## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT ANNUAL REPORT For the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003

# COMPLAINTS TO BE PROCESSED

| 65      |
|---------|
|         |
| 83      |
| 56      |
| 59      |
| 80      |
| ==      |
| 278+278 |
| ====    |
| 343     |
|         |

# **DISPOSITION OF CONCLUDED COMPLAINTS**

| Dismissed by Disciplinary Counsel after review (no jurisdiction)                        | 166            |
|---|----------------|
| Dismissed by Disciplinary Counsel after preliminary investigation<br>(lack of evidence) | 42             |
| Dismissed by Investigative Panel after preliminary investigation                        | 57             |
| Dismissed by Investigative Panel after full investigation                               | 2              |
| Dismissed by Hearing Panel  | 0              |
| Dismissed by Supreme Court  | 0              |
| (Total Dismissed 267)   |                |
| Letter of Caution without finding of misconduct   | 7              |
| Letter of Caution with finding of minor misconduct                                      | 15             |
| Admonition (Confidential)   | 6              |
| Admonition (Public but not Published)   | 0              |
| Public Reprimand  | 3              |
| Suspension  | 3              |
| Removal from Office   | 0              |
| Referral to Another Agency  | 1              |
| Other   | 0              |
| (Total Not Dismissed 35)  | ==             |
| LESS TOTAL complaints concluded this fiscal year  | 302 <b>302</b> |
| TOTAL complaints pending as of June 30, 2003  | ====<br>41     |

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#### SOURCES OF COMPLAINTS

Of the 278 new complaints filed with the Commission during the 2002-2003 reporting period, such complaints originated from the following sources:

| Litigant                                    | 229 |
|---|-----|
| Relative or friend of litigant or defendant | 19  |
| Interested citizen                          | 2   |
| Disciplinary counsel                        | 11  |
| Law enforcement officer                     | 2   |
| Another judge                               | 7   |
| Government Official                         | 4   |
| Attorney                                    | 4   |
| Anonymous                                   | 0   |
| Self-Report                                 | 0   |

### BREAKDOWN BY TYPES OF JUDGES AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINTS WERE FILED

Of the 278 new complaints filed with the Commission during the 2002-2003 reporting period, complaints received were against the following categories of judges:

| Appellate Court      | 0   |
|----------------------|-----|
| Circuit Court        | 65  |
| Family Court         | 47  |
| Masters and Referees | 6   |
| Probate Court        | 19  |
| Municipal Court      | 34  |
| Magistrates          | 107 |

#### COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

| Meetings of investigative panels this fiscal year | 4 |
|---|---|
| Meetings of hearing panels this fiscal year       | 2 |
| Meetings of full commission this fiscal year      | 0 |