

Tennessee Court of the Judiciary Disciplinary Statistics 1999-2009

Reporting Year	Complaints	Dismissed	Percentage Dismissed ***	Dismissal with Private Warning After Preliminary Investigation	Dismissal with Private Warning After Full Investigation	Private Deferred Disciplinary Agreement	Private Letter of Reprimand	Private Censure	Retired Case based on termination of Judge Status (Case Private)	Known Total Private Actions *	Public Reprimand	Public Censure	Retired Case based on termination of Judge Status (Case Public)	Suspension due to criminal indictment	Public Deferred Disciplinary Agreement/Agreed Order	Total Public Actions
2008-2009	348	330	95%	3	0	5	5	0	7	350	4	3			3	10
2007-2008	310	273	88%	3	0	6	5	0	5	292	3	1			0	4
2006-2007	330	297	90%	12	0	2	10	0	Unknown**	321	2	1			0	3
2005-2006	309	260	84%	10	0	2	5	1	3	281	0	0	1	1	0	2
2004-2005	345	272	78%	24	2	3	1	1	Unknown	303	1	0			0	1
5-Year Total:	1642	1432	87%	52	2	18	26	2	15	1547	10	5			0	20
2003-2004	333	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	333	0	0			0	0
2002-2003	250	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	250	0	1			0	1
2001-2002	312	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	1	313	0	0			0	0
2000-2001	238	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	238	0	0			0	0
1999-2000	202	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	202	0	1			1	2
10-Year Total:	2977								16	2883	10	7			1	23

Notes:

* Known private actions means actions taken by the Court of the Judiciary reflected in available public records, primarily the court's annual statistical reports - which run on the state's fiscal year - and a public records request by Tennessee Watchdog for all public actions taken by the court during the last 10 years. In some instances, the same case will generate two private actions when it comes to dismissals with warnings for the purpose of this analysis. The dismissal and the warning are each counted as separate private actions as they both are exempt from Tennessee's Open Records and Open Meetings laws.

** Due the variances in the Court of the Judiciary's statistical reporting methods, the notation "Unknown" is used to represent unknown statistics for reporting years where the same statistic has been furnished in separate reporting years from the court.

*** The percentage of cases dismissed includes cases on the complaint side that had not been adjudicated fully by the court during the reporting year and are noted as "pending" in the court's annual reports. Those cases may roll over into a new reporting year and are possibly reflected there based on the individual statistical methods used by the court's Disciplinary Counsel at the time.