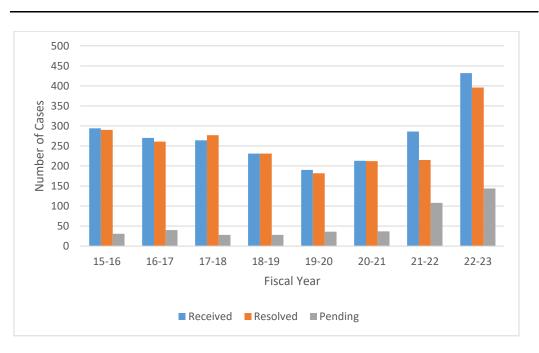
ANNUAL REPORT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE IN SOUTH CAROLINA 2022-2023

COMPLAINTS PENDING & RECEIVED:

Complaints Pending June 30, 2022 Complaints Received July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 Total Complaints Pending and Received	108 <u>432</u>	<u>540</u>
DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS:		
Dismissed: By Disciplinary Counsel after initial review (no jurisdiction) By Disciplinary Counsel after investigation (lack of evidence) By Investigative Panel By Supreme Court Total Dismissed	297 2 86 <u>0</u>	<u>385</u>
Not Dismissed: Letter of Caution Closed due to Death Public Reprimand Closed But Not Dismissed Confidential Admonition Deferred Discipline Agreement Suspension Removal from Office	7 3 1 0 0 0 0	
Total Not Dismissed Total Complaints Resolved Total Complaints Pending as of June 30, 2023	<u>v</u>	<u>11</u> <u>396</u> 144



JUDICIAL POSITION:

Magistrate	32.83%	
Family	21.72%	Less than 1.00%:
Circuit	19.95%	ALJ/Commissioner
Probate	9.34%	Master/Referee
Municipal	6.31%	
Appellate	3.54%	
Master In Equity	2.78%	

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT:

2.78%

Litigant	83.59%	
Citizen (not involved in case)	4.80%	Less than 1.00%:
Family/Friend of Litigant	2.27%	Anonymous
Litigation Witness/Victim	1.52%	Judge
Disciplinary Counsel	1.52%	Employee
Family/Friend of Victim/Witness	1.26%	
Unknown	1.26%	
Attorney	1.01%	
Self-Report	1.01%	

Unknown

Criminal

CASE TYPE: 35.10%

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Domestic	20.71%	Less than 1.00%:
Probate	9.09%	Corporate/Commercial Business
General Civil	8.33%	Homeowners Association
Landlord/Tenant	7.07%	Personal Injury/Property Damage
Not Case Related	3.78%	Tax
Unknown	2.78%	
Debt Collection/Foreclosure	2.27%	
Worker's Compensation	2.02%	
Property/Claim & Delivery	1.77%	
Contract Dispute	1.26%	
Other Case Type	1.26%	
Professional Malpractice	1.26%	
Post-Conviction Relief	1.01%	
Real Estate	1.01%	

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT: 35.61%

		
Fairness/Bias/Prejudice	35.61%	<u></u>
Competence	11.36%	Less than 1.00%:
Legal Issues only	11.11%	Criminal Conduct
Diligence	9.60%	Failure to Maintain Decorum
Unknown/Unspecified	9.09%	Probate Conduct
Temperament/Civility	6.82%	Public comment/Disclosure
Other Conduct	6.57%	
Ex Parte Communication	3.79%	
Disqualification/Recusal/Conflict	2.53%	
Improper Influence/Use of Office	1.26%	
Supervision	1.00%	

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS:

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

REQUESTS FOR DISMISSAL REVIEW:

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

JUDGES BEING MONITORED:

New Monitor Files Opened	1
Judges Currently Monitored	0

SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DISCIPLINARY ORDERS*:

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

^{*}These figures represent the number of orders issued by the Supreme Court, not the number of complaints resolved. One disciplinary order might conclude multiple complaints.

COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO SUPREME COURT:

Complaints resolved	0
Pending as of June 30, 2023	0