

**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	
<b>Total Complaints Pending and Received</b>		<b><u>323</u></b>

**DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS:**

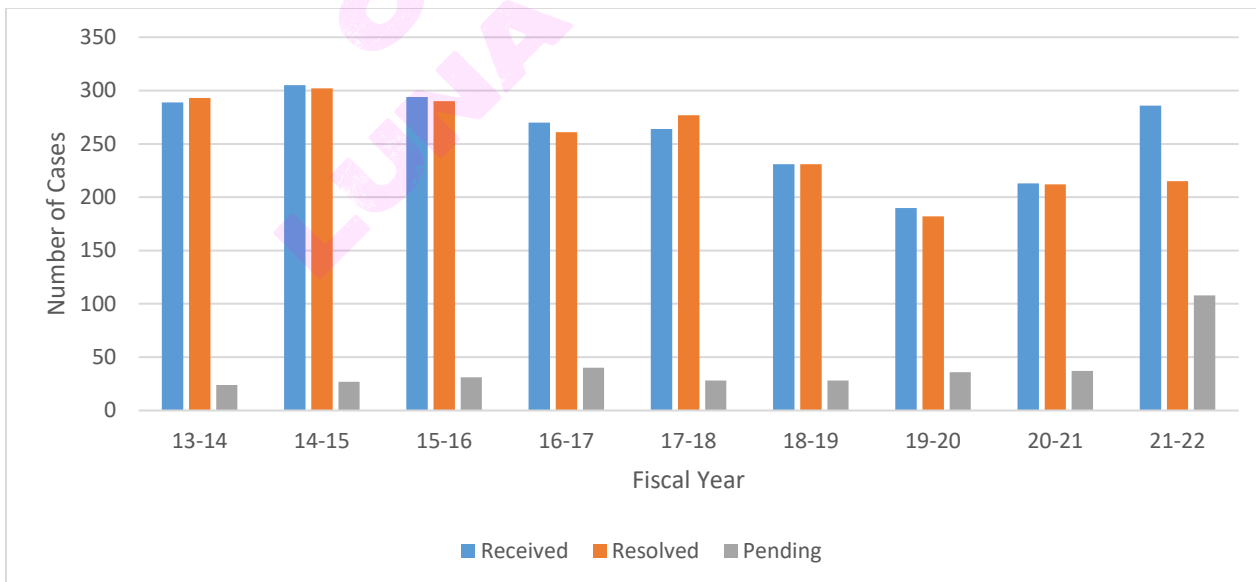
**Dismissed:**

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>	
<b>Total Dismissed</b>		<b><u>203</u></b>

**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	
<b>Total Not Dismissed</b>		<b><u>12</u></b>

<b>Total Complaints Resolved</b>	<b><u>215</u></b>
<b>Total Complaints Pending as of June 30, 2022</b>	<b><u>108</u></b>



**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