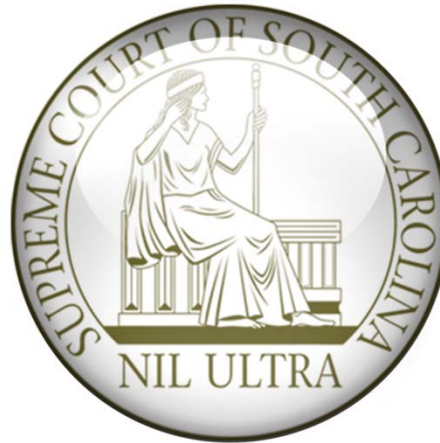

SOUTH CAROLINA



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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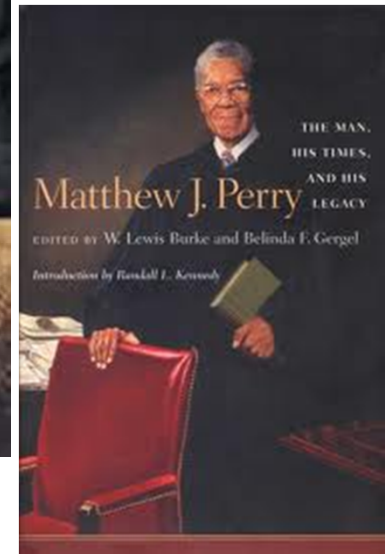
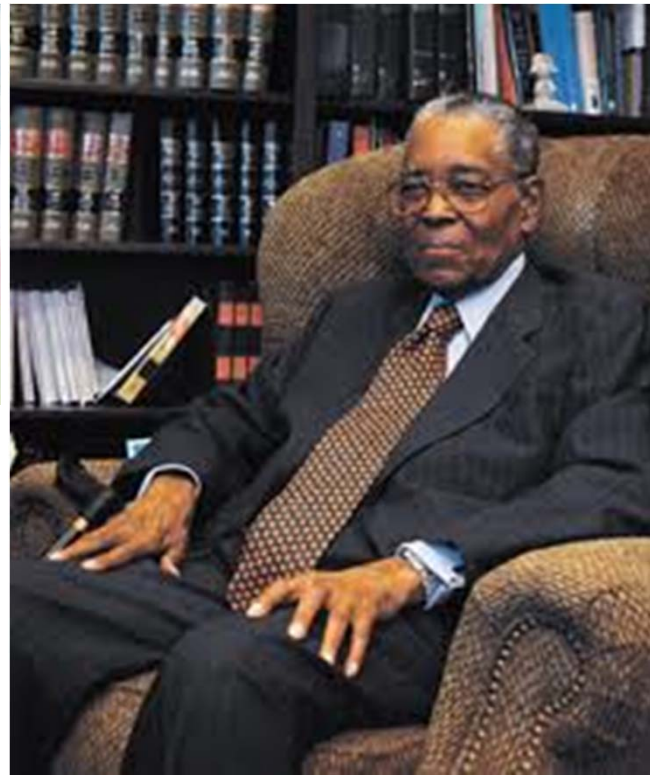
February 8, 2012

Chief Justice Jean Hoefer Toal



A LEGEND

Judge Matthew J. Perry 1921 - 2011





South Carolina Courts

- **CORE MISSION** - SC Courts provide a fair and efficient forum for the resolution of disputes
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Ability of the Judicial Branch to fairly and timely resolve disputes is a highly important factor in economic development
 - ❖ South Carolina Business Courts
 - ❖ Significant consideration in Amazon, BMW, Boeing, Bridgestone / Firestone, Continental Tires, Michelin and others coming to South Carolina
- **APPROACH** – SCJD focuses on technology, business models, processes and management techniques to achieve results of efficiencies, consistencies and better organization





South Carolina Circuit Court Caseload



We are here

RANKING	STATE	JUDGES per 100,000 POPULATION	FILINGS per JUDGE
1	Massachusetts	1.2	370
2	Idaho	2.7	493
3	Alaska	5.7	508
...
NATIONAL AVERAGE		3.1	1791
...
48	New Jersey	4.7	3228
49	North Carolina	1.2	3403
50	South Carolina	1.0	5011

Results of joint study by COSCA, BJA and NCSC

Report for 2009 which is the most current year for which statistics are available

