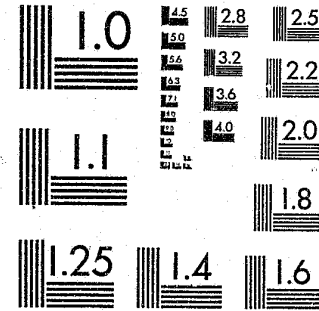


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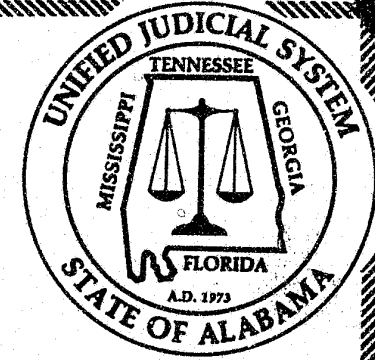
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A Report From:

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Message From The Chief Justice



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Most of the major tasks of implementing our new unified court system have now been completed.

The system is functioning as it was designed and, with unified management at the state level, the administration of justice in Alabama is being carried out in an expeditious and cost-effective manner.

However, the challenge of continued improvement is always with us. We are moving forward with full development of a judicial college in order that judges, court officials and court personnel may obtain continuing education and training to become better prepared to carry out their important functions.

We must continue to be conscious of keeping dockets current and improving caseload management as well as the management of jurors and witnesses.

I am confident that we have now established a firm base for the future of our judicial branch of government.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Allen Tapley and the staff at the Administrative Office of Courts for the fine work they are doing at the state administrative level. I would also like to express my appreciation to the justices, judges, clerks and registers and other court officials and employees for the cooperative spirit which now exists within the system.

Let us continue to maintain our judicial system as one of the finest in the nation.

Sincerely,

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Report Of Activities

There are approximately 1,400 full-time judges, officials and employees in the 96 trial court locations throughout Alabama who comprise the Unified Judicial System. Most of these employees were incorporated under the state umbrella during the past year, the majority of which were personnel in judges' and clerks' offices in the 67 counties.

FISCAL, BUDGET, ACCOUNTING

A significant function of the Administrative Office of Courts is the area of budgetary and fiscal operations. The office processes all payroll checks for the court system personnel, handles the majority of purchasing for the system, prepares a budget for all trial court operations and must keep track of all expenditures.

A year ago, no individual or group in Alabama knew or could determine the true cost of providing judicial services. Today, with the expense accounting system developed for the trial court operation, the AOC can determine, on short notice, the current date cost and the itemized cost of every office within the system. During the past year, new procedures, new cash books, and new forms were established to provide for the transmission of fines and court costs collected by the trial courts. A new statewide procedure for the payment of juror and witness fees is now in operation. This procedure has replaced 68 separate bank accounts throughout the state with one central account through which a computerized system provides a monthly printout of juror costs broken down to each individual county.

The AOC currently processes some 1,500 vouchers and an average of nearly

3,000 payroll checks per month and has reduced the turnaround time for the preparation of these vouchers through the development of a new filing system, new coding forms and through an accrual basis for expense accounting. Current developments include the establishment of a completely computerized expense, appropriation, budget control and purchasing system using a centralized data information system to develop the proper control and historical information reports. Such a system will significantly decrease staff time and paperwork which had been required in using old methods of providing financial information.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

It has been estimated that some 125 million documents exist in the court system of Alabama today. Storage and retrieval capability of these important court records is totally inadequate. Throughout the state, the massive problem of records storage must be addressed in order to save millions of dollars in future construction costs for record storage.

The records management division of the Administrative Office of Courts is currently addressing this problem. In initial surveys, the AOC's records management section discovered that more than 10,000 different forms were being used in the trial courts of Alabama. By January 1, 1979, that number will have been reduced to a more workable standardized set of approximately 300. This will result in a significant cost savings for the court system.

After staff analyzed the overall situation, an effort began to design and develop new forms for the system. These forms were developed in coordination with the various committees of judges, clerks and attorneys.

The conceptual design elements for the new forms are building blocks for the future, designed to support computerization, microfilming and modern filing systems. All new forms

have been numbered and given titles which will eliminate the requirement of reading an entire form to determine specific identification. Records management personnel also assisted in developing and designing the new Alabama Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint. It is important to note from a cost standpoint that, in the past, the cost of forms to process a traffic case, including the ticket itself, docket sheet, folder, bond and affidavit, warrant and other related forms, totaled \$2.75. Under the new uniform traffic ticket system, these forms cost less than \$.12 for each case.

The refinement of forms developed for small claims and juvenile courts, plus development of forms for other civil and criminal jurisdictions, are making a significant impact toward improvement in case processing in the courts.

The records management staff is currently developing an administrative procedures system to control the distribution and maintenance of policy statements and procedures within the Unified Judicial System. This system will offer the Unified Judicial System personnel a standard system for filing and retrieving policies and procedures. The staff is also involved in coordinating the development of other manuals for judges, court reporters, and clerks and registers.

An inventory of court records is presently underway as part of the total "records retention program." In October, 1978, six temporary full-time employees will be hired to complete this inventory. Retention schedules will be developed to determine final disposition of court records -- destruction, microfilm, or transfer to State Archives.

PERSONNEL

Prior to the time judicial personnel in the state were brought under the state umbrella, the Administrative Office of Courts established a

judicial personnel system. A classification plan was developed for all employees and procedures for review and appeals established. This involved interviewing and completing a job analysis for every full-time court employee serving in the judicial system. Additional tasks involved grouping together or classifying those positions with significantly similar duties and responsibilities so that they could be treated alike for administrative purposes, systematic recruitment and placement and promotion of court system employees. In addition, a pay plan was developed for each classification. These plans had to be similar in composition with the state employees personnel system. Rules were developed to guide administration of court personnel in conjunction with state laws and regulations. A personnel procedures manual was developed and a personnel information system was designed and is used to establish and update job applicant registers for each classification in the court personnel system.

The personnel division has handled all appeals in regard to classification and pay; has developed a statewide register for all merit system classifications; has initiated an Employee Performance Evaluation Program and has had the responsibility of operating and maintaining the 26 different kinds of personnel actions which are possible under the system.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The ability of any centralized system, whether it be in the private sector or the governmental sector, cannot adequately function without having accurate data and management information readily available. The information systems division provides this function for the Administrative Office of Courts. The use of computer technology is necessary in order for this information to be developed and utilized most effectively. The State of Alabama, through its Criminal Justice Information System, has this

modern-day technology available and the AOC is taking advantage of it to improve the delivery of court services.

Computer technology is being used in the following ways:

1. In the personnel area, systems have been utilized to facilitate the development of the statewide judicial personnel system; to maintain a master file of personnel data; to facilitate personnel management and provide a basis for personnel cost projections; and in a job applicant system which includes an automatic register displaying the names and addresses of the top ten applicants for positions statewide in the sequence of their personnel test scores.

2. A system was implemented to provide the Administrative Office with a means of identifying and managing the approximately 20,000 items of property in the court system.

3. A system was developed to provide ticket accounting capability and a means of managing and controlling the centralized disbursement of uniform traffic ticket books. This system also provides the source information required for an automated driver history system developed by the data systems management division of the Department of Finance.

4. An administrative support system was designed to produce computer printed mailing labels for all judicial personnel and other lists to support the centralized administration function.

5. In the fiscal management area, two systems have been developed. A revenue accounting system provides the AOC a means of maintaining an accounting of revenues generated by every court in the Unified Judicial System. It not only provides fee and fine information, but shows the actual disbursements in the various state accounts by courts on a monthly basis and aggregates these totals into year-to-date figures. This system also produces a caseload report by the courts for those cases actually disposed of for which fines and fees

were collected. An expense accounting system provides a detailed accounting of all elements of expenses as they accrue to each court office of the unified system. Through this system, a detailed expense report is produced monthly which is essential to budget projections for the system.

6. The current caseload reporting system consists of three elements. The small claims case disposition system was developed to store and display caseload information, by judge, for every district court in the state. It also provides detailed management information including time-lapse data and numbers of cases by disposition type and amount. In addition, it displays the revenues generated from the small claims courts statewide. A district case disposition reporting system has been implemented to collect, process, store and display caseload information relative to the district court workload in the state. It includes the traffic, criminal and civil dispositions reported on a monthly basis. The information includes total filings and dispositions for each court and a current figure for the pending caseload. The caseload reporting system, a refinement and enlargement of the two just described, includes not only the district court workload, but also the circuit court caseload data at the circuit level. The source form for this system was implemented statewide last August and the computer programs are now fully operational.

7. A new criminal case history (CCH) reporting system is currently being implemented and will provide detailed information on all felony cases. This data will be used to assess criminal caseload problems. Besides providing critical criminal caseload information for the system, some of this new data will be transferred to the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center for inclusion into the computerized criminal history files in compliance with Act No. 872, Acts of Alabama. The ACJIC will then use this information, along with data from other

criminal justice agencies, to provide computerized "RAP" sheets and criminal summary data which will assist all justice agencies and link up with the National Crime Information Center (FBI) in Washington. This will be particularly beneficial to the courts as it should greatly reduce the time necessary for completing pre-sentence investigations and expedite the sentencing process.

Initial implementation of the CCH reporting system was begun June 1, 1978, in the following locations: 3rd Circuit, 15th Circuit, 12th Circuit, 20th Circuit, 22nd Circuit, 33rd Circuit, and the Birmingham Division of the 10th Circuit. This first region, with the exception of the Birmingham Division, was selected because it represents a broad cross section of circuit types ranging from urban to rural. The Birmingham Division was selected because of its large size and because the computerized data input method to be used there will be different from the data input method used in any other location.

Following implementation of the CCH reporting system in the first region, the AOC will evaluate the progress made and recommendations of the Region 1 participants, making any adjustments required before proceeding with statewide implementation on October 1, 1978.

JUDICIAL PLANNING

The court planning unit of the Administrative Office of Courts was established in March, 1977, to assist in the execution of statutory requirements delineated in Act No. 1205, Article 11, Section 11-103(b) and Section 11-105. Primary requirements focus on the conducting of studies for the improvement of the Unified Judicial System and the coordination of federally funded assistance projects.

In carrying out its administrative requirements, the court planning unit exercised three major functions: the development and maintenance of planning data; the development of projects or programs to implement priorities

established through the planning process.

The third primary function of the court planning unit is the development and coordination of both long and short range studies designed to improve the administration of justice.

Since its establishment in 1977, the court planning unit has primarily focused its efforts on the implementation and coordination of federal grant assistance projects. Currently, over a million dollars of federal support is being provided to the judiciary within Alabama. Projects vary in size and complexity from an \$8,000 grant for personnel training to a \$230,000 grant for personnel and equipment for local trial courts.

Currently, the court planning unit is finalizing plans and applications for new federal assistance projects to become effective in FY 1979. This process included the solicitation of project requests from each of the local circuits, the analysis of requests by the judicial planning committee, and the formulation of an annual action plan and the multi-year plan identifying future potential areas of assistance to be provided to the Unified Judicial System.

Following the completion of the multiple year and annual action plans, the court planning unit will focus on the development of an ongoing planning process for the Unified Judicial System including the revision of the Alabama Courts Master Plan.

MUNICIPAL COURT DIVISION

A municipal court division has been established within the AOC to assist in servicing the needs of municipal court judges. This division of the AOC which, in effect, replaces the old traffic court division, has been placed under the area of trial court management. In addition to assuming all the functions of the old traffic court division, the new muni-

cipal court division has the specific assignment of maintaining liaison with the municipal courts throughout the state. This division is composed of three program elements: administration and education; uniform traffic ticket control; coordination of the court referral programs for traffic court judges.

Additional municipal court projects will look into areas such as legal and procedural matters, forms and filing systems, uniform traffic citation procedures, court referral programs and caseload management in which the Administrative Office can provide direct support.

In 1976, the Administrative Office assumed the responsibility of the design, distribution, and control of the uniform traffic citation. The first series of tickets were distributed during the first quarter of 1977 and were put into operation on April 1, 1977. The ticket was redesigned during the summer of 1977 and the redesigned tickets were distributed to law enforcement agencies for use beginning in January of 1978.

LEGAL SERVICES

Questions of a legal nature are submitted to the two-member legal division. This division has responsibility for researching and responding to questions of a legal nature which are posed by court officials and personnel, as well as from other sources. In addition, this section prepares and distributes a monthly synopsis of major state appellate court decisions, Attorney General opinions, advisory opinions from the Judicial Inquiry Commission, and other sources.

In addition to these projects, the legal section has participated in the following projects:

- (1) establishment of local purchasing procedures;
- (2) resolution of questions posing

problems relating to distribution of fees and commissions;

- (3) participation in development of procedures mandated by passage of the Juror Qualification and Selection Act;
- (4) preparation of a journal of salaries for judicial officers and employees; and
- (5) assistance in the development of education programs.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

A judicial college for Alabama has now been established for the purpose of in-state training and education for all judicial officers and employees. During the past year, a plan for an Alabama judicial college was developed which has provided an excellent base for the needed continuing education programs for the Unified Judicial System. The new judicial college will begin full operation during the fall of 1978.

Meanwhile, an expanded educational program for judges, clerks and registers, other court officials and employees has been scheduled for the remainder of 1978.

Planning and development of new educational programs for the next fiscal year is currently under way by the judicial education division of the Administrative Office of Courts.

The judicial education division is currently establishing individual training records for all court officials. A training survey was initially conducted during June of 1977 and was completed during June, 1978.

SERVICES TO LOCAL OFFICES

Another primary function of the Administrative Office as the AOC begins to shift gears from implementation into the day-to-day routine administration of the unified court system is the ability to provide on-site staff

assistance to the various elements and offices within the system. For over a year now, a coordinator for clerks and registers has been employed.

For the past year and a half, it has been necessary to focus most of the staff attention at the state administrative level. However, in the future, it will be possible to provide local offices with more on-site technical assistance with a competent staff available for local officials to call upon for assistance at any time. Currently, the AOC provides that assistance in regard to caseload reporting, caseload management and implementation of the new case history reporting procedures.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

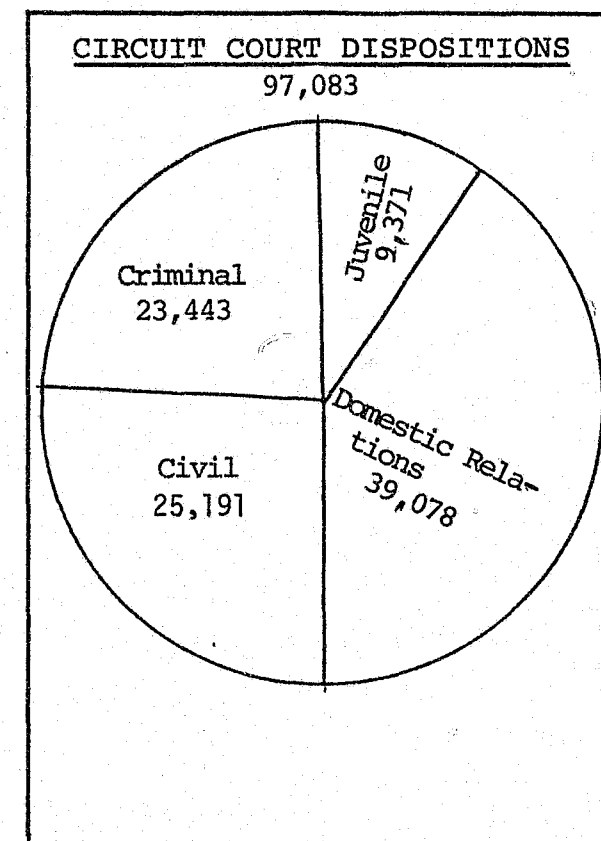
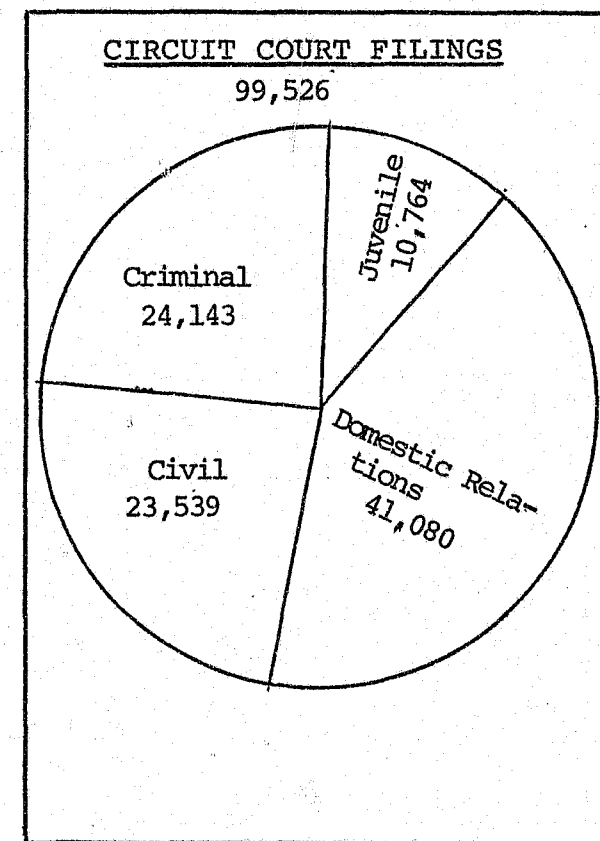
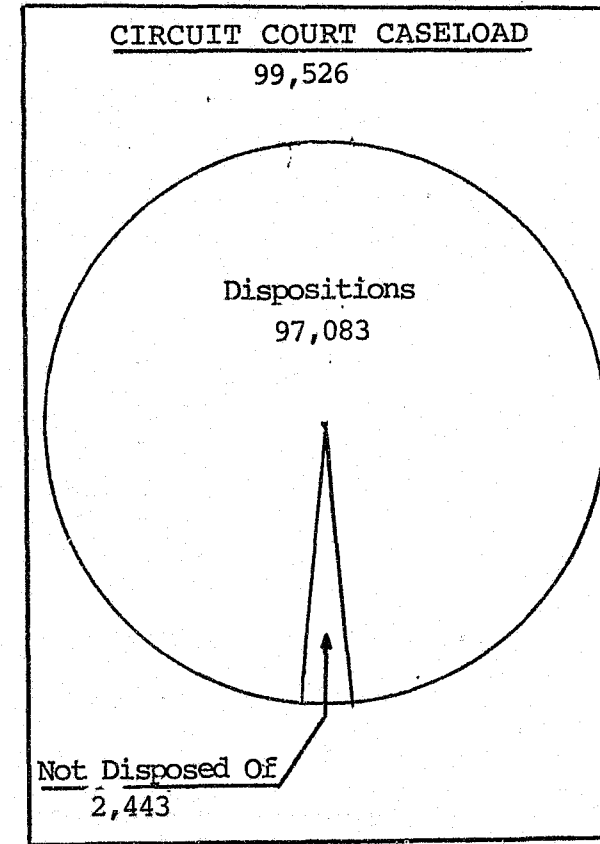
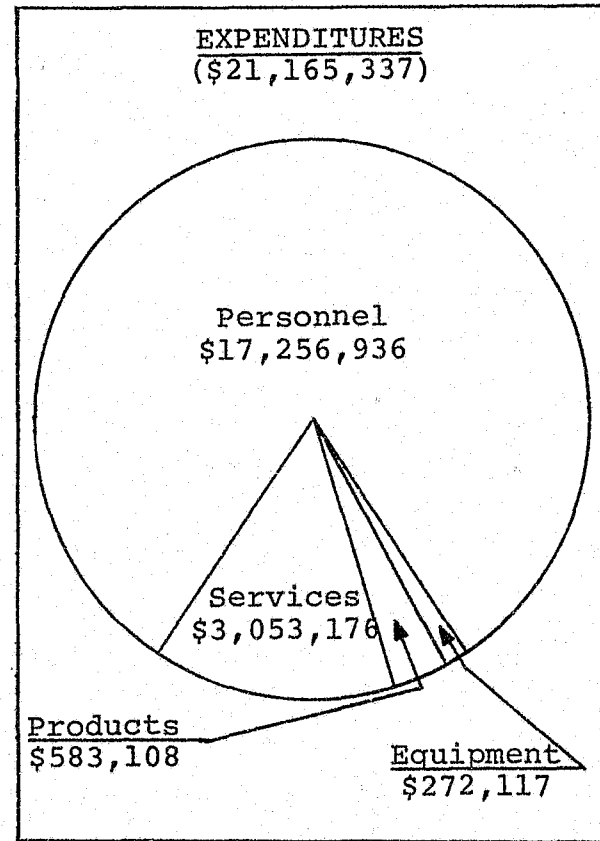
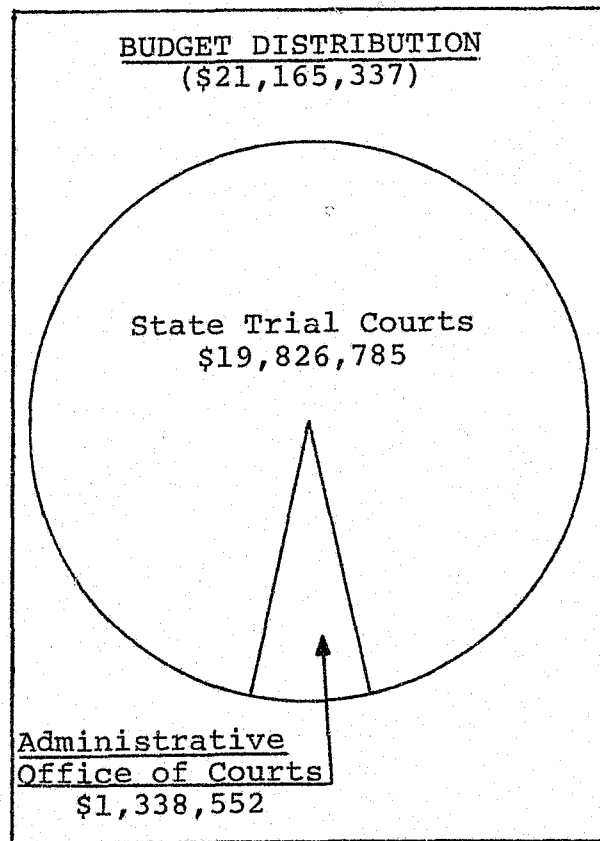
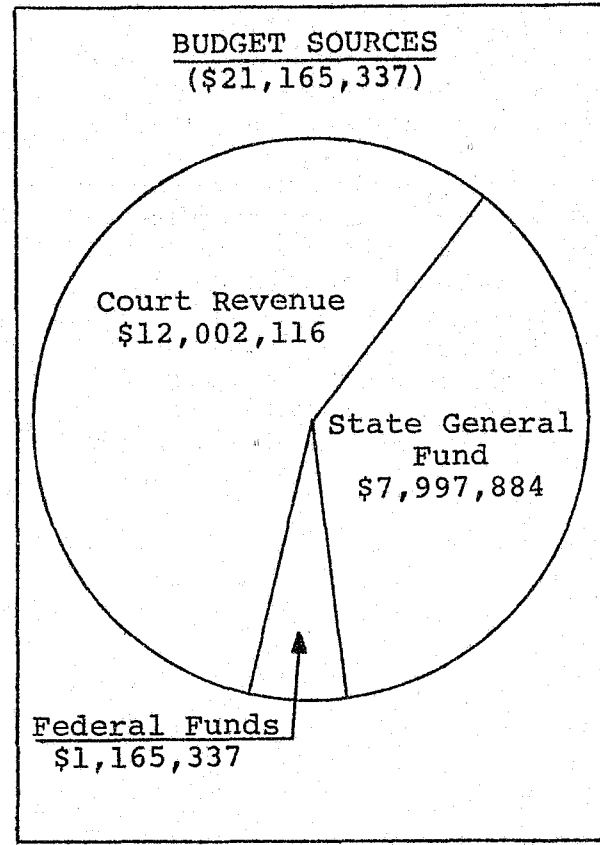
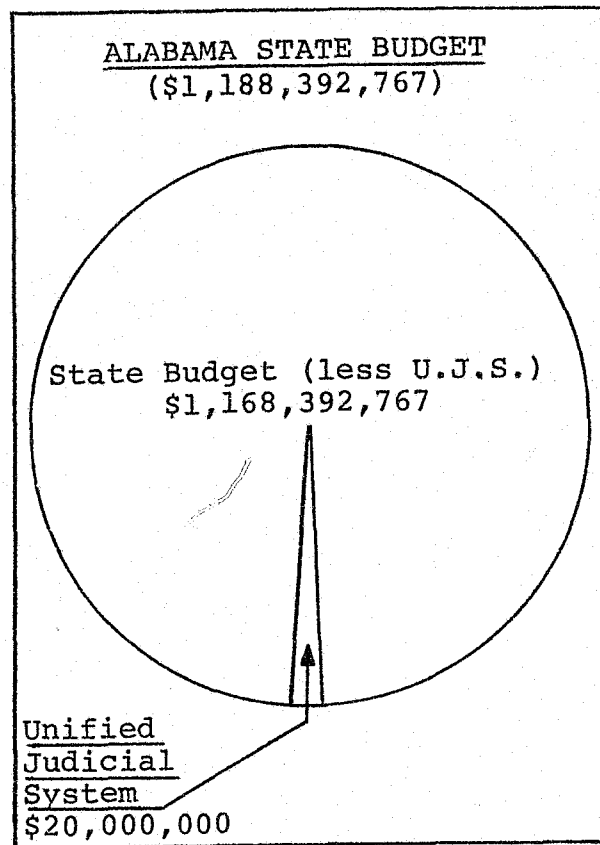
The largest and most significant single project the Administrative Office has undertaken is the program to assist counties in the refilling of jury boxes pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 594 recently passed by the legislature. Approximately \$180,000 in assistance was provided the various counties to carry out the mandates of this Act. In addition, the AOC prepared a qualification questionnaire for jury commissioners to mail to prospective jurors. The AOC obtained over two million names on computer printouts to be utilized by jury commissions as source lists in the selection of prospective jurors to refill jury boxes.

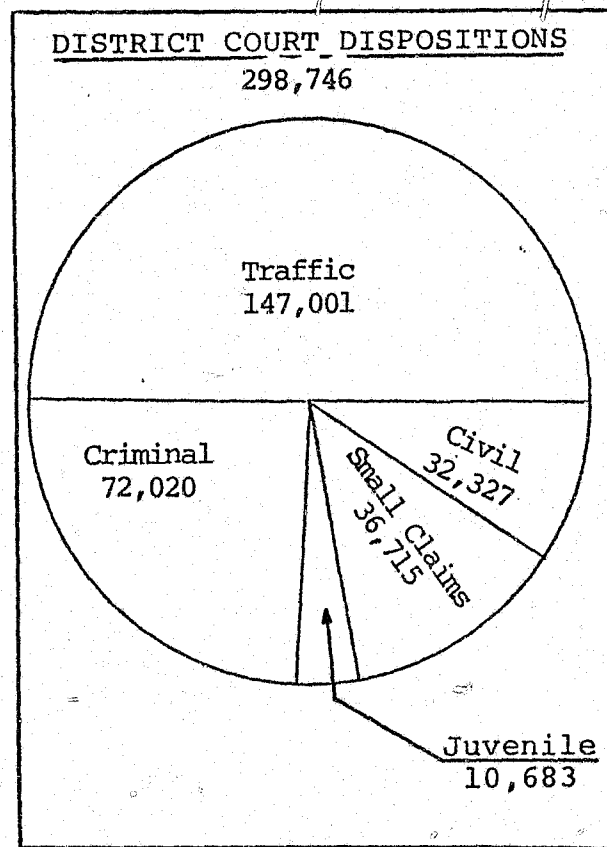
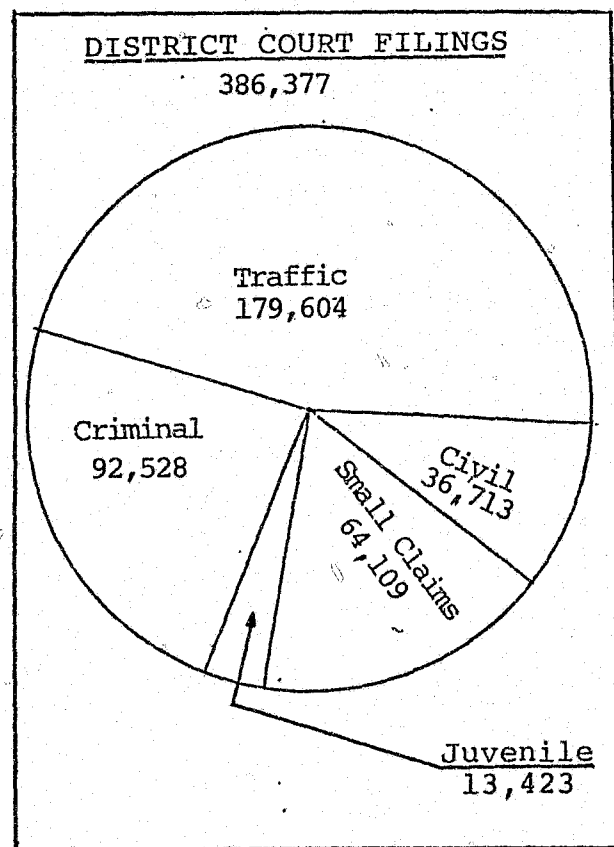
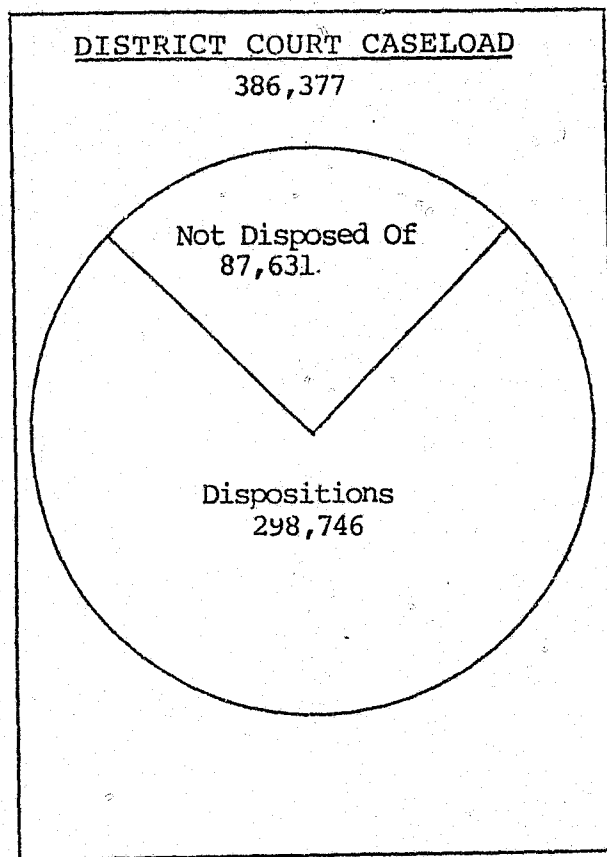
ADMINISTRATION AND CENTRAL OFFICE ORGANIZATION

The administration at the AOC provides the general support necessary for its functioning as a service agency for the trial courts of this state. Aside from managing the various divisions of the AOC, the administrative function answers correspondence, handles the services required within the AOC, coordinates the public affairs and public information aspect for the AOC and the Unified Judicial System, prepares the judicial system newsletter, provides

liaison activity with the legislature and with all elements within the trial courts, assists court officials at all levels in the area of information services and printing and publications.

The Administrative Office of Courts is designed as the administrative and service agency for the state judicial branch of government. In carrying out this role, the administrative director and the staff strive to continually improve the management of the system and service to the officials and personnel of the courts.





ALABAMA JUDICIAL MODERNIZATION : A BRIEF HISTORY

Under the leadership of two Alabama chief justices, Howell T. Heflin and C. C. Torbert, Jr., the judicial branch of Alabama's government has been modernized constitutionally and statutorily. During the past two years, it has been transformed from a system with a total lack of fiscal accountability into a unified system where court services are delivered to the people of Alabama in an efficient, speedy, cost effective and businesslike manner.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the support of the other two branches of state government working in concert with judicial officials and many interested state citizens.

The unified Alabama court system stands today, after seven years of constitutional, legislative and procedural modernization, prepared to deliver state judicial services in a fashion which can be equaled by only a few sister states. This is accomplished by three key features:

(1) flexibility offered by the authority given the state Supreme Court to develop and alter the procedural rules under which the system operates; (2) the unified administration of the system which is vested at the state level in the Administrative Office of Courts; and (3) unified budgeting for the system's trial court operation.

FIRST REFORMS

The first movement toward modernizing Alabama's court system came in 1971 through both statutory and constitutional improvements, all of which were later carried forward in the adoption of a new Judicial Article to the state Constitution in 1973. These first reforms carried out by the legislature are worthy of note. They provided the following:

. Legislation to give the state Supreme Court exclusive power to promulgate rules of procedure, practice and pleading for the trial courts in civil matters.

. Legislation giving the state Supreme Court authority to establish its own rules pertaining to appeals and practice in the state appellate courts.

. Legislation providing for continuing judicial training and education for state judges.

. Legislation creating a permanent commission to continually study the system of justice in the state.

Two proposals enacted by the legislature were constitutional amendments requiring a vote of the people. They were:

1. A constitutional amendment abolishing the old impeachment method of removing judges and establishing a judicial commission to serve as a clearing house for complaints about jurists and allowing that commission the authority to censure, discipline, involuntarily retire or remove a judge found guilty of misconduct in office.

2. A constitutional amendment abolishing justice of the peace courts and establishing the authority for small claims courts.

In January of 1972, the people approved both constitutional amendments by a two-to-one vote.

During 1972, the new Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure were written and were adopted on January 3, 1973. These new rules revised the pleading, practice and procedure in all civil matters before state courts in an effort to make justice speedy and less expensive for the litigant.

JUDICIAL ARTICLE

Utilizing much of the work product of the Alabama Constitutional Commission, a proposed new Judicial Article was introduced in bill form in the State Senate on May 22, 1973, by State Senator Stewart O'Bannon.

The heart of the Judicial Article would be to create a unified court system in the state. For this to be accomplished, the myriad of courts below the circuit court level in the state would have to be brought into some type of uniformity. The Article would do this by creating a district court to replace the various courts below the circuit court.

After working its way through the legislative process, passing the Senate by a 25-3 vote, and the House on a 7-22 vote, the Article was sent to the people for ratification.

The major changes included:

- over 400 different types of trial courts reorganized into a three-tiered unified court system;
- all judges in the state required to be lawyers;
- uniform jurisdiction for all trial courts;
- mandatory retirement for all judges at age 70;
- the establishment of rule-making power, criminal, civil and administrative, in the state Supreme Court;
- creation of "Canons of Judicial Ethics;"
- provisions for flexible assignment of judges;
- a centralized judicial administration system built into the Constitution;
- provisions for a Judicial Salary Commission;
- creation of a Judicial Inquiry Commission and a Court of the Judiciary.

The vote to determine if the citizens of the state wanted court modernization lay three months ahead in a constitutional amendment referendum

and, on December 18, 1973, the new Article was ratified by a margin of two-to-one.

With ratification of the Judicial Article, the framework had been established. Building the remainder of the new judicial house would be required through legislative implementation. The Article, although parts of it were effective immediately upon passage, gave the legislature four years to fully implement its mandate.

IMPLEMENTATION LEGISLATION

In early June, 1974, a 55-member Judicial Article Implementation Commission was named to draft the implementation legislation which would be introduced at the 1975 Regular Session of the state legislature.

The changes brought about by the new Judicial Article required a considerable amount of study. Every piece of prior legislation, both local and statewide which applied to the courts in Alabama, had to be reviewed in order that the new legislation could be drafted.

By July, 1974, many of the self-executing provisions of the Article, such as the Judicial Inquiry Commission and the Court of the Judiciary, the exercise of new rule-making authority by the Supreme Court and provisions pertaining to mandatory retirement of judges were already in effect.

In the meantime, the Supreme Court began to move on part of the implementation process. Proposed new rules of appellate procedure were being drafted to insure just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every appellate proceeding on its merits. The Court adopted a new Code of Professional Responsibility for state lawyers which became effective on October 1, 1974, and an advisory committee on judicial conduct had been named by the Supreme Court to begin drafting rules of conduct and canons of ethics for state judges.

The Supreme Court adopted a Student Practice Rule in order that prospective lawyers might obtain clinical legal education.

In May of 1975, the Implementation Commission had completed its work product of recommendations to the legislature. It was presented to the legislature in the form of a 168-page implementation bill.

Senator O'Bannon had not sought re-election and Senator C. C. "Bo" Torbert of Opelika was chief sponsor of the implementation bill in the Senate during the 1975 session.

BILL INTRODUCED

The bill was introduced in the Senate on June 3, 1975, as Senate Bill 400 by Torbert. A week earlier, on May 25, Representative Robert Hill, Jr. had introduced an identical bill, HB 480, across the hall. The Senate bill carried the names of more than two-thirds (25 of the 35 senators) as sponsors. The House bill was sponsored by 72 of the 105 House members.

A subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee spent over seven weeks studying the bill line by line. There was perfect attendance at all subcommittee meetings and each of the seven members logged over 70 hours in work on the bill.

By prior agreement with House leaders, Representative Hill asked that the measure then be assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee for that group to look at the fiscal part of the bill. On September 16, after some additional cost reductions, Ways and Means, by a unanimous vote, gave House Bill 480 a favorable report and sent it to the floor.

Meanwhile, Senate Bill 400, traveling its own course in the upper chamber, was scrutinized by a subcommittee of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee composed of Senators Torbert, Ronnie Flippo, who succeeded

O'Bannon in the Senate, and John Baker. On September 9, Senate Bill 400 was given a favorable report, unanimously, by the Finance and Taxation Committee. On the 30th day of the 1975 Regular Session, September 16, the Senate, with several amendments, approved Senate Bill 400 by a 30-0 vote.

After passage, Senate Bill 400 was sent to the House and assigned to Ways and Means Committee. It was at this time that sponsors of the implementation legislation decided to let the House bill lie on the calendar and proceed with the Senate-passed version that contained several items which had been eliminated from the House bill.

After some close calls and considerable debate, the House passed the Senate version on the final day of the session by a 100-1 vote. The Senate concurred, again by a 30-0 vote.

