

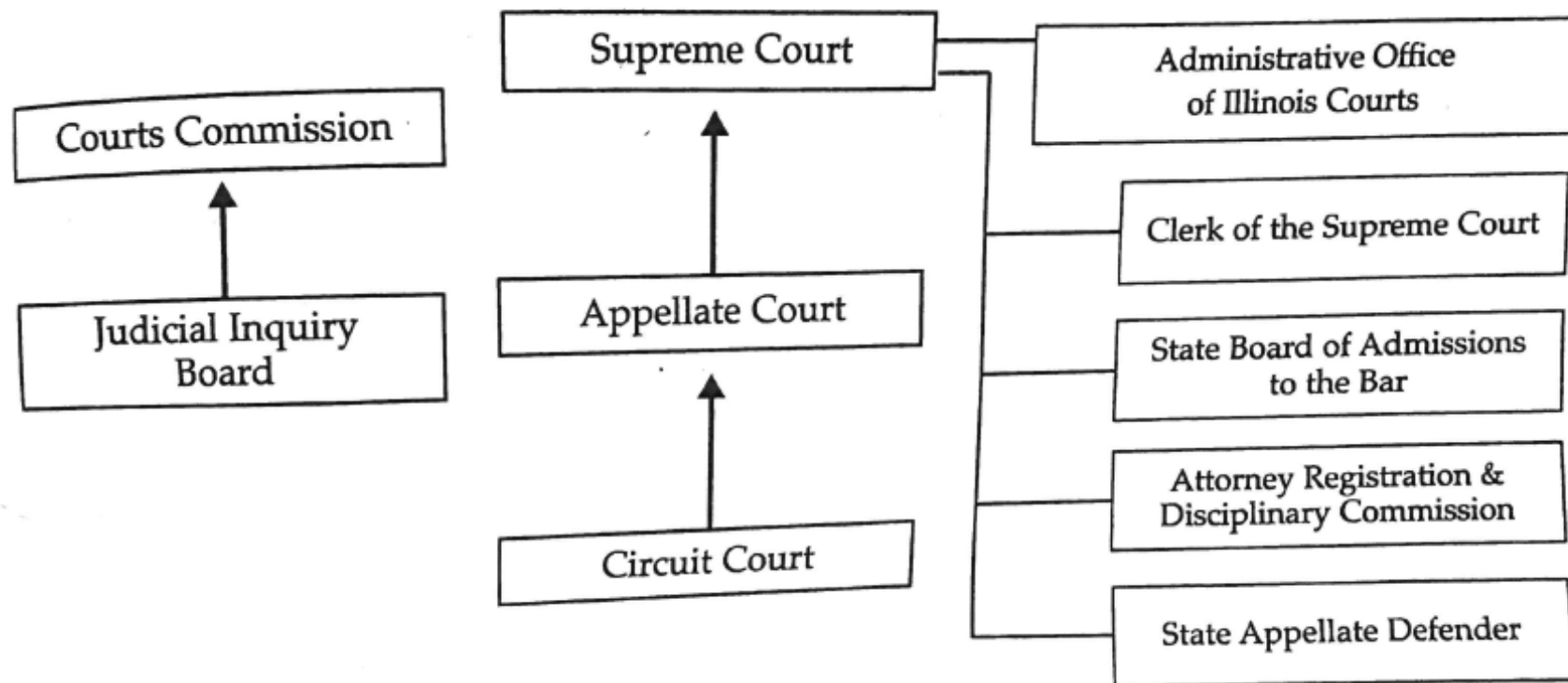
The Illinois Courts Commission: An Overview

