

**Judicial Qualifications Commission  
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**Historical JQC Statistics**

**Disposition of Complaints from FY 2001 to FY 2006**

The Judicial Qualifications Commission has the duty to investigate complaints against judges. In order to be investigated, a complaint must meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) a violation of the Judicial Code of Conduct;
- (2) willful misconduct in office;
- (3) habitual intemperance;
- (4) disability that seriously interferes with the performance of the judge's duties; or
- (5) violations of any constitutional provisions or statutes of conduct that are prejudicial to the administration of justice and bring the judicial office into disrepute.

<b>Judicial Qualifications Complaints-Dispositions</b>	<b>FY 2001 to FY 2006</b>
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<b>Complaints Received:</b>	70	14 per year
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<b>Complaints Disposed of:</b>	2 are pending	
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**Type of Cases:**

Prisoner Complaints (Includes Habeas Corpus)	17
Divorce/Child Custody/Child Support Issues	24
Protection Order Cases	5
Civil Trial Issues (Includes Decisions)	11
Criminal Trial Issues (Includes Sentencing)	5
Personal Conduct	3
Guardianship/Conservatorship	<u>3</u>
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**Nature of Complaint:**

Inappropriate Conduct/Abuse of Position	8
On Bench Abuse of Authority	13
Lack of Demeanor/Decorum	1
Bias/Appearance of Bias	16
Unhappy with Result	<u>30</u>
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**Commission Dispositions:**

Insufficient Evidence to Proceed	6
Lack of Jurisdiction	24
Resigned Due to JQC investigation	1
Unsubstantiated	6
No Violation Found	30
Private Reprimands	0
Deferred Disciplinary Agreement	1
Public Censure	0
Recommendation for Suspension	0
Recommendation for Removal	<u>0</u>
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