IMPLEMENTATION SIGNED INTO LAW

The two-and-a-half year quest for constitutional and legislative reform of Alabama's judicial branch of government ended on October 10, 1975, when the implementation bill, swelled to 198 pages in the legislature, was signed into law by Governor George Wallace.

Major items covered by the article and its implementation were:

- establishment of a unified court system with unitary state financing;

- establishment of a new district court and district court judges to replace the hodgepodge of "inferior" courts in the state and the placing of all courts in Alabama under a single, unified system with uniform procedures and jurisdiction;

- rewriting of the state's outdated juvenile code, which had not been revised in 45 years and establishment of uniform treatment of juveniles;

- establishment of a small claims

court with exclusive jurisdiction of claims up to \$500 in which a litigant need not be represented by a lawyer;

- establishment of an office of Administrative Director of Courts and funding of that office;

- the requirement that all judges in the state be licensed to practice law;

- the establishment of the machinery for streamlined judicial administration;

- provisions to bring all court personnel under state employment;

- establishment of uniform budgeting for the entire state court system.

TORBERT BECOMES CHIEF JUSTICE

In early 1976, Chief Justice Heflin decided not to seek re-election and Senator Torbert later made the decision to seek election to the state's highest judicial office. He was elected and took office as Alabama's 25th chief justice on January 17, 1977.

While Chief Justice Heflin had been the driving force behind the constitutional and statutory revision of Alabama's court system, it fell the task of the new chief justice to implement those revisions. On January 17, 1977, the day Chief Justice Torbert was invested into office, the new district courts also went into operation. It was also on this day that the new fine and court cost schedules were put into effect.

One of the new chief justice's first tasks was to begin preparation for total unification of the system, which would occur on October 1, 1977. At this time, some 800 court employees in the 96 judicial offices throughout the state would move from the payrolls of the various counties into state merit system jobs and the state would assume full financial responsibility for the new system. During the next

nine months, individual problems involving these personnel transfers were numerous, but on October 1, 1977, the transition was made in a relatively smooth fashion.

The major problem in the transition, however, was funding of the new system. In preparation of the 1976-77 court system budget in 1975, court officials were asked to provide estimates of revenue which would be produced by the entire judicial process in the state. The estimates provided the legislature, as it later turned out, far exceeded actual revenues produced through the judicial process. However, because of the high revenue estimates, language was placed in both the 1976-77 and 1977-78 judicial system budgets which restricted expenditures to the revenues produced by the court system. In April, it became obvious that the revenues into the court system would fall short of the estimates with the consequence being severely reduced funding for the judicial system during the remainder of the 1976-77 fiscal year. Fortunately for the court system, the regular session of the legislature was ongoing at that time.

Chief Justice Torbert stated that such a budgetary stipulation was fundamentally unsound and the legislature agreed by striking that language from the 1976-77 fiscal year budget for the courts. However, the same budgetary restriction had been earlier placed on the 1977-78 judicial system budget and this restriction was not removed during the regular session in early 1977. However, the Governor called a special session on utilities in May of 1977 and the legislature removed the restriction which had been placed on the 1977-78 court system budget, allowing the trial courts to operate on the full \$20 million budget approved during the regular session.

On October 1, 1977, when all judicial personnel in the state came under the unified court system umbrella, the first full year of operation of the new system began. However, funding

problems continued to jeopardize the smooth functioning of the system.

Insufficient data causing erroneous projections as to revenues had created the earlier problem. Likewise, insufficient data in regard to the cost of operating judicial services in the 67 counties would create further problems. Because of hidden costs, which could not be pinpointed in the various county budgets, it was impossible to determine the total cost of operating the trial courts. Based on three different surveys, the estimates of the cost under the old system ranged from \$18 million to \$20 million, but this did not include the many costs which could not be determined.

Court system officials had requested a budget of \$22 million for the 1977-78 fiscal year at the regular session in 1977. A compromise was reached, giving the trial court operations a \$20 million budget. It became apparent in the early winter of 1977 that the \$20 million 1977-78 fiscal year budget would be insufficient for the operation of the state's trial court system.

Chief Justice Torbert apprised the legislature that the system would have to seek a supplemental appropriation at the regular session in 1978. The legislature approved a \$1.8 million supplemental appropriation at this 1978 regular session. This supplemental appropriation gave the trial court system a 1977-78 budget of \$21.8 million plus appropriations for a cost of living pay raise granted all state employees on October 1, 1977. When the cost of living appropriation is added in, the budget for the state's Unified Judicial System for 1977-78 totals \$23.2 million. This amount is less than 2% of total state revenues.

On October 5, 1977, Allen L. Tapley was named Administrative Director of Courts by Chief Justice Torbert. Under Mr. Tapley's guidance, and that of the Chief Justice, most of the wrinkles in the new judicial system have been ironed out.

The judicial personnel system has been activated; the budget and fiscal operation of the Administrative Office of Courts has been streamlined to provide total accountability of all monies spent for the operation of judicial services; a new municipal court division has been established to coordinate the activities of the Administrative Office and the various municipal courts in the state; effective and long range judicial planning has been established for the system; a plan has been developed and implemented for a new judicial college for the state; improved and expanded work in the area of records management has been achieved; a judicial system newsletter was started; implementation of the new juror selection and qualification act including funding for jury commissions and clerks' offices to carry out the mandates of that act is being carried out; a sound and adequate budget for the operation of the judicial system for the 1978-79 fiscal year was approved by the legislature; the institution of effective jury management procedures in many circuits has occurred; computer capabilities to monitor judicial caseloads, budget expenditures and other day-to-day operations of the system have been established; policies and procedures are now in effect which will allow judicial services in Alabama to be provided in a cost effective and businesslike manner.

In brief, the judicial system of Alabama, over the past seven years, has been transformed from an antiquated, unorganized system with no statewide fiscal accountability into a system where the expenditure of every dollar is accounted for and closely monitored and judicial services are being continually improved.

STATISTICS

1977

ALABAMA JUDICIAL
SYSTEM

SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

	<u>74-75</u>	<u>75-76</u>	<u>76-77</u>
Appeals brought forward	0	0	0
Appeals submitted	202	243	324
Appeals disposed of	202	243	324
Appeals pending	0	0	0
Petitions for writs of Certiorari pending preliminary consideration	167	201	292
Petitions granted	27	44	62
Petitions denied	139	157	230
Petitions dismissed	1	0	0
Petitions pending	0	0	0
Petitions awaiting resubmission after granting of writ of Certiorari	36	53	76
Argued and resubmitted	14	26	34
Resubmitted on briefs	11	12	14
Pending (to be carried forward)	11	15	27

	<u>73-74</u>	<u>74-75</u>	<u>75-76</u>	<u>76-77</u>
Appeals	205	202	243	324
Appeals Disposed	205	202	243	324
Petition for Writ of Certiorari pending Preliminary consideration	167	167	201	292
Petitions Disposed	167	167	201	292
Petitions Awaiting Resubmission	49	36	53	76
Petitions Awaiting Resubmission Disposed	41	25	38	48

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

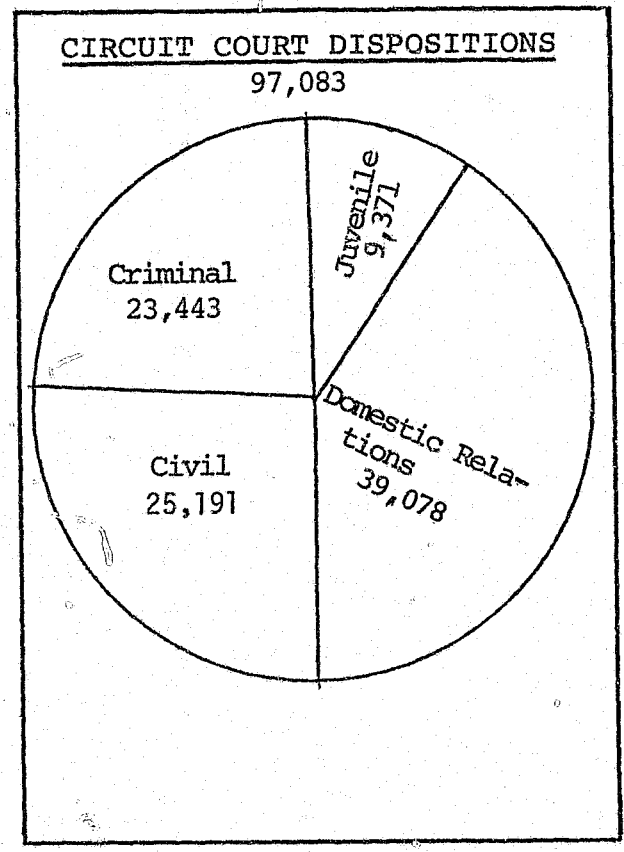
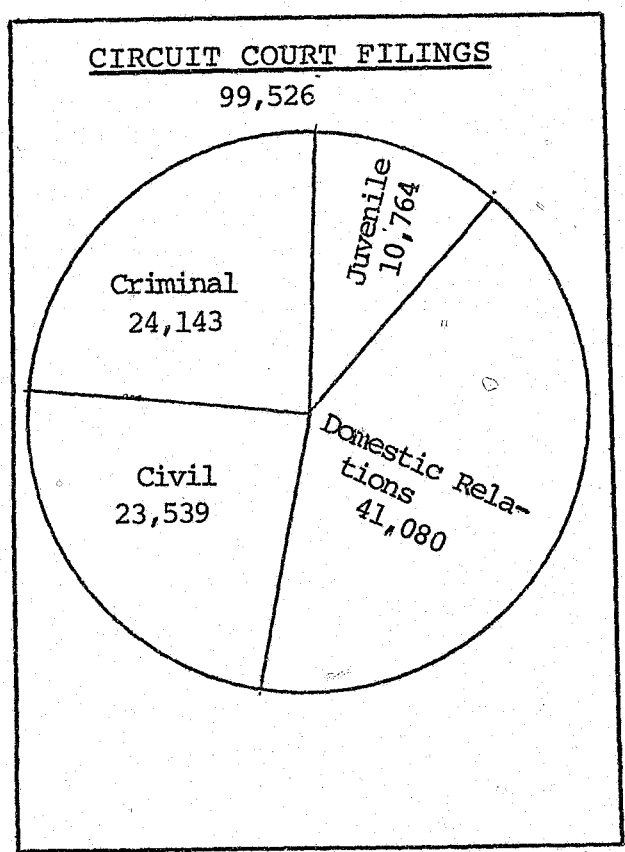
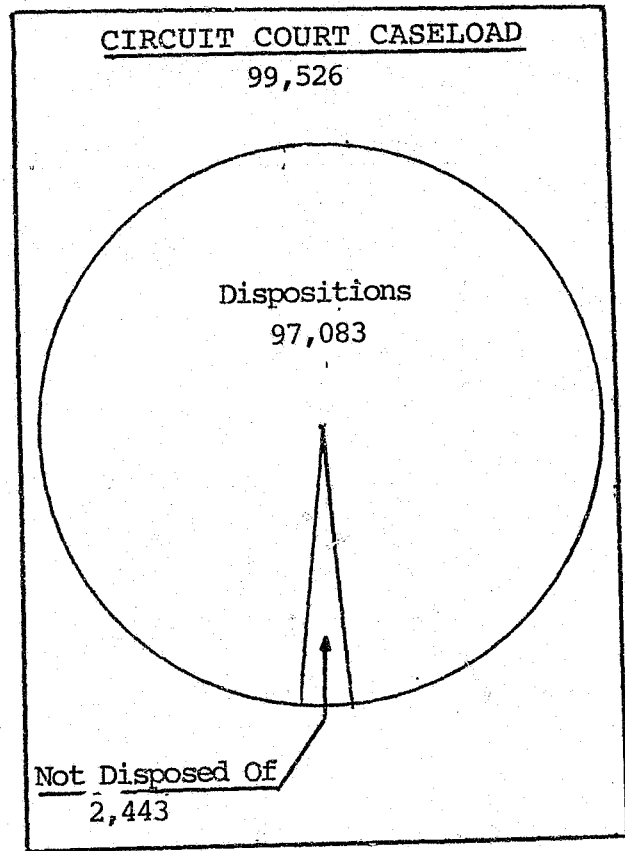
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New filings	853			
Cases brought forward	671			
Docket load	1524			
Cases disposed		976		
Cases Carried Over		548		

	<u>73-74</u>	<u>74-75</u>	<u>75-76</u>	<u>76-77</u>
Filings	608	878	1084	853
Dispositions	562	634	904	976

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

	<u>Regular Term</u>	<u>Special Term</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Submitted	158	27	185
Cases Decided	142	42	184
Cases Dismissed	1	0	1
Cases Transferred to Supreme Court	0	0	0
Cases Carried Forward	15	0	0

	<u>73-74</u>	<u>74-75</u>	<u>75-76</u>	<u>76-77</u>
Submitted	123	133	186	185
Decided	120	131	179	184
Dismissed	1	1	5	1
Transferred	1	1	2	0
Carried Over	0	0	0	0



1977 CASELOAD

**1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(CHOCTAW COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	186
Other	19
Total	<u>205</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	31
Bench Trials	23
Guilty Pleas	87
Nols/Dismissals	130
Total	<u>271</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	174
Dispositions	248

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

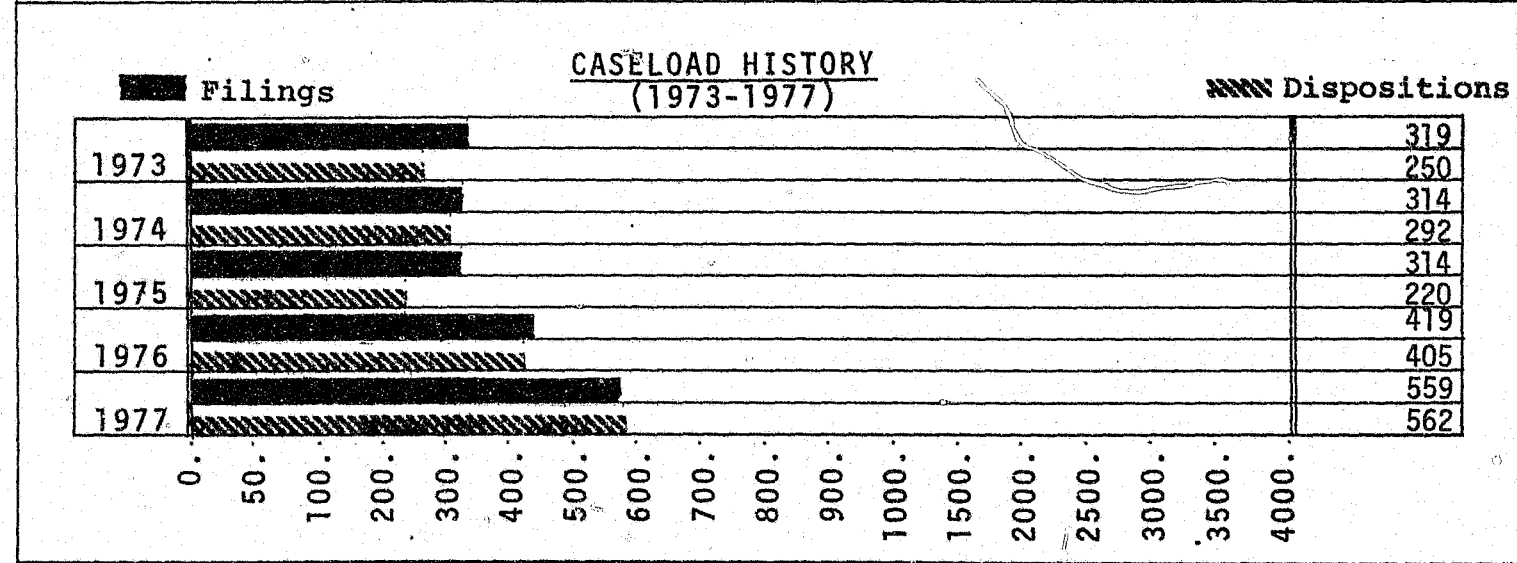
Filings	180
Dispositions	43

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	559
Dispositions	562



1977 CASELOAD

1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	465
Other	114
Total	<u>579</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	65
Bench Trials	23
Guilty Pleas	146
Nols/Dismissals	<u>220</u>
Total	454

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	611
Dispositions	679

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

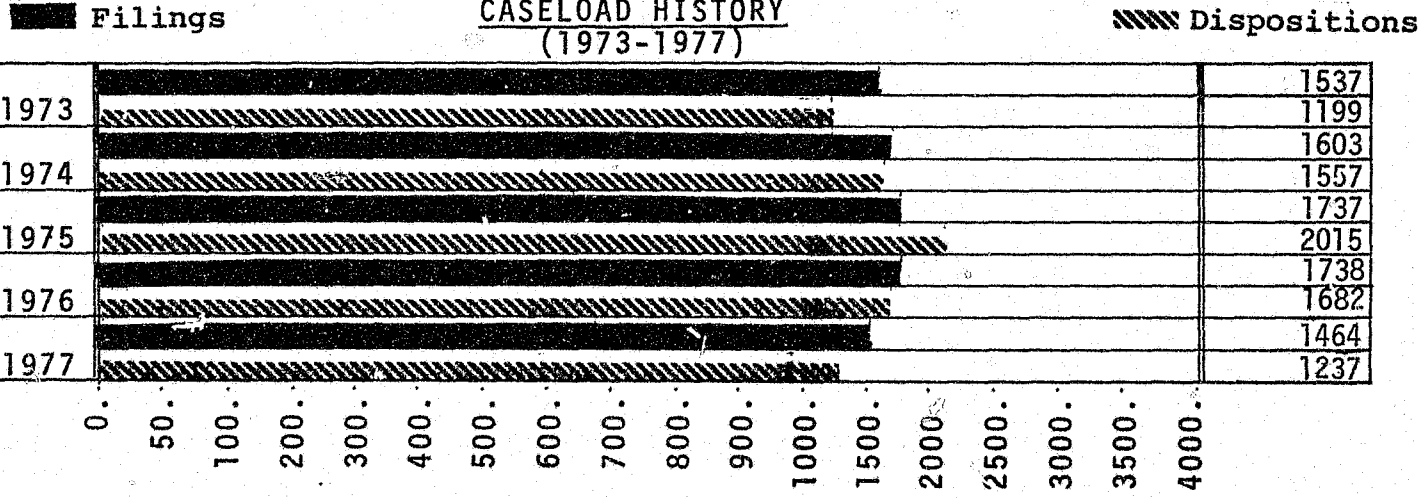
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Dispositions	104

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1464
Dispositions	1237



1977 CASELOAD

**2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(BUTLER COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	97
Other	17
Total	<u>114</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	10
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	47
Nols/Dismissals	<u>81</u>
Total	138

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	70
Dispositions	64

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

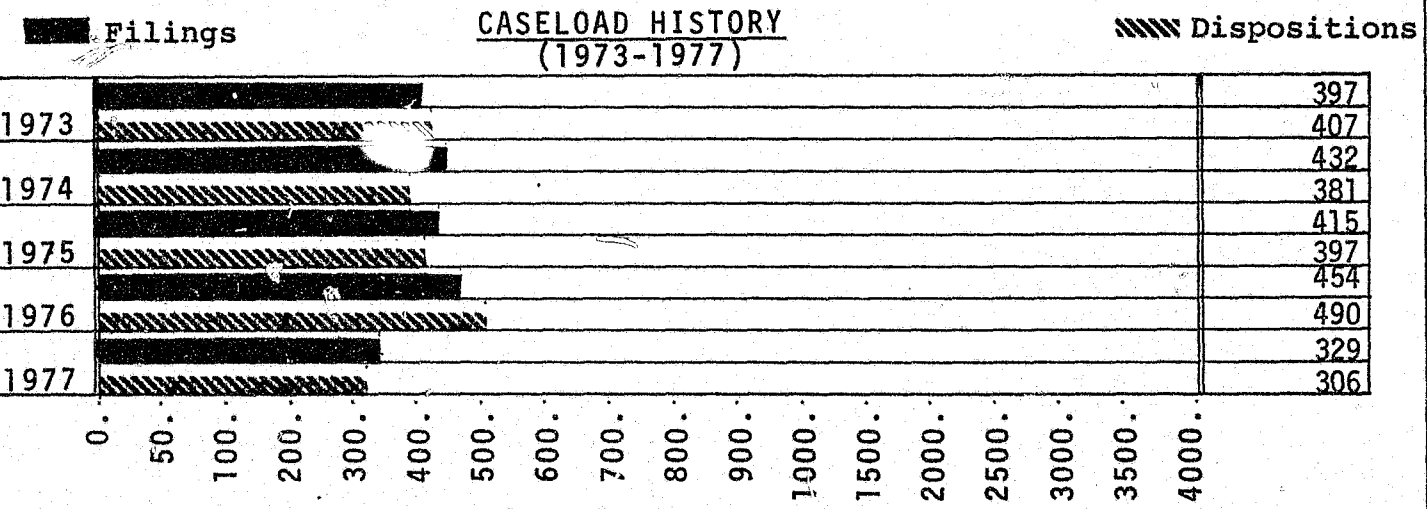
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Dispositions	104

JUVENILE CASELOAD

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Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	329
Dispositions	306



1977 CASELOAD

2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(CRENSHAW COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	51
Other	16
Total	67
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	4
Bench Trials	1
Guilty Pleas	17
Nols/Dismissals	10
Total	32

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	79
Dispositions	134

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

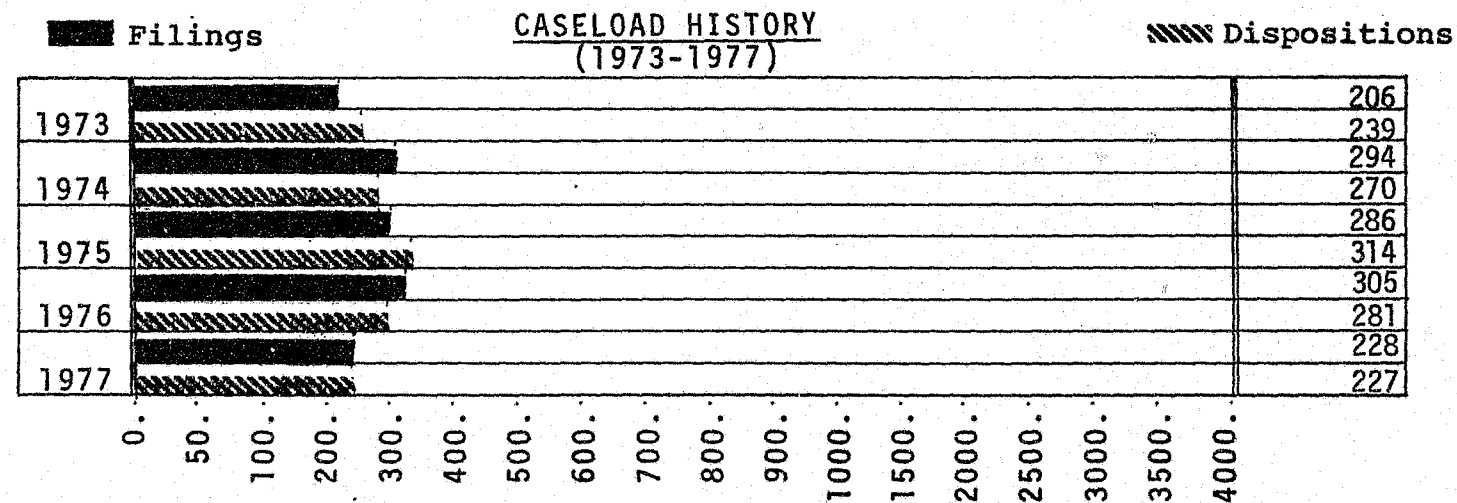
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Dispositions	61

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	228
Dispositions	227



1977 CASELOAD

2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(LOWNDES COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	23
Other	0
Total	23
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	5
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	14
Nols/Dismissals	8
Total	27

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	30
Dispositions	29

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

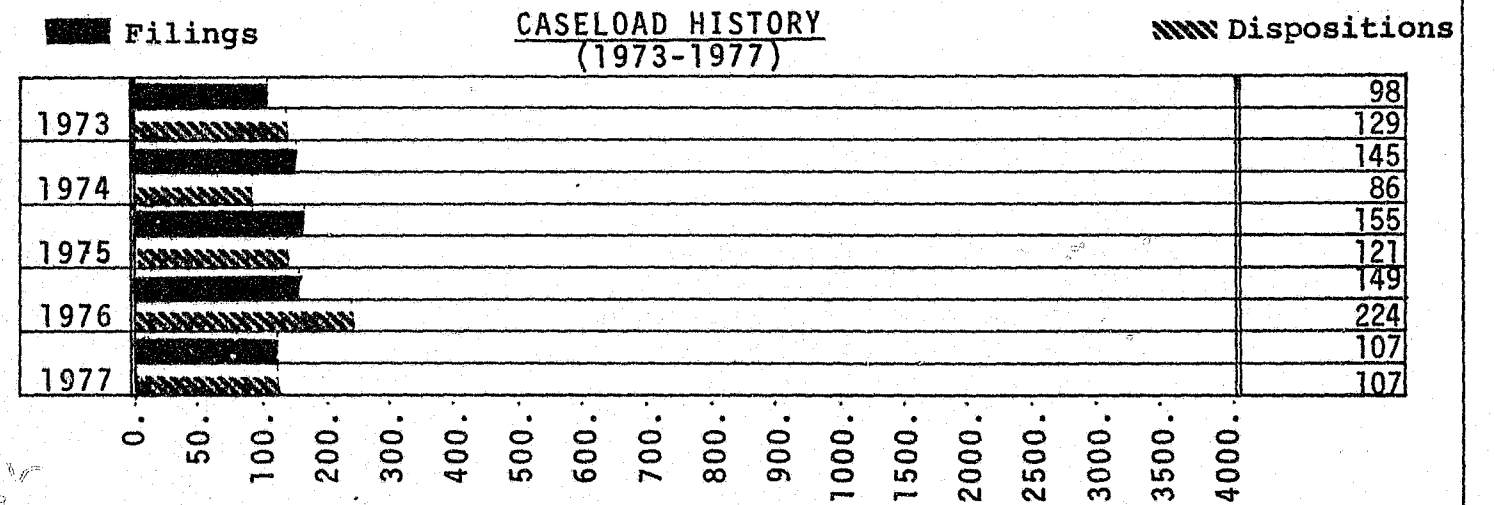
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Dispositions	51

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	107
Dispositions	107



1977 CASELOAD

2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	171
Other	33
Total	204
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	19
Bench Trials	1
Guilty Pleas	78
Nols/Dismissals	99
Total	197

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	179
Dispositions	227

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

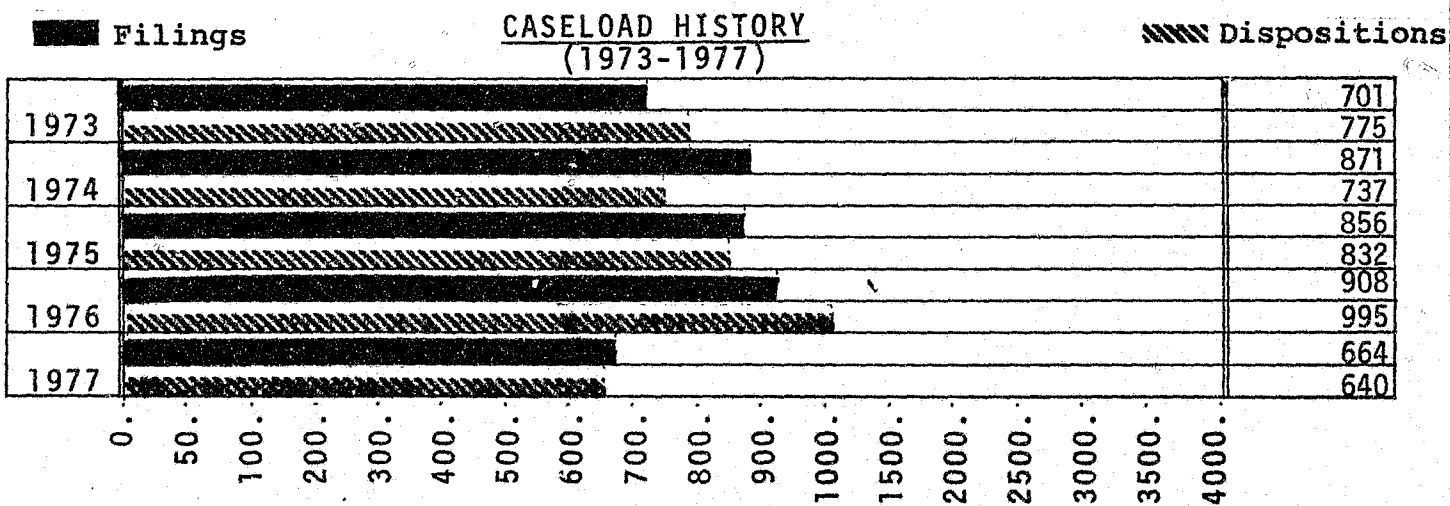
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Dispositions	216

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	664
Dispositions	640



1977 CASELOAD

**3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(BARBOUR-CLAYTON)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	10
Other	4
Total	14
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	3
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	7
Nols/Dismissals	4
Total	14

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	44
Dispositions	49

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

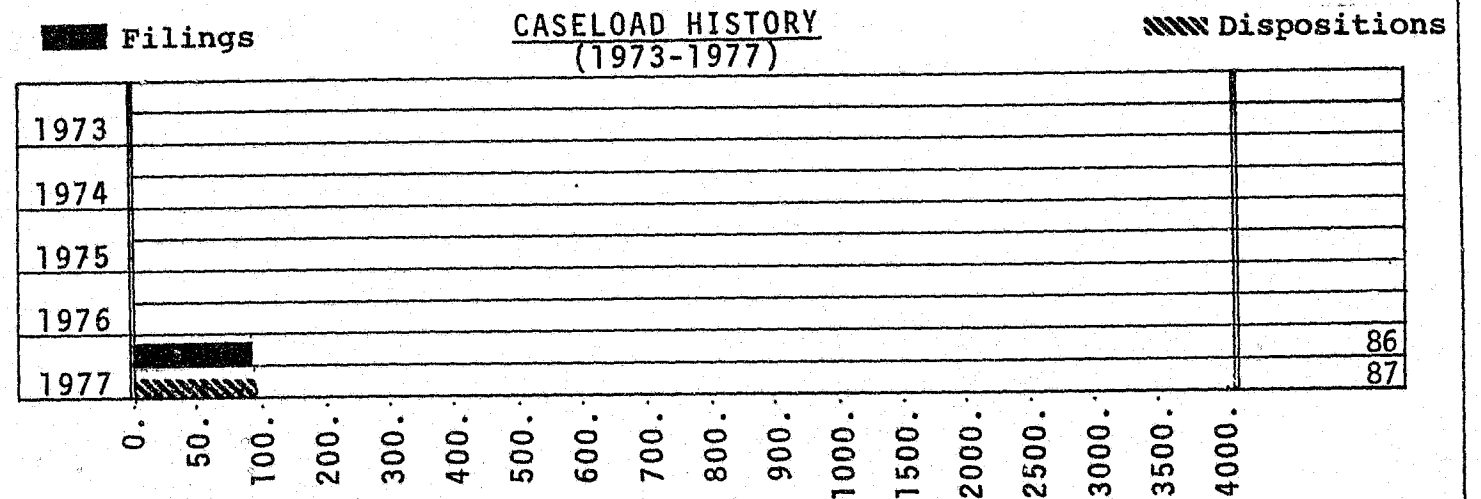
Filings	28
Dispositions	24

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	86
Dispositions	87



1977 CASELOAD

3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(BARBOUR-EUFAULA)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	52
Other	32
Total	<u>84</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	5
Bench Trials	11
Guilty Pleas	33
NoIs/Dismissals	23
Total	<u>72</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	175
Dispositions	201

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	133
Dispositions	118

JUVENILE CASELOAD

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Dispositions	0

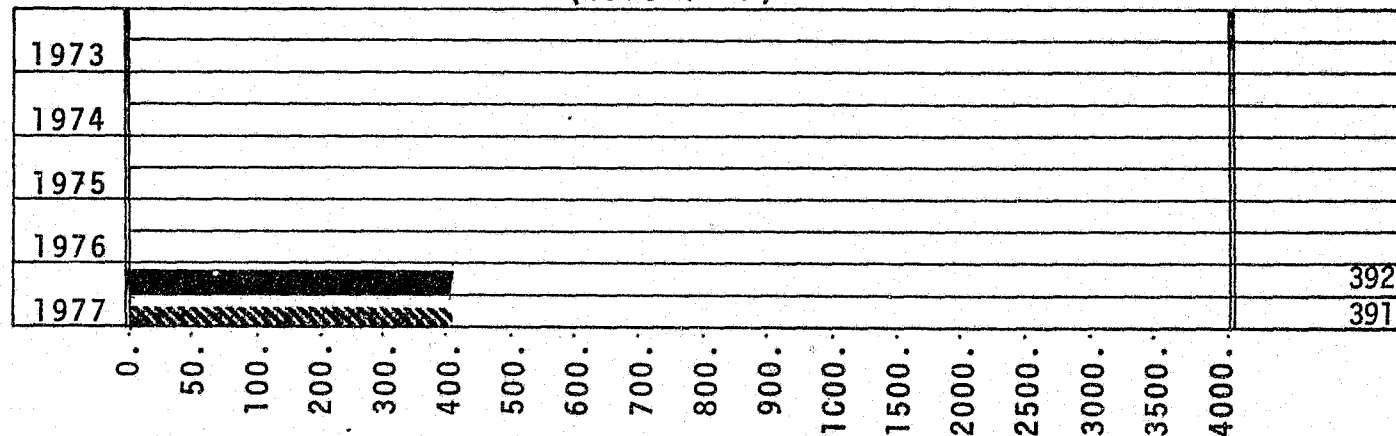
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	392
Dispositions	391

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(BARBOUR COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	62
Other	36
Total	<u>98</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	8
Bench Trials	11
Guilty Pleas	40
NoIs/Dismissals	27
Total	<u>86</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	219
Dispositions	250

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	161
Dispositions	142

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

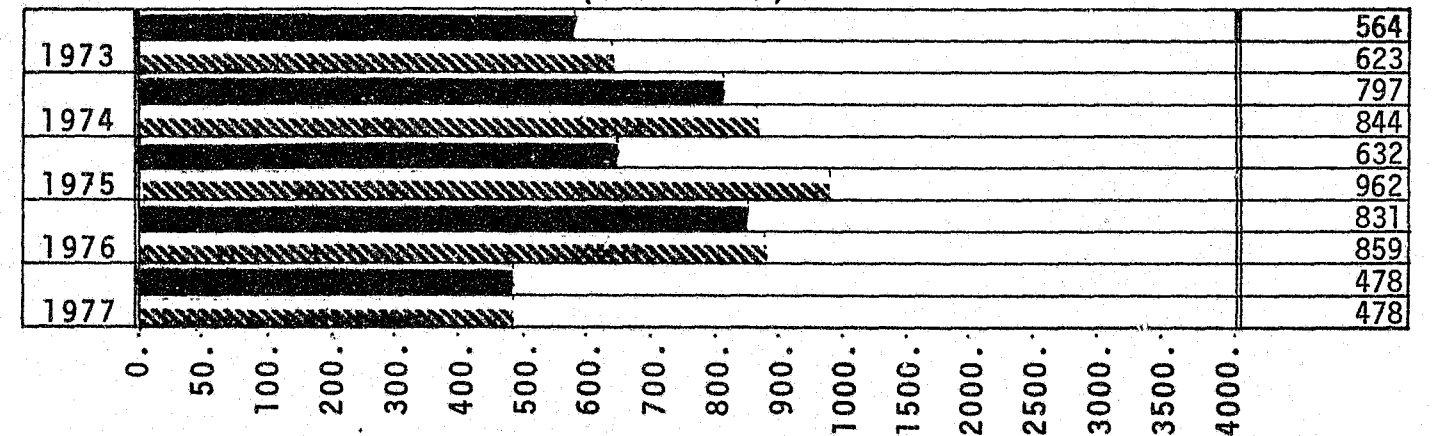
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	478
Dispositions	478

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

**3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(BULLOCK COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	57
Other	11
Total	<u>68</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	3
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	33
NoIs/Dismissals	11
Total	<u>47</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	39
Dispositions	39

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	105
Dispositions	73

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	212
Dispositions	159

1977 CASELOAD

3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	119
Other	47
Total	<u>166</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	11
Bench Trials	11
Guilty Pleas	73
NoIs/Dismissals	38
Total	<u>133</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	258
Dispositions	289

