

**JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012**

Judicial Conduct Complaints:

In the fiscal year 2011-2012, the Commission considered 303 complaints; 282 new complaints and 21 complaints, which were carried over from the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The Commission concluded 274 complaints, of which 8 complaints resulted in imposed sanctions:

1. **Four Private Admonitions**
2. **One Private Reprimand:**
A judge made inappropriate statements in open court, which were critical and demeaning to female petitioners in domestic violence hearings, as well as insensitive comment regarding sexual conduct in some cases, which were unnecessary for consideration of the issues.
3. **Two Public Reprimands** (Judge Daniel L. Ballou and Judge Gregory Popovich)
4. **One Removal from Judicial Office** (Judge Russell D. Alred)

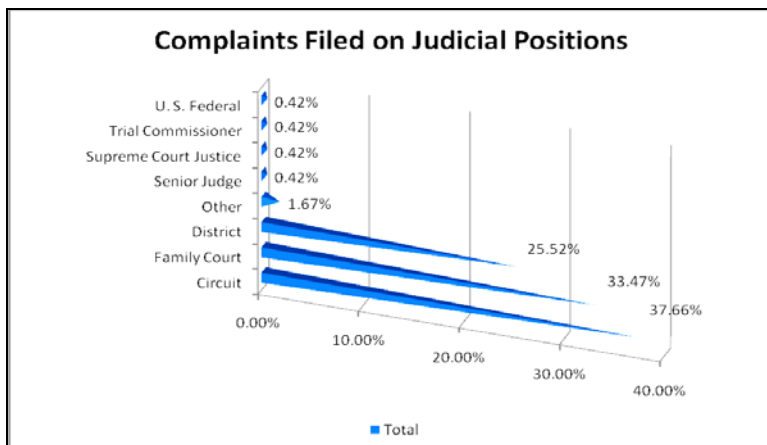
There was a total of 29 complaints pending at the end of the fiscal year.

STATISTICS

The following statistical information has been collected by the Commission. For the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, the majority of complaints, 59.67%, have been filed by litigants. Proceedings in domestic relations matters and criminal cases result in the majority of complaints filed. Allegations of legal error and improper procedure, primarily stemming from dissatisfaction with the ruling in the case(s), make up 60.50% of the allegations in the complaints filed with the Commission.

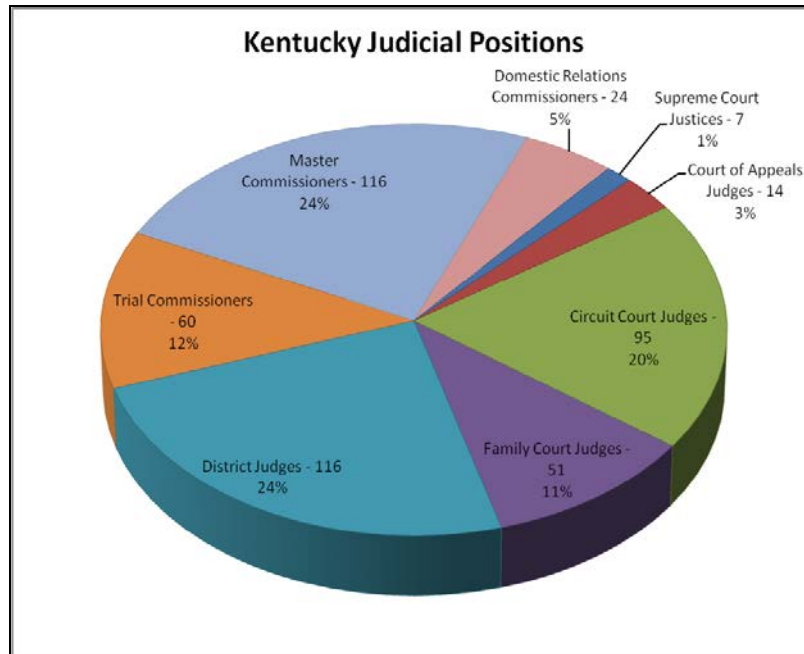
Violations Alleged	
Campaign/Political Conduct	0.71%
Conflict of Interest/Failure to Disqualify	7.47%
Criminal Conduct	0.71%
Delay in Administering Docket	4.98%
Bias/Discrimination/Prejudgment/Prejudice/Partiality	15.30%
Ex-parte Communication	1.78%
Improper Influence	2.49%
Judicial Temperament	6.05%
Legal Error/Improper Procedure/Incompetence	60.50%

Source of Complaints	
Anonymous	1.23%
Attorney	4.12%
Court Personnel	0.82%
Family Member/Friend	9.47%
Government Employee	2.06%
Government Official	1.23%
Inmate	14.81%
Litigant	59.67%
Media Representative	2.06%
Other	4.53%
Anonymous	1.23%



Nature of Proceedings	
Abuse/Neglect /Dependency	5.91%
Criminal	27.85%
Dependency	0.42%
Domestic Relations	30.80%
Protective Order	5.49%
General Civil	8.44%
Juvenile	7.17%
Landlord/Tenant	0.42%
Mental Illness/Disability	0.42%
Non-Litigation	0.42%
Other	8.02%
Probate	1.27%
Small Claims	2.11%
Traffic	0.84%

During the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, there were 367 judicial positions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky within the jurisdiction of the Commission.



A review of the Commission's ten-year-history concludes that there is an average of 200 to 300 complaints filed each year.