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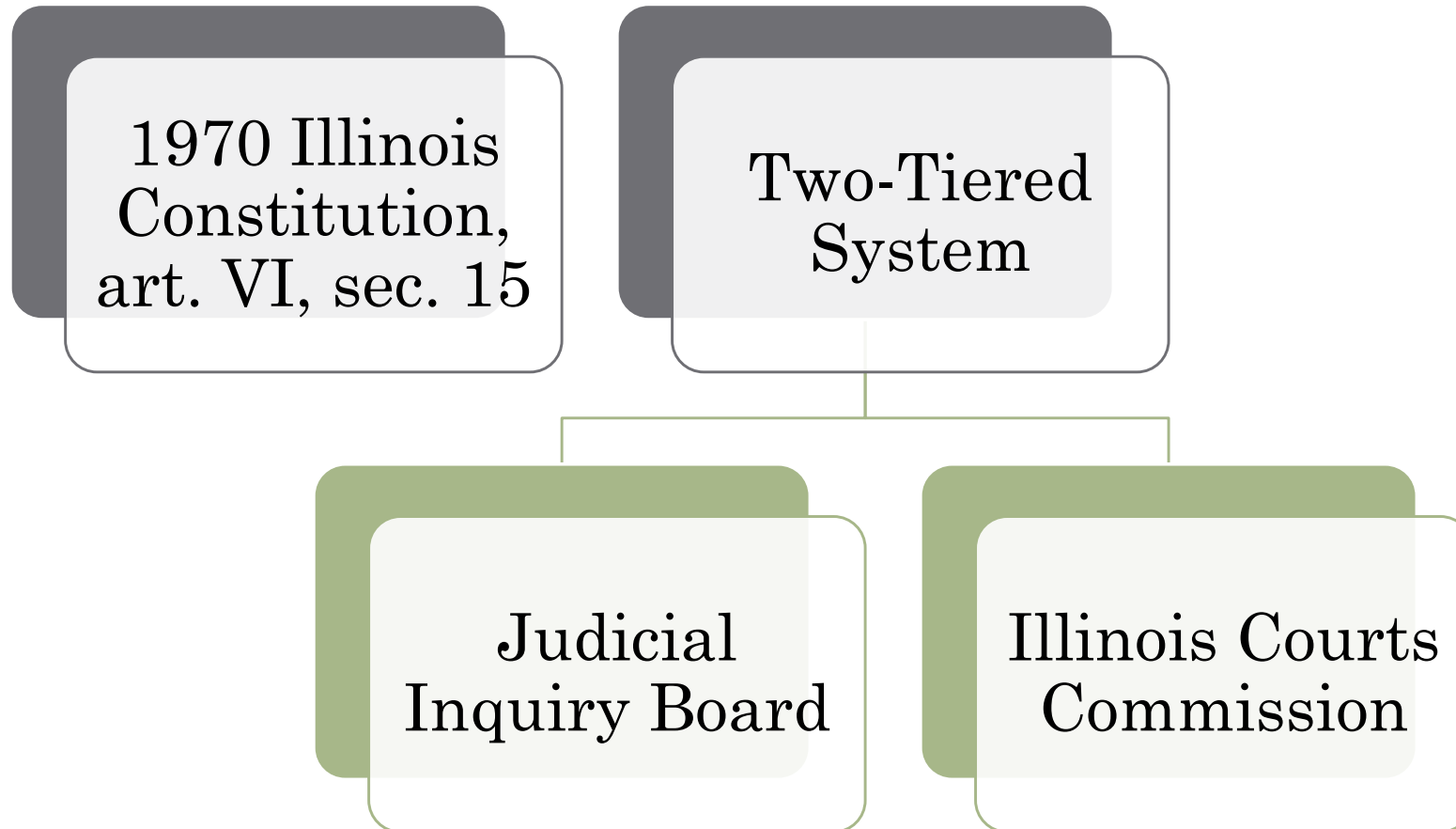
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Judicial Organization



Illinois' Judicial Disciplinary System



Judicial Inquiry Board



Investigates grievances
against Illinois judges



Files and prosecutes
complaints with the
Illinois Courts
Commission

Illinois Courts Commission

Hears and decides the complaints filed by
the Judicial Inquiry Board



Determines whether to discipline a judge

Reprimand

Censure

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Illinois Courts Commission

- Seven Commissioners
 - One Supreme Court Justice
 - Two Appellate Court Justices
 - Two Circuit Court Judges
 - Two Public Members
- Commission decisions must be a majority and are final