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

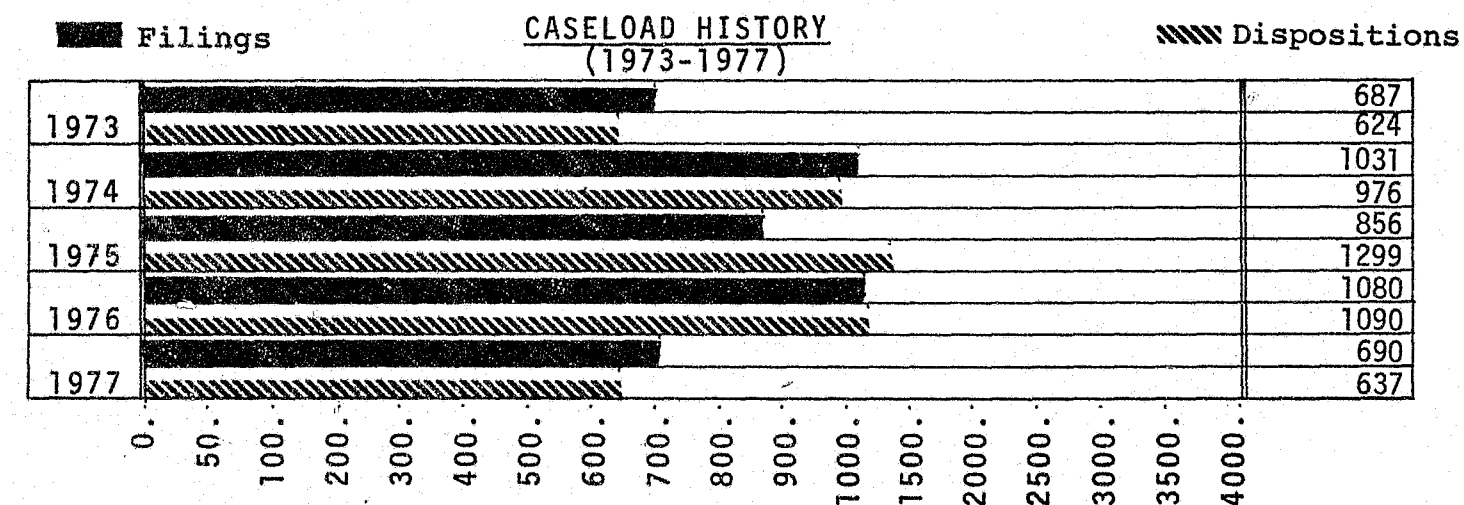
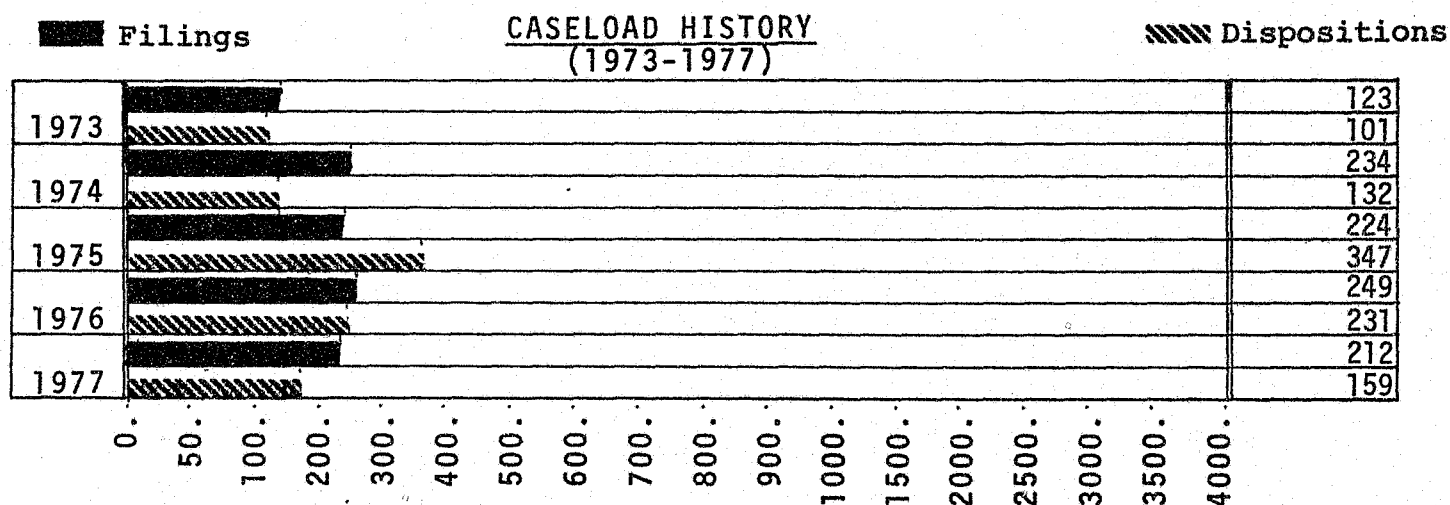
Filings	266
Dispositions	215

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	690
Dispositions	637



1977 CASELOAD

**4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(BIBB COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	101
Other	18
Total	119
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	0
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	36
NoIs/Dismissals	16
Total	52

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	92
Dispositions	40

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

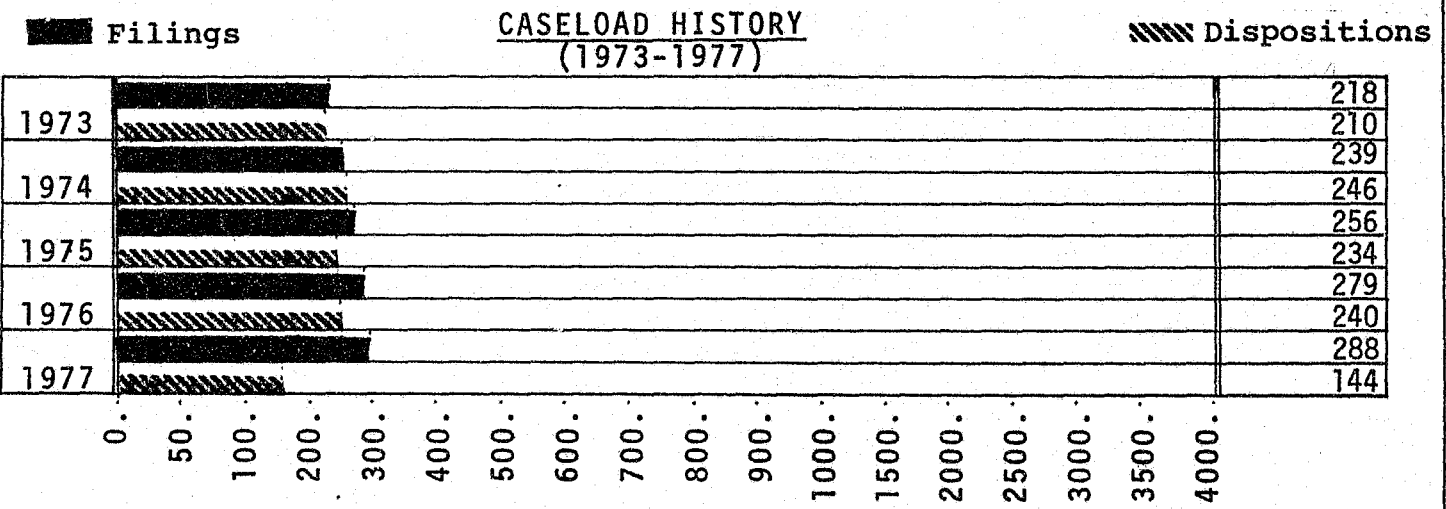
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Dispositions	52

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	288
Dispositions	144



1977 CASELOAD

**4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(DALLAS COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	395
Other	25
Total	420
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	18
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	171
NoIs/Dismissals	63
Total	252

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	217
Dispositions	452

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

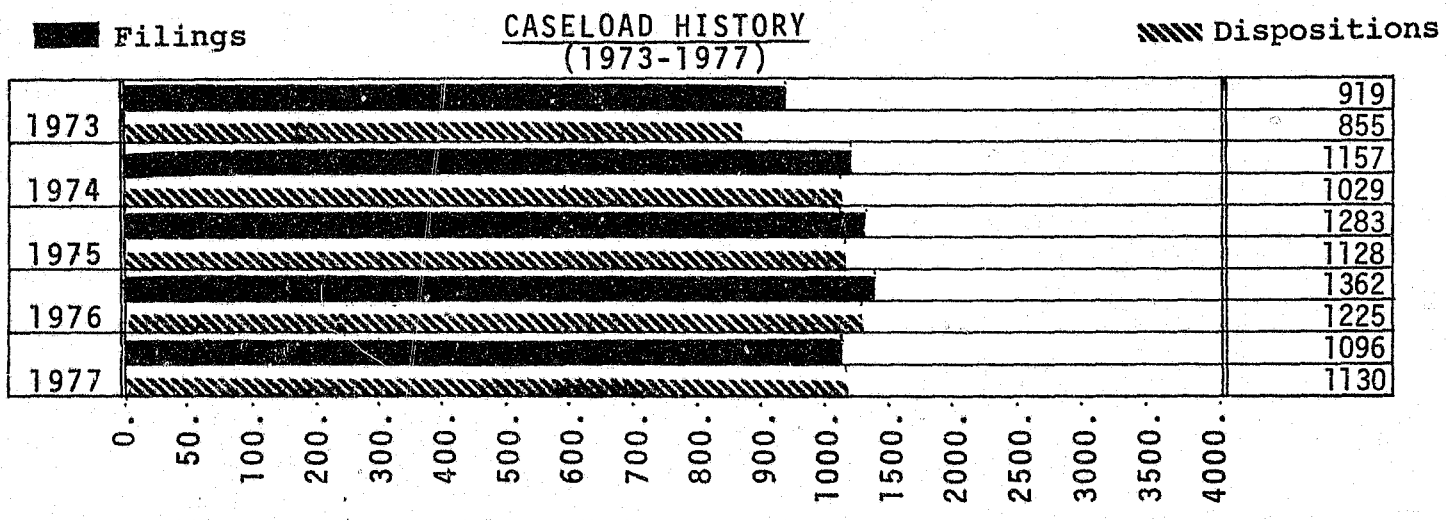
Filings	459
Dispositions	426

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1096
Dispositions	1130



1977 CASELOAD

4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(HALE COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	34
Other	29
Total	63
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	0
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	19
NoIs/Dismissals	15
Total	34

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	8
Dispositions	2

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD (included in civil caseload)

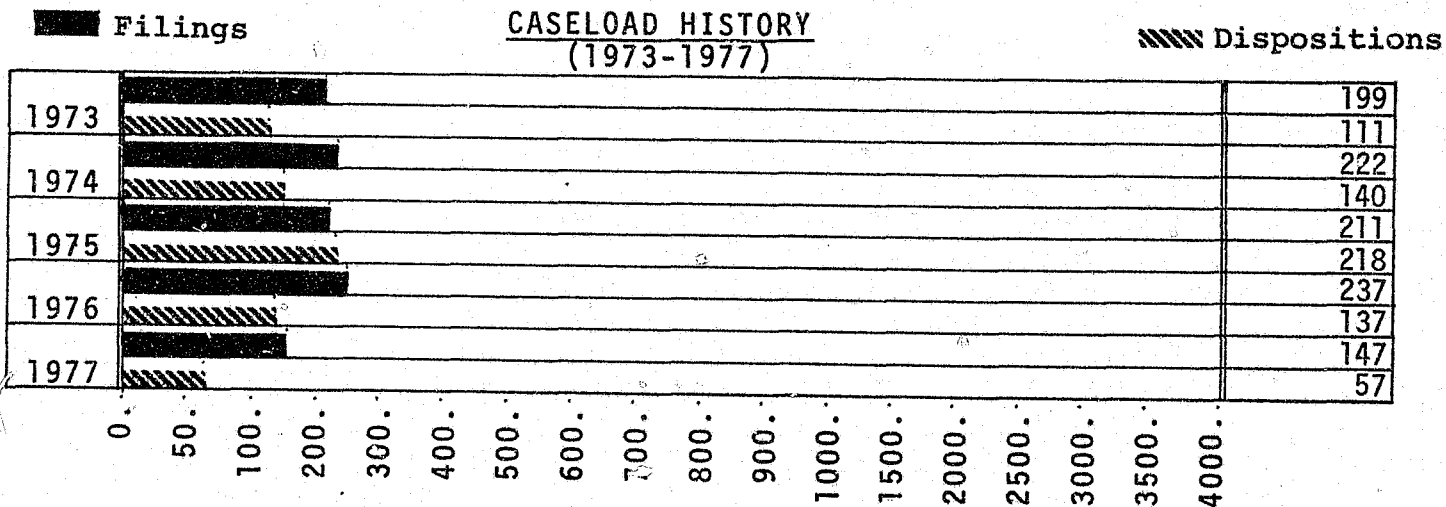
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JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	147
Dispositions	57



1977 CASELOAD

4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(PERRY COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	66
Other	4
Total	70
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	4
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	50
NoIs/Dismissals	10
Total	64

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	46
Dispositions	67

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

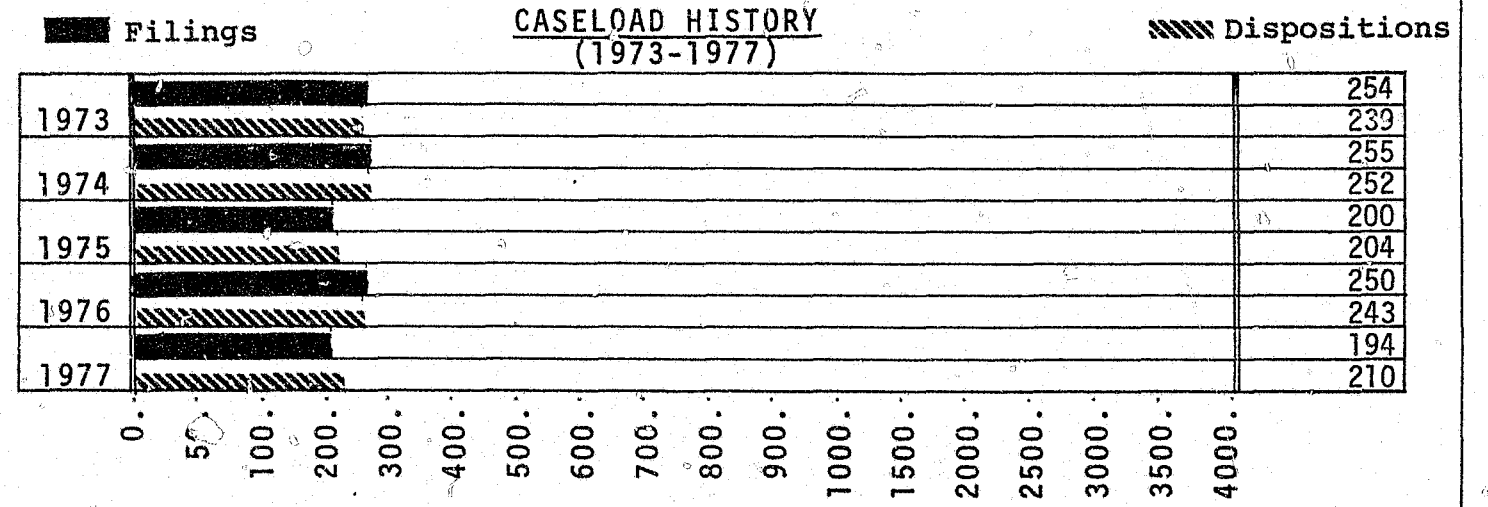
Filings	78
Dispositions	79

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	194
Dispositions	210



1977 CASELOAD

4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(WILCOX COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	53	
Other	0	
Total	53	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	1	
Bench Trials	0	
Guilty Pleas	26	
Nols/Dismissals	6	
Total	33	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	5
Dispositions	0

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

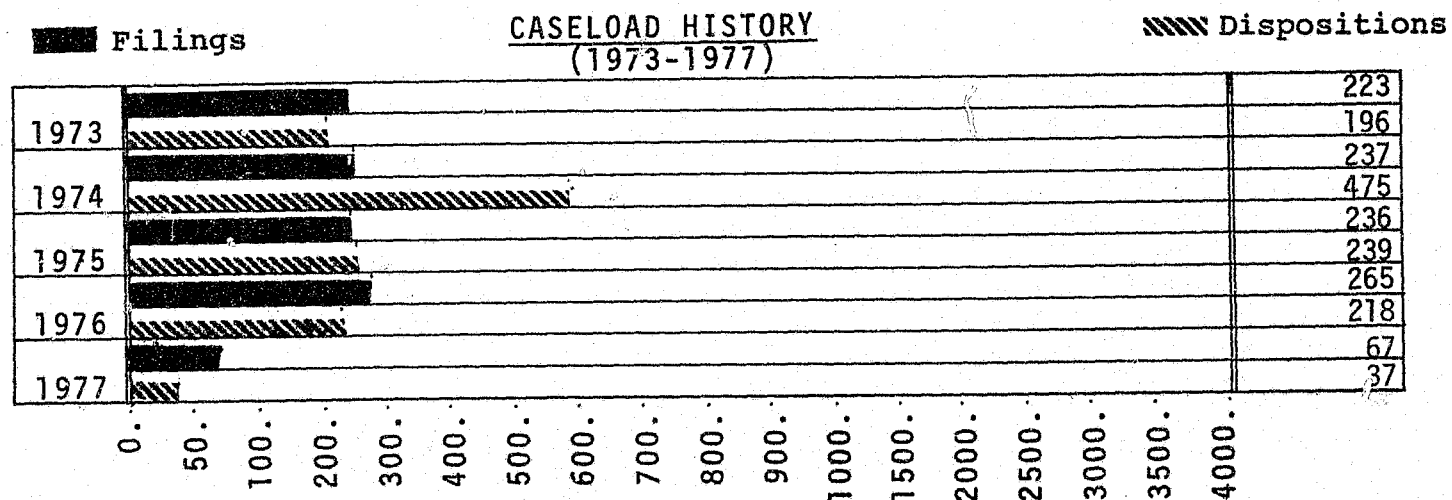
Filings	9
Dispositions	4

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	67
Dispositions	37



1977 CASELOAD

4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	649	
Other	76	
Total	725	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	23	
Bench Trials	0	
Guilty Pleas	302	
Nols/Dismissals	110	
Total	435	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	444
Dispositions	582

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

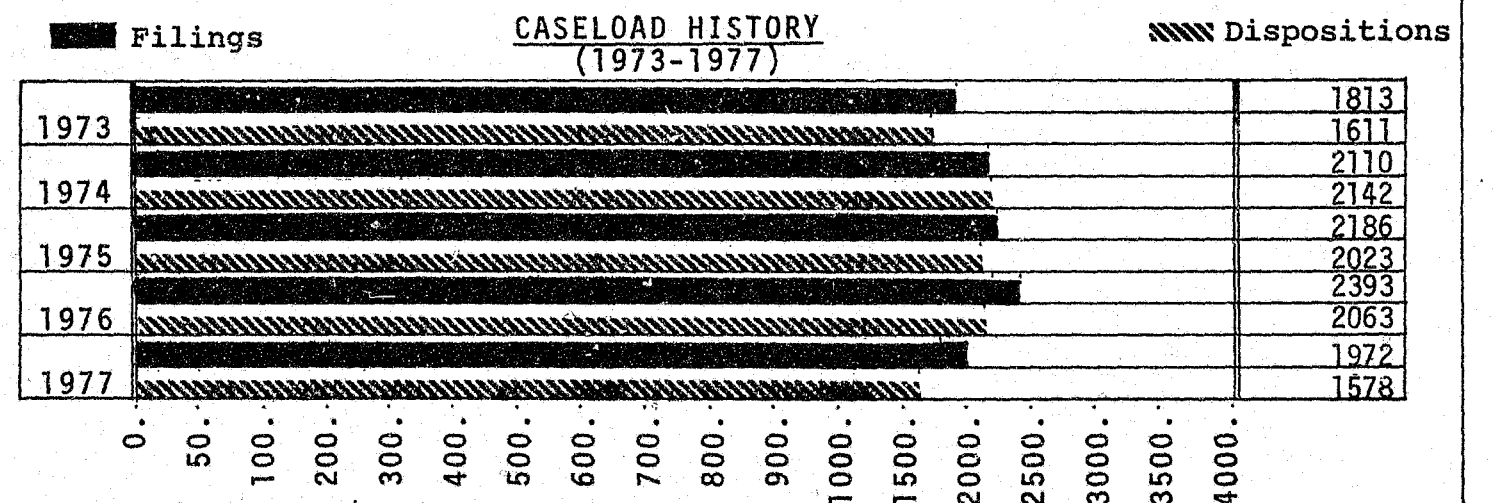
Filings	623
Dispositions	561

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1792
Dispositions	1578



1977 CASELOAD

**5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(CHAMBERS COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	101
Other	31
Total	<u>132</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	8
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	17
Nols/Dismissals	80
Total	<u>105</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	79
Dispositions	48

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	292
Dispositions	201

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	503
Dispositions	354

1977 CASELOAD

**5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(MACON COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	71
Other	1
Total	<u>72</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	4
Bench Trials	1
Guilty Pleas	13
Nols/Dismissals	7
Total	<u>25</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	162
Dispositions	23

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

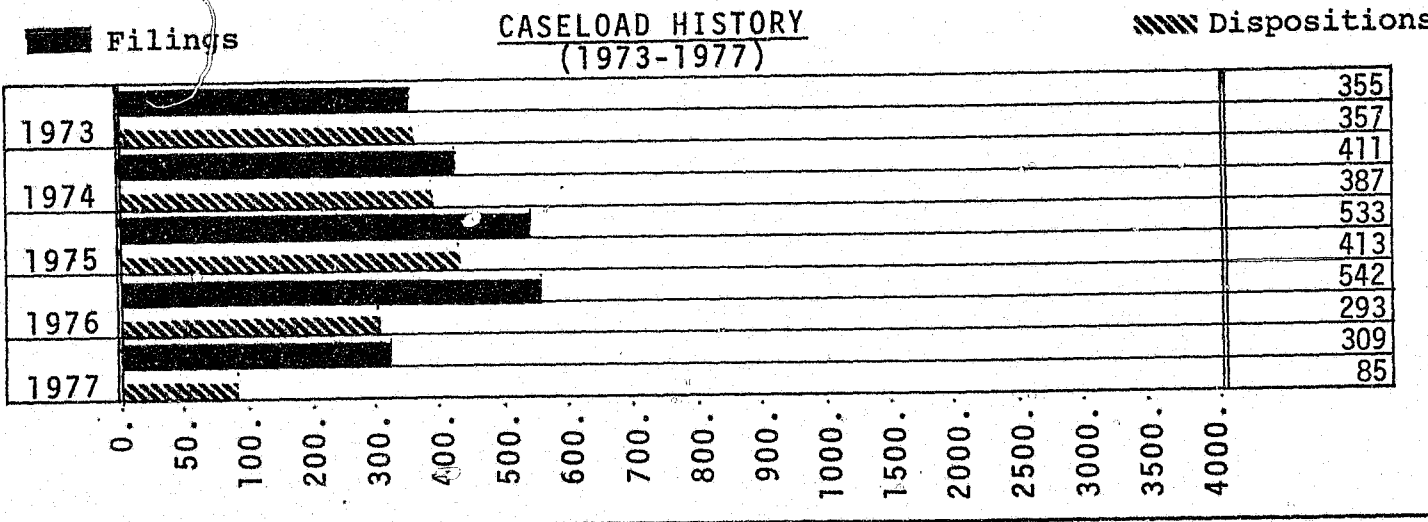
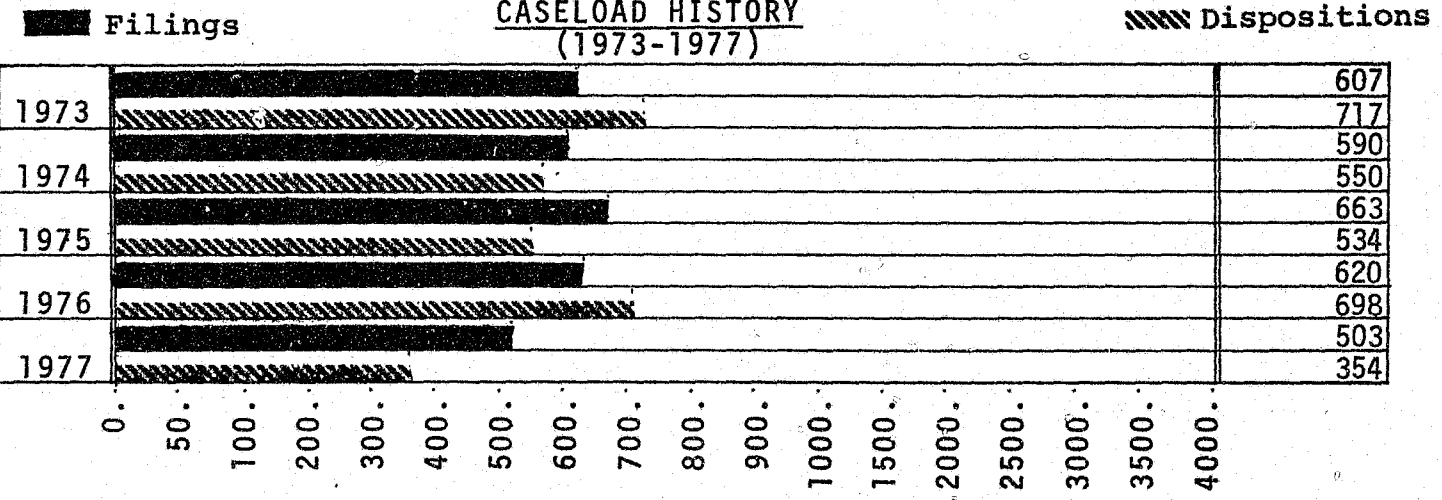
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Dispositions	37

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	309
Dispositions	85



1977 CASELOAD

5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(RANDOLPH COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	48	
Other	22	
Total	70	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	7	
Bench Trials	0	
Guilty Pleas	21	
Nols/Dismissals	4	
Total	32	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	122
Dispositions	67

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

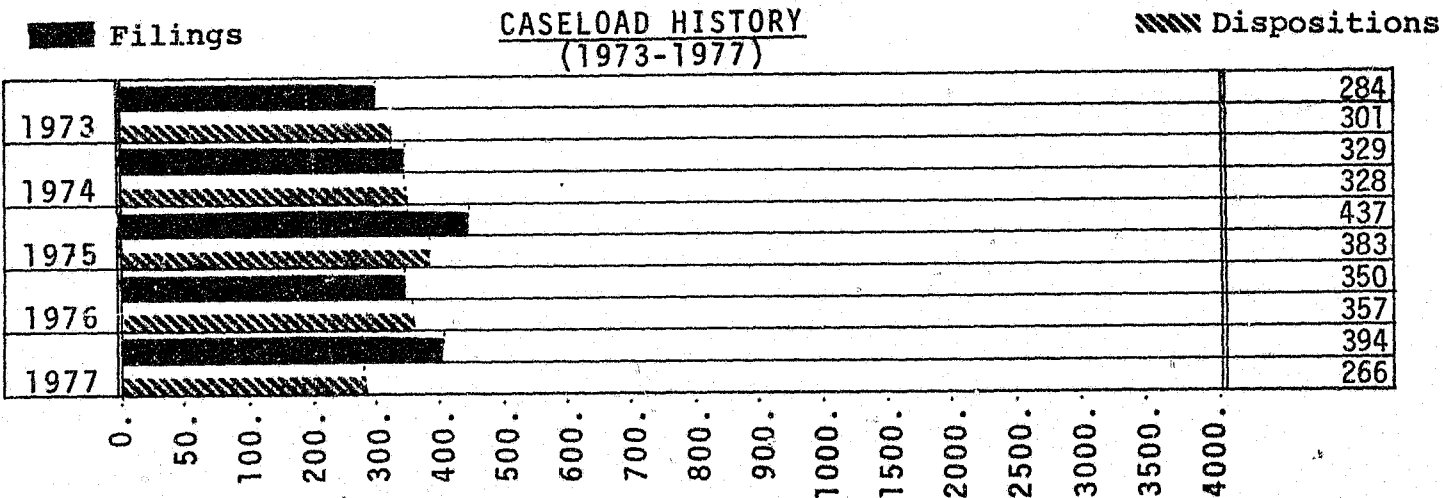
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Dispositions	167

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	394
Dispositions	266



1977 CASELOAD

5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(TALLAPOOSA-ALEX. CITY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	89	
Other	18	
Total	107	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	6	
Bench Trials	0	
Guilty Pleas	19	
Nols/Dismissals	27	
Total	52	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	94
Dispositions	50

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

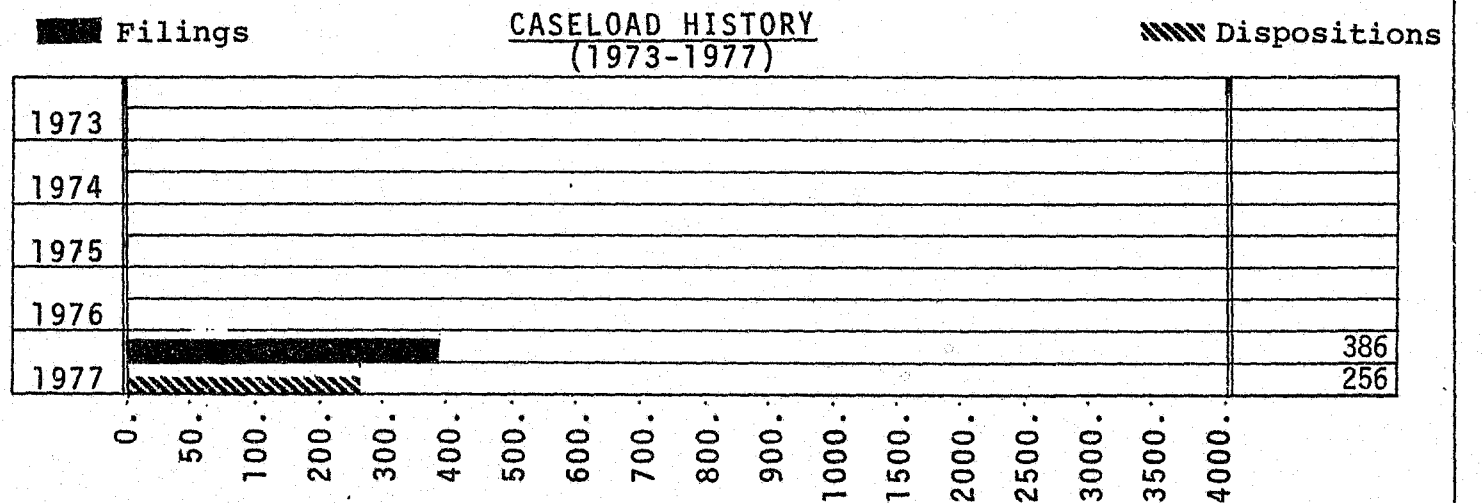
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Dispositions	154

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	386
Dispositions	256



1977 CASELOAD

5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(TALLAPOOSA-DADEVILLE)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	128
Other	11
Total	139
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	6
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	43
NoIs/Dismissals	76
Total	125

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	61
Dispositions	63

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	106
Dispositions	120

JUVENILE CASELOAD

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Dispositions	0

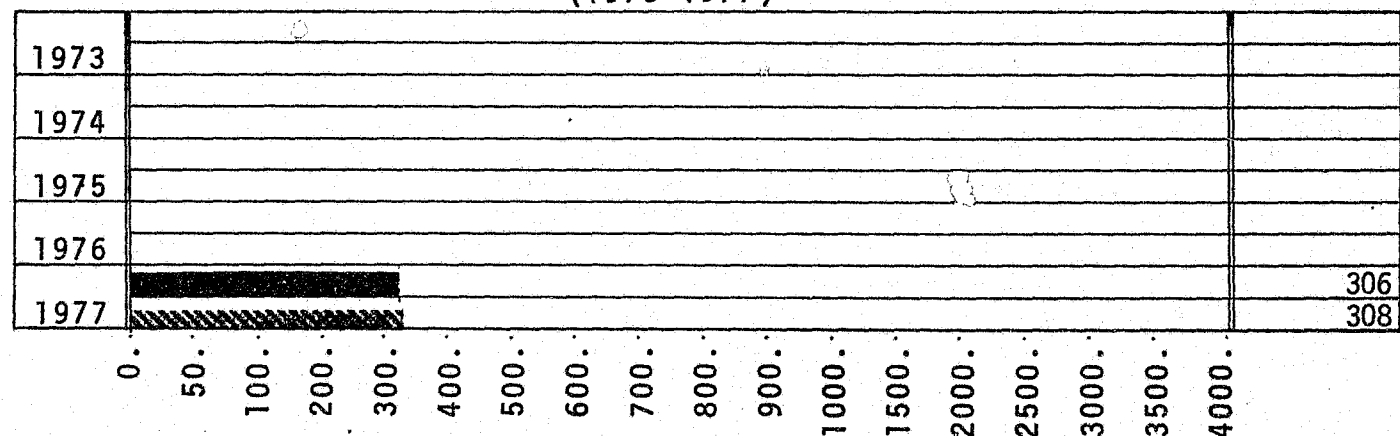
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	306
Dispositions	308

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(TALLAPOOSA COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	217
Other	29
Total	246
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	12
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	62
NoIs/Dismissals	103
Total	177

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	155
Dispositions	113

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	291
Dispositions	274

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

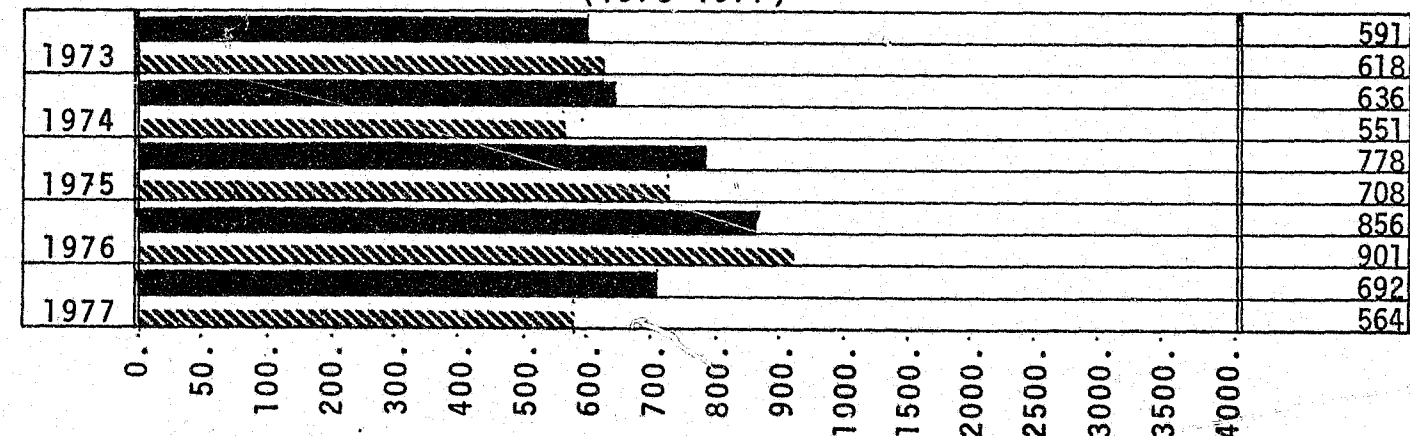
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	692
Dispositions	564

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings									
Indictments	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	437
Other	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	83
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>520</u>
Dispositions									
Jury Trials	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Bench Trials	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Guilty Pleas	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	113
Nols/Dismissals	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>194</u>
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>339</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	518
Dispositions	251

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

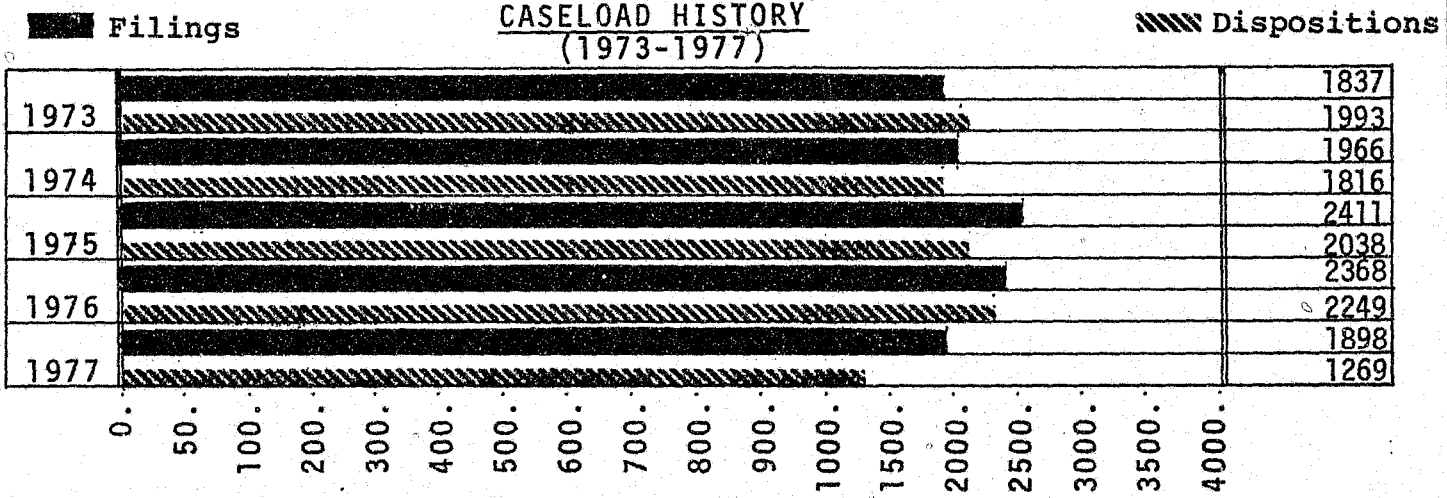
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Dispositions	679

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1898
Dispositions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1269



1977 CASELOAD

TUSCALOOSA-6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings									
Indictments	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1253
Other	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	258
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>1511</u>
Dispositions									
Jury Trials	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66
Bench Trials	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Guilty Pleas	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1070
Nols/Dismissals	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>385</u>
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>1528</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	742
Dispositions	962

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

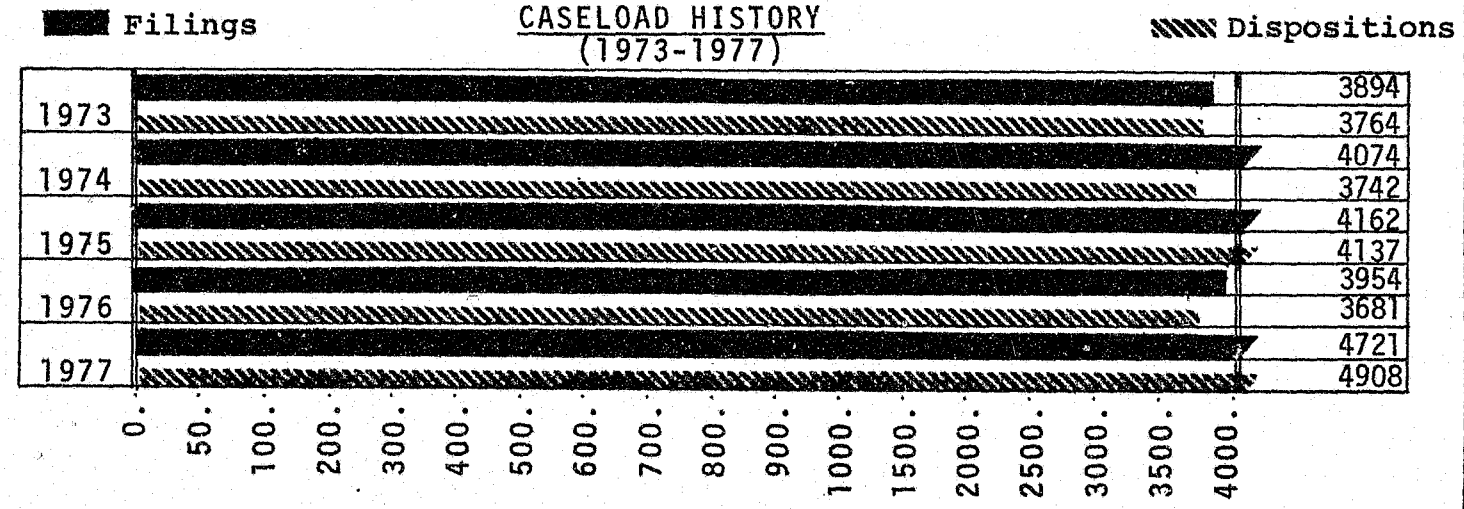
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Dispositions	2149

