

**ANNUAL REPORT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE IN SOUTH CAROLINA  
2011 - 2012**

**COMPLAINTS PENDING & RECEIVED:**

Complaints Pending June 30, 2011	36	
Complaints Received July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012	<u>285</u>	
Total Complaints Pending and Received		<u><b>321</b></u>

**DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS:**

Dismissed:

By Disciplinary Counsel after initial review (no jurisdiction)	161	
By Disciplinary Counsel after investigation (lack of evidence)	10	
By Investigative Panel	92	
By Supreme Court	<u>0</u>	
Total Dismissed		<u>(263)</u>

Not Dismissed:

Referral to Another Agency	0	
Closed but not Dismissed	2	
Closed due to Death	0	
Deferred Disciplinary Agreement	15	
Letter of Caution	8	
Admonition	5	
Public Reprimand	0	
Suspension	1	
Removal from Office	<u>0</u>	
Total Not Dismissed		<u>(31)</u>

Total Complaints Concluded	<u>(294)</u>
Total complaints pending as of June 30, 2012	<u><b>27</b></u>

**SOURCES OF COMPLAINTS:**

Litigant	236
Relative or Friend of Litigant	15
Government Official	3
Attorney	3
Self-Report	4
Disciplinary Counsel	1
Another Judge	4
Interested Citizen	16
Law Enforcement	0
Anonymous	1
Employee	2

**TYPES OF JUDGES\*:**

Magistrates	96
Circuit Court	80
Family Court	56
Municipal Court	18
Probate Court	25
Masters and Referees	7
Appellate Court	1
Judicial Candidate	2

\*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	1
Dismissal Affirmed	1
Case Remanded for Further Investigation	0
Dismissal Reviews Pending	0

### JUDGES BEING MONITORED

New Monitor Files Opened	1
Judges Currently Monitored	1

## SUPREME COURT

### ORDERS:\*\*

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

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

### COMPLAINTS:

Complaints resolved	2
Pending as of June 30, 2012	0