➤ **South Carolina continues to have:**

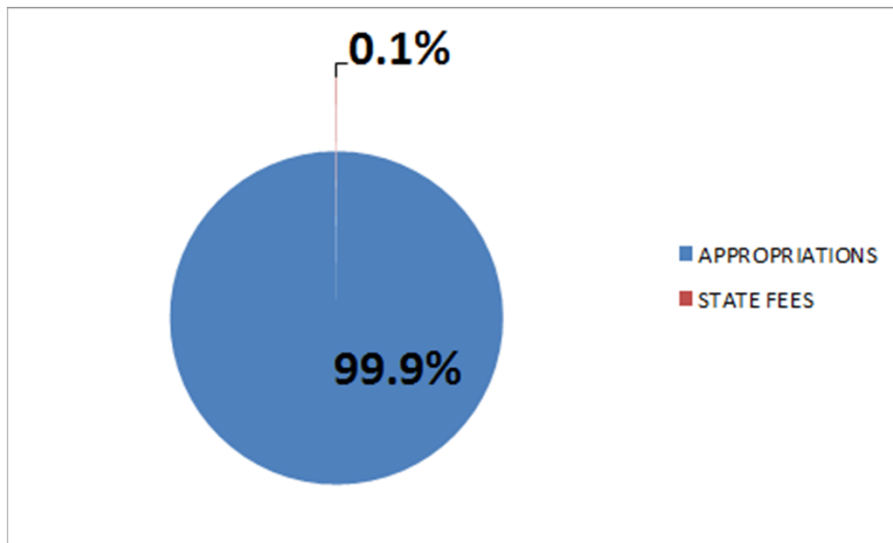
- ❖ **Fewest judges per population**
- ❖ **More than twice the national average of filings per judge**



Funding Sources in 2000 Compared to This Year

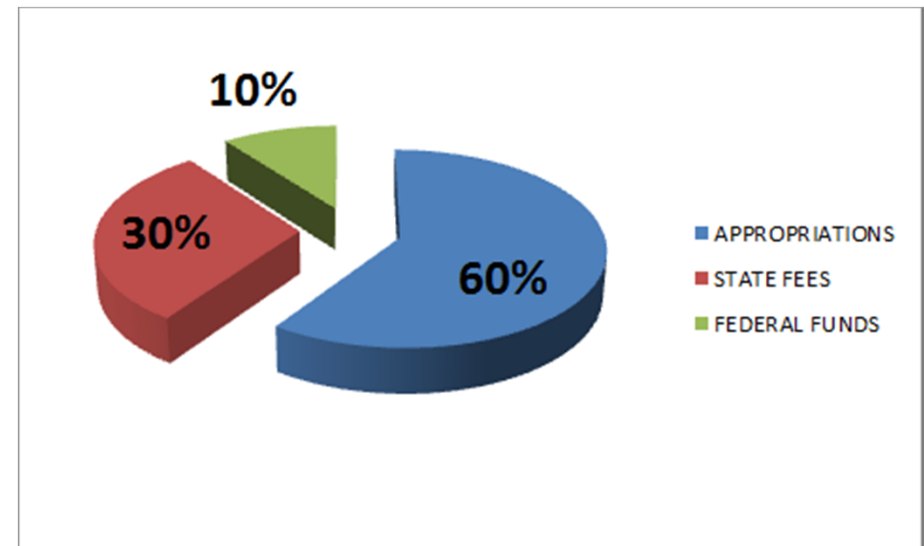
Since 2000, the Judicial Department has developed multiple funding sources so that all funding is not completely dependent upon appropriations from the Legislature

FY 2000 - 2001



Expenditures = \$46,553,075

FY 2011 - 2012



Expenditures = \$63,104,729



2012 – 2013 SCJD Budget Requests

RECURRING FUNDS

Replace the one-time Burnie Maybank money that had to be used for general operations with recurring funds

