	1,049
Morgan City	3,198	3,444	4,363	90	1,728	2,402	163
Natchitoches	3,154	4,007	4,690	482	1,323	1,766	119
New Iberia	6,575	7,595	8,655	975	2,202	5,092	386
New Orleans:							
First City Court	25,226	26,171	21,337	26,337	0	0	0
Second City Court	2,733	2,854	2,472	2,472	0	0	0
Municipal	45,710	46,972	49,633	0	40,688	0	0
Traffic	128,142	146,875	123,851	0	0	123,981	0
Oakdale	0	0	57	211	570	731	35
Opelousas	8,833	7,661	7,317	448	1,713	4,785	351
Pineville ⁹	1,500	1,844	1,032	327	35	1,253	412
Plaquemine ¹⁰	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Allen	1,499	994	1,026	6	177	880	35
Rayne	1,329	1,305	1,191	201	523	630	146
Ruston	1,933	2,211	2,111	619	1,197	536	59
Shreveport	33,016	36,667	37,522	4,169	6,444	27,819	0
Slidell ¹¹	3,907	5,077	4,193	197	521	3,693	732
Springhill	1,354	1,502	1,411	508	276	562	88
Sulphur	3,748	2,735	2,711	497	778	2,283	339
Thibodaux	2,282	2,774	2,711	131	909	1,689	131
Vidalia	740	811	711	0	320	626	82
Ville Platte	2,412	1,964	1,911	222	287	285	232
West Monroe	5,508	5,156	5,111	1,102	1,924	2,849	584
Winnfield ¹²	0	798	0	5	220	599	15
Winnsboro	445	492	411	137	294	193	0
Zachary	486	476	411	105	86	280	49
State Total	517,939	564,753	620,939	62,351	110,621	382,865	13,976

FOOTNOTES FOR STATISTICAL TABLES

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS:

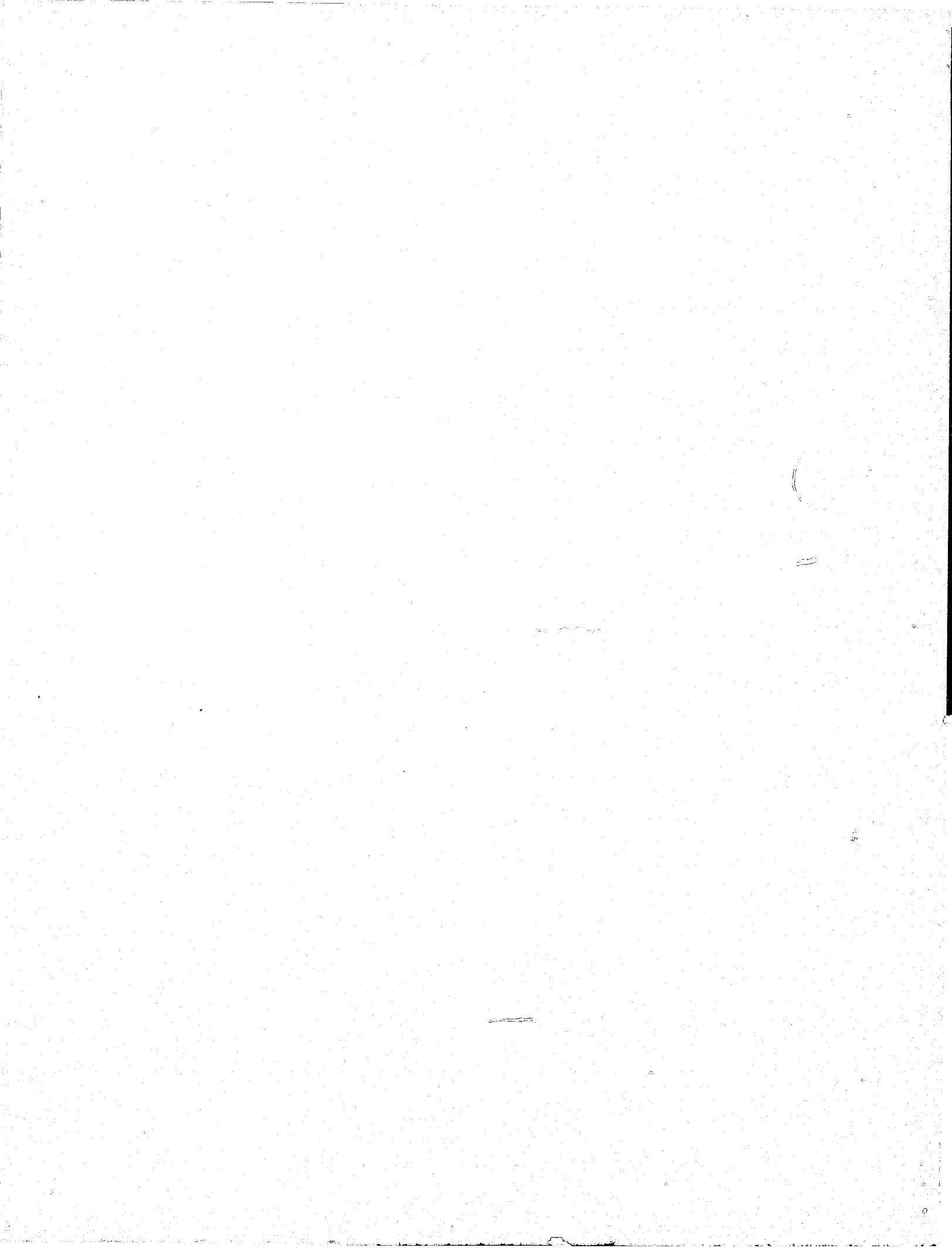
1. Catahoula 1976 criminal filings were estimated based on actual counts for eight months.
2. Red River 1976 criminal filings were estimated based on actual counts for five months.
3. St. Landry 1976 and 1977 traffic and juvenile filings were derived by obtaining case numbers from minute book entries.