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	344
Dispositions	269

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4721
Dispositions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4908



1977 CASELOAD

7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(CALHOUN COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	225	
Other	110	
Total	335	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	65	
Bench Trials	82	
Guilty Pleas	208	
Nols/Dismissals	88	
Total	443	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	287
Dispositions	221

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

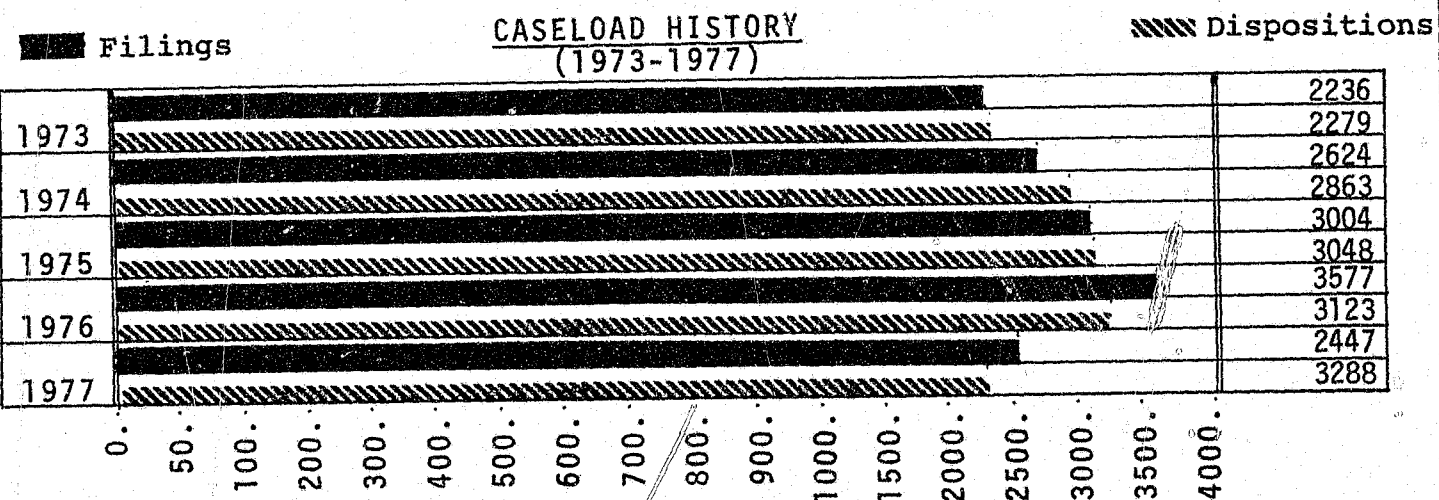
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TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	2447
Dispositions	3288



1977 CASELOAD

7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(CLEBURNE COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	145	
Other	2	
Total	147	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	10	
Bench Trials	4	
Guilty Pleas	18	
Nols/Dismissals	5	
Total	37	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	126
Dispositions	25

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

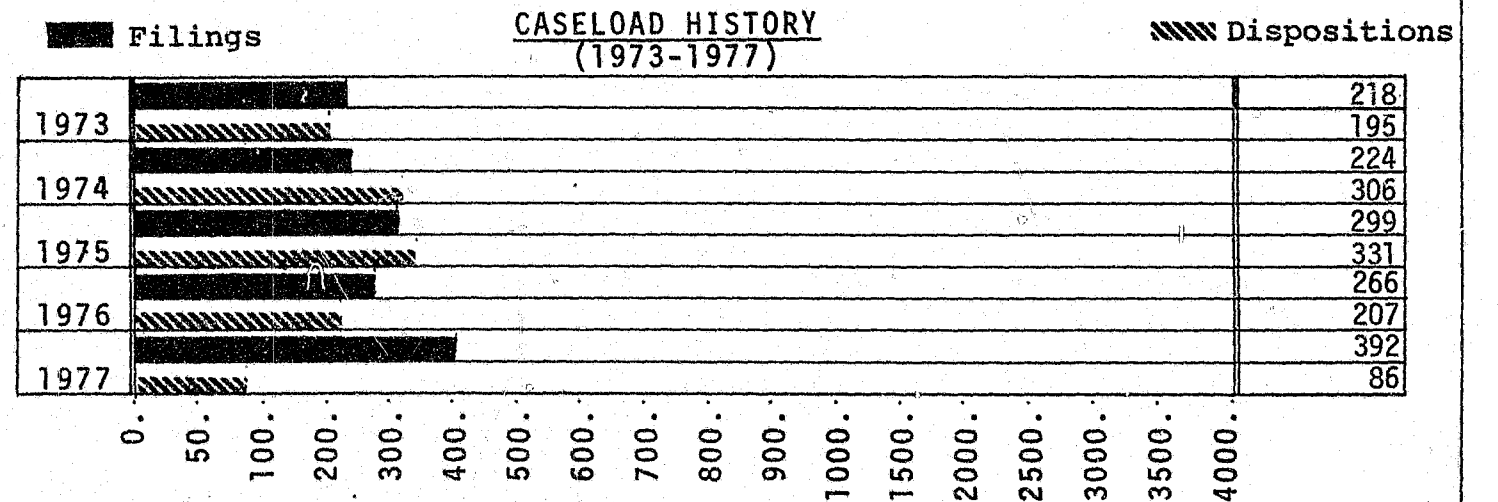
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Dispositions	24

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	392
Dispositions	86



1977 CASELOAD

7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	370
Other	112
Total	482
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	75
Bench Trials	86
Guilty Pleas	226
Nols/Dismissals	93
Total	480

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	413
Dispositions	246

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	1944
Dispositions	2648

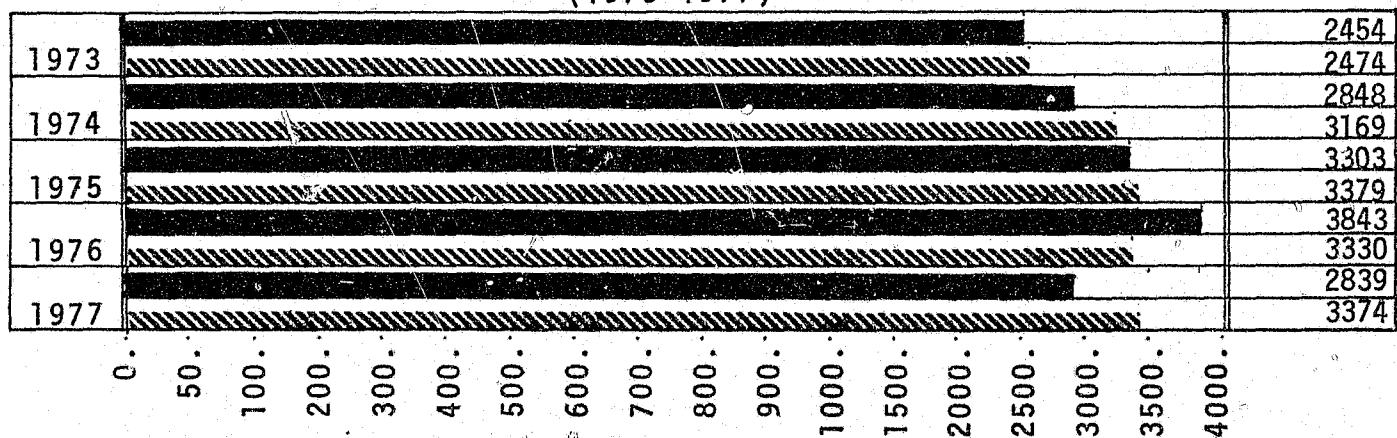
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TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	2839
Dispositions	3374

■ Filings CASELOAD HISTORY ▨ Dispositions
(1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(LIMESTONE COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	69
Other	9
Total	78
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	11
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	61
Nols/Dismissals	24
Total	96

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	85
Dispositions	167

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	390
Dispositions	285

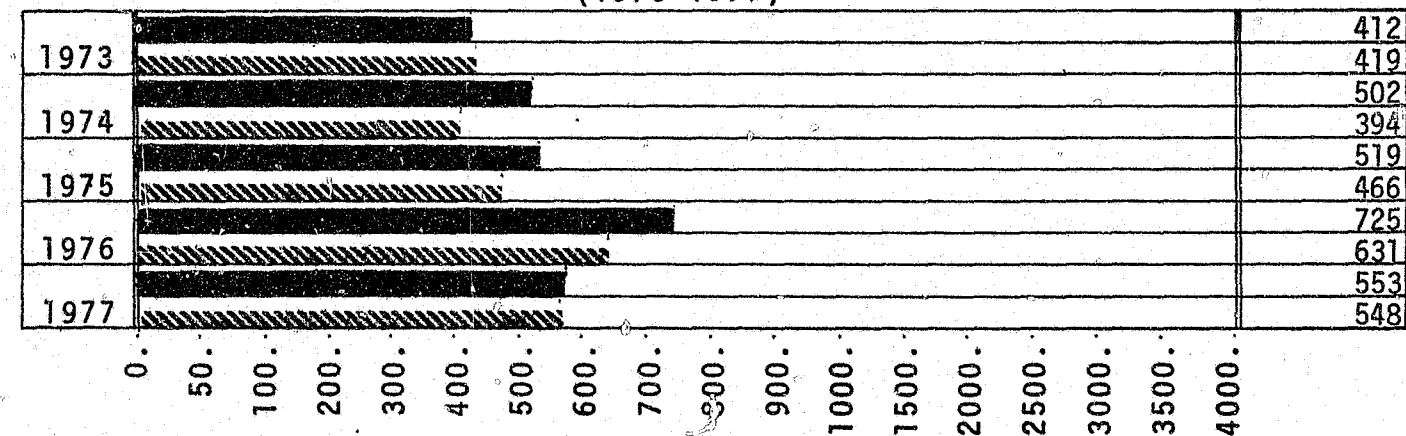
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TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	553
Dispositions	548

■ Filings CASELOAD HISTORY ▨ Dispositions
(1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

**9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(CHEROKEE COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	96
Other	19
Total	115
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	8
Bench Trials	56
Guilty Pleas	37
Nols/Dismissals	42
Total	143

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	82
Dispositions	83

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

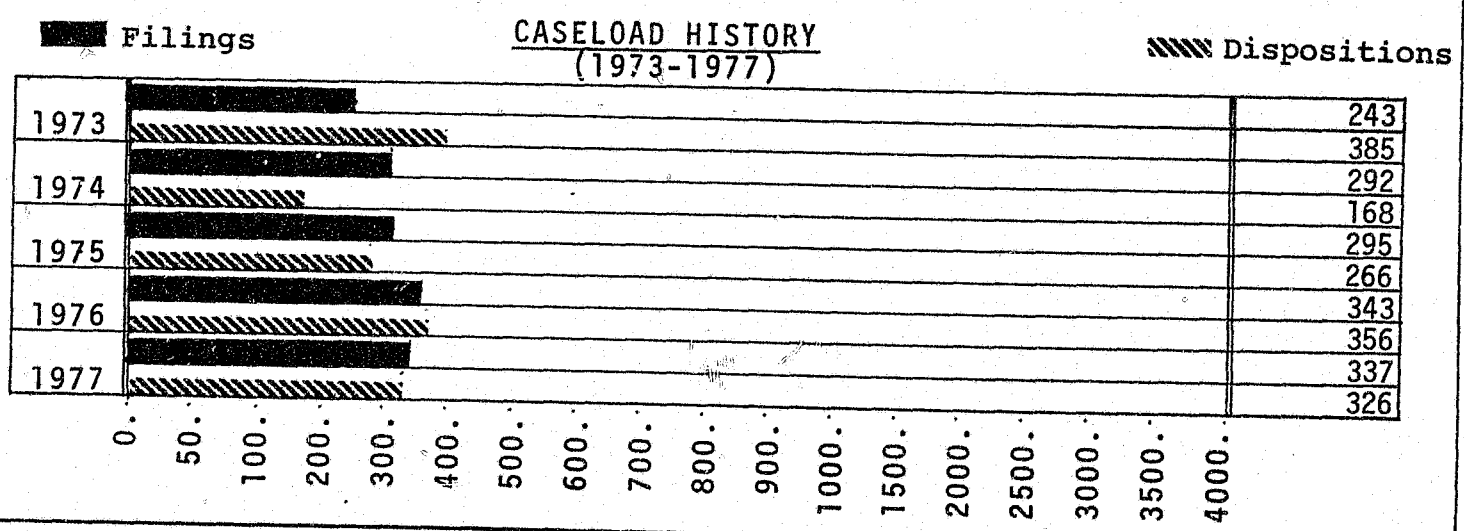
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JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	337
Dispositions	326



1977 CASELOAD

**9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(DEKALB COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	347
Other	157
Total	504
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	13
Bench Trials	7
Guilty Pleas	145
Nols/Dismissals	103
Total	268

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	483
Dispositions	525

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

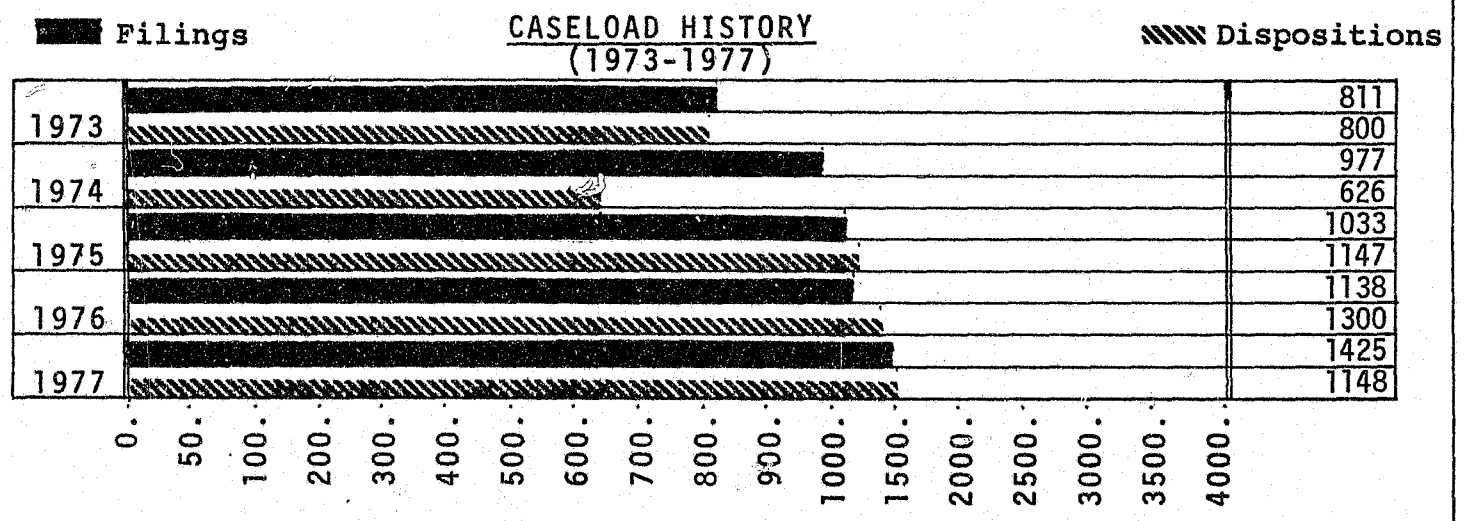
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Dispositions	355

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1425
Dispositions	1148



1977 CASELOAD

9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	443
Other	176
Total	619
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	21
Bench Trials	63
Guilty Pleas	182
NoIs/Dismissals	145
Total	411

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	565
Dispositions	608

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

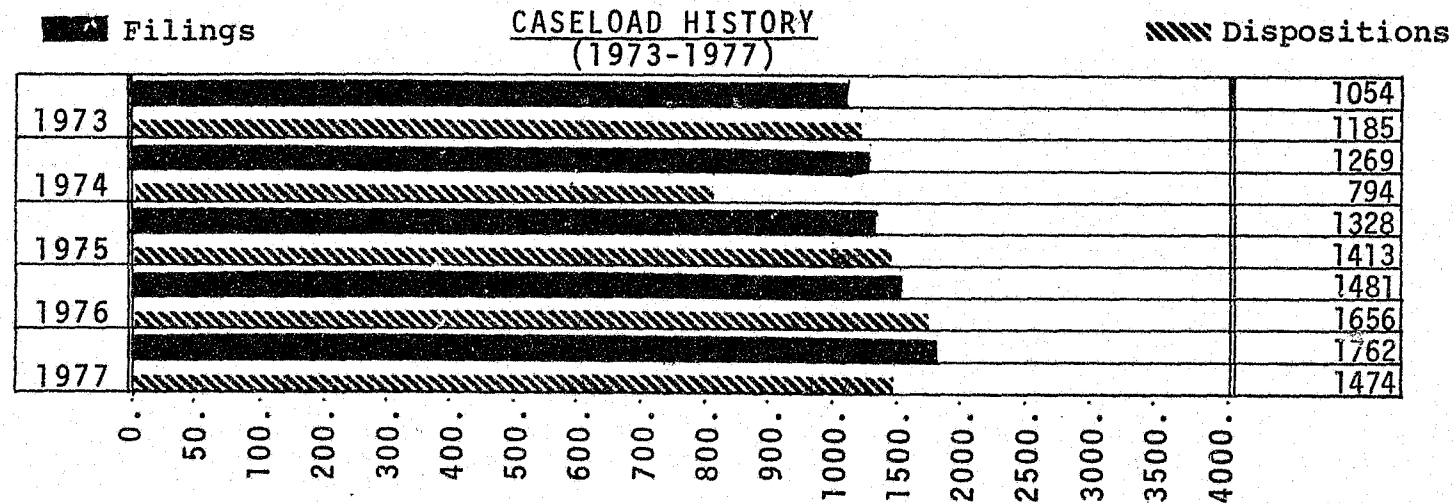
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Dispositions	455

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1762
Dispositions	1474



1977 CASELOAD

JEFFERSON-10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	2385
Other	1243
Total	3628
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	314
Bench Trials	106
Guilty Pleas	2488
NoIs/Dismissals	782
Total	3690

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	5301
Dispositions	5832

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

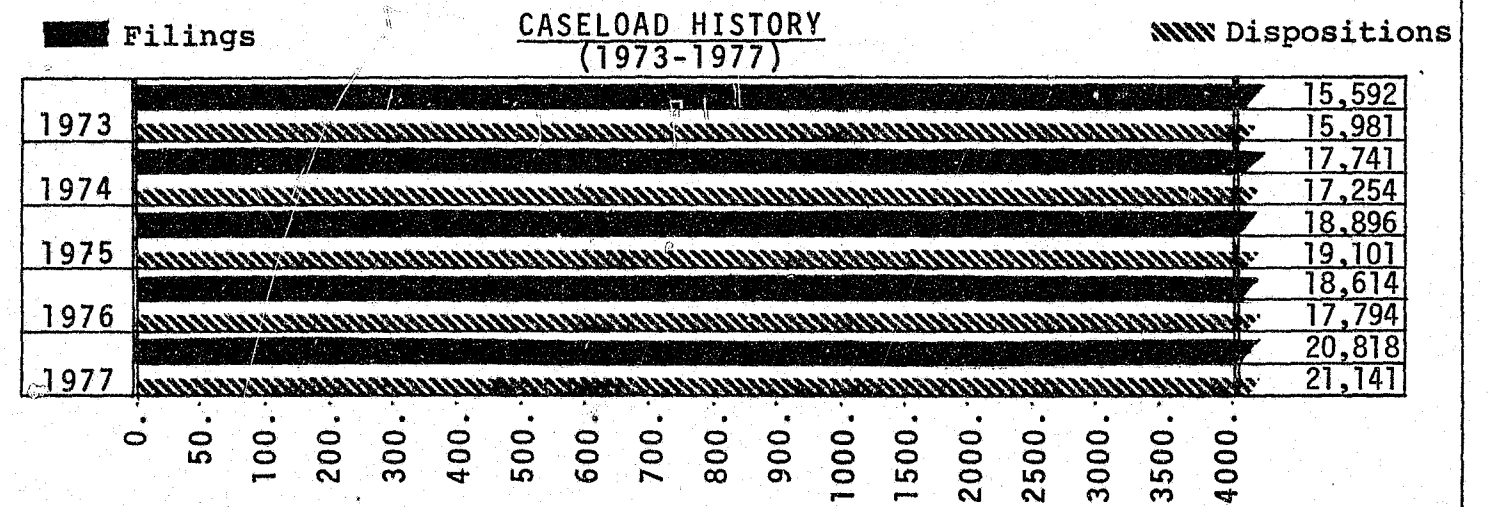
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Dispositions	8291

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	4066
Dispositions	3328

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	20,818
Dispositions	21,141



1977 CASELOAD

LAUDERDALE-11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	404	
Other	61	
Total	<u>465</u>	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	17	
Bench Trials	44	
Guilty Pleas	130	
NoIs/Dismissals	140	
Total	<u>331</u>	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	358
Dispositions	132

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	813
Dispositions	574

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1636
Dispositions	1037

1977 CASELOAD

**12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(COFFEE-ELBA)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	86	
Other	47	
Total	<u>133</u>	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	27	
Bench Trials	41	
Guilty Pleas	28	
NoIs/Dismissals	4	
Total	<u>100</u>	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	125
Dispositions	81

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

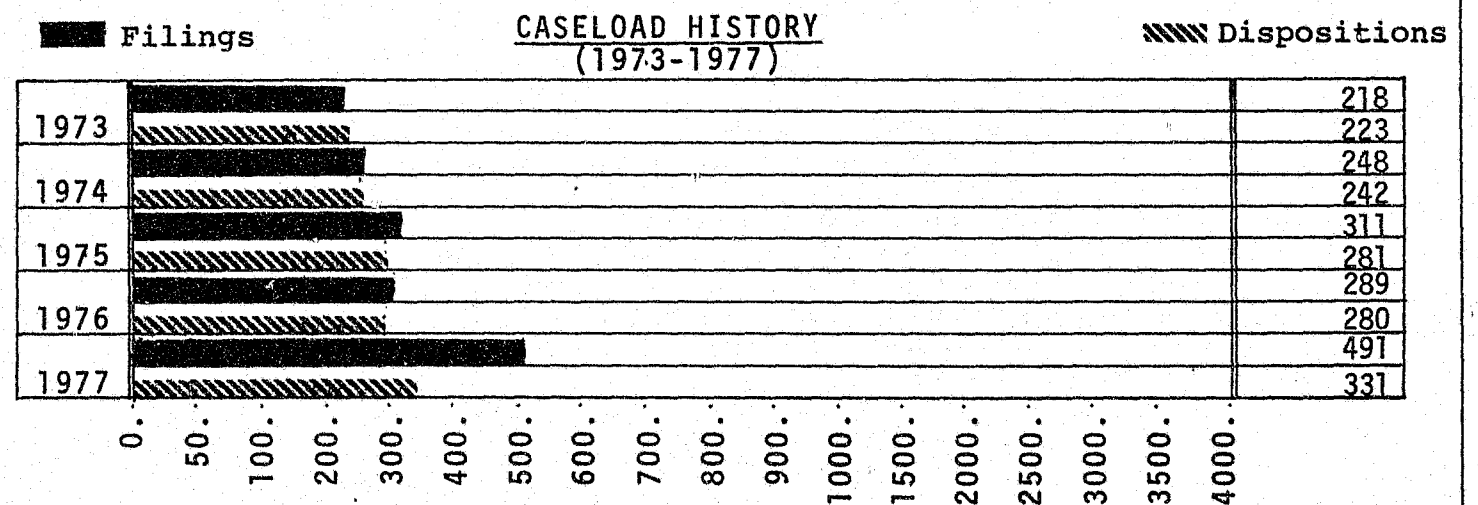
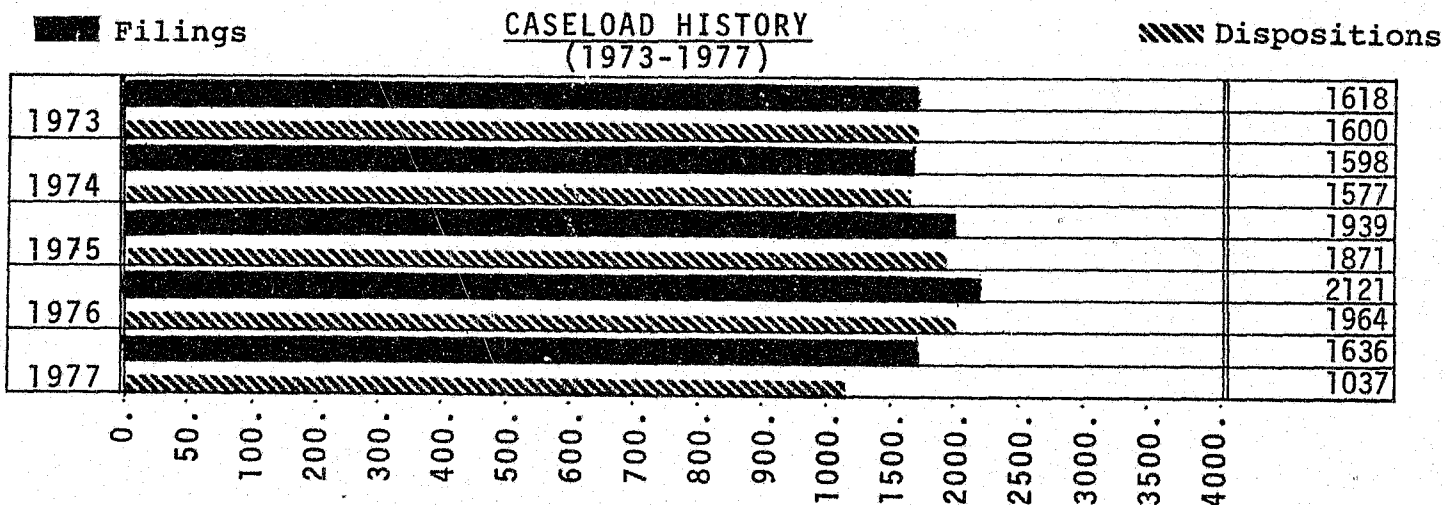
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Dispositions	150

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	491
Dispositions	331



1977 CASELOAD

12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(COFFEE-ENTERPRISE)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	39
Other	26
Total	<u>65</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	4
Bench Trials	1
Guilty Pleas	33
Nols/Dismissals	27
Total	<u>65</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	115
Dispositions	99

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	363
Dispositions	291

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

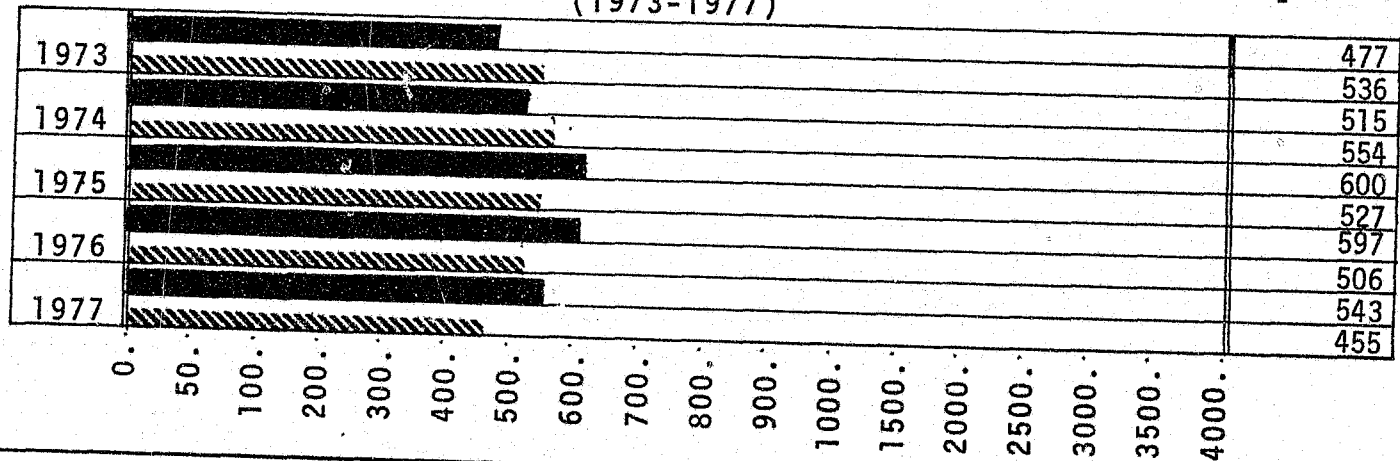
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	543
Dispositions	455

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(PIKE COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	166
Other	58
Total	<u>224</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	2
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	72
Nols/Dismissals	23
Total	<u>97</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	94
Dispositions	36

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	162
Dispositions	116

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

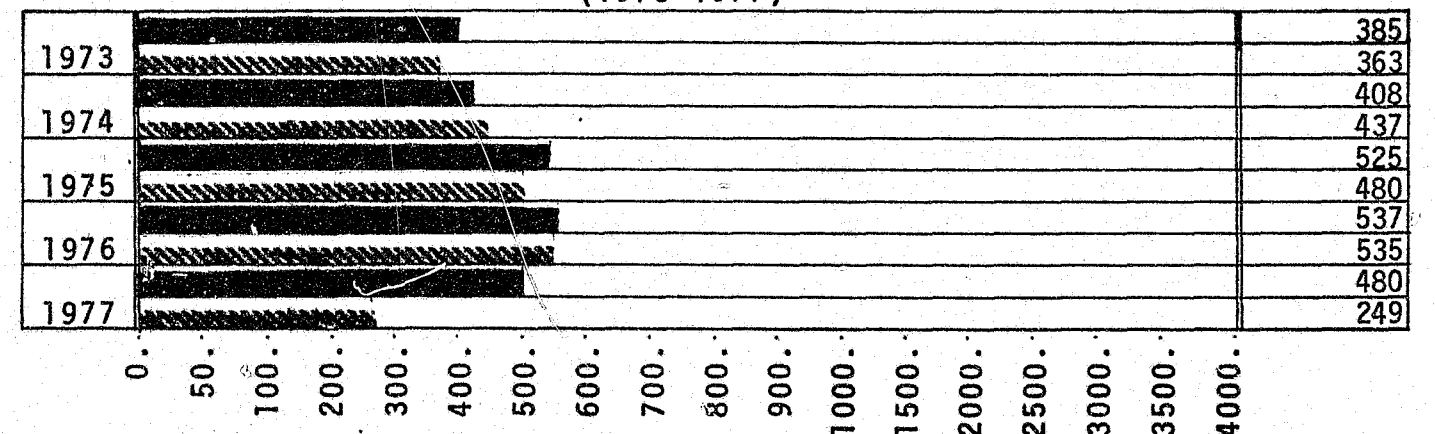
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	480
Dispositions	249

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	291
Other	131
Total	<u>422</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	33
Bench Trials	42
Guilty Pleas	133
NoIs/Dismissals	54
Total	<u>262</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	334
Dispositions	216

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

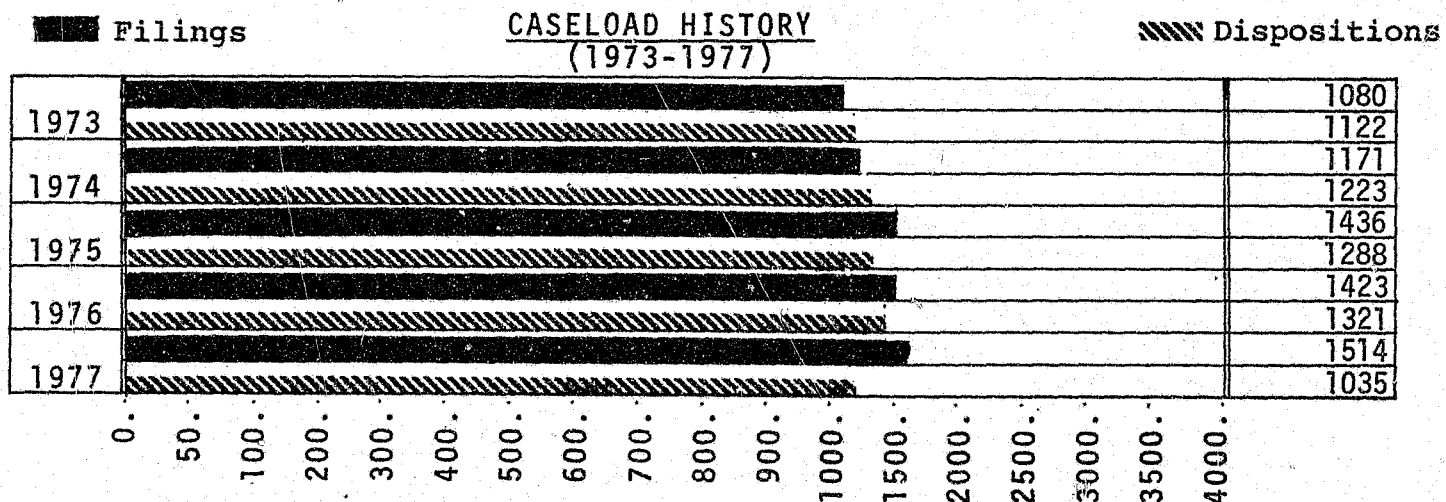
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Dispositions	557

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1514
Dispositions	1035



1977 CASELOAD

MOBILE-13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	1458
Other	546
Total	<u>2004</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	65
Bench Trials	424
Guilty Pleas	1278
NoIs/Dismissals	815
Total	<u>2582</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	2021
Dispositions	2950

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

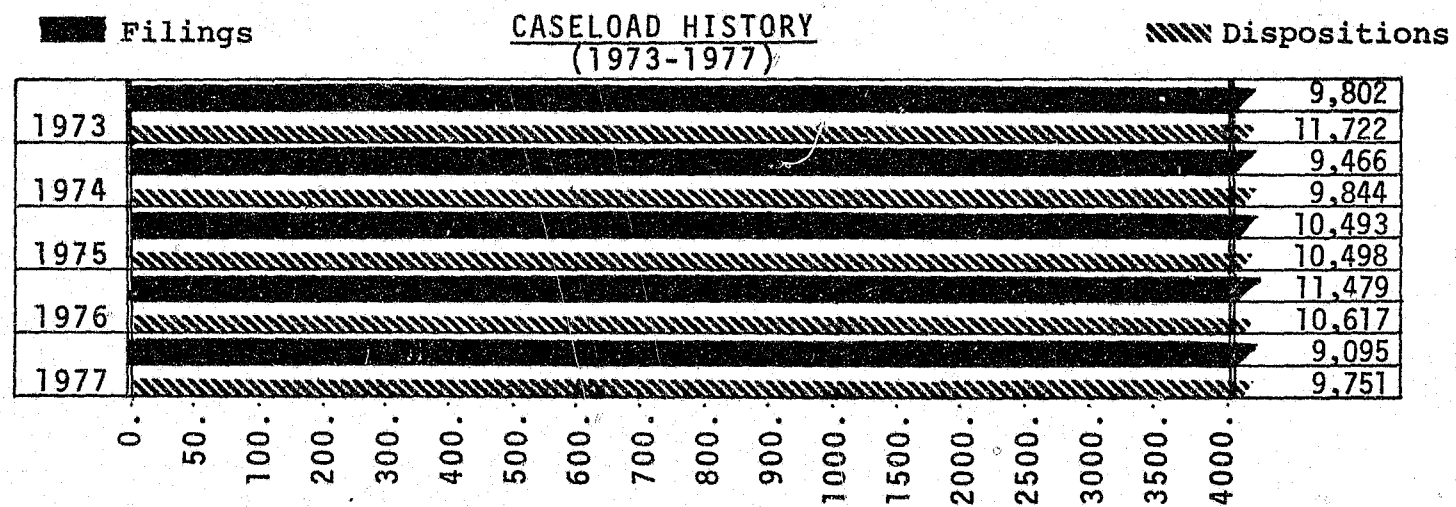
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Dispositions	3247

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	1280
Dispositions	972

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	9095
Dispositions	9751



1977 CASELOAD

ETOWAH-16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	828
Other	489
Total	<u>1317</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	23
Bench Trials	19
Guilty Pleas	652
NoIs/Dismissals	538
Total	<u>1232</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	1063
Dispositions	1271

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	1184
Dispositions	949

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	3564
Dispositions	3452

1977 CASELOAD

17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(GREENE COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	80
Other	2
Total	<u>82</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	5
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	40
NoIs/Dismissals	4
Total	<u>49</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	37
Dispositions	6