\$1.1M

Travel for Judicial Circuits

\$1.5M

Annual Technology Equipment Replacement and Licensing

\$300K

Annual Repairs to Calhoun Building

\$3.1M

New Judges

3 Circuit Court

6 Family Court

NON-RECURRING FUNDS

\$166,590

One-time funds for startup costs for new Judges and Staff

\$5M

New Technology Projects

Centralized court statistics

CMS hosting of municipalities

Upgrade architecture for trial court applications



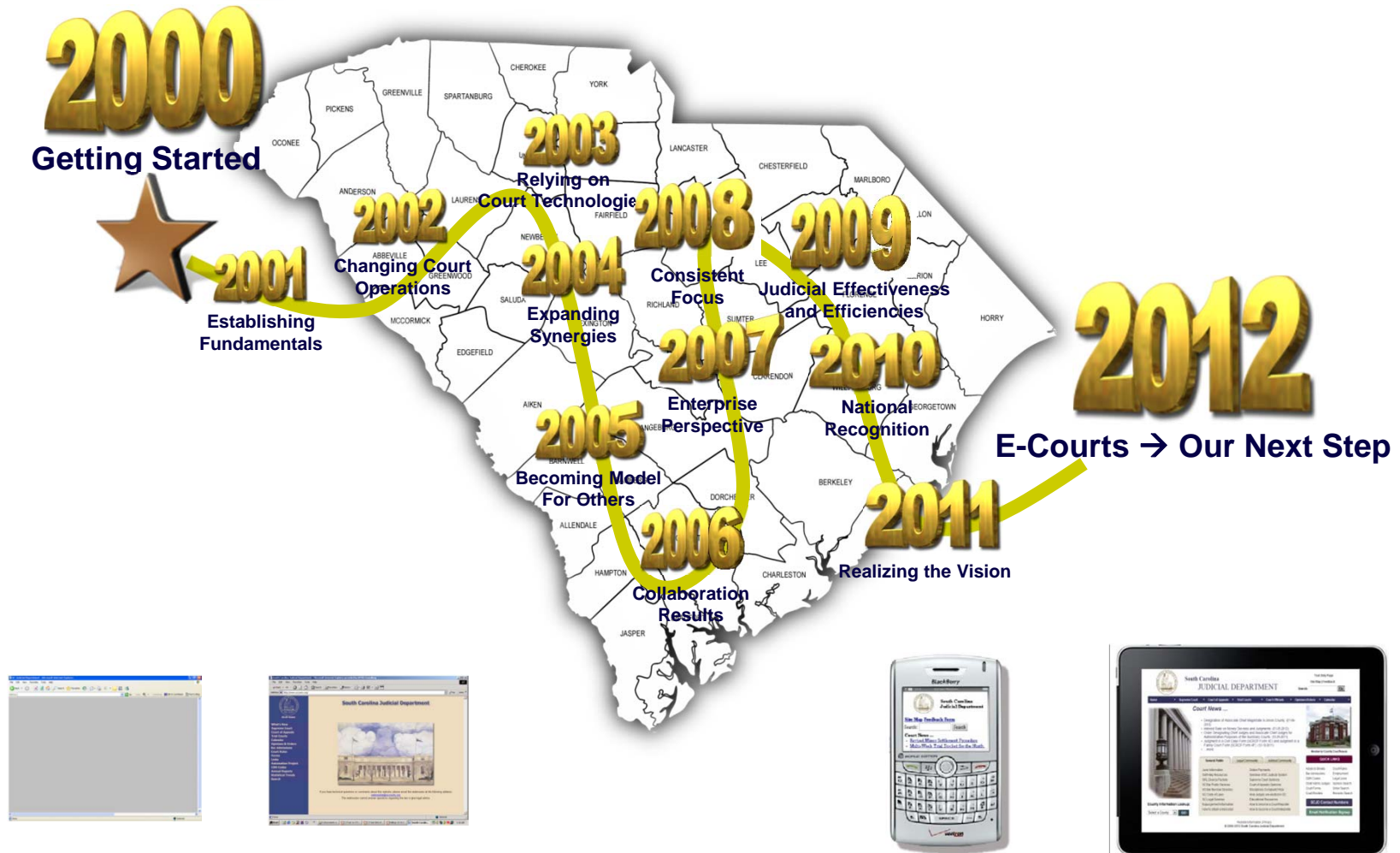
E-Courts / E-Filing Update

- SCJD received \$5M to begin development of E-Filing
- The first step for E-Filing was development and implementation of the **Attorney Information System (AIS)**
- AIS is now the **source for attorney contact information** for the courts and SC Bar
- **E-mail** is now the **primary means for court notifications** as hardcopy mailings are being phased out
- When completed, E-filing will provide a **funding source for SCJD technology** that eventually will be able to replace the current federal funding source





