

2006-2007 Court of the Judiciary Case Load Report

**COMPLAINTS FILED 330
THROUGH 07-31-2007**

Complaints filed	330	
Summary Dismissals & Dismissals after PI	275	83%
Dismissed by Panel after Appeal	22	7%
Total Summary Dismissals	297	90%

**AVERAGE COMPLAINTS PER
MONTH**

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NATURE OF COMPLAINTS

Failure to comply with the Law	123	37%
Bias, prejudice, unfairness	78	24%
Discourtesy	17	5%
Abuse of Office	47	14%
Conflict of interest	13	4%
Delay	38	12%
<i>Ex parte</i> communication	6	2%
Disability	0	0%
Political violation	4	1%
Miscellaneous	4	1%
TOTAL	330	

DISPOSITIONS 331 THROUGH 07/31/2007

Dismissal by Disciplinary Counsel	240	73%
Dismissal after preliminary investigation	35	11%
Dismissal with warning after preliminary investigation	12	4%
Dismissal after appeal of summary dismissal	22	7%
Dismissal after full investigation	0	0%
Dismissal with warning after full investigation	1	0%
Deferred Discipline Agreement	2	1%
Private Letter Reprimand	10	3%
Private Censure	0	0%
Public Reprimand	2	1%
Public Censure	1	0%
Other	7	2%

TOTAL

PENDING CASES AS OF 07/31/2007

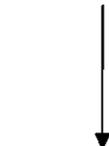
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ACCUSED JUDGE

Criminal (80.33%) were filed by inmates (98)	121	37%
Circuit	56	17%
Chancery	27	8%
General Sessions	57	17%
Juvenile	13	4%
Municipal	8	2%
Referee	6	2%
Commissioner	3	1%
Probate	2	1%
Appellate	18	5%
Special Judge	10	3%
Other	9	3%
TOTAL	330	

Complaint Flow Chart

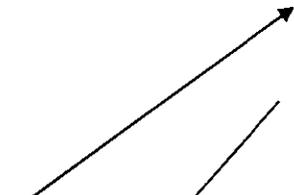
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D.C.
Review



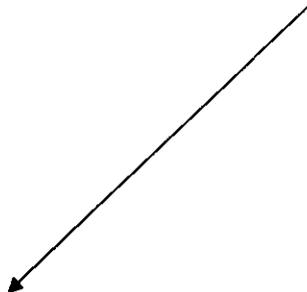
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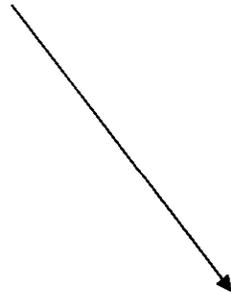
D.C. Preliminary Investigation



Recommendation to
Investigative Panel



Direct D.C. to
take different
action



Authorize a Full
Investigation

Full Investigation



Report to Investigate
Panel who Decides to:

Dismiss

Approve D.C.
Recommendation of
Settlement

Modify D.C.
Recommendation to
Settle

Authorize Formal
Charges and Trial

Application of the Code of Judicial Conduct

- A. Judges and Judicial candidates are subject to the code
- B. The standard for review of a complaint is that the complaint must “allege specific facts, not conclusions, which would cause a reasonable person to believe that there is a substantial probability. . .of violation”