

**ANNUAL REPORT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE IN SOUTH CAROLINA
2021-2022**

COMPLAINTS PENDING & RECEIVED:

Complaints Pending June 30, 2021	37	
Complaints Received July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	286	
Total Complaints Pending and Received		<u>323</u>

DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS:

Dismissed:

By Disciplinary Counsel after initial review (no jurisdiction)	153	
By Disciplinary Counsel after investigation (lack of evidence)	3	
By Commission	47	
By Disciplinary Counsel - other	<u>0</u>	
Total Dismissed		<u>203</u>

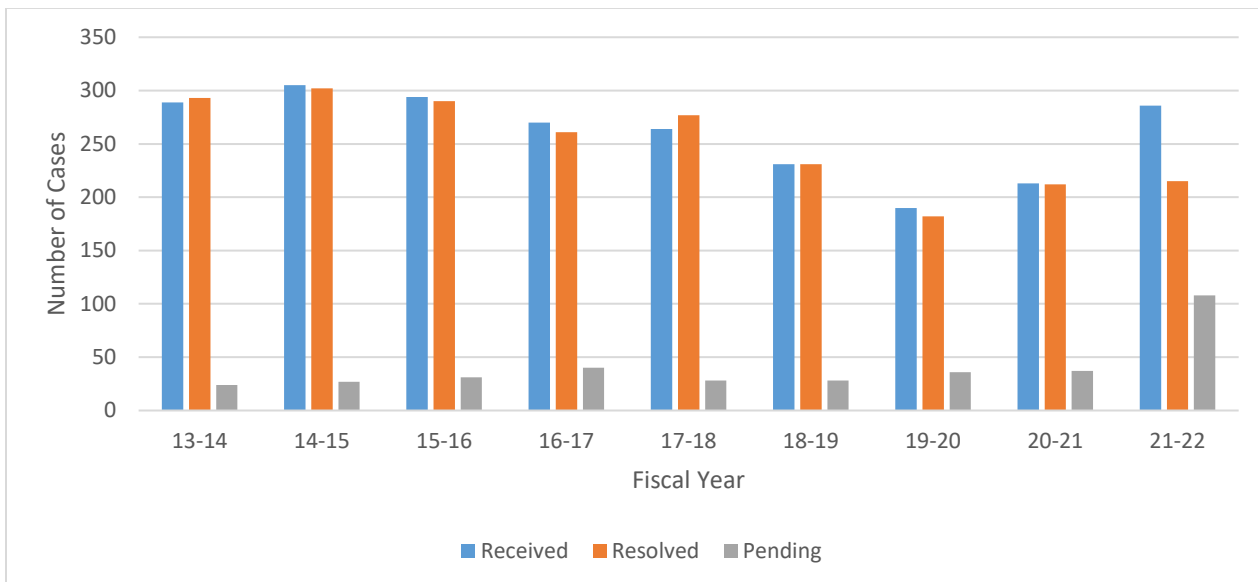
Not Dismissed:

Referred to Other Agency	0
Closed But Not Dismissed	0
Closed Due to Death of Judge	0
Deferred Discipline Agreement	0
Letter of Caution	5
Admonition	2
Public Reprimand	1
 Suspension	 4
Removal from Office	0

Total Not Dismissed 12

Total Complaints Resolved 215

Total Complaints Pending as of June 30, 2022 108



JUDICIAL POSITION

Circuit	31.63%
Magistrate	29.77%
Family	14.88%
Municipal	10.23%
Probate	8.37%
Master In Equity	3.26%
Unknown	1.39%
Appellate	0.47%

Source of Complaints

Litigant	77.21%
Citizen	7.91%
Family/Friend of Litigant	3.26%
Unknown	2.29%
Attorney	2.33%
Judge	1.4%
Disciplinary Counsel	1.4%
Other sources, each less than 1%	4.20%

Case Type

Criminal	40.0%
General Civil	15.35%
Domestic	12.56%
Probate/Estate Planning	8.84%
Unknown	6.98%
Landlord/Tenant	5.12%
Not Court Related	3.72%
Property/Claim & Delivery	1.4%
Real Estate	1.4%
Other case types, each less than 1%	4.63%

Alleged Misconduct

Fairness/Bias/Prejudice	34.88%
Other Conduct	15.35%
Unknown	13.95%
Treatment/Civility	9.30%
Diligence	8.37%
Ex parte Communication	4.19%
Competence	3.72%
Disqualification	3.72%
Improper Influence	3.26%
Other allegations, each less than 1%	3.26%

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS:

Meetings of Investigative Panels	5
Formal Charges Filed	0
Formal Charges Hearings	0
Incapacity Proceedings	0
Meetings of Full Commission	0

REQUESTS FOR DISMISSAL REVIEW:

Requests for Review by Complainant	0
Dismissal Affirmed by Panel	0
Letters of Caution Issued by Panel	0
Case Remanded for Further Investigation	0
Dismissal Review Pending	0

JUDGES BEING MONITORED:

New Monitor Files Opened	2
Judges Currently Monitored	0

SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DISCIPLINARY ORDERS*:

Dismissal	0
Closed But Not Dismissed	0
Letter of Caution	0
Admonition	0
Public Reprimand	1
Definite Suspension	2
Disbarment	0
Debarment	0
Resignation in Lieu of Discipline	0
Transfer to Incapacity Inactive	0
Interim Suspension	1

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

COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO SUPREME COURT:

Complaints resolved	3
Pending as of June 30, 2022	1