

**ANNUAL REPORT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE IN SOUTH CAROLINA
2010 - 2011**

COMPLAINTS PENDING & RECEIVED:

Complaints Pending June 30, 2010	36	
Complaints Received July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011	<u>283</u>	
Total Complaints Pending and Received		<u>319</u>

DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS:

Dismissed:

By Disciplinary Counsel after initial review (no jurisdiction)	176	
By Disciplinary Counsel after investigation (lack of evidence)	15	
By Investigative Panel	70	
By Supreme Court	<u>0</u>	
Total Dismissed		<u>(261)</u>

Not Dismissed:

Referral to Another Agency	0	
Closed but not Dismissed	1	
Closed due to Death	1	
Deferred Disciplinary Agreement	0	
Letter of Caution	13	
Admonition	4	
Public Reprimand	2	
Suspension	0	
Removal from Office	<u>1</u>	
Total Not Dismissed		<u>(22)</u>

Total Complaints Concluded		<u>(283)</u>
Total complaints pending as of June 30, 2011		36

SOURCES OF COMPLAINTS:

Litigant	221
Relative or Friend of Litigant	23
Government Official	9
Attorney	9
Self-Report	5
Disciplinary Counsel	5
Another Judge	4
Interested Citizen	3
Law Enforcement	2
Anonymous	2
Employee	0

TYPES OF JUDGES*:

Magistrates	95
Circuit Court	77
Family Court	50
Municipal Court	26
Probate Court	16
Masters and Referees	17
Appellate Court	1
Judicial Candidate	1

*These figures represent the number of complaints filed against each type of judge.

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Meetings of Investigative Panels	4
Formal Charges Filed	0
Disciplinary Hearings	0
Incapacity Proceedings	0
Meetings of Full Commission	1

REQUESTS FOR DISMISSAL REVIEW

Requests for Review by Complainant	3
Dismissal Affirmed	3
Case Remanded for Further Investigation	0
Dismissal Reviews Pending	0

JUDGES BEING MONITORED

New Monitor Files Opened	3
Judges Currently Monitored	4

SUPREME COURT

ORDERS:**

Dismissal	0
Letter of Caution	0
Admonition	1
Public Reprimand	2
Definite Suspension	0
Removal from Office	1
Transfer to Incapacity Inactive	0
Interim Suspension	2

**These figures represent the number of orders issued by the Supreme Court, not complaints. Some orders conclude multiple complaints.

COMPLAINTS:

Complaints resolved	4
Pending as of June 30, 2011	1