SCJD Technology Roadmap

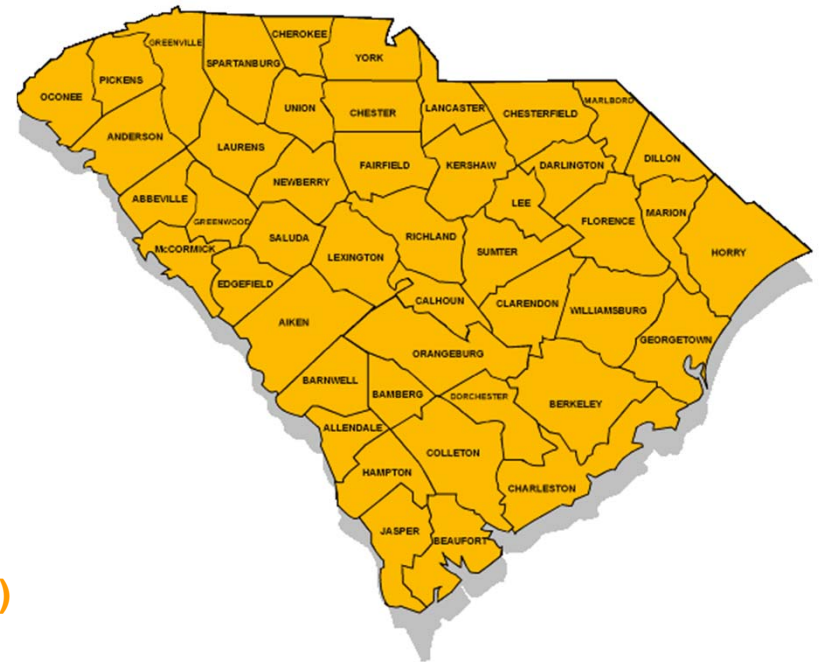




Statewide Court CMS for Circuit and Magistrate Courts

➤ **On June 20, 2011**, the final county went live with the statewide Court CMS; therefore, 100% of the total criminal and civil state caseload is now processed by the statewide Court CMS

Greenville	Sumter	Horry
Pickens	Beaufort (H)	Lexington
Richland	Jasper (H)	Anderson
York	Georgetown (H)	Edgefield (H)
Dorchester	Spartanburg	Clarendon (H)
Cherokee (H)	Lancaster (H)	Colleton (H)
Orangeburg	Laurens (H)	Kershaw (H)
Greenwood (H)	Aiken	Oconee (H)
Allendale (H)	Hampton (H)	Chester (H)
Florence (H)	Calhoun (H)	Fairfield (H)
Berkeley	Marion (H)	McCormick (H)
Dillon (H)	Abbeville (H)	Newberry (H)
Bamberg (H)	Barnwell (H)	Williamsburg (H)
Union (H)	Marlboro (H)	Saluda (H)
Darlington (H)	Charleston	Chesterfield (H)
Lee (H)		



NOTE: (H) indicates county is hosted by SCJD

➤ **Currently 32 counties are hosted in SCJD data center**



Appellate Court Case Management System

- **Supreme Court and Court of Appeals go-live is scheduled in phases over this 2012 calendar year:**

<u>APRIL 2012</u> Clerks Offices	<u>MAY 2012</u>	<u>JUNE 2012</u> Supreme Court Justices Chambers
<u>SEPTEMBER 2012</u> Court of Appeals Judges Chambers	<u>OCTOBER 2012</u> Reporting	<u>NOVEMBER 2012</u> Public Access



- **Many current manual functions will be automated and many new capabilities will be available**

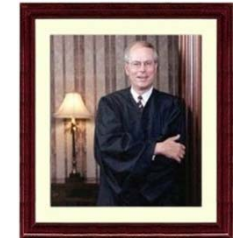
- ❖ Scanning of court documents when they are received
- ❖ Electronic notices via email
- ❖ Electronic opinion circulation
- ❖ Proactive case monitoring
- ❖ Public access





Docket Management Task Force

- Purpose was to review court operations, consistency and effectiveness to maximize the use of court resources
- Reports from each of the three subcommittees (General Sessions, Common Pleas and Family Courts) are being finalized into a consolidated report
- Primary recommendations include:
 - ❖ Additional judges and staff
 - ❖ Statewide court management including:
 - Fast track jury trial program
 - Adherence to differentiated case management
 - Use of backup case docketing
 - Mandatory mediation
 - Allotment of greater time and processing for complex cases versus less time and processing for simpler cases