LOUISIANA FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURTS:

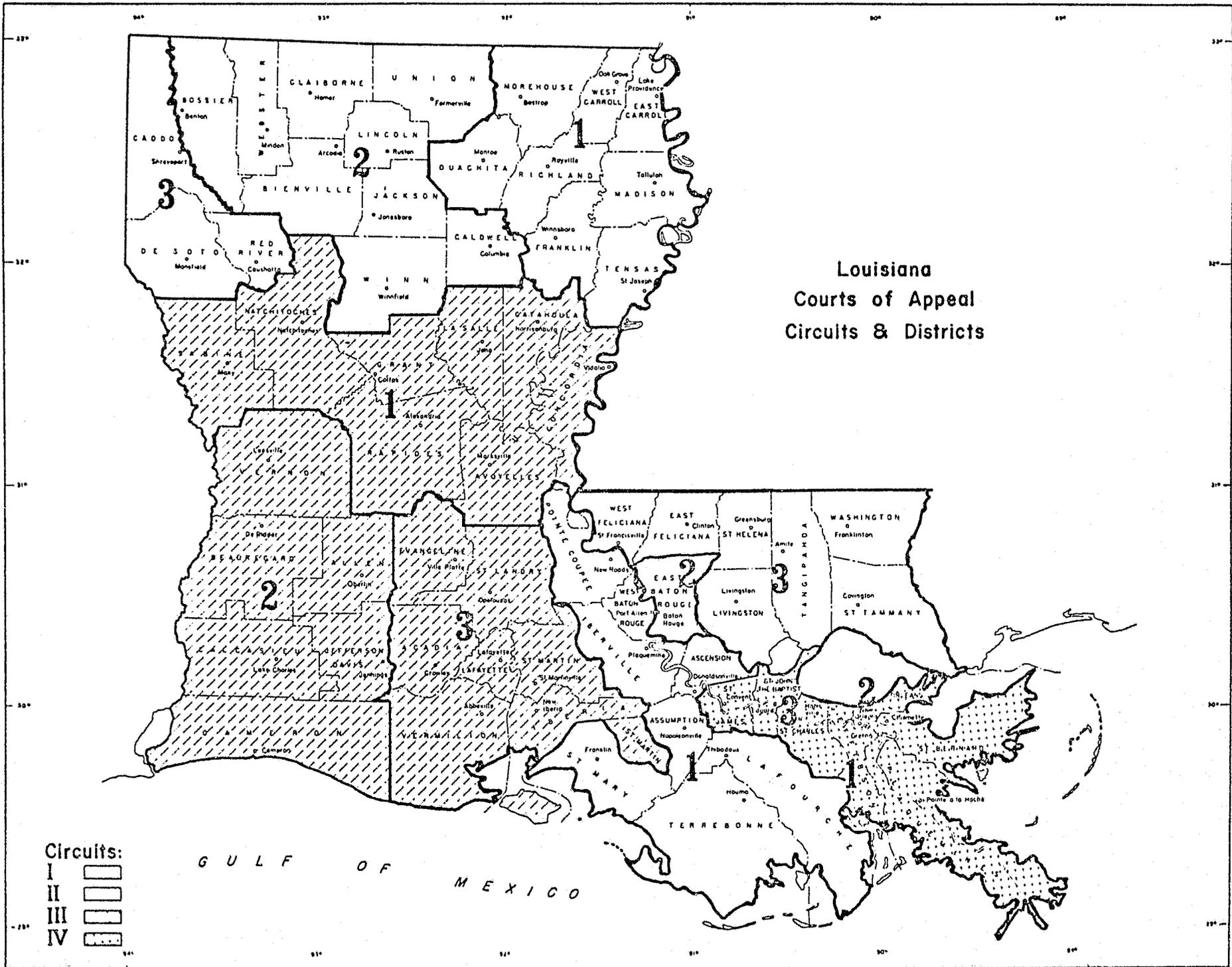
4. Caddo 1977 filings were derived from new case numbers assigned and counts of dispositions and may not be comparable to the other courts.