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	47
Dispositions	23

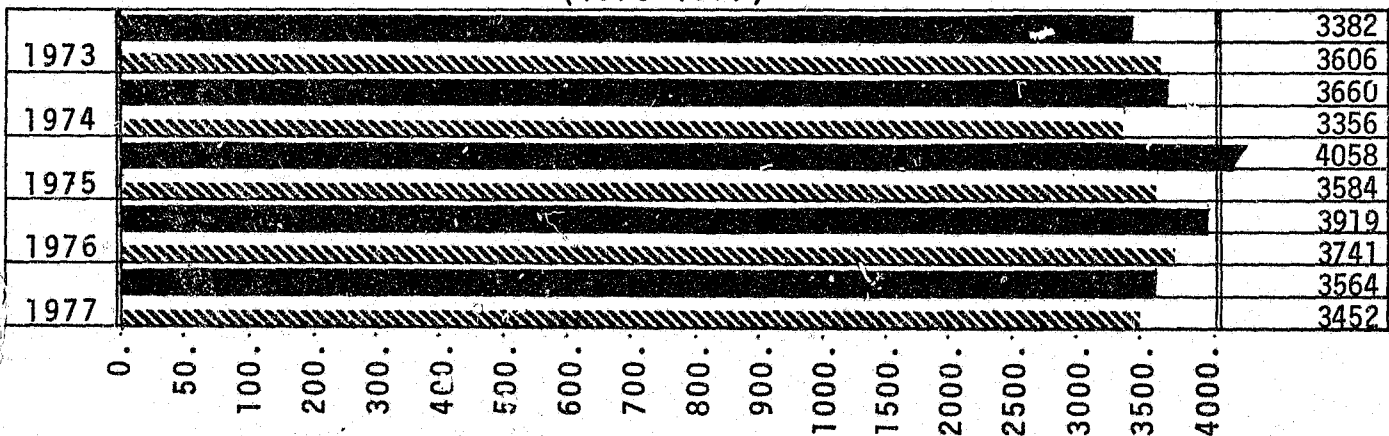
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Dispositions	0

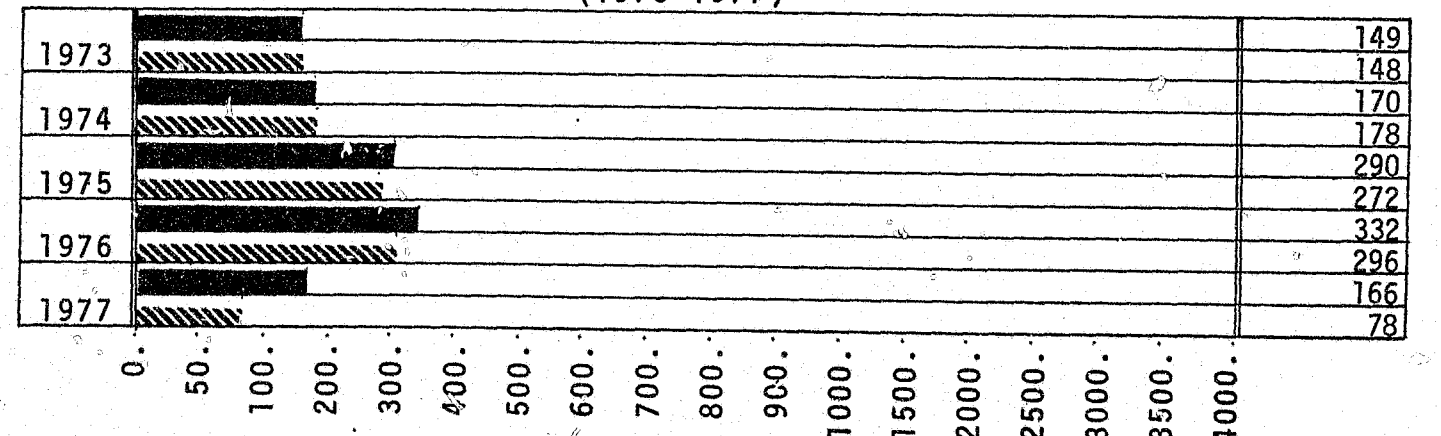
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	166
Dispositions	78

■ Filings CASELOAD HISTORY **▨ Dispositions**
(1973-1977)



■ Filings CASELOAD HISTORY **▨ Dispositions**
(1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(MARENGO COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	76
Other	58
Total	<u>134</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	7
Bench Trials	3
Guilty Pleas	72
Nols/Dismissals	27
Total	<u>109</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	199
Dispositions	148

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

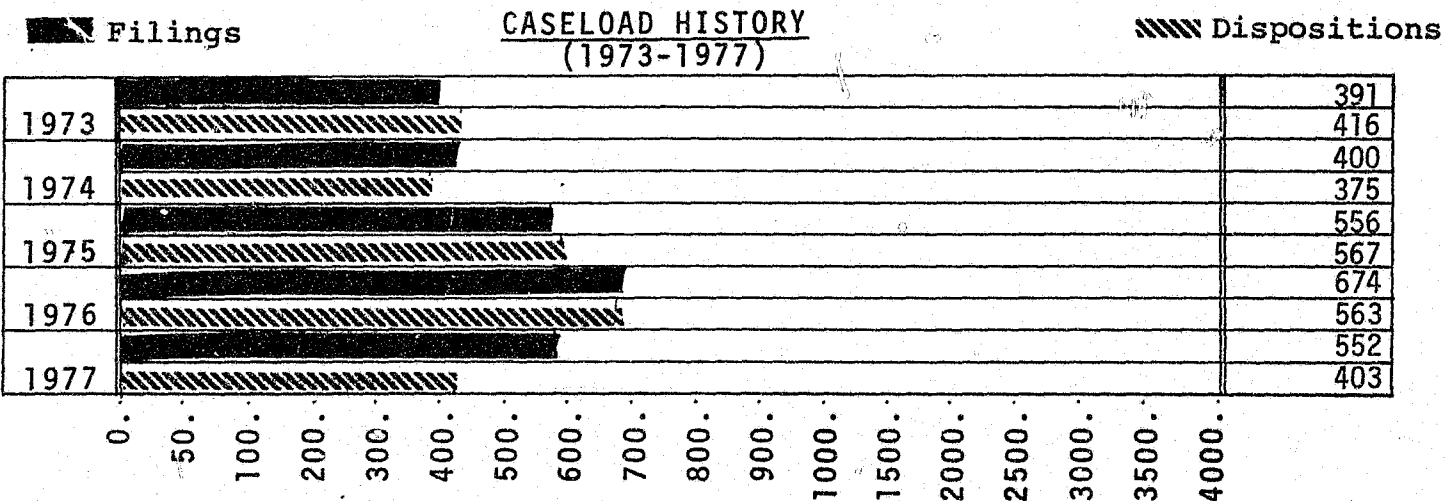
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Dispositions	146

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	552
Dispositions	403



1977 CASELOAD

17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(SUMTER COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	118
Other	14
Total	<u>132</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	7
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	50
Nols/Dismissals	10
Total	<u>67</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	48
Dispositions	30

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

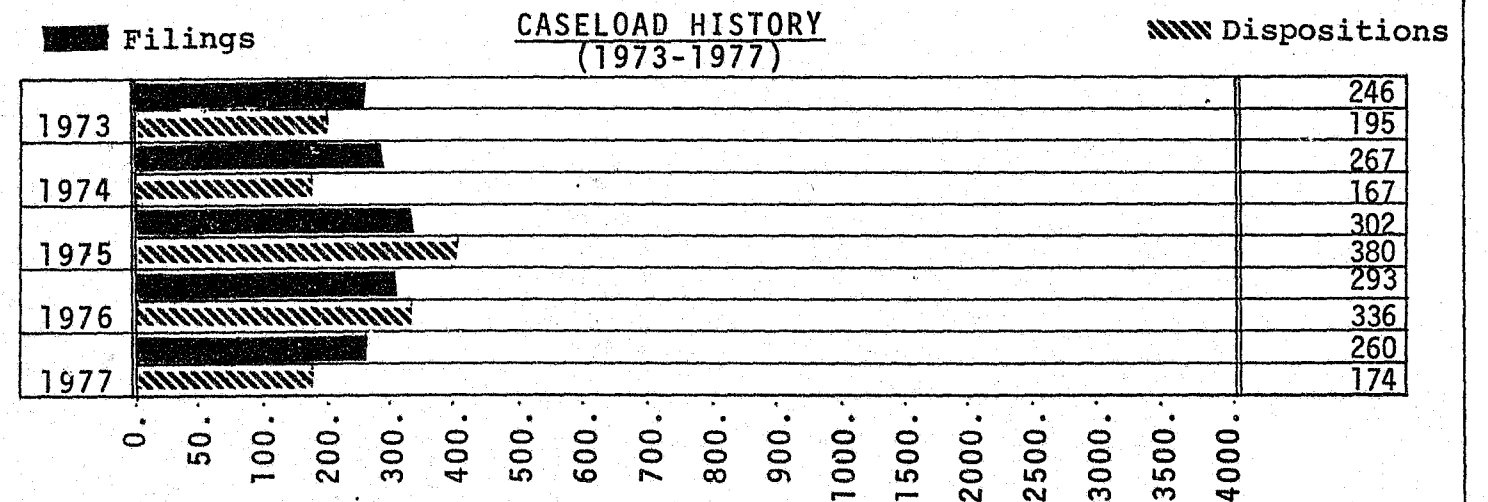
Filings	80
Dispositions	77

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	260
Dispositions	174



1977 CASELOAD

17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	274
Other	74
Total	348
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	19
Bench Trials	3
Guilty Pleas	162
NoIs/Dismissals	41
Total	225

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	284
Dispositions	184

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	346
Dispositions	246

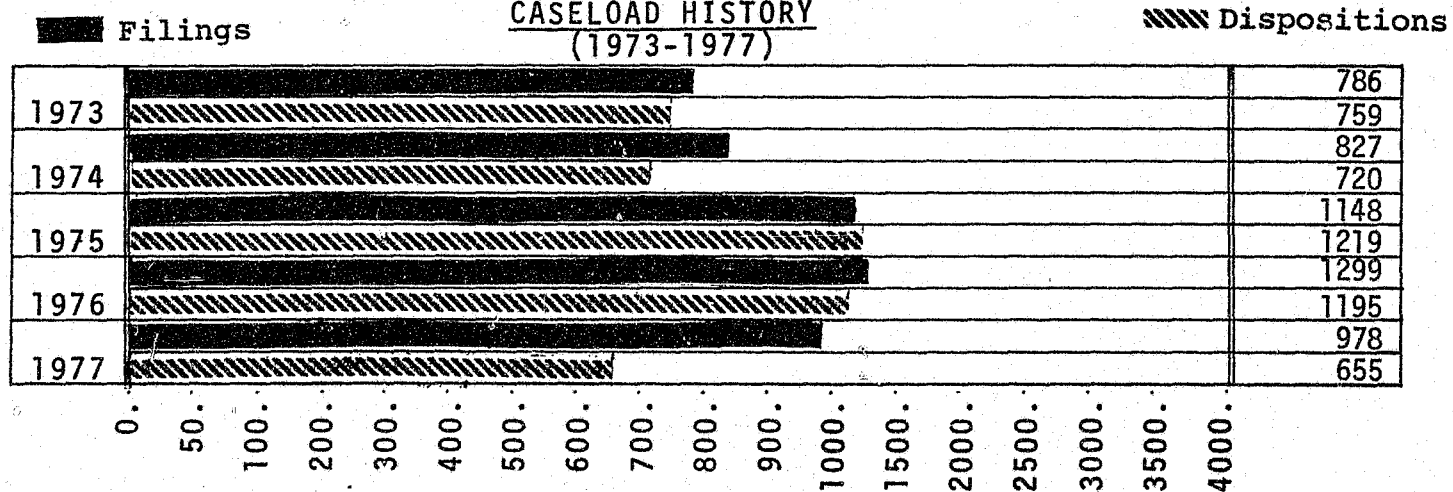
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Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	978
Dispositions	655

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(CLAY COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	36
Other	20
Total	56
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	0
Bench Trials	6
Guilty Pleas	3
NoIs/Dismissals	17
Total	26

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	44
Dispositions	18

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	86
Dispositions	72

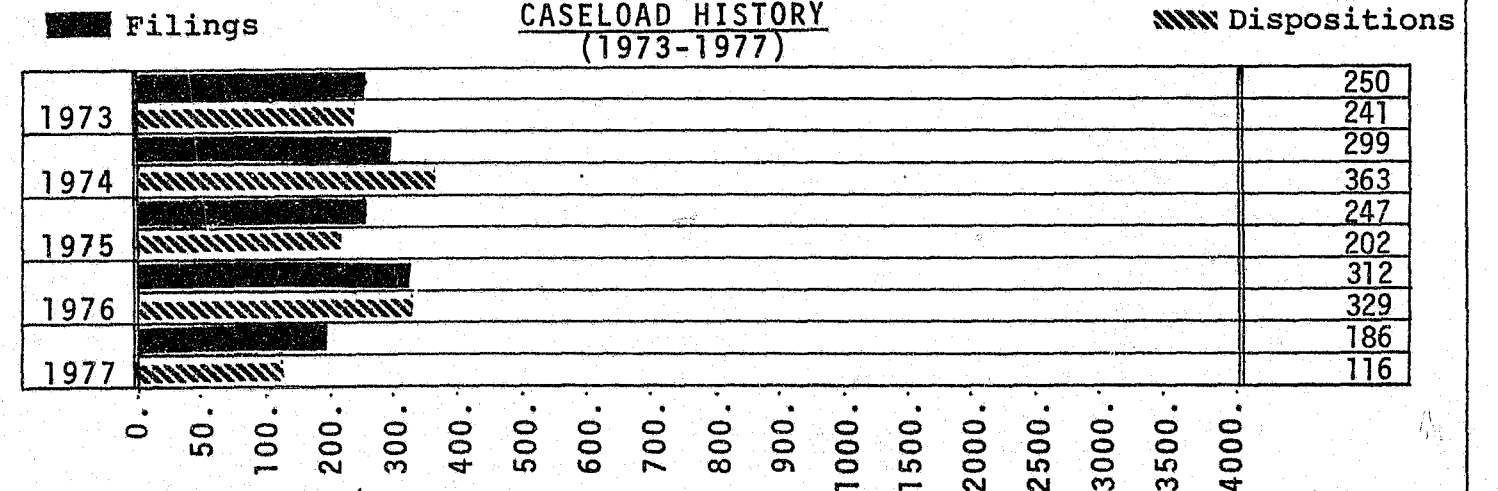
JUVENILE CASELOAD

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Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	186
Dispositions	116

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

**18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(COOSA COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	51
Other	0
Total	51
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	1
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	22
NoIs/Dismissals	5
Total	28

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	102
Dispositions	44

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	97
Dispositions	72

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	250
Dispositions	144

1977 CASELOAD

**18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(SHELBY COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	212
Other	69
Total	281
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	7
Bench Trials	36
Guilty Pleas	174
NoIs/Dismissals	82
Total	299

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	323
Dispositions	343

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

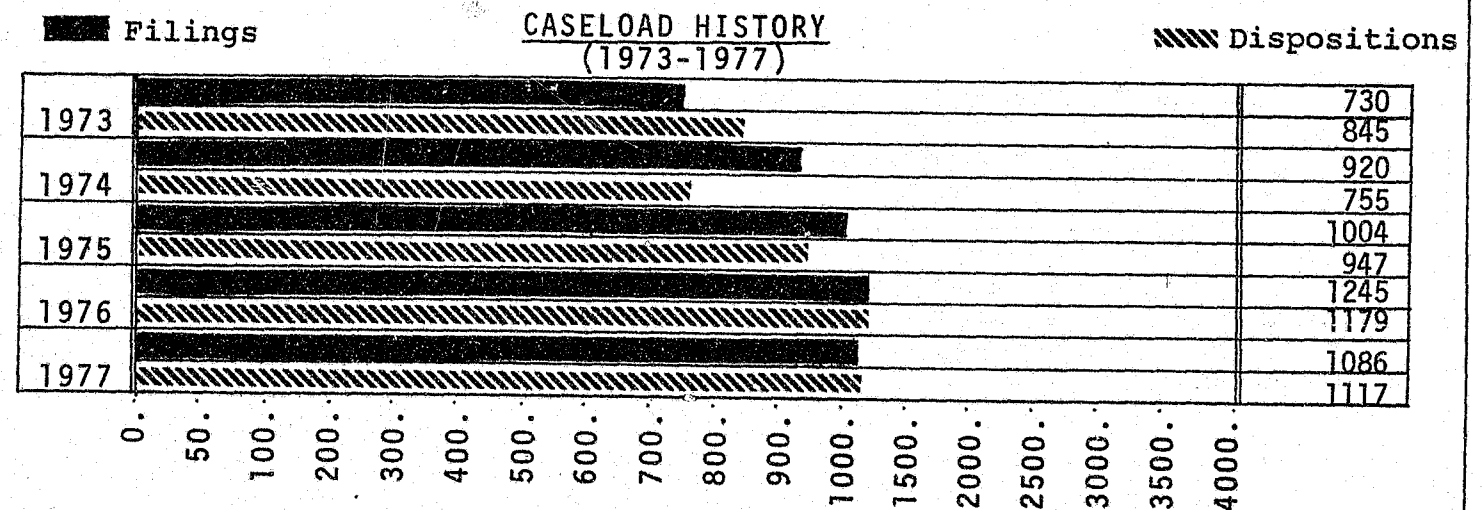
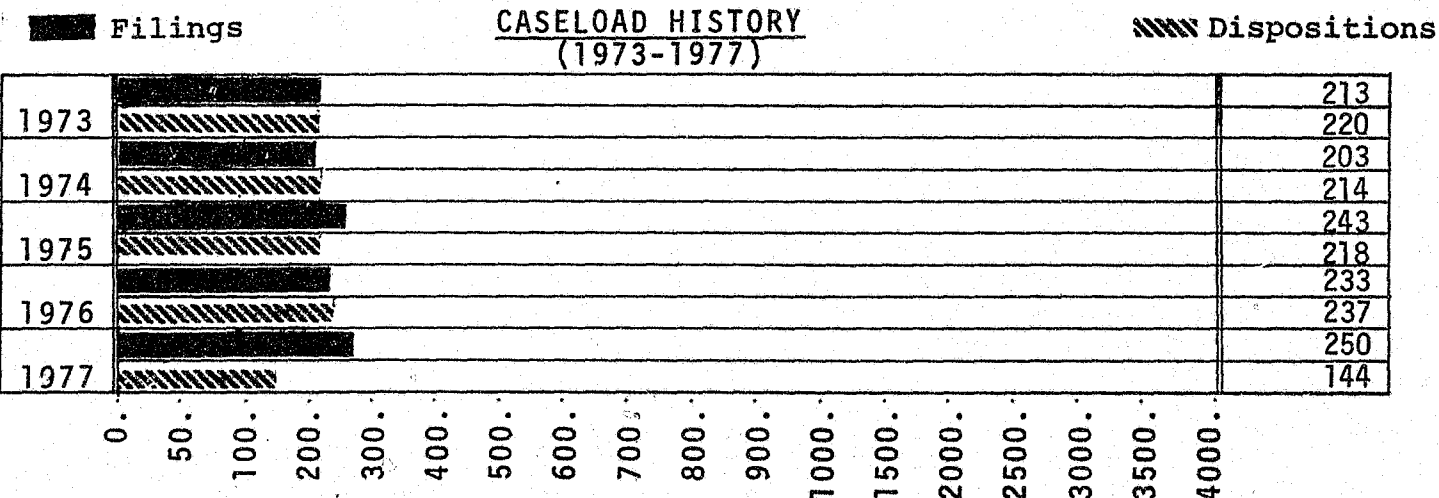
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Dispositions	475

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1086
Dispositions	1117



1977 CASELOAD

18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	299
Other	89
Total	<u>388</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	8
Bench Trials	42
Guilty Pleas	199
Nols/Dismissals	104
Total	<u>353</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	469
Dispositions	405

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

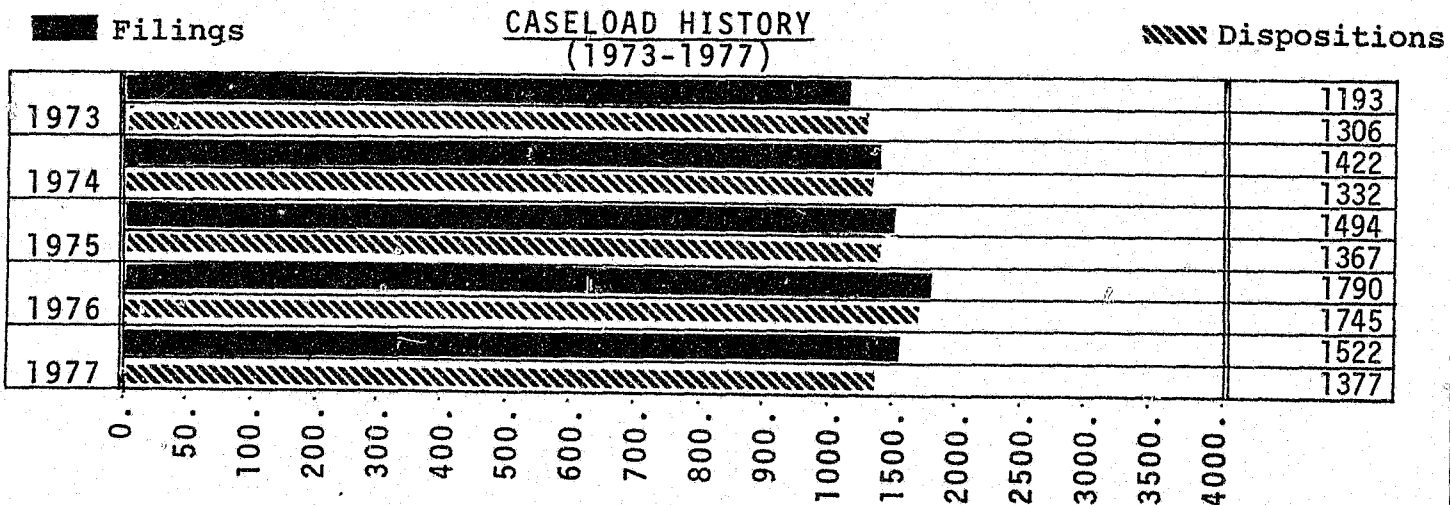
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Dispositions	619

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1522
Dispositions	1377



1977 CASELOAD

19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(AUTAUGA COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	122
Other	62
Total	<u>184</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	9
Bench Trials	1
Guilty Pleas	39
Nols/Dismissals	103
Total	<u>152</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	98
Dispositions	110

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

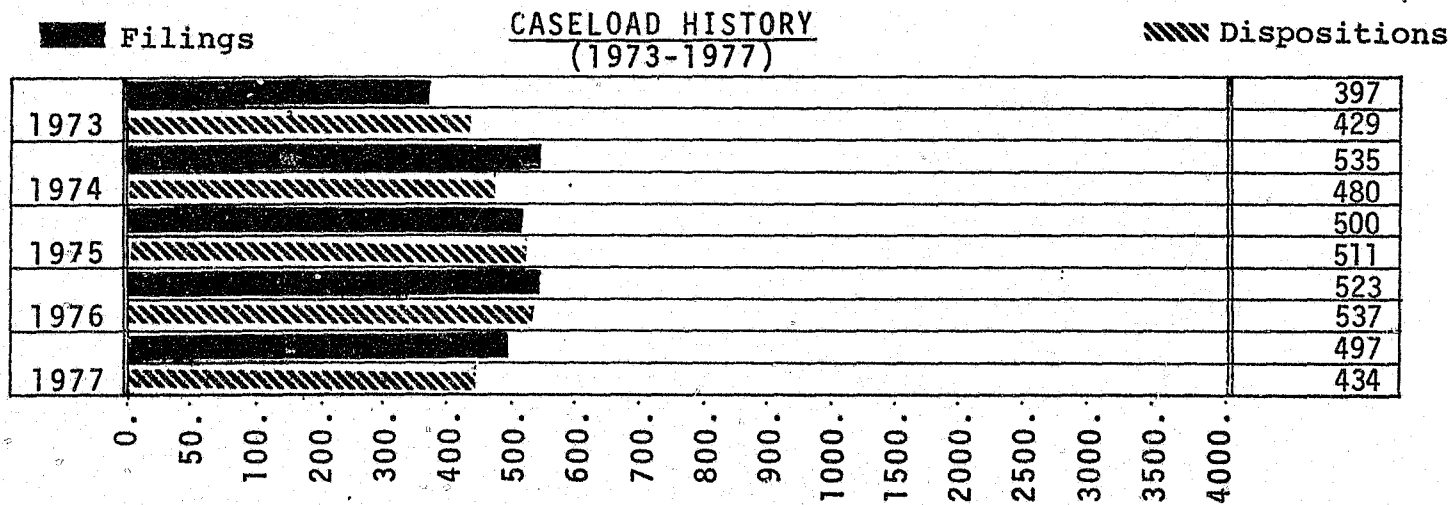
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Dispositions	172

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	497
Dispositions	434



1977 CASELOAD

19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(CHILTON COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	134
Other	35
Total	169
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	6
Bench Trials	1
Guilty Pleas	89
Nols/Dismissals	104
Total	200

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	145
Dispositions	93

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	288
Dispositions	251

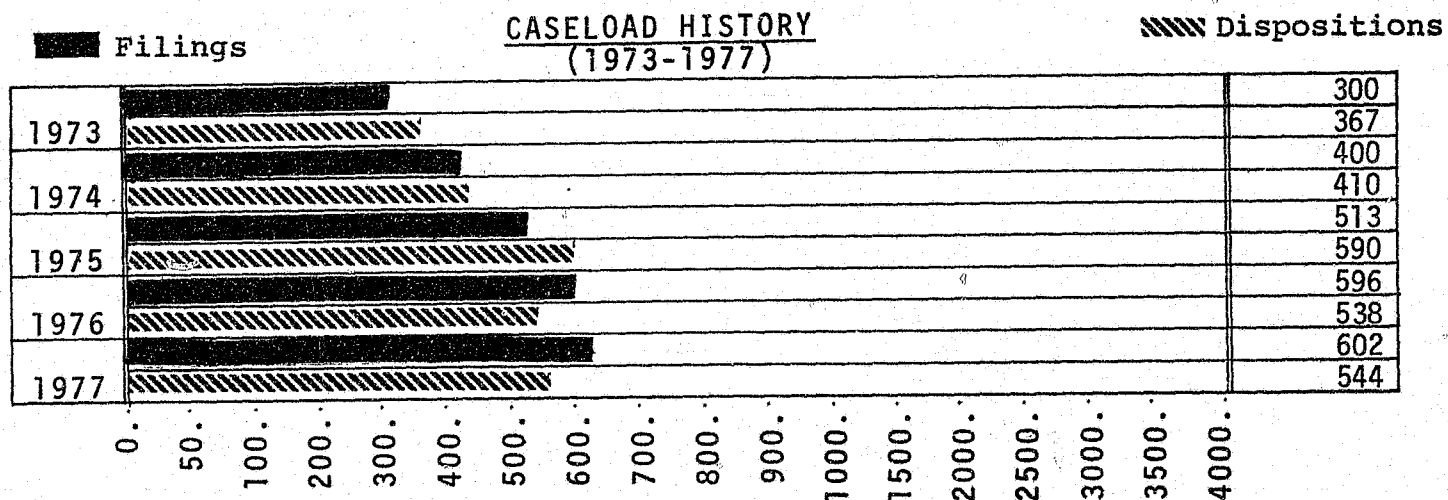
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Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	602
Dispositions	544

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(ELMORE COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	367
Other	164
Total	531
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	11
Bench Trials	154
Guilty Pleas	165
Nols/Dismissals	105
Total	435

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	190
Dispositions	105

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	411
Dispositions	335

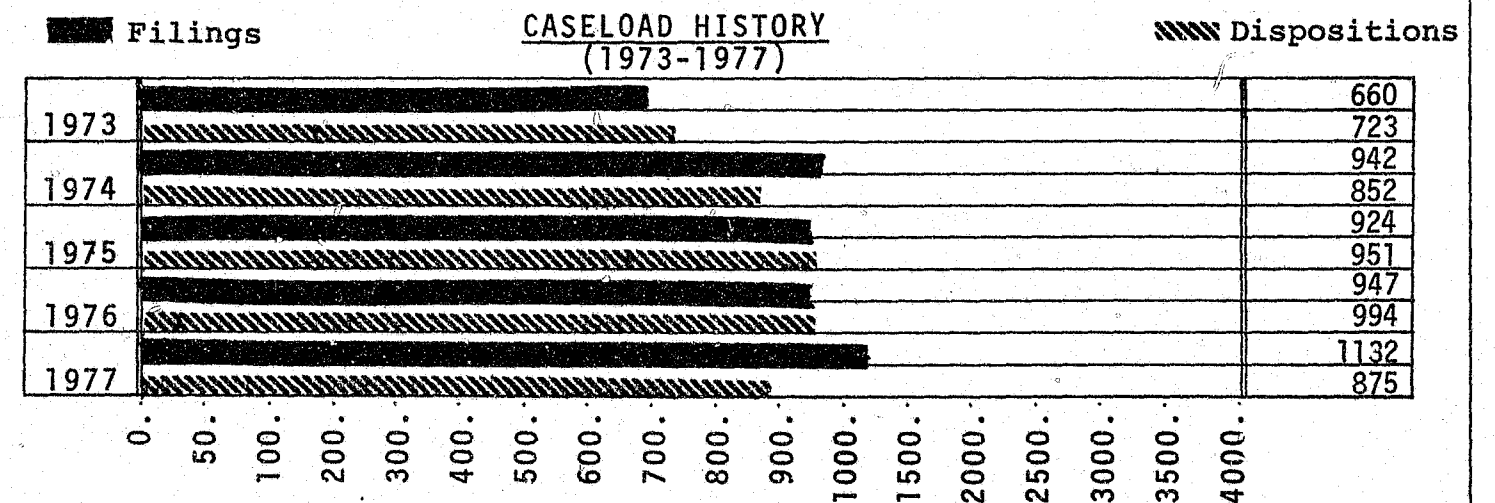
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Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1132
Dispositions	875

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	623
Other	261
Total	884
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	26
Bench Trials	156
Guilty Pleas	293
NoIs/Dismissals	312
Total	787

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	433
Dispositions	308

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	914
Dispositions	758

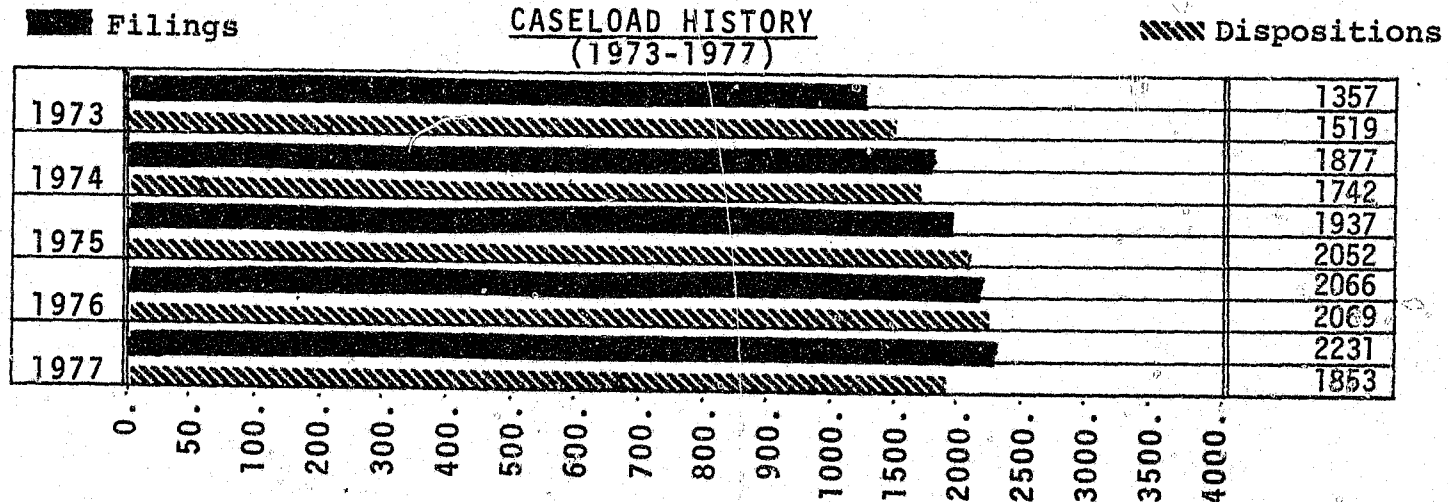
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TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	2231
Dispositions	1853

CASELOAD HISTORY (1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(HENRY COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	76
Other	5
Total	81
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	3
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	59
NoIs/Dismissals	7
Total	69

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	47
Dispositions	22

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	98
Dispositions	55

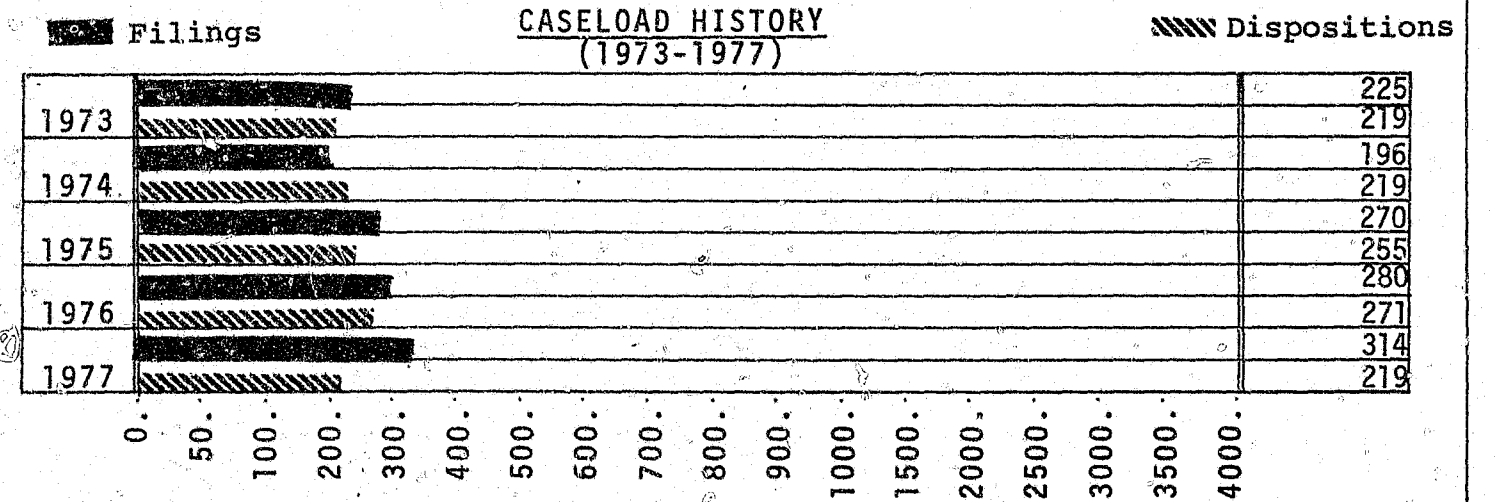
JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	88
Dispositions	73

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	314
Dispositions	219

CASELOAD HISTORY (1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(HOUSTON COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	474
Other	59
Total	<u>533</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	47
Bench Trials	36
Guilty Pleas	343
Nols/Dismissals	98
Total	<u>524</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	595
Dispositions	571

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	1093
Dispositions	1048

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	566
Dispositions	488

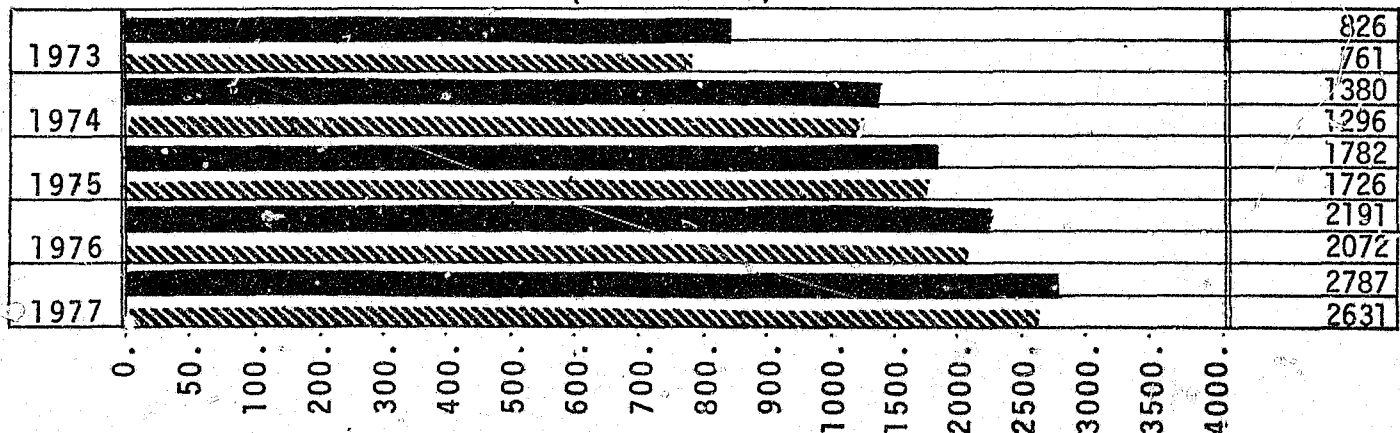
TOTAL CASELOAD

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Dispositions	2631

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	550
Other	64
Total	<u>614</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	50
Bench Trials	36
Guilty Pleas	402
Nols/Dismissals	105
Total	<u>593</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	642
Dispositions	593

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	1191
Dispositions	1103

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	654
Dispositions	561

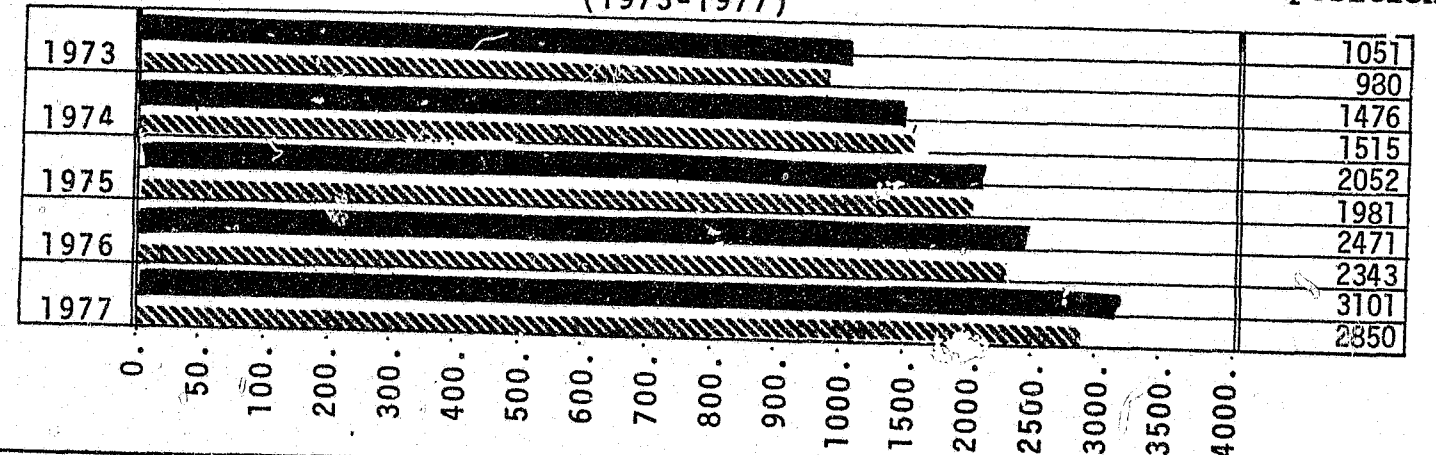
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	3101
Dispositions	2850