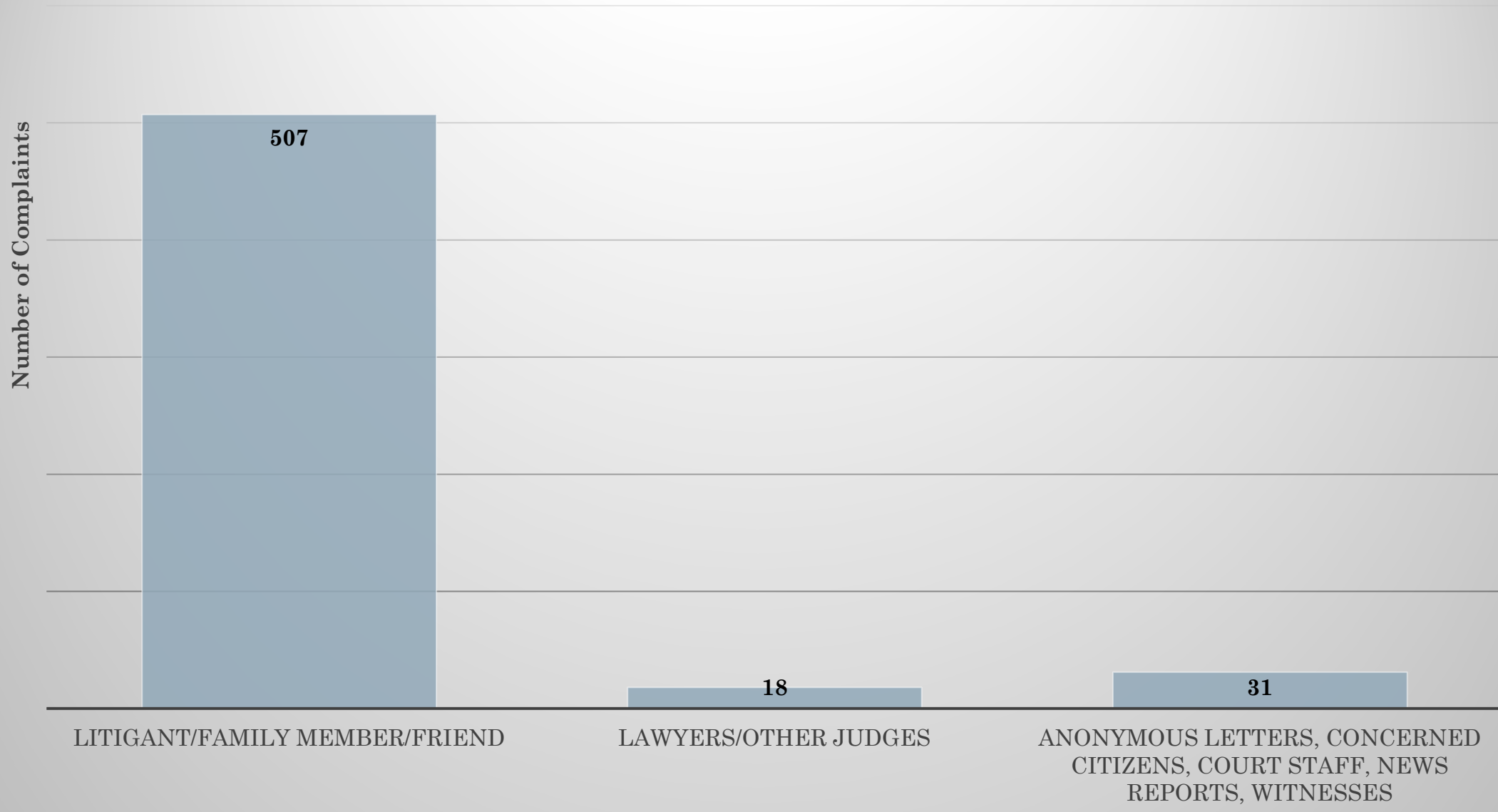


Who is
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