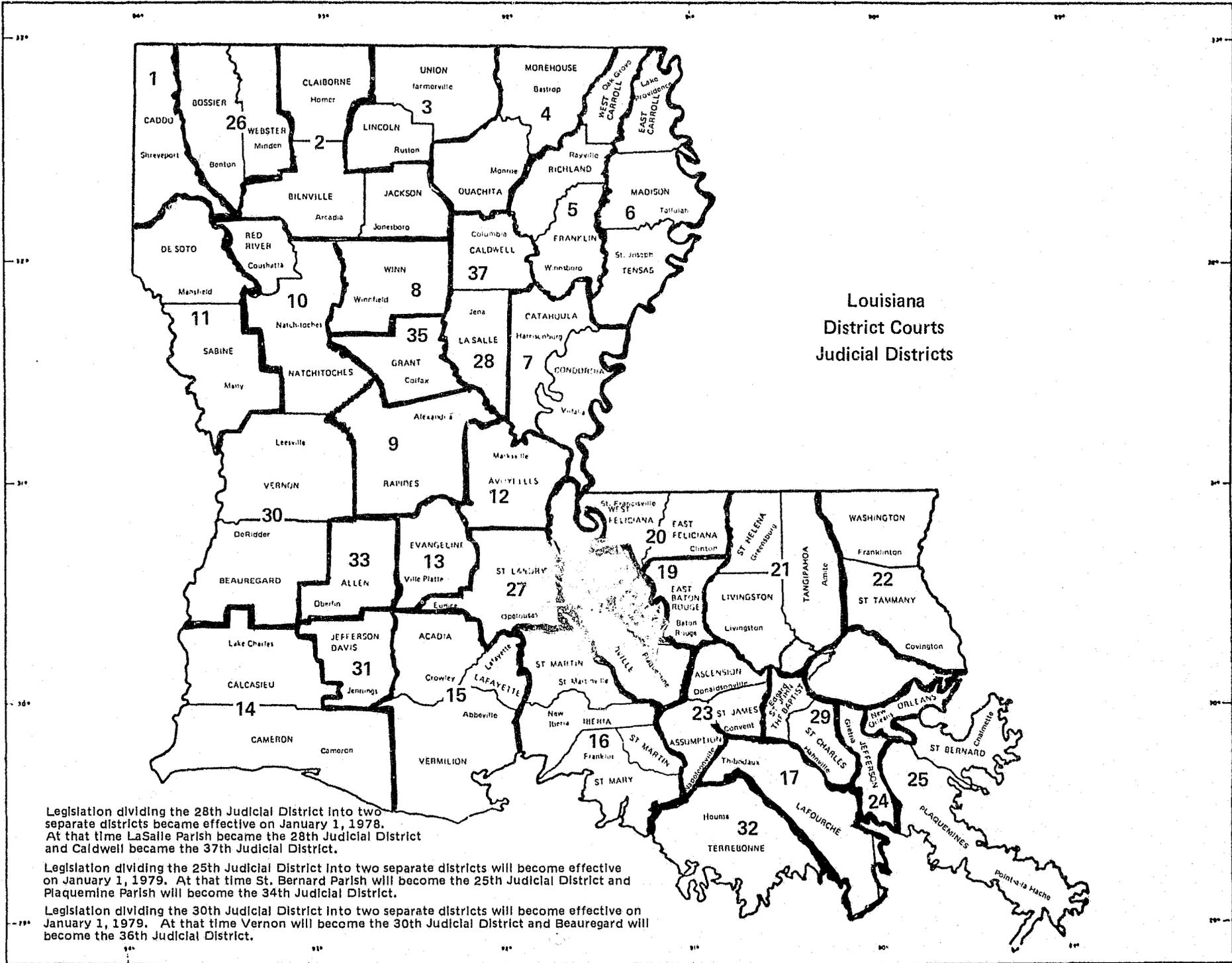
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5. Ascension Parish Court was established in 1976 and, therefore, has no data for 1975 or 1976. Also, the criminal/traffic breakdown is estimated from the actual combined count.
6. Houma data was received late in 1975 and has not been received for 1977 as of this printing.
7. Jefferson Second Parish Court 1977 filings are estimated based on actual counts for 9 months.
8. Marksville 1977 filings are estimated based on actual counts for 8 months.
9. Pineville 1977 filings are estimated based on actual counts for 8 months.
10. Reports from Plaquemine have not been submitted.
11. Slidell 1977 filings are estimated based on actual counts for 9 months.
12. Winnfield 1977 filings are estimated based on actual counts for 9 months.