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

MADISON-23RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	756
Other	282
Total	1038
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	41
Bench Trials	2
Guilty Pleas	685
NoIs/Dismissals	286
Total	1014

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	1268
Dispositions	1461

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	2507
Dispositions	2979

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	1558
Dispositions	1559

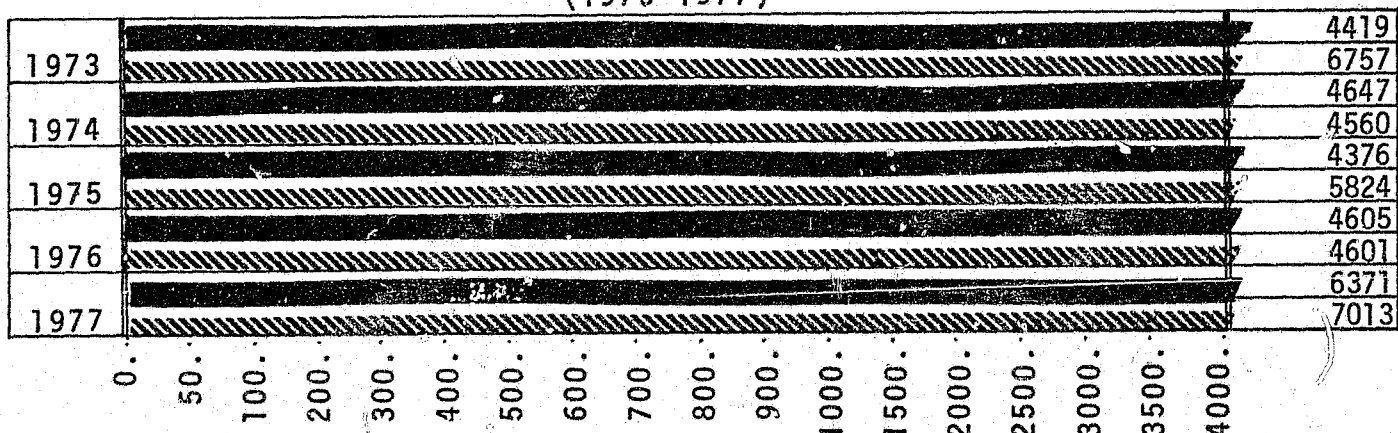
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	6371
Dispositions	7013

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY (1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

24TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(FAYETTE COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	60
Other	0
Total	60
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	0
Bench Trials	61
Guilty Pleas	639
NoIs/Dismissals	128
Total	828

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	77
Dispositions	20

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	117
Dispositions	66

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

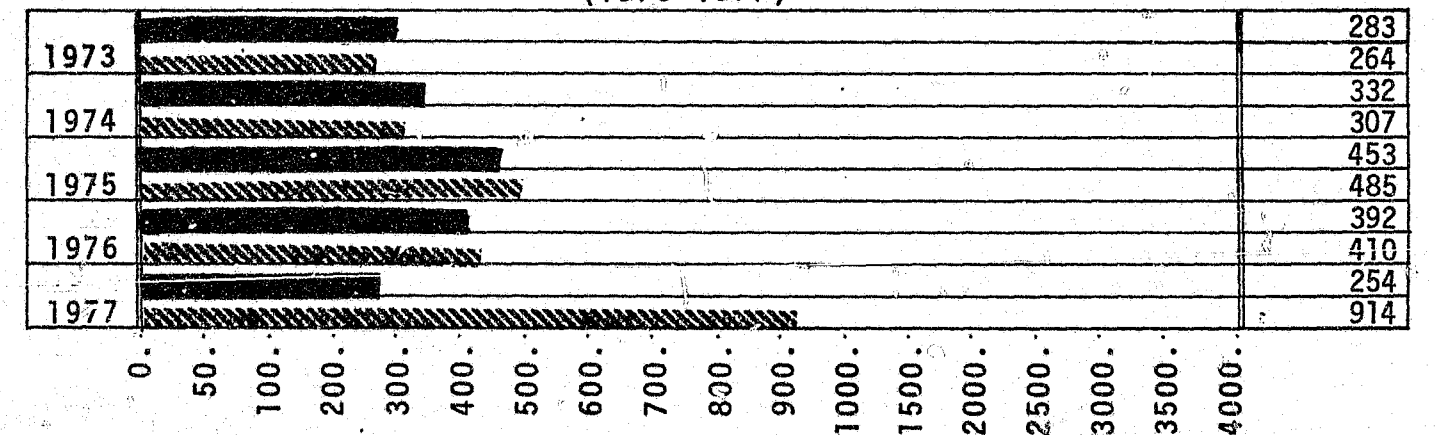
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	254
Dispositions	914

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY (1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

24TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(LAMAR COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	51
Other	20
Total	<u>71</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	1
Bench Trials	2
Guilty Pleas	21
Nols/Dismissals	10
Total	<u>34</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	95
Dispositions	41

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

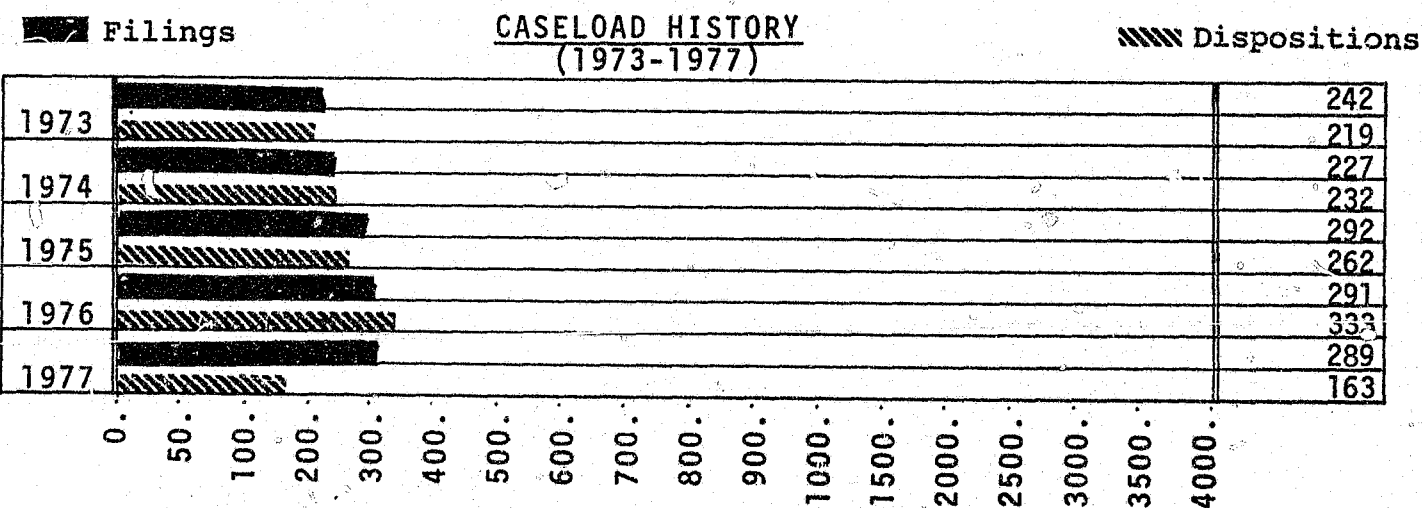
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Dispositions	88

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	289
Dispositions	163



1977 CASELOAD

24TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(PICKENS COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	100
Other	6
Total	<u>106</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	8
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	112
Nols/Dismissals	0
Total	<u>120</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	75
Dispositions	127

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

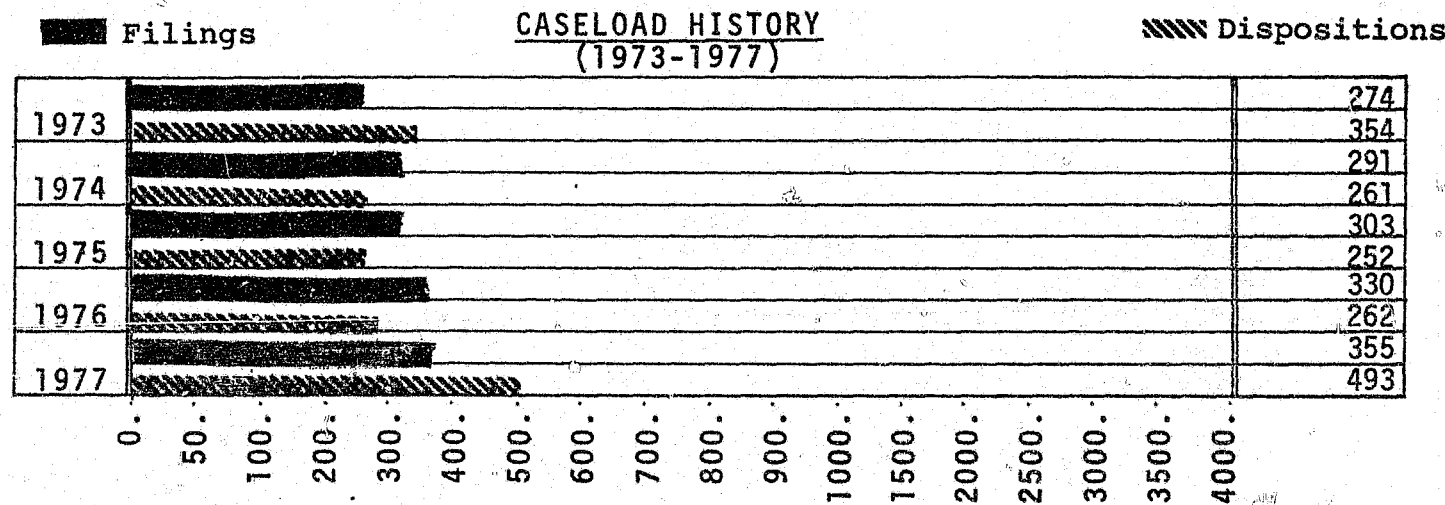
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Dispositions	246

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	355
Dispositions	493



1977 CASELOAD

24TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	211
Other	26
Total	237
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	9
Bench Trials	63
Guilty Pleas	772
Nols/Dismissals	138
Total	982

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	247
Dispositions	188

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

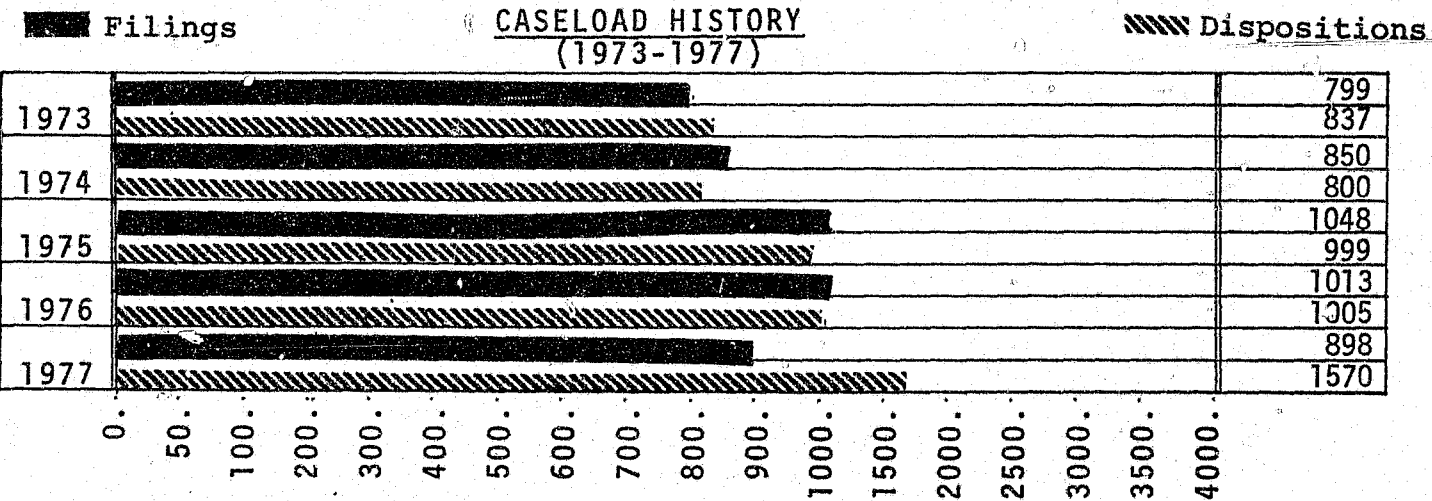
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Dispositions	400

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TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	898
Dispositions	1570



1977 CASELOAD

25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(MARION COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	111
Other	16
Total	127
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	32
Bench Trials	7
Guilty Pleas	72
Nols/Dismissals	23
Total	134

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	135
Dispositions	240

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

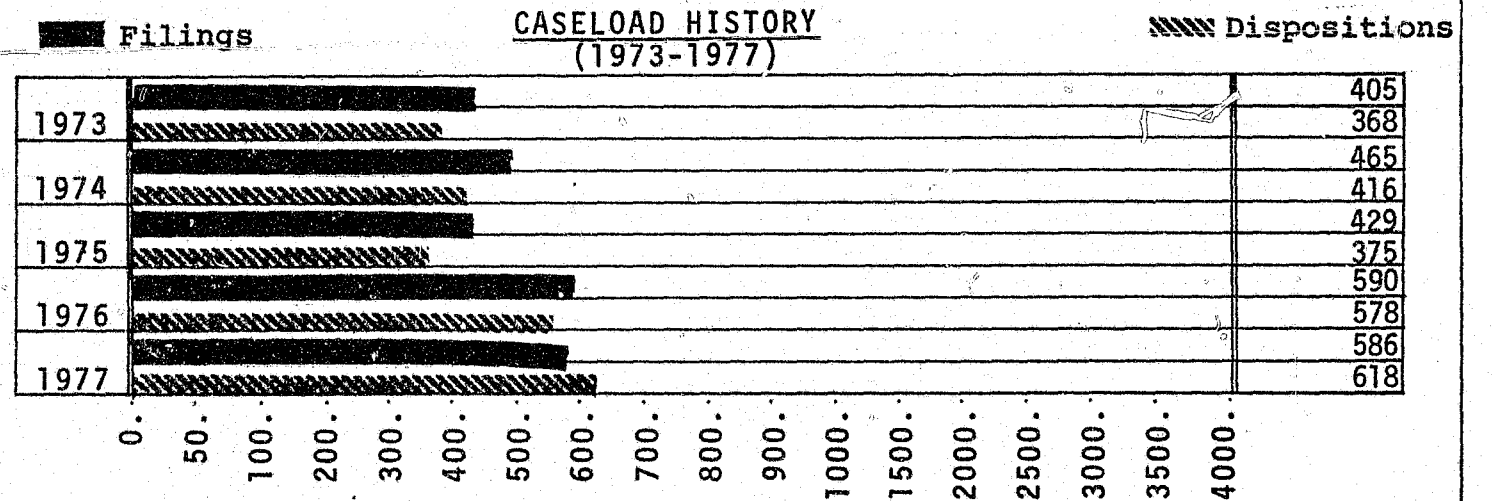
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JUVENILE CASELOAD

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Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	586
Dispositions	618



1977 CASELOAD

25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(WINSTON COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	89
Other	12
Total	101
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	12
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	65
Nols/Dismissals	39
Total	116

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	138
Dispositions	161

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	264
Dispositions	183

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

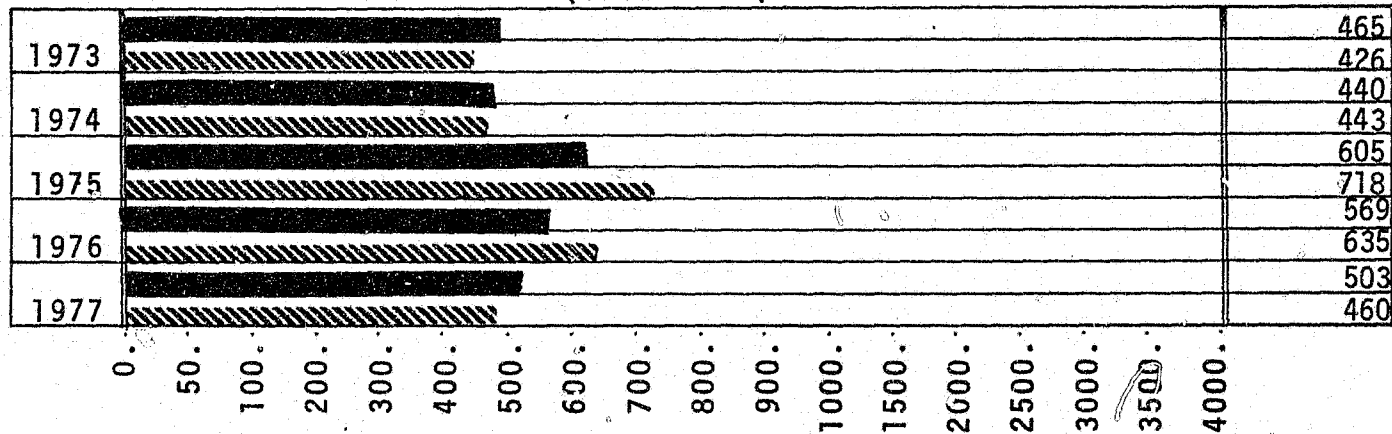
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	503
Dispositions	460

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



1977 CASELOAD

25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	200
Other	28
Total	228
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	44
Bench Trials	7
Guilty Pleas	137
Nols/Dismissals	62
Total	250

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	273
Dispositions	401

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	588
Dispositions	427

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

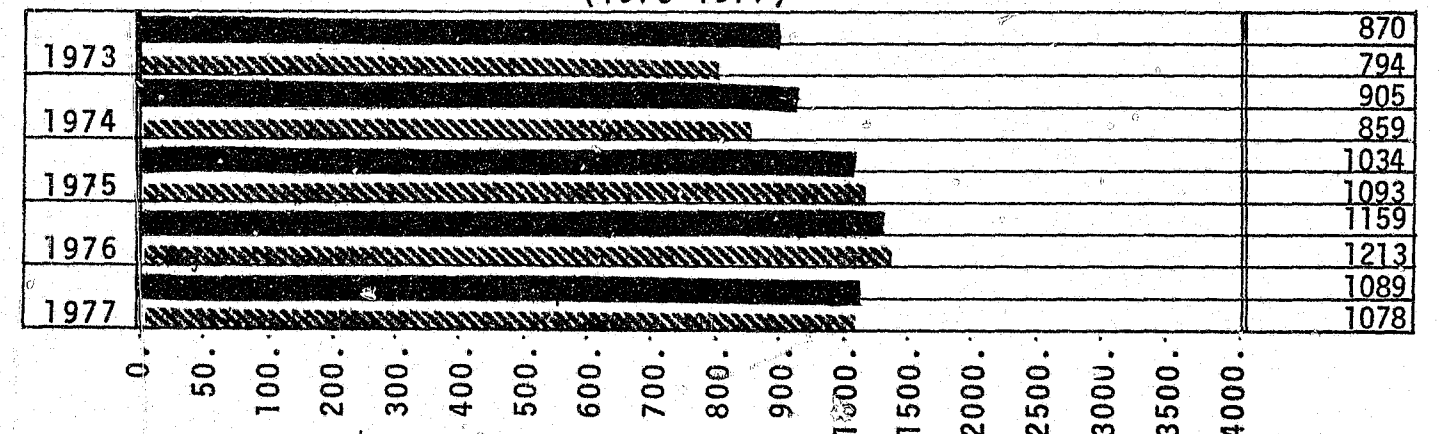
TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1089
Dispositions	1078

■ Filings

CASELOAD HISTORY
(1973-1977)

▨ Dispositions



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1977 CASELOAD

RUSSELL-26TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	184
Other	210
Total	394
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	23
Bench Trials	7
Guilty Pleas	116
NoIs/Dismissals	201
Total	347

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	233
Dispositions	307

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	718
Dispositions	663

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1345
Dispositions	1317

1977 CASELOAD

MARSHALL-27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	259
Other	121
Total	380
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	23
Bench Trials	3
Guilty Pleas	211
NoIs/Dismissals	291
Total	528

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	410
Dispositions	597

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

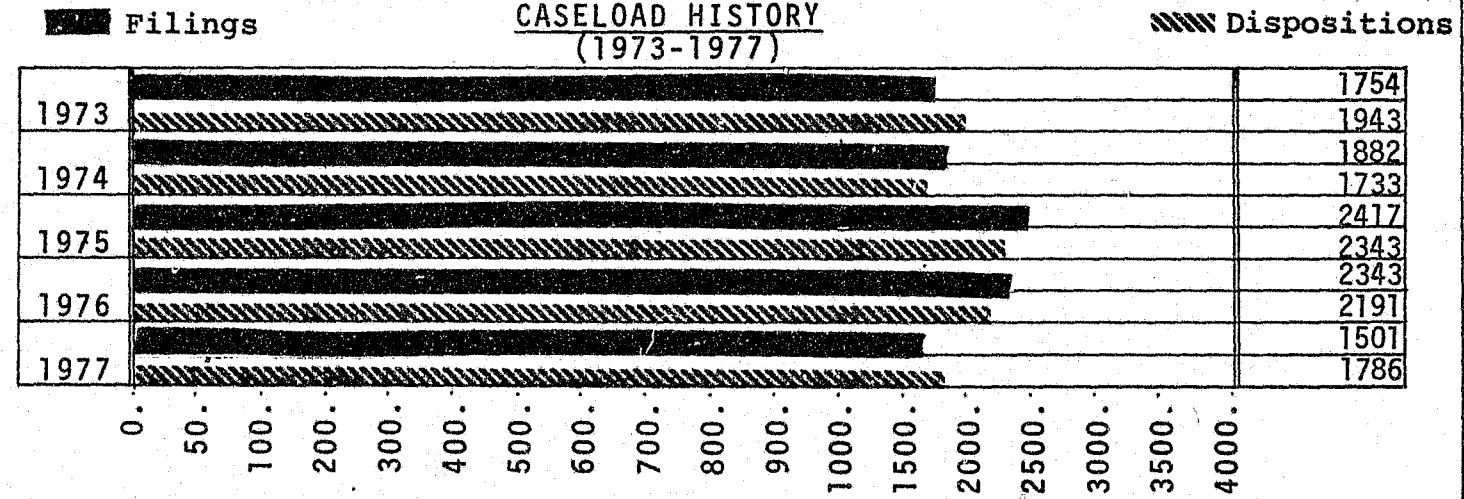
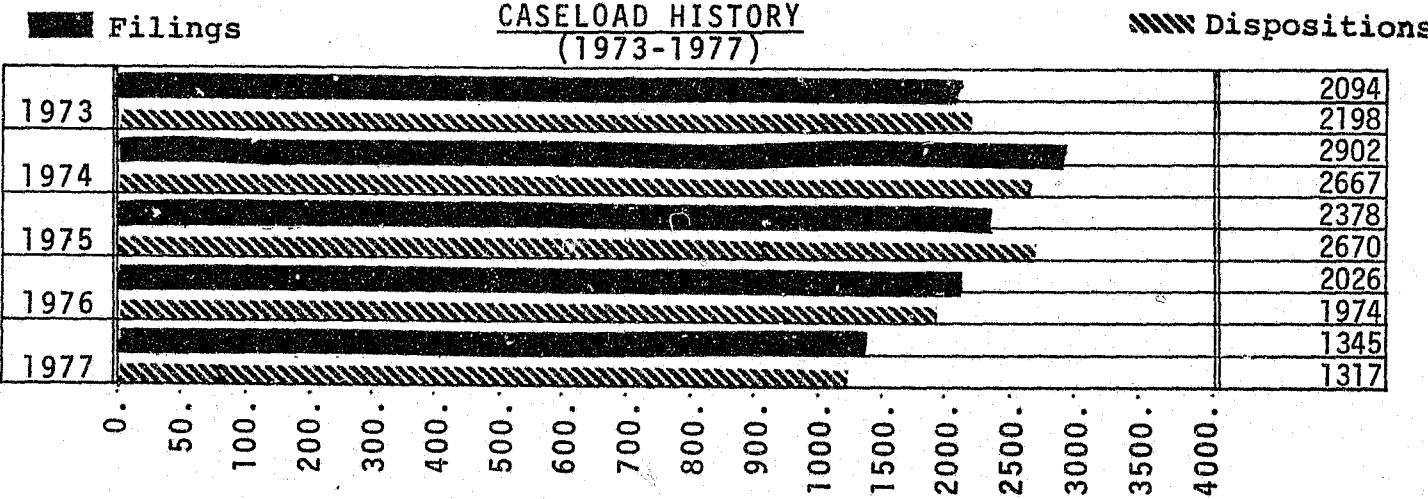
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Dispositions	661

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1501
Dispositions	1786



1977 CASELOAD

BALDWIN-28TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	339	
Other	34	
Total	373	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	9	
Bench Trials	0	
Guilty Pleas	202	
Nols/Dismissals	68	
Total	279	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	376
Dispositions	660

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	991
Dispositions	984

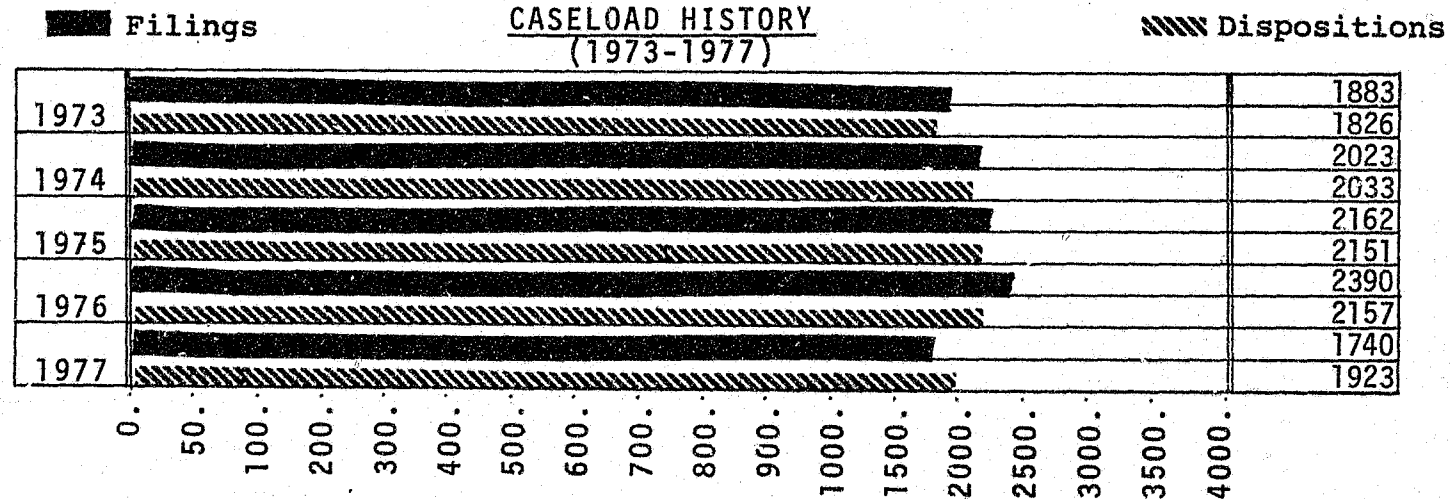
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Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1740
Dispositions	1923

CASELOAD HISTORY (1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

TALLADEGA-29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	176
Other	249
Total	425
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	13
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	212
Nols/Dismissals	66
Total	291

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	353
Dispositions	659

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	1122
Dispositions	1200

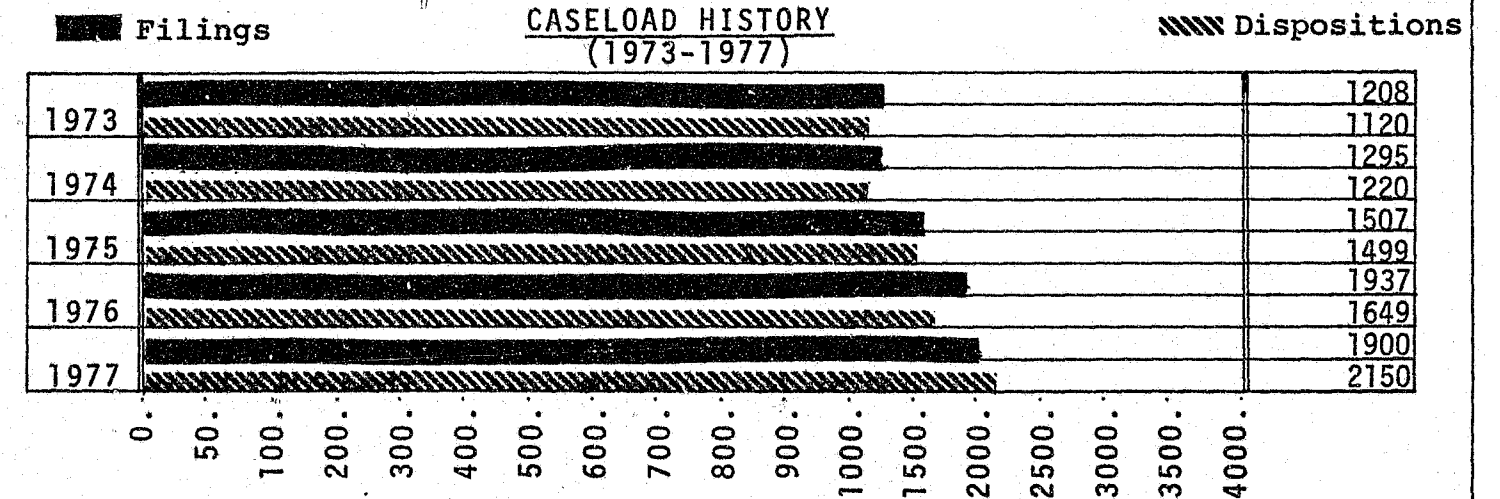
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Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1900
Dispositions	2150

CASELOAD HISTORY (1973-1977)



1977 CASELOAD

**30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(BLOUNT COUNTY)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	177	
Other	33	
Total	210	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	7	
Bench Trials	38	
Guilty Pleas	42	
Nols/Dismissals	42	
Total	129	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	138
Dispositions	52

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

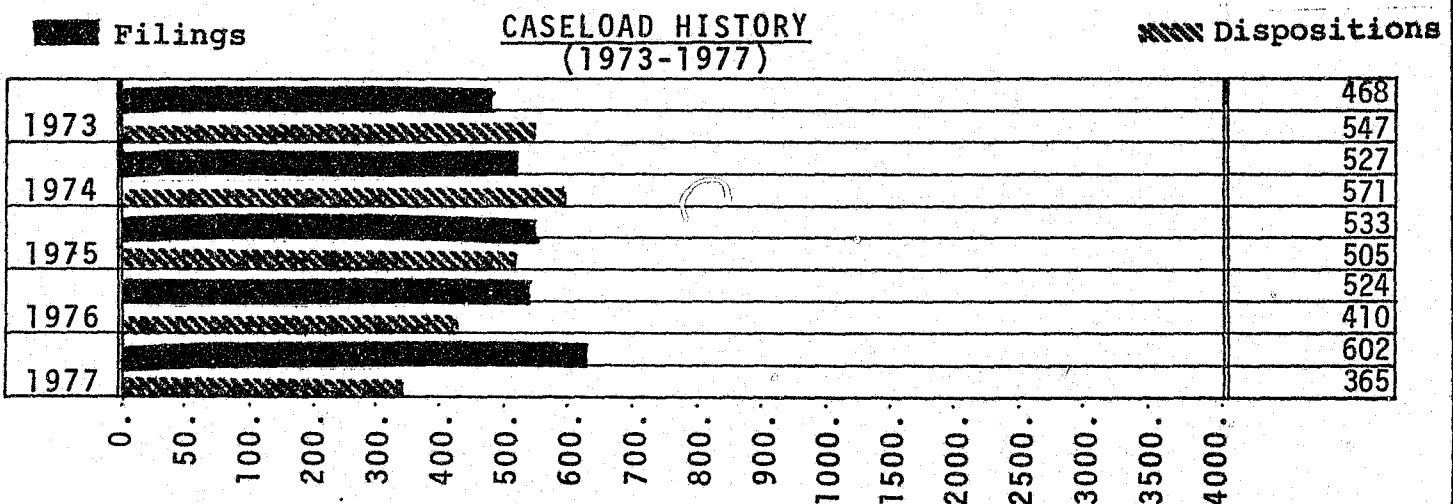
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Dispositions	184

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	602
Dispositions	365



1977 CASELOAD

**30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(ST. CLAIR-ASHVILLE)**

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	65	
Other	27	
Total	92	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	3	
Bench Trials	6	
Guilty Pleas	37	
Nols/Dismissals	20	
Total	66	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	146
Dispositions	70

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

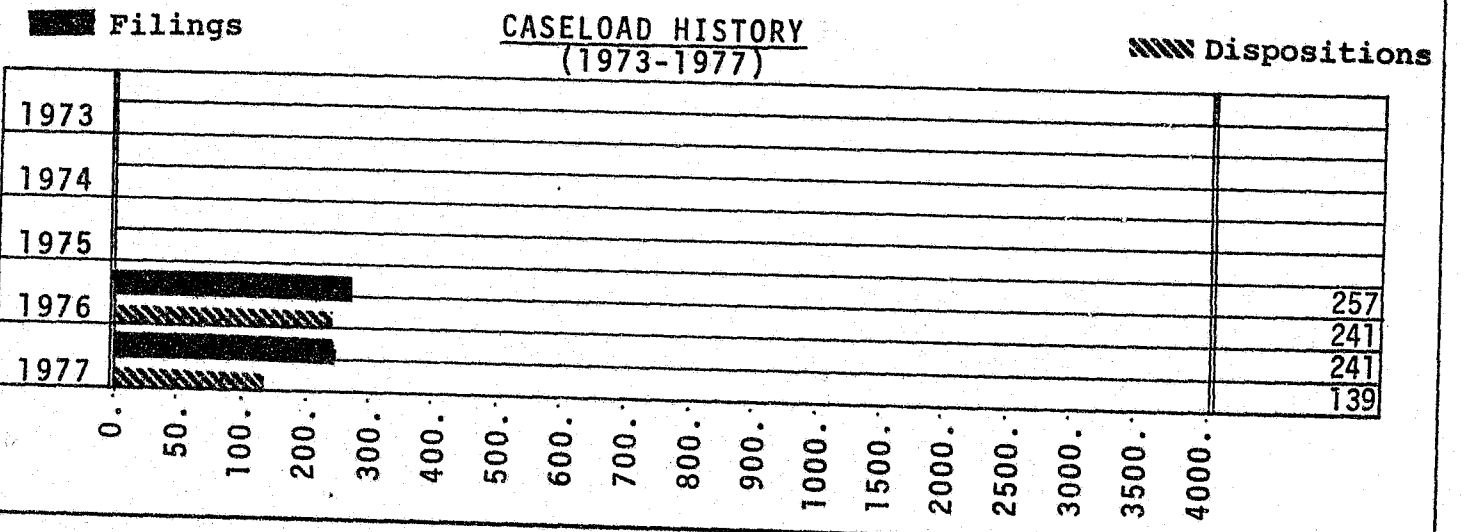
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Dispositions	3

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	241
Dispositions	139



1977 CASELOAD

30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(ST. CLAIR-PELL CITY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	169
Other	16
Total	<u>185</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	4
Bench Trials	1
Guilty Pleas	66
NoIs/Dismissals	6
Total	<u>77</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	332
Dispositions	120

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	5
Dispositions	0

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	522
Dispositions	197

1977 CASELOAD

30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(ST. CLAIR COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	234
Other	43
Total	<u>277</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	7
Bench Trials	7
Guilty Pleas	103
NoIs/Dismissals	26
Total	<u>143</u>