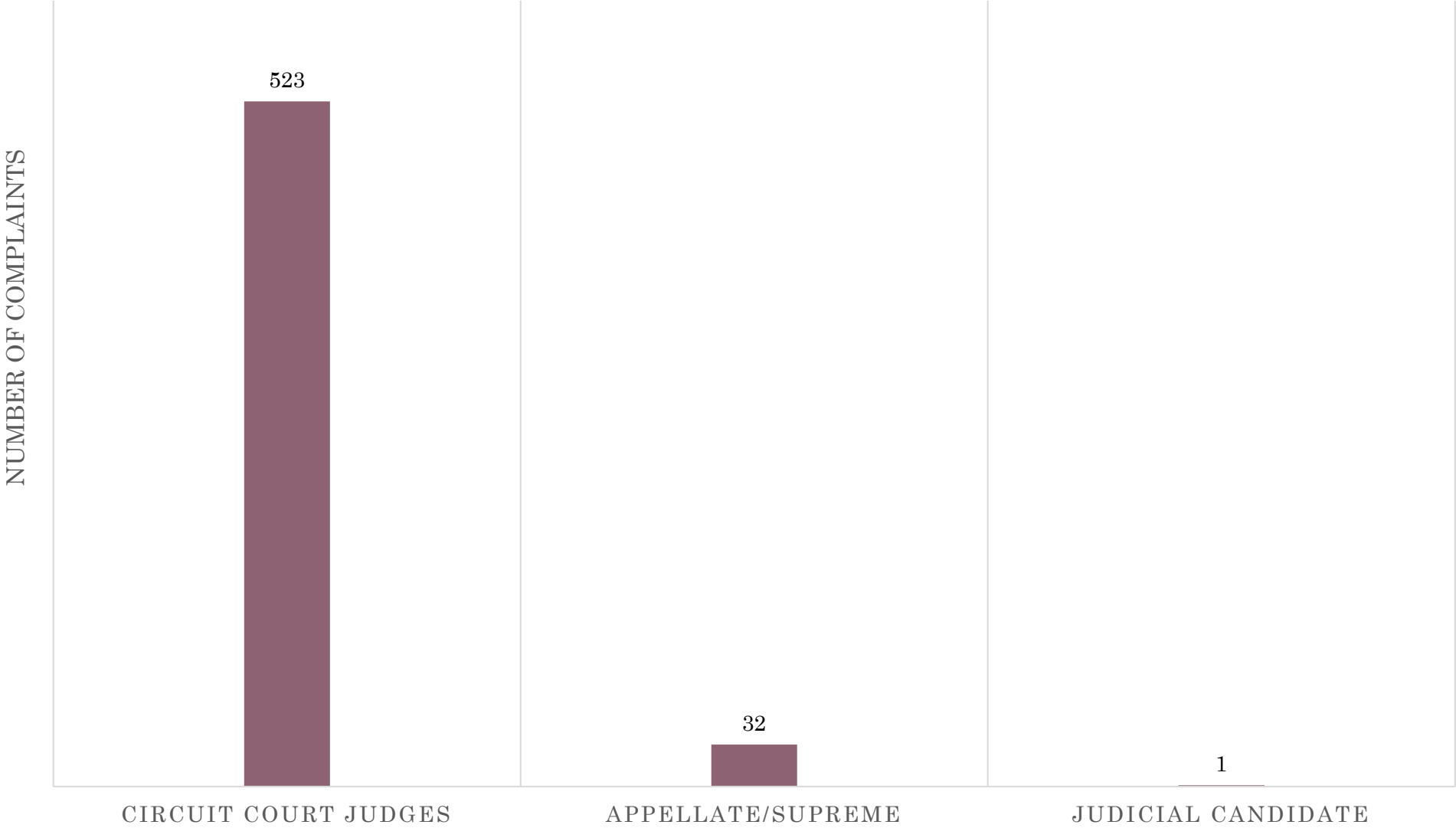
Which judges?