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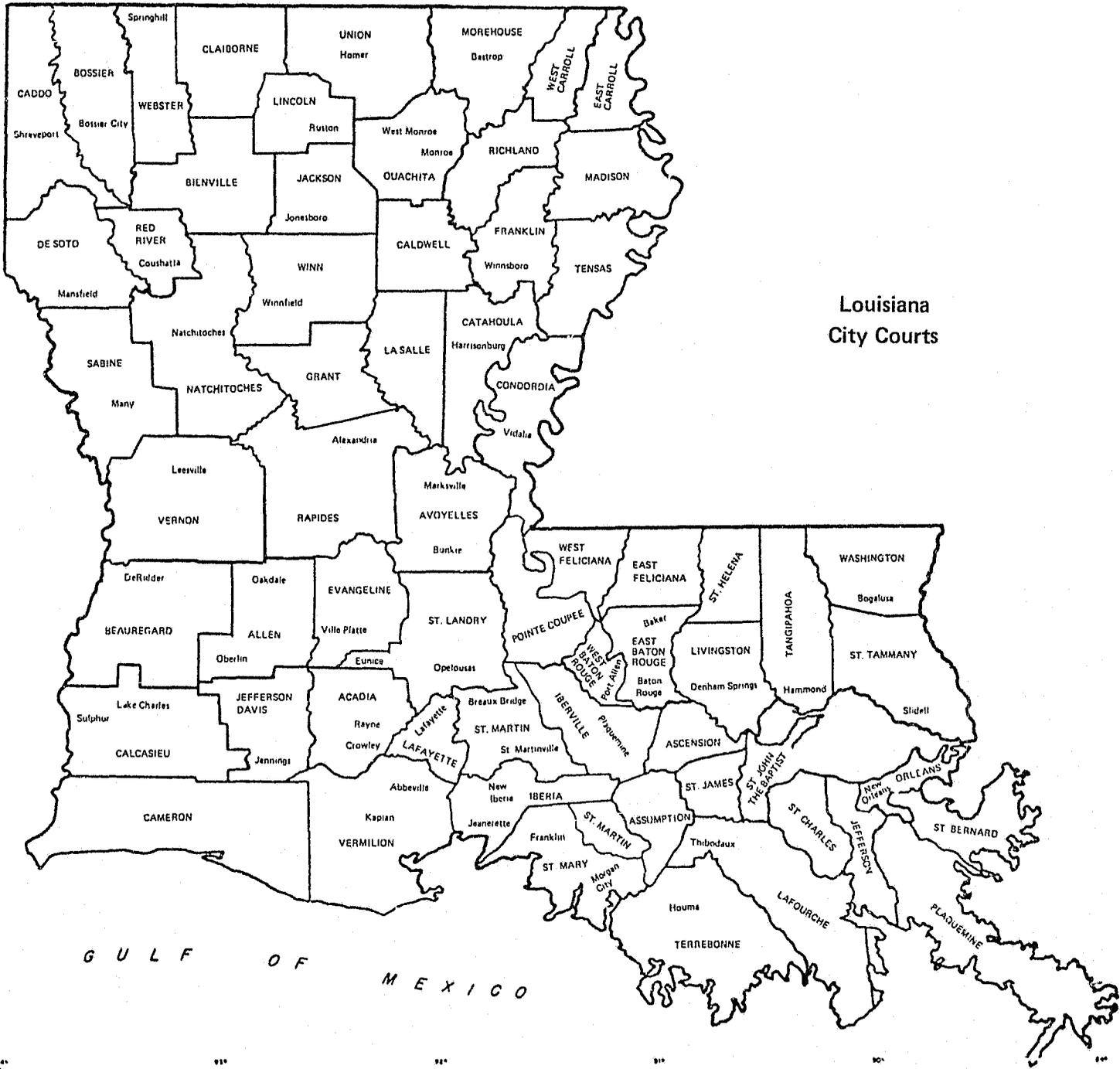


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Judicial Districts

Legislation dividing the 28th Judicial District into two separate districts became effective on January 1, 1978. At that time LaSalle Parish became the 28th Judicial District and Caldwell became the 37th Judicial District.

Legislation dividing the 25th Judicial District into two separate districts will become effective on January 1, 1979. At that time St. Bernard Parish will become the 25th Judicial District and Plaquemine Parish will become the 34th Judicial District.

Legislation dividing the 30th Judicial District into two separate districts will become effective on January 1, 1979. At that time Vernon will become the 30th Judicial District and Beauregard will become the 36th Judicial District.



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