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	478
Dispositions	190

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

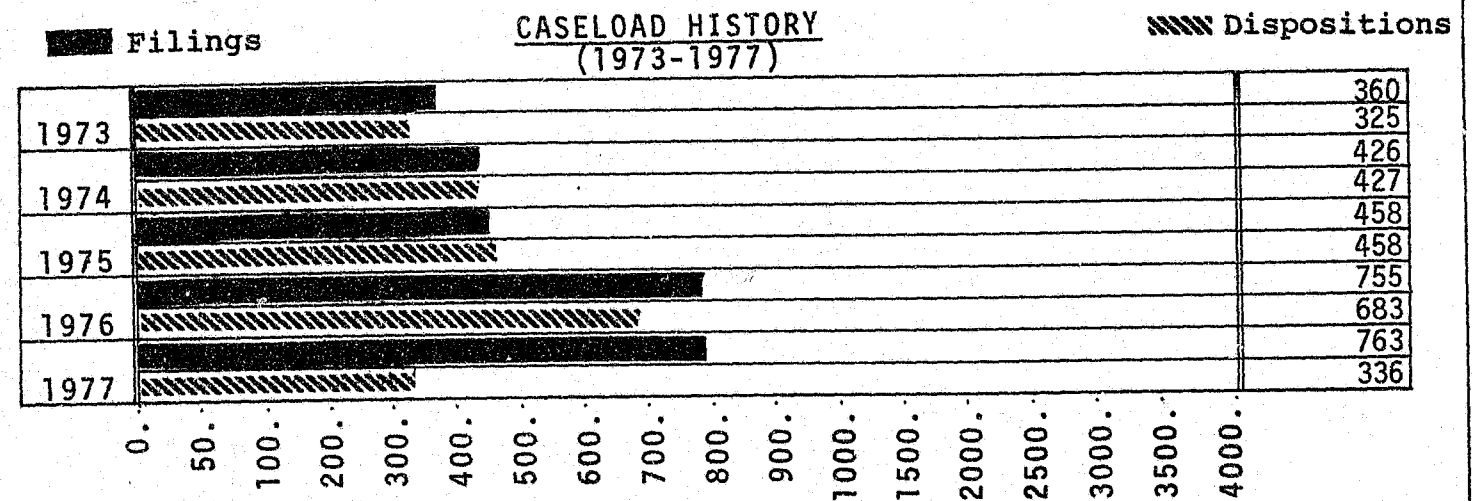
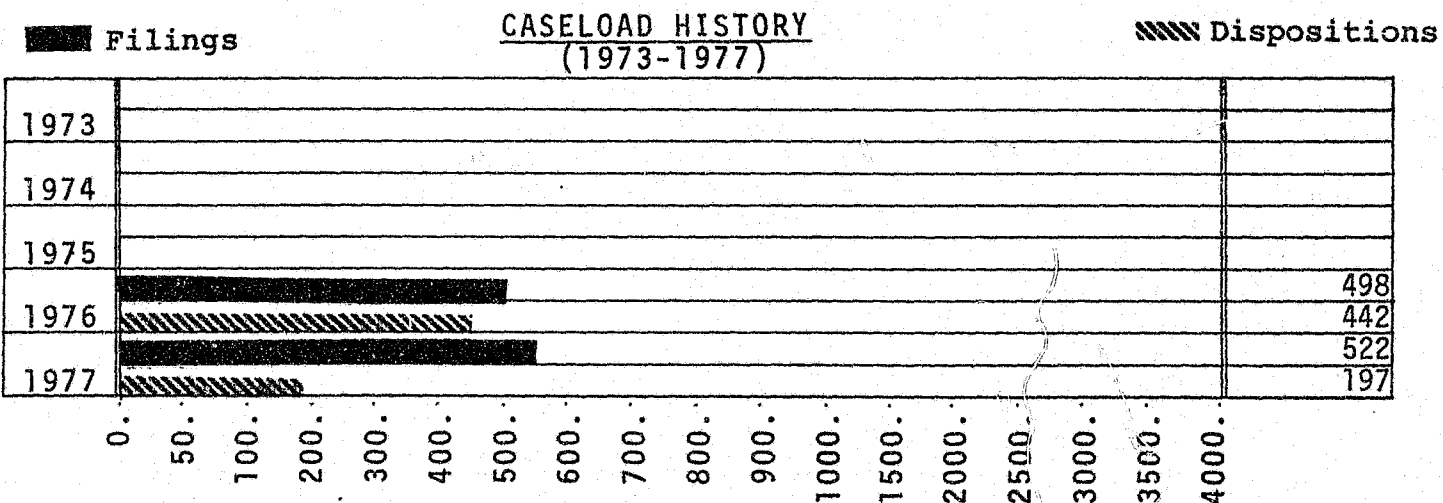
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Dispositions	3

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	763
Dispositions	336



1977 CASELOAD

30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	411
Other	76
Total	487
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	14
Bench Trials	45
Guilty Pleas	145
NoIs/Dismissals	68
Total	272

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	616
Dispositions	242

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	262
Dispositions	187

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1365
Dispositions	701

1977 CASELOAD

COLBERT-31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	213
Other	25
Total	238
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	8
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	166
NoIs/Dismissals	108
Total	282

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	331
Dispositions	161

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

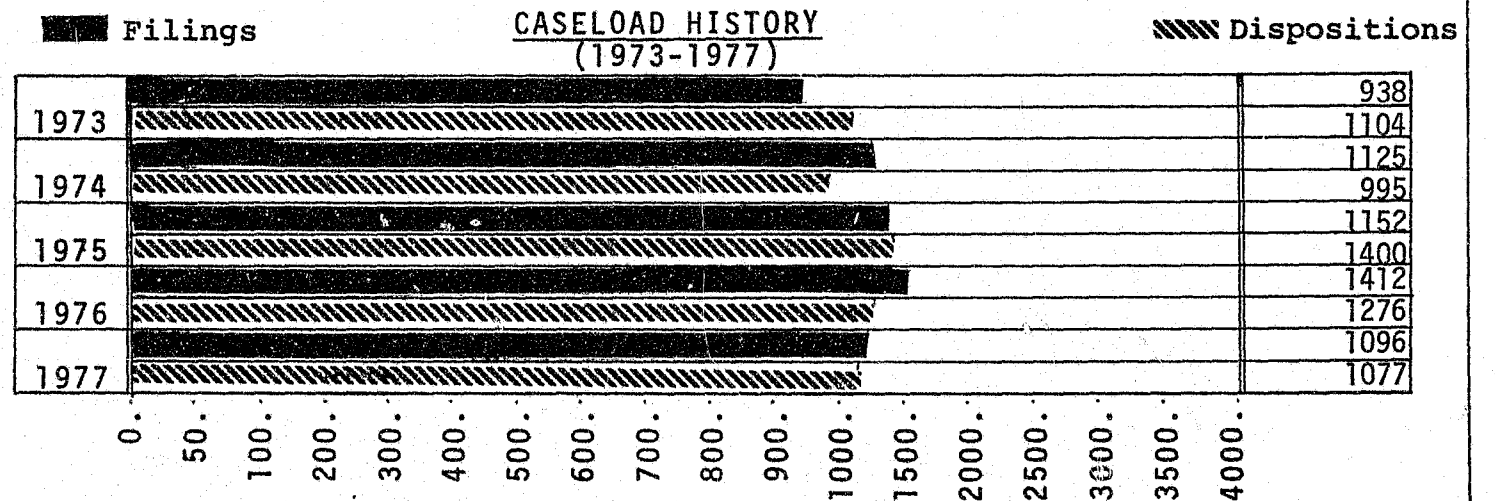
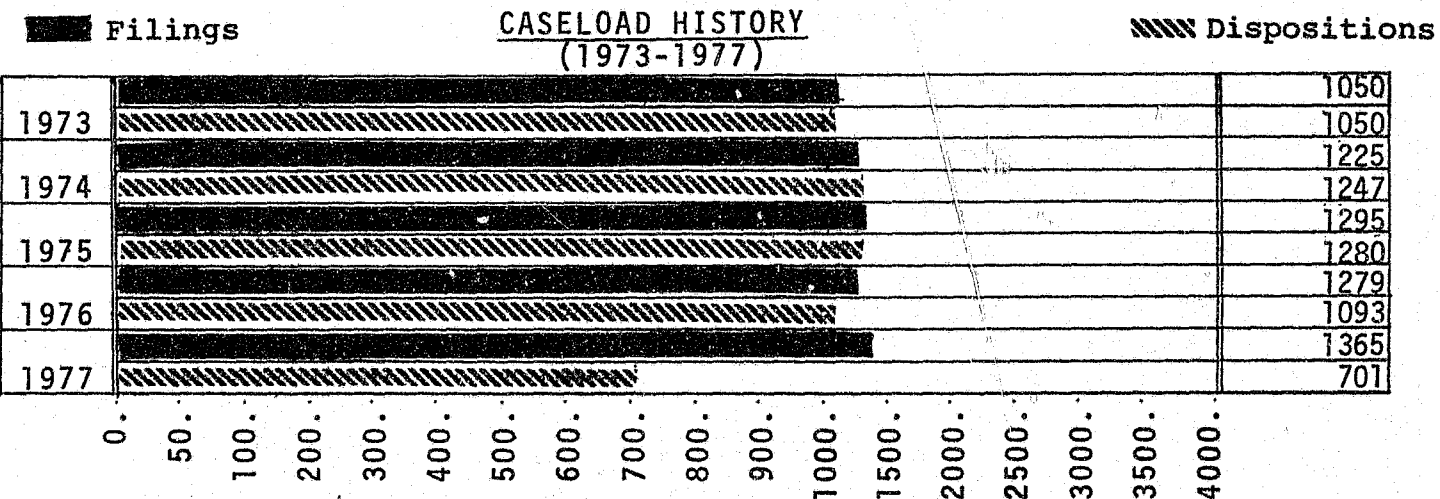
Filings	527
Dispositions	634

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1096
Dispositions	1077



1977 CASELOAD

CULLMAN-32ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	280	
Other	11	
Total	291	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	9	
Bench Trials	1	
Guilty Pleas	278	
Nols/Dismissals	21	
Total	309	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	509
Dispositions	266

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	685
Dispositions	693

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1485
Dispositions	1268

1977 CASELOAD

33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(DALE COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	243	
Other	26	
Total	269	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	29	
Bench Trials	15	
Guilty Pleas	130	
Nols/Dismissals	109	
Total	283	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	126
Dispositions	225

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

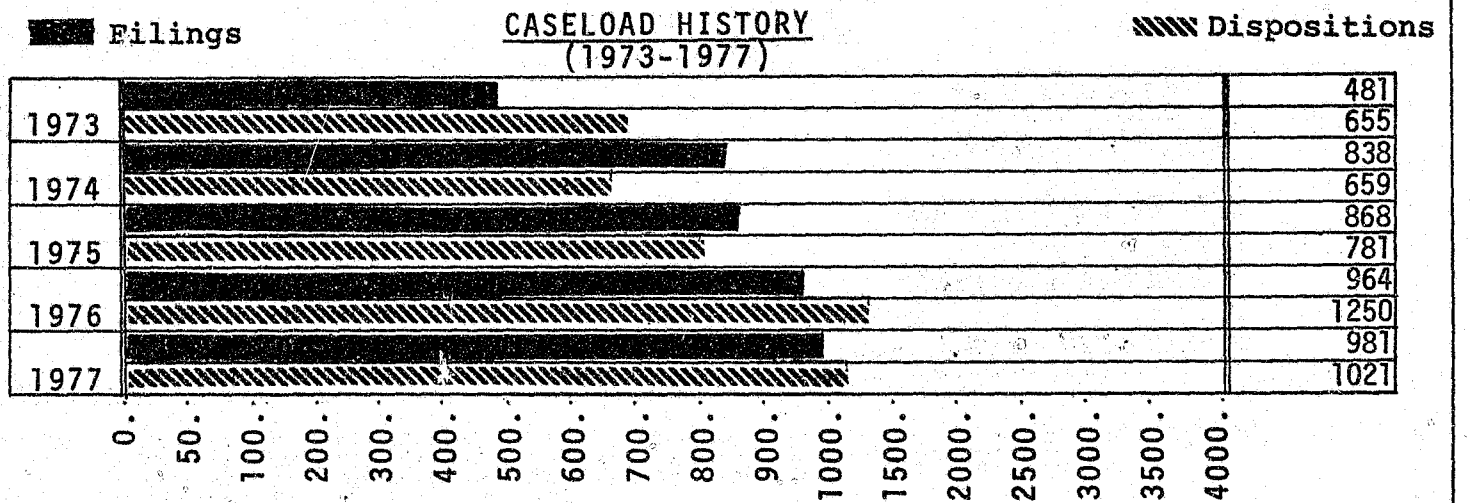
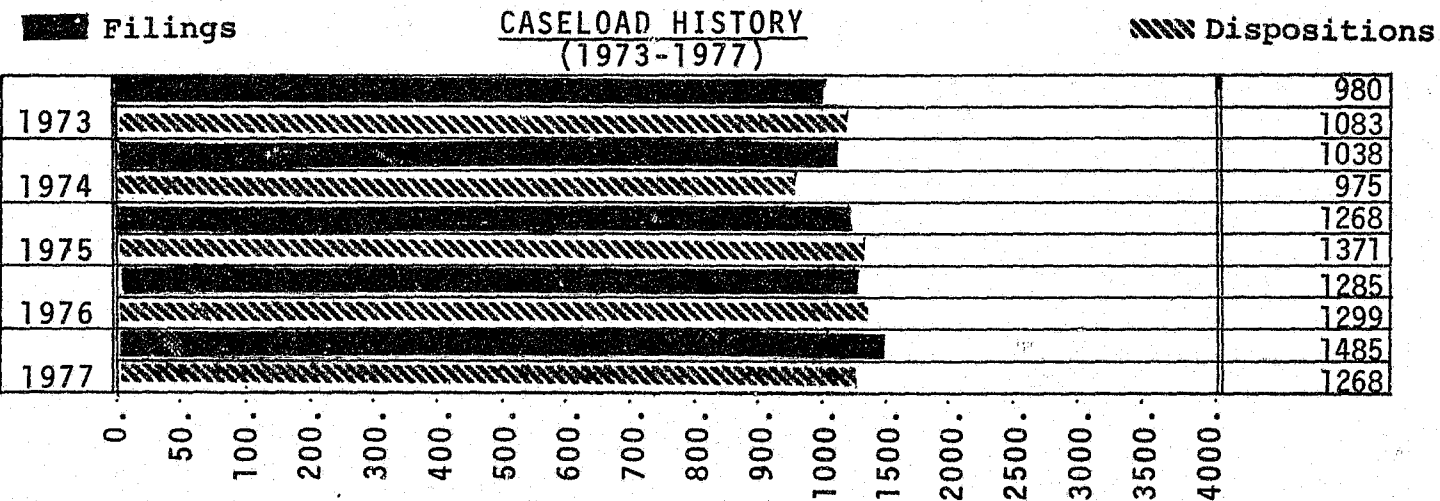
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Dispositions	513

JUVENILE CASELOAD

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Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

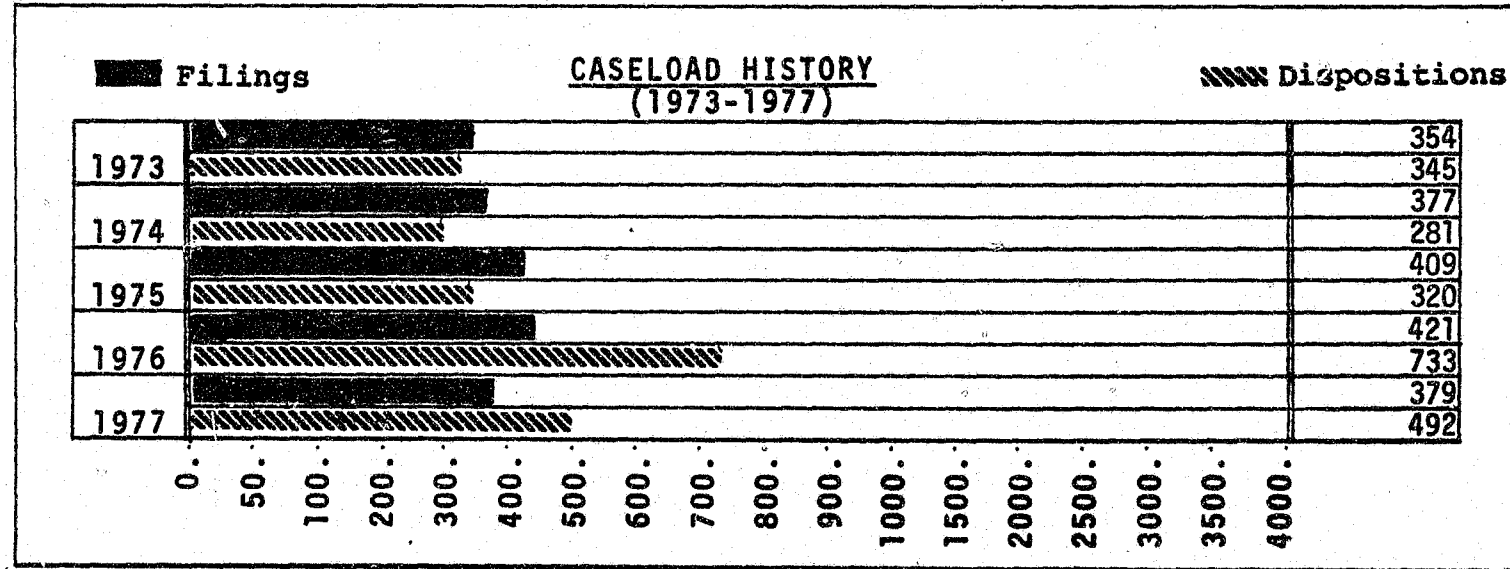
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Dispositions	1021



1977 CASELOAD

**33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(GENEVA COUNTY)**

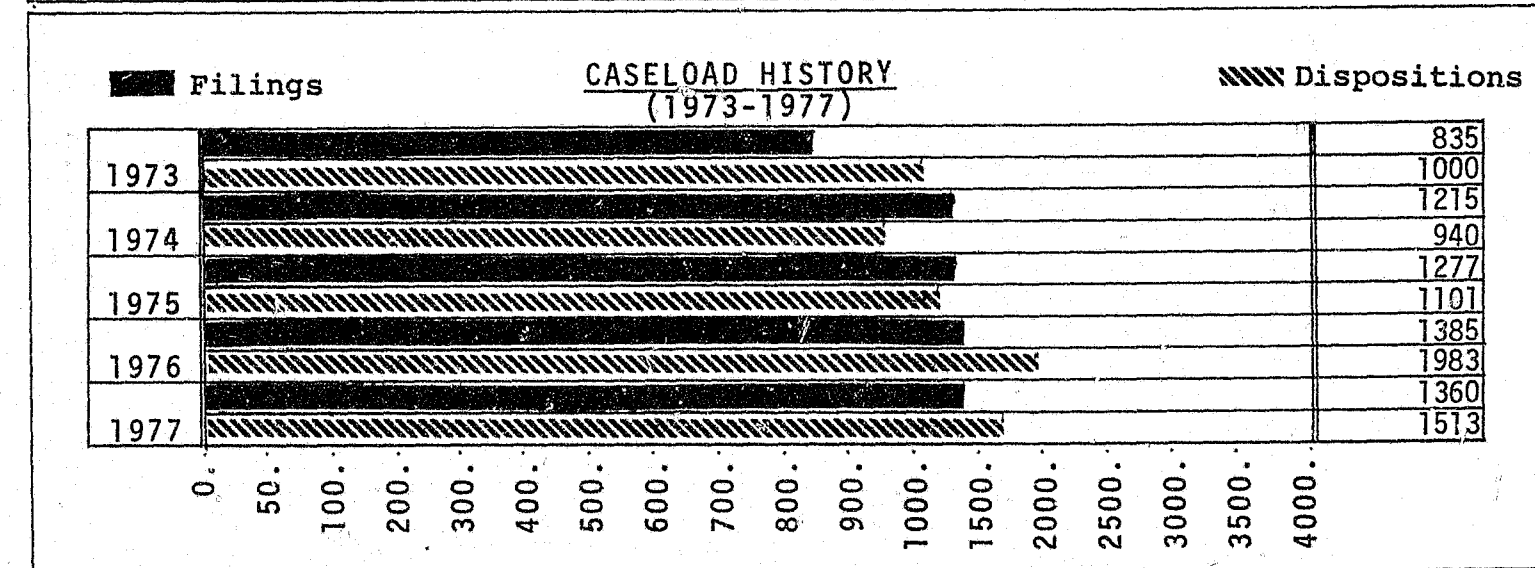
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Indictments	50
Other	2
Total	<u>52</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	2
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	33
Nols/Dismissals	20
Total	<u>55</u>
<u>CIVIL CASELOAD</u>	
Filings	102
Dispositions	144
<u>DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD</u>	
Filings	225
Dispositions	293
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Filings	0
Dispositions	0
<u>TOTAL CASELOAD</u>	
Filings	379
Dispositions	492



1977 CASELOAD

33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

<u>CRIMINAL CASELOAD</u>	
Filings	
Indictments	293
Other	28
Total	<u>321</u>
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	31
Bench Trials	15
Guilty Pleas	163
Nols/Dismissals	129
Total	<u>338</u>
<u>CIVIL CASELOAD</u>	
Filings	228
Dispositions	369
<u>DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD</u>	
Filings	811
Dispositions	806
<u>JUVENILE CASELOAD</u>	
Filings	0
Dispositions	0
<u>TOTAL CASELOAD</u>	
Filings	1360
Dispositions	1513



1977 CASELOAD

FRANKLIN-34TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	111
Other	56
Total	167
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	13
Bench Trials	1
Guilty Pleas	83
Nols/Dismissals	31
Total	128

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	309
Dispositions	170

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	297
Dispositions	262

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	773
Dispositions	560

1977 CASELOAD

35TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(CONECUH COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	51
Other	11
Total	62
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	3
Bench Trials	6
Guilty Pleas	17
Nols/Dismissals	9
Total	35

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	146
Dispositions	94

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

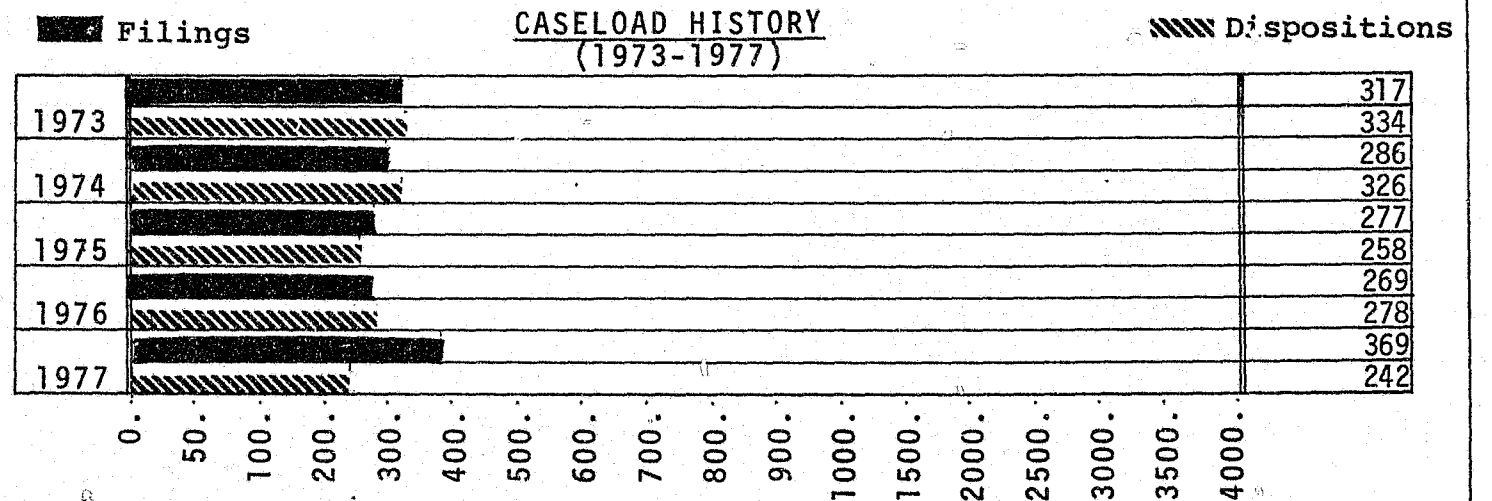
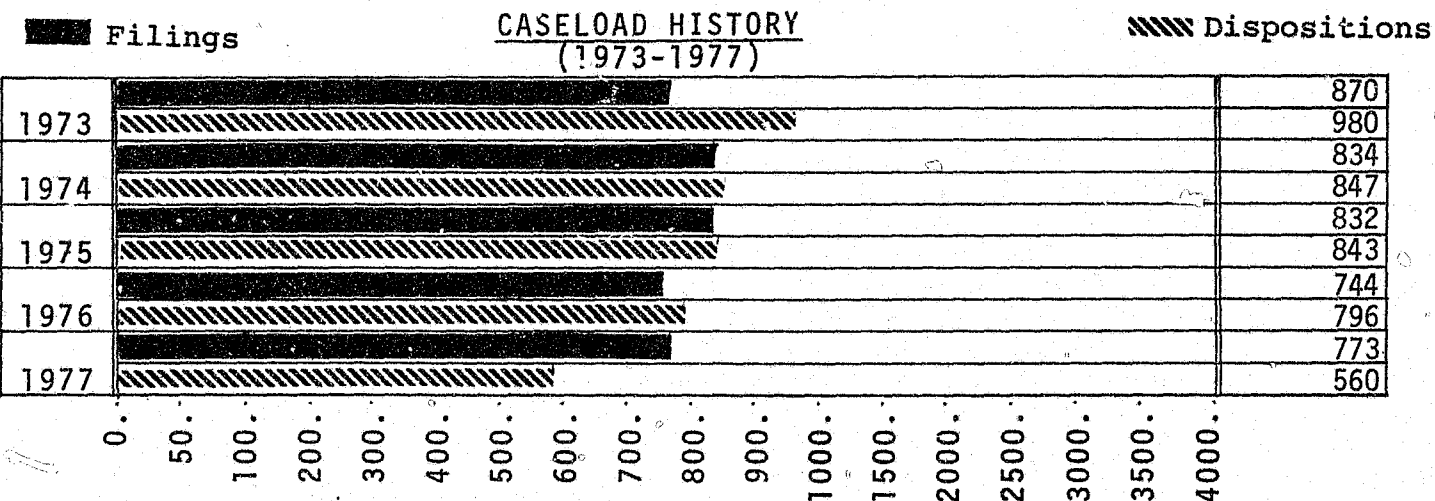
Filings	161
Dispositions	113

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	369
Dispositions	242



1977 CASELOAD

35TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(MONROE COUNTY)

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	100
Other	8
Total	108
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	9
Bench Trials	5
Guilty Pleas	50
Nols/Dismissals	9
Total	73

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	109
Dispositions	47

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

Filings	286
Dispositions	184

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	503
Dispositions	304

1977 CASELOAD

35TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	151
Other	19
Total	170
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	12
Bench Trials	11
Guilty Pleas	67
Nols/Dismissals	18
Total	108

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	255
Dispositions	141

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

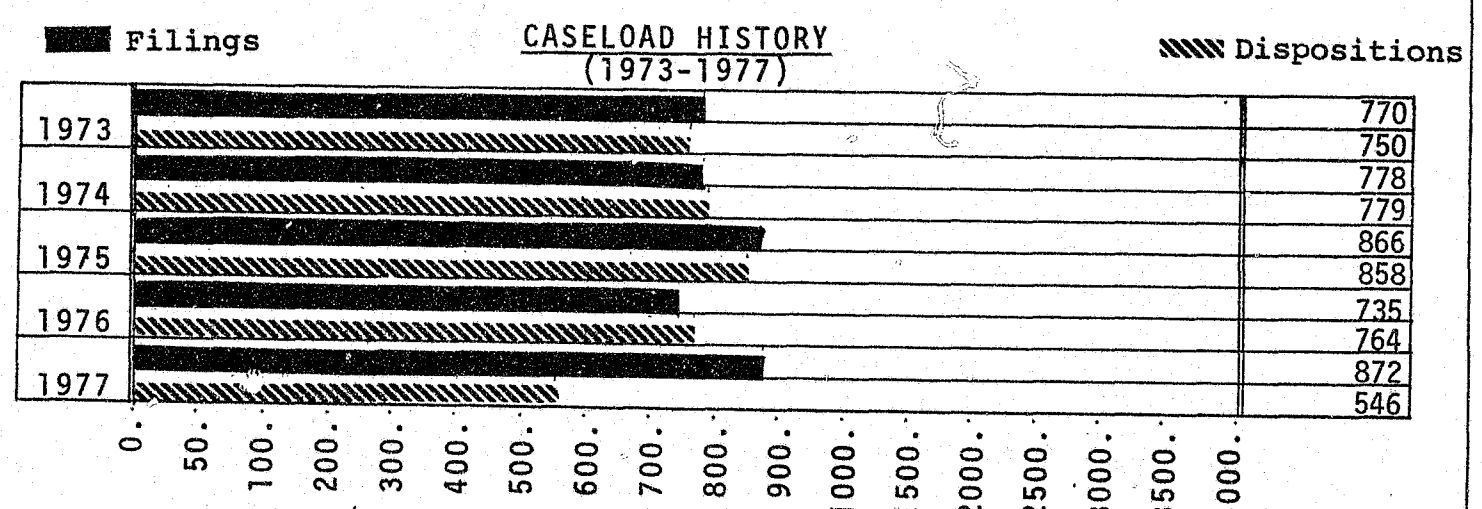
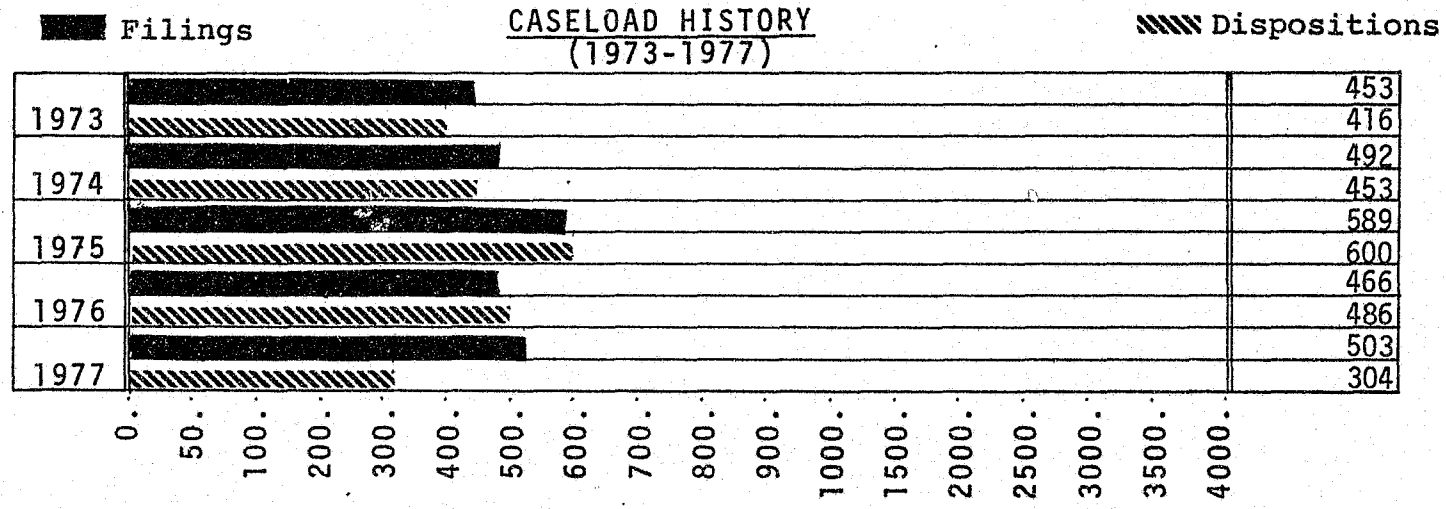
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Dispositions	297

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
Dispositions	0

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	872
Dispositions	546



1977 CASELOAD

LAWRENCE-36TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	199	
Other	134	
Total	333	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	21	
Bench Trials	0	
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NoIs/Dismissals	99	
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CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	124
Dispositions	46

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

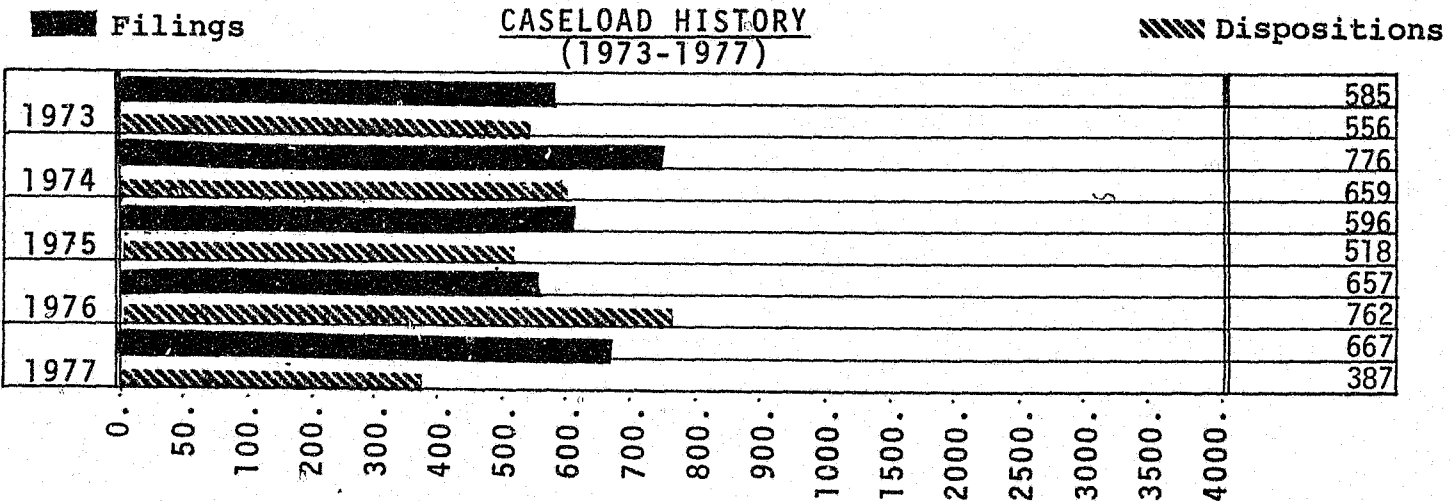
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Filings	0
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TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	667
Dispositions	387



1977 CASELOAD

LEE-37TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings		
Indictments	434	
Other	166	
Total	600	
Dispositions		
Jury Trials	33	
Bench Trials	62	
Guilty Pleas	213	
NoIs/Dismissals	182	
Total	490	

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	264
Dispositions	273

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

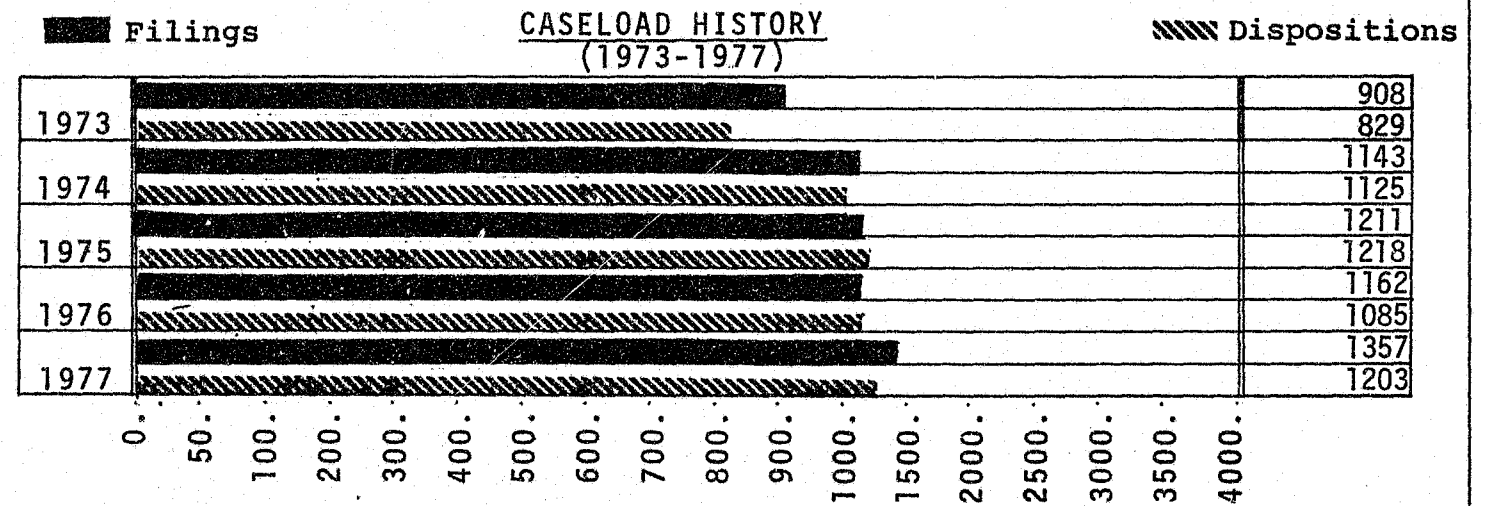
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Dispositions	440

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
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TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1357
Dispositions	1203



1977 CASELOAD

JACKSON-38TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	166
Other	93
Total	259
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	13
Bench Trials	0
Guilty Pleas	174
NoIs/Dismissals	190
Total	377

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	327
Dispositions	408

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

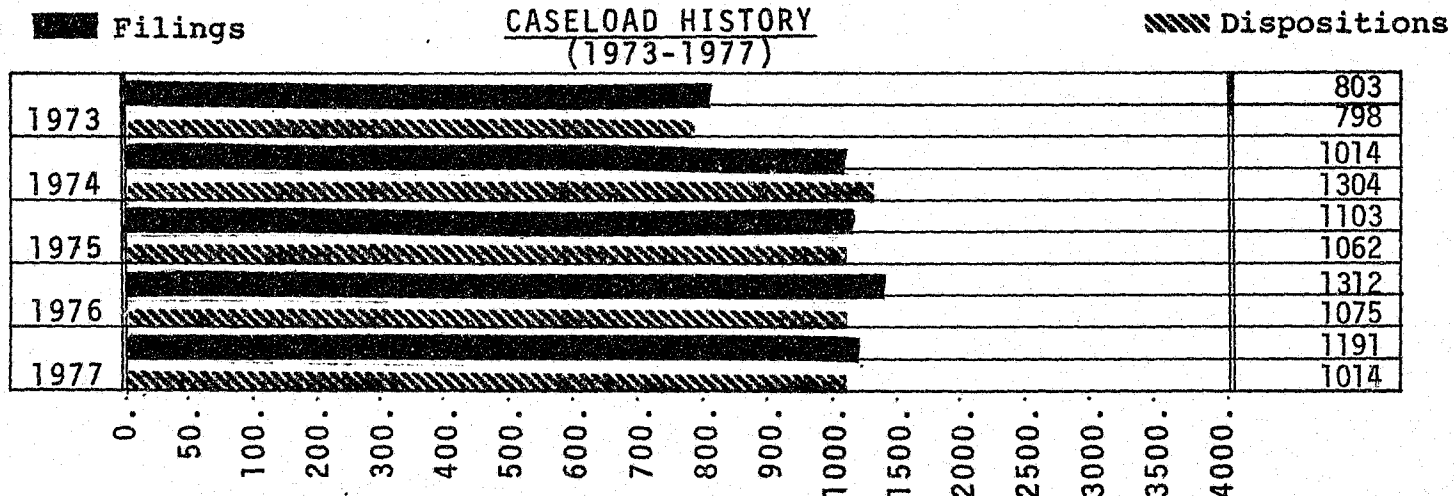
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Dispositions	229

JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	0
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TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	1191
Dispositions	1014



1977 CASELOAD

STATEWIDE TOTAL

CRIMINAL CASELOAD

Filings	
Indictments	17,533
Other	6,610
Total	24,143
Dispositions	
Jury Trials	1,440
Bench Trials	1,314
Guilty Pleas	13,841
NoIs/Dismissals	6,915
Total	23,443

CIVIL CASELOAD

Filings	23,539
Dispositions	25,191

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASELOAD

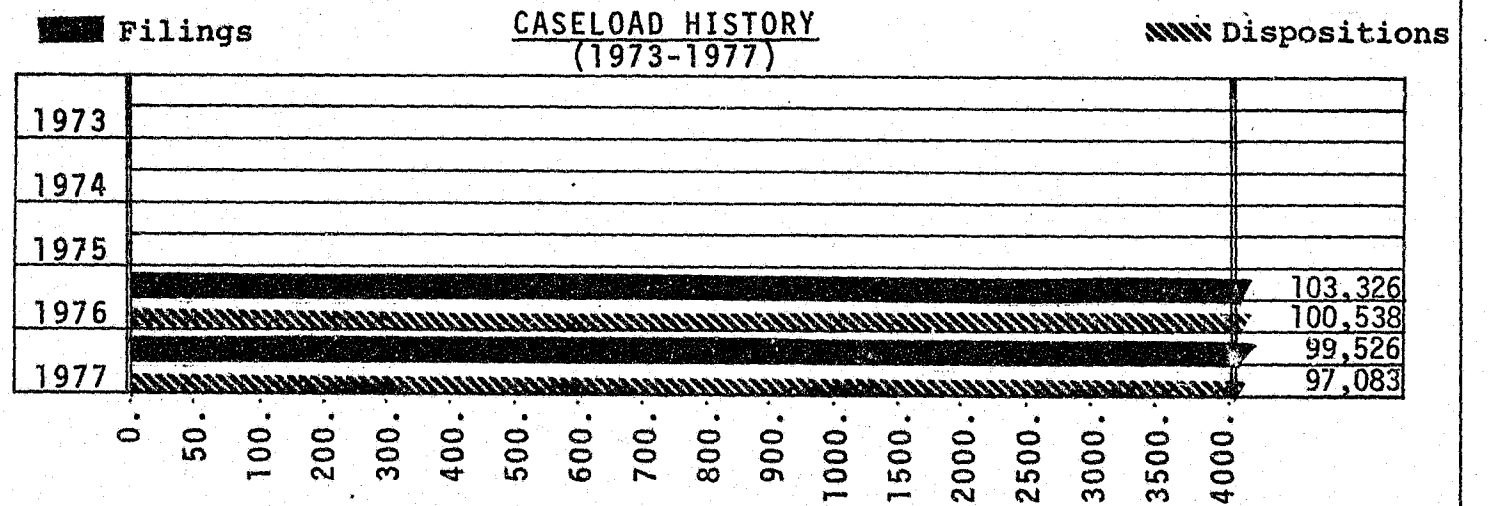
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Dispositions	39,078

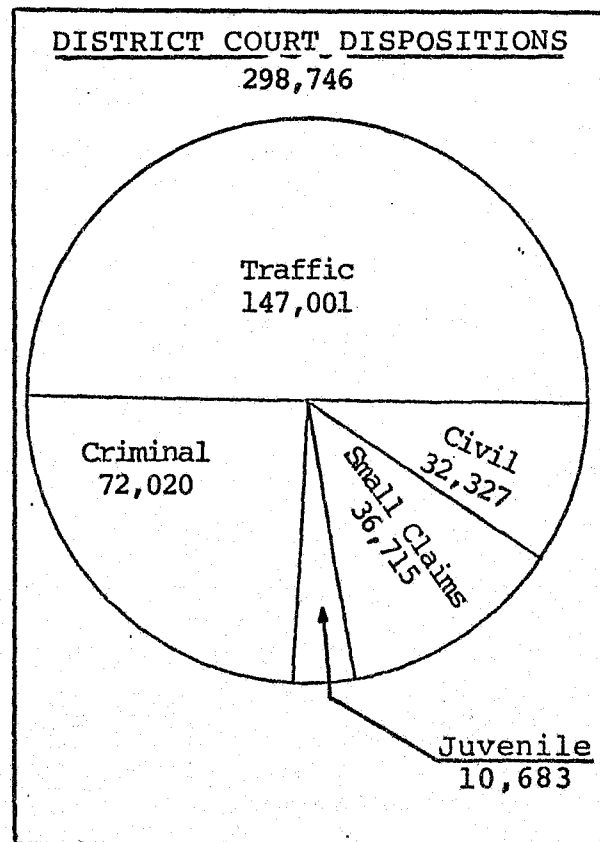
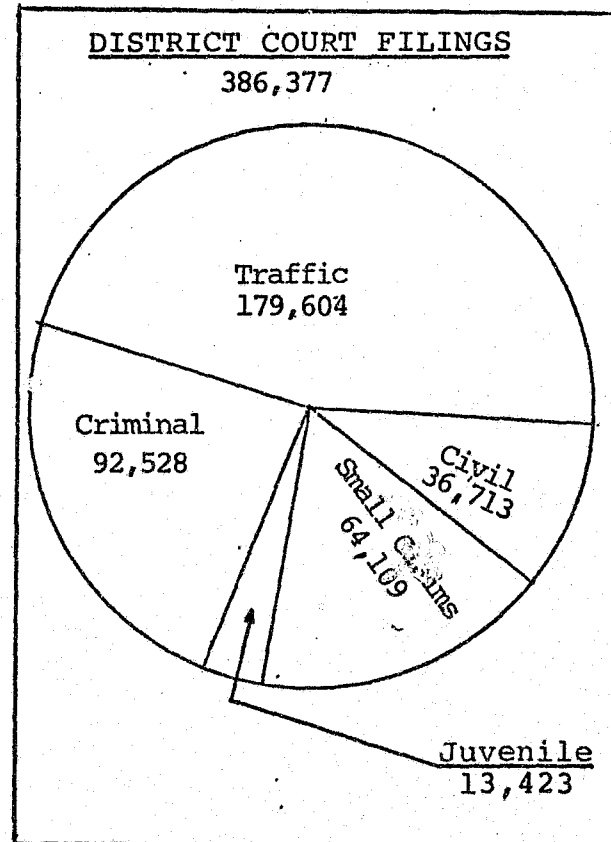
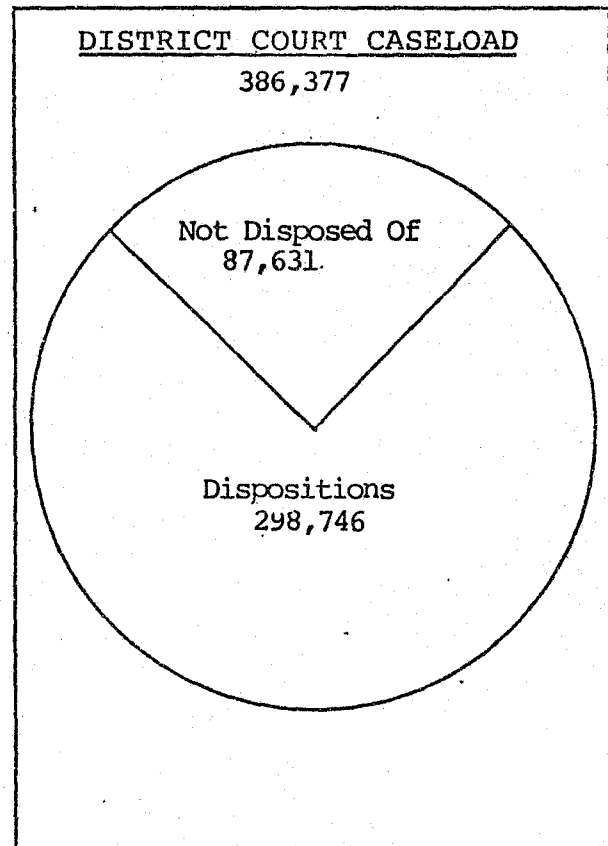
JUVENILE CASELOAD

Filings	10,764
Dispositions	9,371

TOTAL CASELOAD

Filings	99,526
Dispositions	97,083





DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977					
COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
AUTAUGA	Criminal	694	474	68.3	+ 220
	Civil	122	92	75.4	+ 30
	Juvenile	171	155	90.6	+ 16
	Small Claims	107	82	76.6	+ 25
	Traffic	2,210	1,719	77.8	+ 491
	Total		3,304	2,522	76.3	+ 782
BALDWIN	Criminal	2,358	1,387	58.8	+ 971
	Civil	345	217	62.9	+ 128
	Juvenile	396	414	104.6	- 18
	Small Claims	751	483	64.3	+ 268
	Traffic	7,021	5,031	71.7	+1,990
	Total		10,871	7,532	69.3	+3,339
BARBOUR (Clayton Division)	Criminal	277	257	92.8	+ 20
	Civil	40	86	215.0	- 46
	Juvenile	10	4	40.0	+ 6
	Small Claims	121	95	78.5	+ 26
	Traffic	416	416	100.0	0
	Total		864	858	99.3	+ 6
BARBOUR (Eufaula Division)	Criminal	391	336	85.9	+ 55
	Civil	227	179	78.9	+ 48
	Juvenile	86	60	69.8	+ 26
	Small Claims	391	263	67.3	+ 128
	Traffic	1,307	1,140	87.2	+ 167
	Total		2,402	1,978	82.4	+ 424
BARBOUR (Aggregate)	Criminal	668	593	88.8	+ 75
	Civil	267	265	99.3	+ 2
	Juvenile	96	64	66.7	+ 32
	Small Claims	512	358	69.9	+ 154
	Traffic	1,723	1,556	90.3	+ 167
	Total		3,266	2,836	86.8	+ 430
BIBB	Criminal	382	322	84.3	+ 60
	Civil	63	31	49.2	+ 32
	Juvenile	140	82	58.6	+ 58
	Small Claims	212	114	53.8	+ 98
	Traffic	1,194	1,098	92.0	+ 96
	Total		1,991	1,647	82.7	+ 344

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977

COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
BLOUNT	Criminal	676	691	102.2	- 15
	Civil	87	93	106.9	- 6
	Juvenile	94	77	81.9	+ 17
	Small Claims	260	177	68.1	+ 83
	Traffic	1,468	1,548	105.5	- 80
	Total	2,585	2,586	100.0	- 1
BULLOCK	Criminal	277	218	78.7	+ 59
	Civil	77	34	44.2	+ 43
	Juvenile	105	89	84.8	+ 16
	Small Claims	356	211	59.3	+ 145
	Traffic	534	412	77.2	+ 122
	Total	1,349	964	71.5	+ 385
BUTLER	Criminal	467	371	79.4	+ 96
	Civil	98	80	81.6	+ 18
	Juvenile	131	164	125.2	- 33
	Small Claims	197	271	137.6	- 74
	Traffic	2,097	1,849	88.2	+ 248
	Total	2,990	2,735	91.5	+ 255
CALHOUN	Criminal	1,459	1,308	89.7	+ 151
	Civil	602	344	57.1	+ 258
	Juvenile	986	893	90.6	+ 93
	Small Claims	650	281	43.2	+ 369
	Traffic	3,424	2,980	87.0	+ 444
	Total	7,121	5,806	81.5	+1,315
CHAMBERS	Criminal	1,953	1,143	58.5	+ 810
	Civil	191	42	22.0	+ 149
	Juvenile	336	199	59.2	+ 137
	Small Claims	1,121	427	38.1	+ 694
	Traffic	4,306	2,472	57.4	+1,834
	Total	7,907	4,283	54.2	+3,624
CHEROKEE	Criminal	485	380	78.4	+ 105
	Civil	59	39	66.1	+ 20
	Juvenile	26	22	84.6	+ 4
	Small Claims	258	127	49.2	+ 131
	Traffic	556	436	78.4	+ 120
	Total	1,384	1,004	72.5	+ 380

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977

COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
CHILTON	Criminal	1,537	1,433	93.2	+ 104
	Civil	125	124	99.2	+ 1
	Juvenile	244	175	71.7	+ 69
	Small Claims	434	347	80.0	+ 87
	Traffic	2,114	1,927	91.2	+ 187
	Total	4,454	4,006	89.9	+ 448
CHOCTAW	Criminal	493	412	83.6	+ 81
	Civil	78	42	53.9	+ 36
	Juvenile	23	0	0.0	+ 23
	Small Claims	1,043	427	40.9	+ 616
	Traffic	1,316	1,252	95.1	+ 64
	Total	2,953	2,133	72.2	+ 820
CLARKE	Criminal	995	450	45.2	+ 545
	Civil	63	26	41.3	+ 37
	Juvenile	36	26	72.2	+ 10
	Small Claims	995	766	77.0	+ 229
	Traffic	1,600	672	42.0	+ 928
	Total	3,689	1,940	52.6	+1,749
CLAY	Criminal	239	129	54.0	+ 110
	Civil	33	17	51.5	+ 16
	Juvenile	51	25	49.0	+ 26
	Small Claims	705	422	59.9	+ 283
	Traffic	341	256	75.1	+ 85
	Total	1,369	849	62.0	+ 520
CLEBURNE	Criminal	521	366	70.3	+ 155
	Civil	122	12	9.0	+ 110
	Juvenile	51	8	15.7	+ 43
	Small Claims	214	85	39.7	+ 129
	Traffic	1,189	892	75.0	+ 297
	Total	2,097	1,363	65.0	+ 734
COFFEE (Elba Division)	Criminal	545	261	47.9	+ 284
	Civil	102	77	75.5	+ 25
	Juvenile	158	135	85.4	+ 23
	Small Claims	145	102	70.3	+ 43
	Traffic	997	756	75.8	+ 241
	Total	1,947	1,331	68.4	+ 616

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977

COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
COFFEE (Enterprise Division)	Criminal	581	251	43.2	+ 330
	Civil	125	57	45.6	+ 68
	Juvenile	189	160	84.7	+ 29
	Small Claims	654	284	43.4	+ 370
	Traffic	1,085	875	80.7	+ 210
	Total		<u>2,634</u>	<u>1,627</u>	61.8	+1,007
COFFEE (Aggregate)	Criminal	1,126	512	45.5	+ 614
	Civil	227	134	59.0	+ 93
	Juvenile	347	295	85.0	+ 52
	Small Claims	799	386	48.3	+ 413
	Traffic	2,082	1,631	78.3	+ 451
	Total		<u>4,581</u>	<u>2,958</u>	64.6	+1,623
COLBERT	Criminal	901	631	70.0	+ 270
	Civil	220	160	72.7	+ 60
	Juvenile	175	97	55.4	+ 78
	Small Claims	660	239	36.2	+ 421
	Traffic	2,314	1,813	78.4	+ 501
	Total		<u>4,270</u>	<u>2,940</u>	68.9	+1,330
CONECUH	Criminal	877	714	81.4	+ 163
	Civil	55	35	63.6	+ 20
	Juvenile	93	71	76.3	+ 22
	Small Claims	650	432	66.5	+ 218
	Traffic	2,297	1,964	85.5	+ 333
	Total		<u>3,972</u>	<u>3,216</u>	81.0	+ 756
COOSA	Criminal	627	476	75.9	+ 151
	Civil	68	2	2.9	+ 66
	Juvenile	84	72	85.7	+ 12
	Small Claims	378	196	51.9	+ 182
	Traffic	1,385	1,068	77.1	+ 317
	Total		<u>2,542</u>	<u>1,814</u>	71.4	+ 728
COVINGTON	Criminal	1,013	691	68.2	+ 322
	Civil	190	85	44.7	+ 105
	Juvenile	117	108	92.3	+ 9
	Small Claims	263	117	44.5	+ 146
	Traffic	1,335	953	71.4	+ 382
	Total		<u>2,918</u>	<u>1,954</u>	67.0	+ 964

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977

COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
CRENSHAW	Criminal	343	279	81.3	+ 64
	Civil	100	130	130.0	- 30
	Juvenile	86	50	58.1	+ 36
	Small Claims	254	190	74.8	+ 64
	Traffic	812	742	91.4	+ 70
	Total		<u>1,595</u>	<u>1,391</u>	87.2	+ 204
CULLMAN	Criminal	3,085	2,043	66.2	+1,042
	Civil	935	261	27.9	+ 674
	Juvenile	544	453	83.3	+ 91
	Small Claims	437	188	43.0	+ 249
	Traffic	5,563	4,263	76.6	+1,300
	Total		<u>10,564</u>	<u>7,208</u>	68.2	+3,356
DALE	Criminal	850	758	89.2	+ 92
	Civil	227	105	46.3	+ 122
	Juvenile	141	134	95.0	+ 7
	Small Claims	199	135	67.8	+ 64
	Traffic	1,444	1,336	92.5	+ 108
	Total		<u>2,861</u>	<u>2,468</u>	86.3	+ 393
DALLAS	Criminal	1,707	1,270	74.4	+ 437
	Civil	217	327	150.7	- 110
	Juvenile	665	557	83.8	+ 108
	Small Claims	762	390	51.2	+ 372
	Traffic	3,861	2,915	75.5	+ 946
	Total		<u>7,212</u>	<u>5,459</u>	75.7	+1,753
DEKALB	Criminal	787	615	78.1	+ 172
	Civil	149	120	80.5	+ 29
	Juvenile	191	148	77.5	+ 43
	Small Claims	363	86	23.7	+ 277
	Traffic	1,756	1,274	72.6	+ 482
	Total		<u>3,246</u>	<u>2,243</u>	69.1	+1,003
ELMORE	Criminal	1,673	1,361	81.4	+ 312
	Civil	202	131	64.9	+ 71
	Juvenile	137	111	81.0	+ 26
	Small Claims	309	208	67.3	+ 101
	Traffic	1,914	1,659	86.7	+ 255
	Total		<u>4,235</u>	<u>3,470</u>	81.9	+ 765

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977					
COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
ESCAMBIA	Criminal	1,277	1,052	82.4	+ 255
	Civil	276	107	38.8	+ 169
	Juvenile	48	20	41.7	+ 28
	Small Claims	511	328	64.2	+ 183
	Traffic	2,757	2,395	86.9	+ 362
	Total	4,869	3,902	80.1	+ 967
ETOWAH	Criminal	1,660	786	47.4	+ 874
	Civil	1,229	754	61.4	+ 475
	Juvenile	781	589	75.4	+ 192
	Small Claims	625	355	56.8	+ 270
	Traffic	4,823	4,242	88.0	+ 581
	Total	9,118	6,726	73.8	+2,392
FAYETTE	Criminal	785	548	69.8	+ 237
	Civil	79	13	16.5	+ 66
	Juvenile	378	446	118.0	- 68
	Small Claims	769	374	48.6	+ 395
	Traffic	988	733	74.2	+ 255
	Total	2,999	2,114	70.5	+ 885
FRANKLIN	Criminal	1,564	1,323	84.6	+ 241
	Civil	183	101	55.2	+ 82
	Juvenile	265	84	31.7	+ 181
	Small Claims	620	416	67.1	+ 204
	Traffic	2,007	1,762	87.8	+ 245
	Total	4,639	3,686	79.5	+ 953
GENEVA	Criminal	952	847	89.0	+ 105
	Civil	86	50	58.1	+ 36
	Juvenile	156	106	68.0	+ 50
	Small Claims	836	670	80.1	+ 166
	Traffic	987	916	92.8	+ 71
	Total	3,017	2,589	85.8	+ 428
GREENE	Criminal	293	124	42.3	+ 169
	Civil	135	59	43.7	+ 76
	Juvenile	146	66	45.2	+ 80
	Small Claims	71	24	33.8	+ 47
	Traffic	844	605	71.7	+ 239
	Total	1,489	878	59.0	+ 611

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977					
COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
HALE	Criminal	241	226	93.8	+ 15
	Civil	49	16	32.7	+ 33
	Juvenile	30	7	23.3	+ 23
	Small Claims	563	323	57.4	+ 240
	Traffic	532	454	85.3	+ 78
	Total	1,415	1,026	72.5	+ 389
HENRY	Criminal	526	378	71.9	+ 148
	Civil	68	58	85.3	+ 10
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	512	330	64.5	+ 182
	Traffic	663	593	89.4	+ 70
	Total	1,769	1,359	76.8	+ 210
HOUSTON	Criminal	2,782	2,389	85.9	+ 393
	Civil	1,026	907	88.4	+ 119
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	1,039	791	76.1	+ 248
	Traffic	3,265	2,949	90.3	+ 316
	Total	8,112	7,036	86.7	+1,076
JACKSON	Criminal	1,508	931	61.7	+ 577
	Civil	150	64	42.7	+ 86
	Juvenile	430	300	69.8	+ 130
	Small Claims	883	508	57.5	+ 375
	Traffic	1,558	1,450	93.1	+ 108
	Total	4,529	3,253	71.8	+1,276
JEFFERSON (Birmingham Division)	Criminal	5,738	4,368	76.1	+1,370
	Civil	8,052	12,968	161.1	-4,916
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	15,996	9,382	58.7	+6,614
	Traffic	9,576	8,583	89.7	+ 993
	Total	39,362	35,301	89.7	+4,061
JEFFERSON (Bessemer Division)	Criminal	2,266	1,859	82.0	+ 407
	Civil	1,050	530	50.5	+ 520
	Juvenile	909	713	78.4	+ 196
	Small Claims	2,478	944	38.1	+1,534
	Traffic	5,082	4,229	83.2	+ 853
	Total	11,785	8,275	70.2	+3,510

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977

COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
JEFFERSON (Aggregate)	Criminal	8,004	6,227	77.8	+1,777
	Civil	9,102	13,498	148.3	-4,396
	Juvenile	909	713	78.4	+ 196
	Small Claims	18,474	10,326	55.9	+8,148
	Traffic	14,658	12,812	87.4	+1,846
	Total	51,147	43,576	85.2	+7,571
LAMAR	Criminal	493	372	75.5	+ 121
	Civil	34	25	73.5	+ 9
	Juvenile	57	51	89.5	+ 6
	Small Claims	412	304	73.8	+ 108
	Traffic	620	513	82.7	+ 107
	Total	1,616	1,265	78.3	+ 351
LAUDERDALE	Criminal	2,613	2,209	84.5	+ 404
	Civil	381	339	89.0	+ 42
	Juvenile	328	302	92.1	+ 26
	Small Claims	716	501	70.0	+ 215
	Traffic	3,434	2,722	79.3	+ 712
	Total	7,472	6,073	81.3	+1,399
LAWRENCE	Criminal	942	349	37.1	+ 593
	Civil	132	60	45.5	+ 72
	Juvenile	110	98	89.1	+ 12
	Small Claims	746	349	46.8	+ 397
	Traffic	2,240	1,367	61.0	+ 873
	Total	4,170	2,223	55.3	+1,947
LEE	Criminal	1,945	1,790	92.0	+ 155
	Civil	415	297	71.6	+ 118
	Juvenile	389	364	93.6	+ 25
	Small Claims	1,157	843	72.9	+ 314
	Traffic	6,714	5,780	86.1	+ 934
	Total	10,620	9,074	85.4	+1,546
LIMESTONE	Criminal	2,112	1,996	94.5	+ 116
	Civil	135	138	102.2	- 3
	Juvenile	88	6	6.8	+ 82
	Small Claims	603	379	62.6	+ 224
	Traffic	5,349	5,223	97.6	+ 126
	Total	8,287	7,742	93.4	+ 545

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977

COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
LOWNDES	Criminal	414	369	89.1	+ 45
	Civil	34	17	50.0	+ 17
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	67	42	62.7	+ 25
	Traffic	914	813	89.0	+ 101
	Total	1,429	1,241	86.8	+ 188
MACON	Criminal	503	348	69.2	+ 155
	Civil	382	52	13.6	+ 330
	Juvenile	202	141	69.8	+ 61
	Small Claims	406	263	64.8	+ 143
	Traffic	1,037	610	58.8	+ 427
	Total	2,530	1,414	55.9	+1,116
MADISON	Criminal	2,092	1,668	79.7	+ 424
	Civil	1,720	1,663	96.7	+ 57
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	1,372	992	72.3	+ 380
	Traffic	5,593	4,674	83.6	+ 919
	Total	10,777	8,997	83.5	+1,780
MARENGO	Criminal	966	804	83.2	+ 162
	Civil	96	76	79.2	+ 20
	Juvenile	147	113	76.9	+ 34
	Small Claims	977	732	74.9	+ 245
	Traffic	1,431	1,283	89.7	+ 148
	Total	3,617	3,008	83.2	+ 609
MARION	Criminal	708	312	44.1	+ 396
	Civil	98	21	21.4	+ 77
	Juvenile	83	28	33.7	+ 55
	Small Claims	309	150	48.5	+ 159
	Traffic	1,566	1,094	69.7	+ 472
	Total	2,764	1,605	58.1	+1,159
MARSHALL (Guntersville Division)	Criminal	1,828	1,241	67.9	+ 587
	Civil	1,157	938	81.1	+ 219
	Juvenile	348	274	78.7	+ 74
	Small Claims	268	132	49.3	+ 136
	Traffic	1,837	1,567	85.3	+ 270
	Total	5,438	4,152	76.4	+1,286

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD -- 1977

COURT	CATEGORY	TOTAL FILINGS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENTAGE OF FILINGS DISPOSED	CARRY OVER
MARSHALL (Albertville Division)	Criminal	984	565	57.4	+ 419
	Civil	657	477	72.6	+ 180
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	274	213	77.7	+ 61
	Traffic	844	748	88.6	+ 96
	Total	2,759	2,003	72.6	+ 756
MARSHALL (Aggregate)	Criminal	2,812	1,806	64.2	+1,006
	Civil	1,814	1,415	78.0	+ 399
	Juvenile	348	274	78.7	+ 74
	Small Claims	542	345	63.7	+ 197
	Traffic	2,681	2,315	86.4	+ 366
	Total	8,197	6,155	75.1	+2,042
MOBILE	Criminal	7,574	5,938	78.4	+1,636
	Civil	5,958	4,134	69.4	+1,824
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	4,915	2,294	46.7	+2,621
	Traffic	7,717	7,252	94.0	+ 465
	Total	26,164	19,618	75.0	+6,546
MONROE	Criminal	1,028	726	70.6	+ 302
	Civil	80	28	35.0	+ 52
	Juvenile	222	143	64.4	+ 79
	Small Claims	644	488	75.8	+ 156
	Traffic	1,084	850	78.4	+ 234
	Total	3,058	2,235	73.1	+ 823
MONTGOMERY	Criminal	3,110	2,652	85.3	+ 458
	Civil	2,451	1,785	72.8	+ 666
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	3,239	1,298	40.1	+1,941
	Traffic	8,560	6,362	74.3	+2,198
	Total	17,360	12,097	69.7	+5,263
MORGAN	Criminal	2,466	1,405	57.0	+1,061
	Civil	418	259	62.0	+ 159
	Juvenile	491	440	89.6	+ 51
	Small Claims	787	419	53.2	+ 368
	Traffic	4,143	3,802	91.8	+ 341
	Total	8,305	6,325	76.2	+1,980

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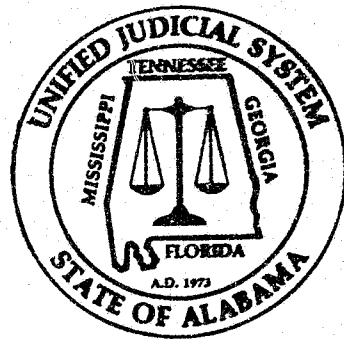
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PERRY	Criminal	285	254	89.1	+ 31
	Civil	58	46	79.3	+ 12
	Juvenile	254	238	93.7	+ 16
	Small Claims	638	496	77.7	+ 142
	Traffic	1,514	1,318	87.1	+ 196
	Total	2,749	2,352	85.6	+ 397
PICKENS	Criminal	334	254	76.1	+ 80
	Civil	53	39	73.6	+ 14
	Juvenile	2	2	100.0	0
	Small Claims	326	297	91.1	+ 29
	Traffic	950	896	94.3	+ 54
	Total	1,665	1,488	89.4	+ 177
PIKE	Criminal	770	454	59.0	+ 316
	Civil	141	94	66.7	+ 47
	Juvenile	256	213	83.2	+ 43
	Small Claims	516	180	34.9	+ 336
	Traffic	3,144	2,715	86.4	+ 429
	Total	4,827	3,656	75.7	+1,171
RANDOLPH	Criminal	530	340	64.2	+ 190
	Civil	89	55	61.8	+ 34
	Juvenile	171	175	102.3	- 4
	Small Claims	740	438	59.2	+ 302
	Traffic	489	345	70.1	+ 144
	Total	2,019	1,353	67.0	+ 666
RUSSELL	Criminal	1,570	1,413	90.0	+ 157
	Civil	203	151	74.4	+ 52
	Juvenile	502	418	83.3	+ 84
	Small Claims	392	288	73.5	+ 104
	Traffic	3,284	3,080	93.8	+ 204
	Total	5,951	5,350	89.9	+ 601
SHELBY	Criminal	1,532	1,385	90.4	+ 147
	Civil	448	269	60.0	+ 179
	Juvenile	188	174	92.6	+ 14
	Small Claims	1,035	501	48.4	+ 534
	Traffic	2,742	2,652	96.7	+ 90
	Total	5,945	4,981	83.8	+ 964

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ST. CLAIR (Ashville Division)	Criminal	513	376	73.3	+ 137
	Civil	56	37	66.1	+ 19
	Juvenile	24	27	112.5	- 3
	Small Claims	132	27	20.5	+ 105
	Traffic	694	585	84.3	+ 109
	Total	1,419	1,052	74.1	+ 367
ST. CLAIR (Pell City Division)	Criminal	1,170	1,025	87.6	+ 145
	Civil	124	83	66.9	+ 41
	Juvenile	71	47	66.2	+ 24
	Small Claims	234	153	65.4	+ 81
	Traffic	1,120	910	81.3	+ 210
	Total	2,719	2,218	81.6	+ 501
ST. CLAIR (Aggregate)	Criminal	1,683	1,401	83.2	+ 282
	Civil	180	120	66.7	+ 60
	Juvenile	95	74	77.9	+ 21
	Small Claims	366	180	49.2	+ 186
	Traffic	1,814	1,495	82.4	+ 319
	Total	4,138	3,270	79.0	+ 868
SUMTER	Criminal	659	479	72.7	+ 180
	Civil	250	81	32.4	+ 169
	Juvenile	142	140	98.6	+ 2
	Small Claims	645	433	67.1	+ 212
	Traffic	1,580	1,293	81.8	+ 287
	Total	3,276	2,426	74.1	+ 850
TALLADEGA (Southern Division)	Criminal	711	595	83.7	+ 116
	Civil	587	389	66.3	+ 198
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	544	348	64.0	+ 196
	Traffic	1,129	875	77.5	+ 254
	Total	2,971	2,207	74.3	+ 764
TALLADEGA (Northern Division)	Criminal	782	656	83.9	+ 126
	Civil	751	409	54.5	+ 342
	Juvenile	210	168	80.0	+ 42
	Small Claims	485	375	77.3	+ 110
	Traffic	2,647	1,905	72.0	+ 742
	Total	4,875	3,513	72.1	+1,362

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TALLADEGA (Aggregate)	Criminal	1,493	1,251	83.8	+ 242
	Civil	1,338	798	59.6	+ 540
	Juvenile	210	168	80.0	+ 42
	Small Claims	1,029	723	70.3	+ 306
	Traffic	3,776	2,780	73.6	+ 996
	Total	7,846	5,720	72.9	+2,126
TALLAPOOSA (Dadeville Division)	Criminal	808	714	88.4	+ 94
	Civil	79	52	65.8	+ 27
	Juvenile	105	24	22.9	+ 81
	Small Claims	390	187	48.0	+ 203
	Traffic	1,565	1,172	74.9	+ 393
	Total	2,947	2,149	72.9	+ 798
TALLAPOOSA (Alex City Division)	Criminal	598	489	81.8	+ 109
	Civil	134	84	62.7	+ 50
	Juvenile	37	22	59.5	+ 15
	Small Claims	212	88	41.5	+ 124
	Traffic	1,072	879	82.0	+ 193
	Total	2,053	1,562	76.1	+ 491
TALLAPOOSA (Aggregate)	Criminal	1,406	1,203	85.6	+ 203
	Civil	213	136	63.9	+ 77
	Juvenile	142	46	32.4	+ 96
	Small Claims	602	275	45.7	+ 327
	Traffic	2,637	2,051	77.8	+ 586
	Total	5,000	3,711	74.2	+1,289
TUSCALOOSA	Criminal	3,293	2,367	71.9	+ 926
	Civil	1,670	1,171	70.1	+ 499
	Juvenile	0	0	--	--
	Small Claims	1,873	1,202	64.2	+ 671
	Traffic	10,197	8,472	83.1	+1,725
	Total	17,033	13,212	77.6	+3,821
WALKER	Criminal	1,441	1,594	110.6	- 153
	Civil	403	379	94.0	+ 24
	Juvenile	333	231	69.4	+ 102
	Small Claims	471	340	72.2	+ 131
	Traffic	3,137	2,266	72.2	+ 871
	Total	5,785	4,810	83.2	+ 975

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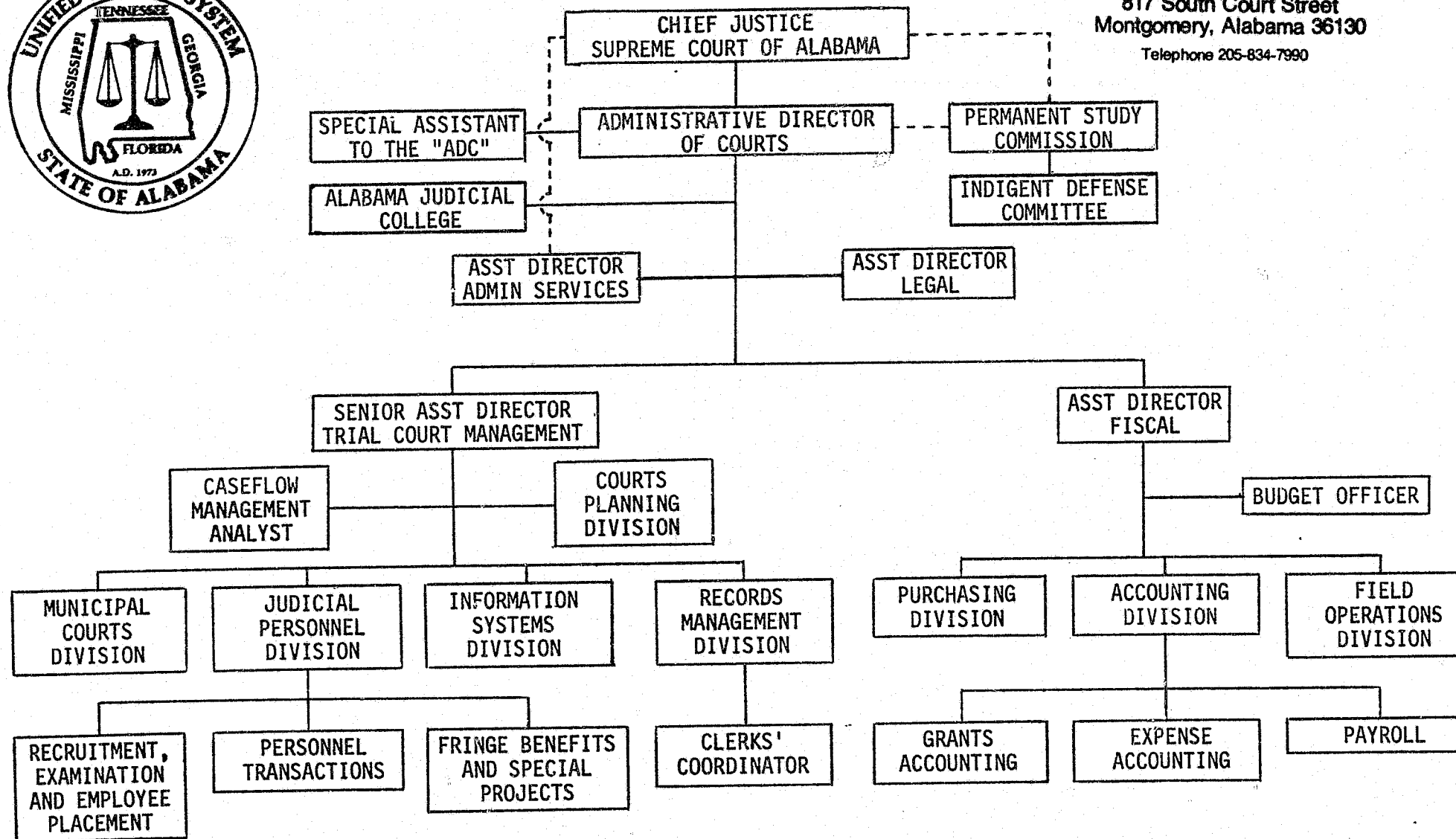
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WASHINGTON	Criminal	809	618	76.4	+ 191
	Civil	54	32	59.3	+ 22
	Juvenile	8	8	100.0	0
	Small Claims	112	11	9.8	+ 101
	Traffic	957	758	79.2	+ 199
	Total	1,940	1,427	73.6	+ 513
WILCOX	Criminal	305	195	63.9	+ 110
	Civil	23	1	4.4	+ 22
	Juvenile	4	2	50.0	+ 2
	Small Claims	326	105	32.2	+ 221
	Traffic	526	420	79.9	+ 106
	Total	1,184	723	61.1	+ 461
WINSTON	Criminal	855	692	80.1	+ 163
	Civil	137	71	51.8	+ 66
	Juvenile	42	14	33.3	+ 28
	Small Claims	354	257	72.6	+ 97
	Traffic	836	689	82.4	+ 147
	Total	2,224	1,723	77.5	+ 501
STATE TOTAL	Criminal	92,528	72,020	77.8	+20,508
	Civil	36,713	32,327	88.1	+ 4,386
	Juvenile	13,423	10,683	79.6	+ 2,740
	Small Claims	64,109	36,715	57.3	+27,394
	Traffic	179,604	147,001	81.9	+32,603
	Total	386,377	298,746	77.3	+87,631
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