And what did
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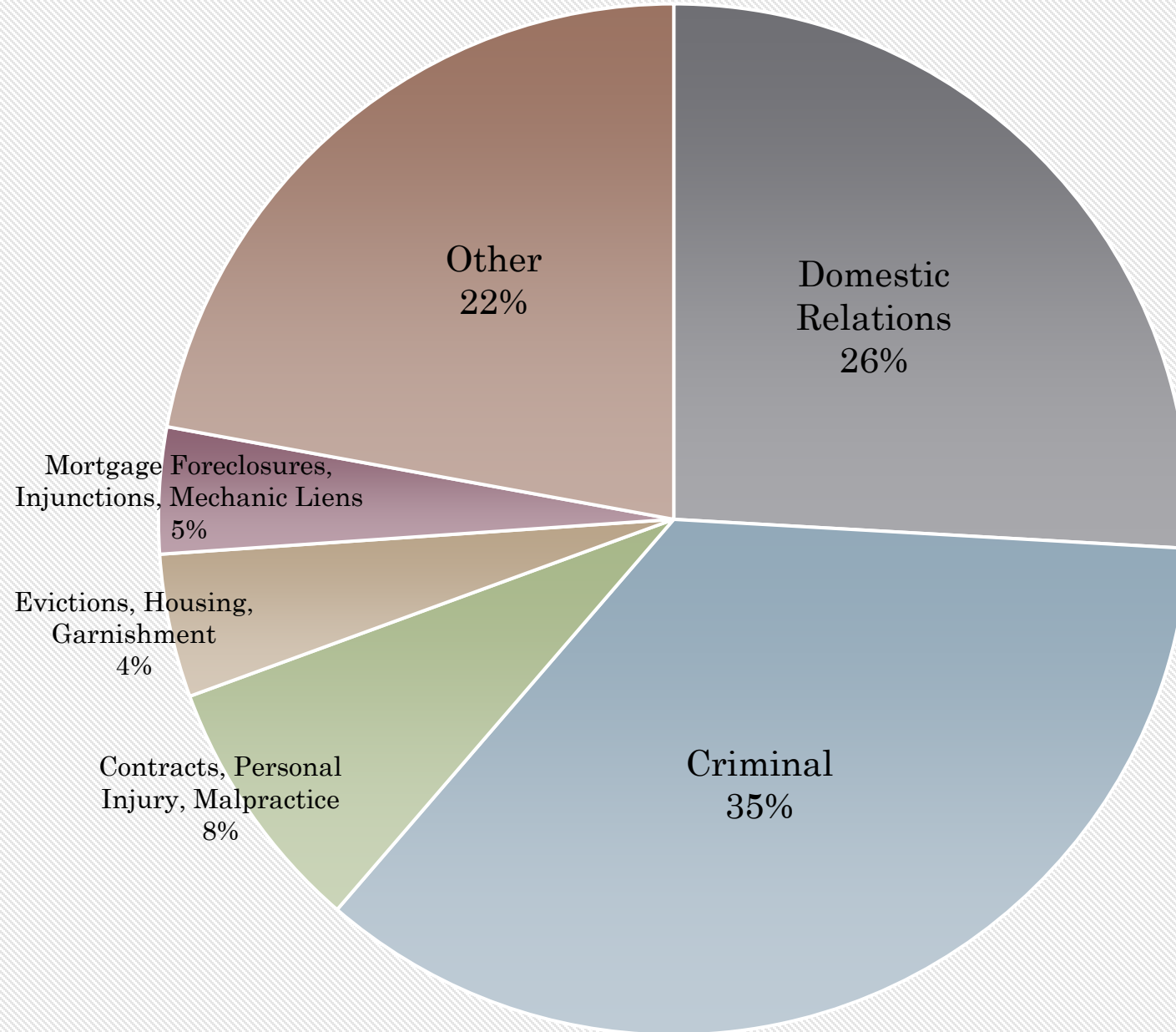
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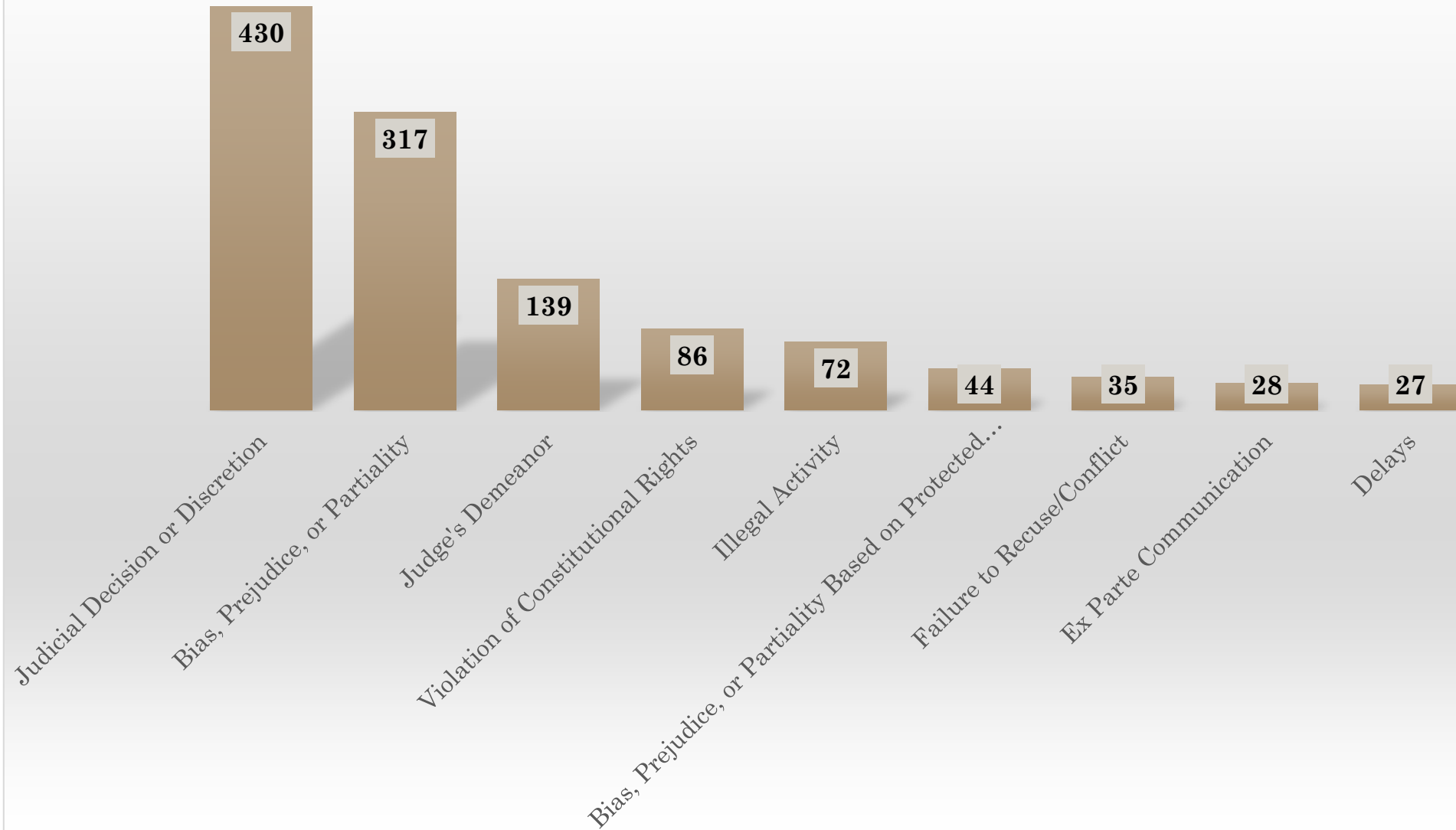
JIB REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION BY JUDICIAL OFFICE



Requests for Investigation by Court Division

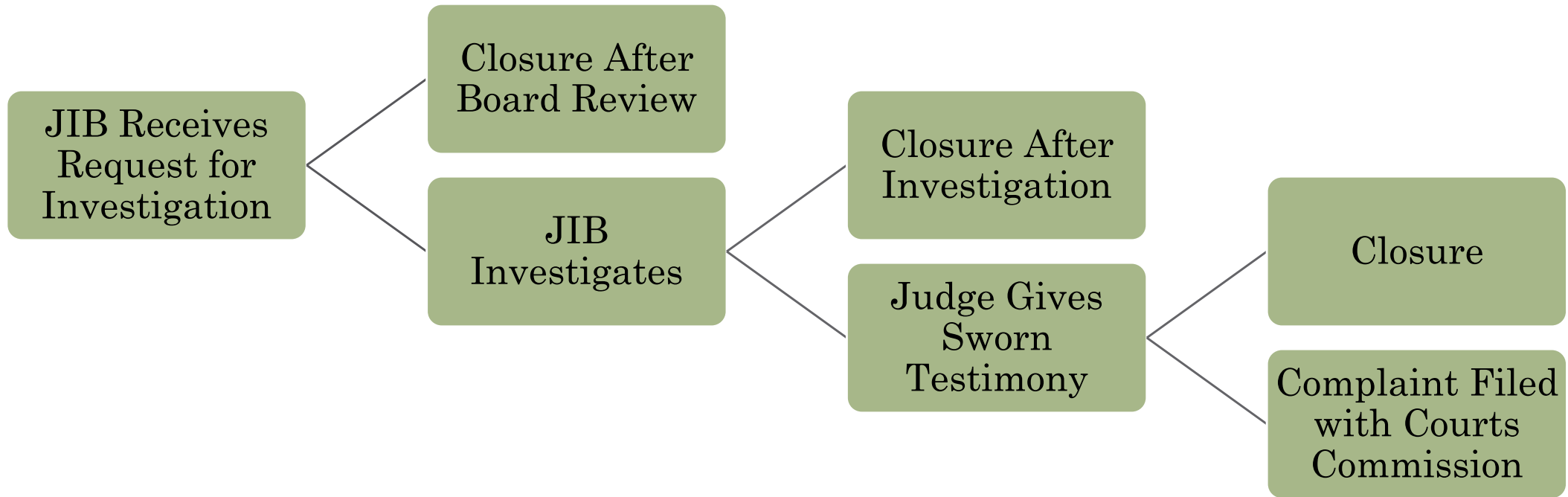


Subject Matter of Requests for Investigation



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*What happens with
all these complaints?*



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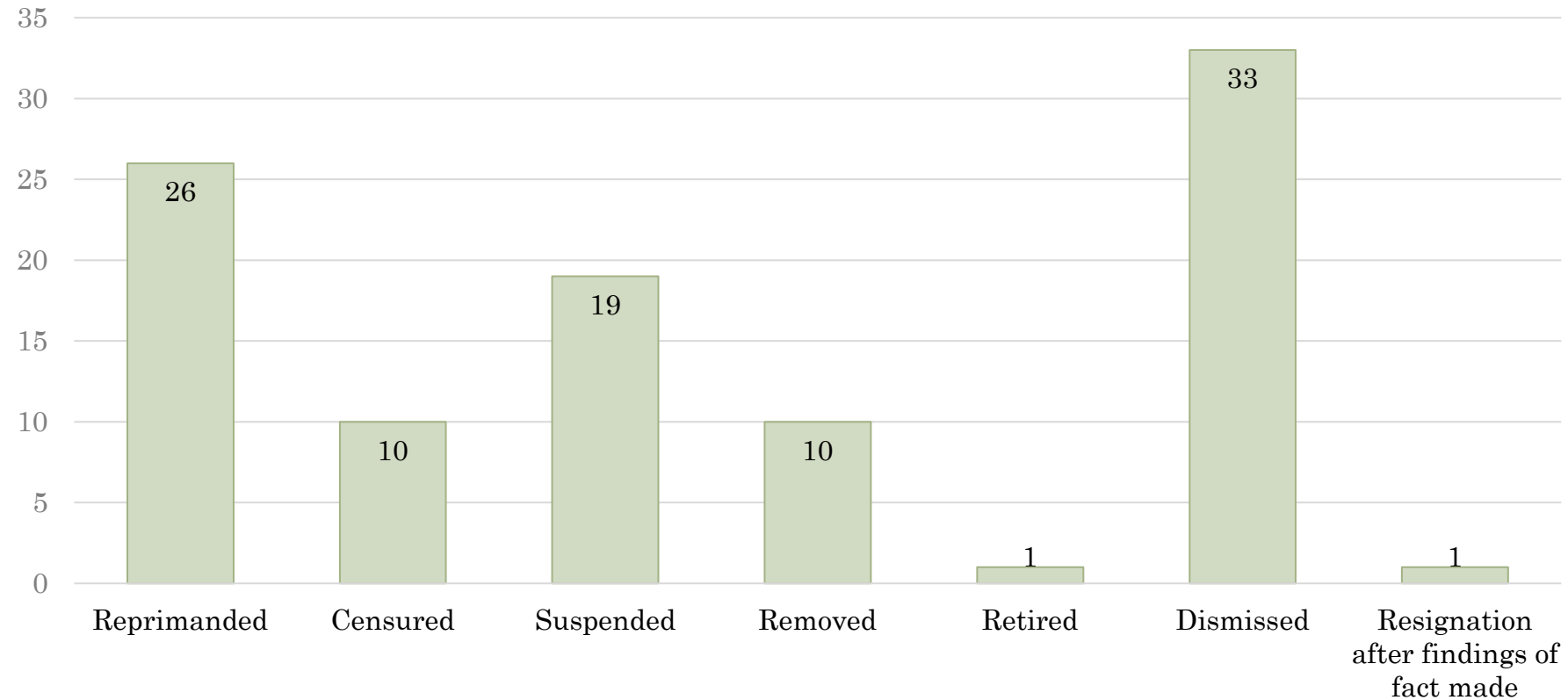
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