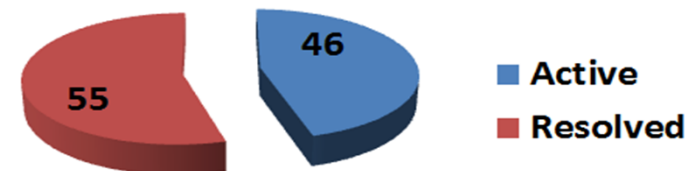
Business Courts

➤ **Business Court Pilot Program extended through December 1, 2013**

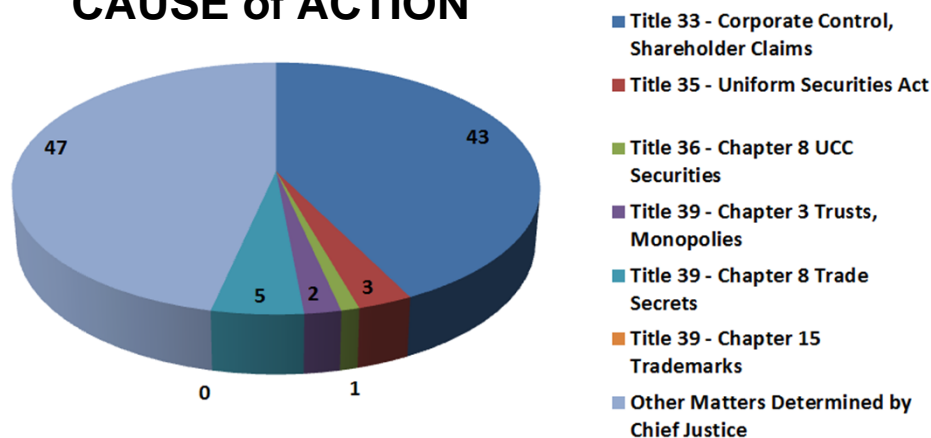
➤ **Presiding Judges:**

- ❖ **Charleston – Roger Young, Sr.**
- ❖ **Greenville – Edward Miller**
- ❖ **Richland – Clifton Newman**

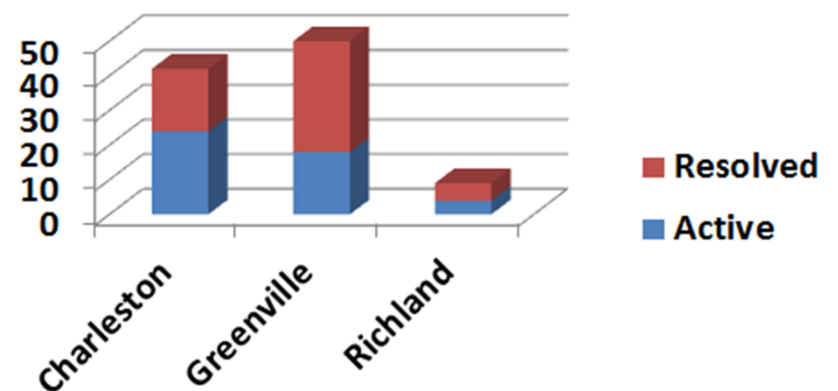
TOTAL CASELOAD



CAUSE of ACTION



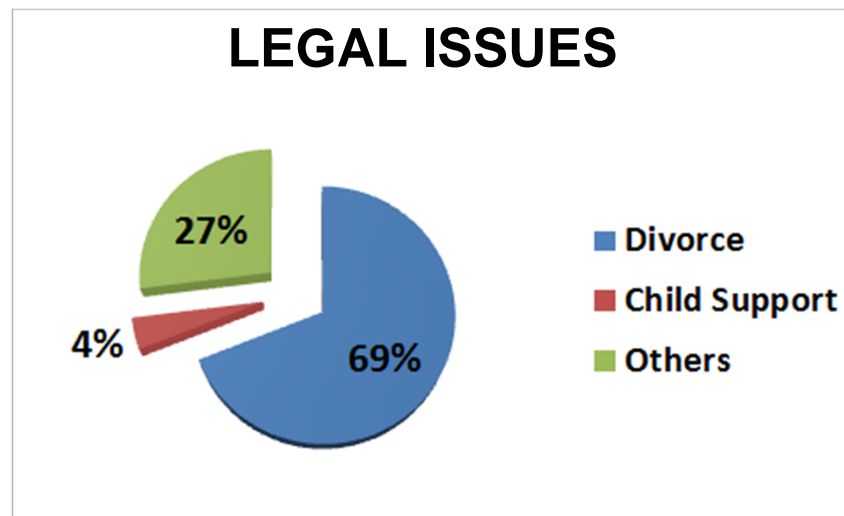
CASELOAD by COUNTY

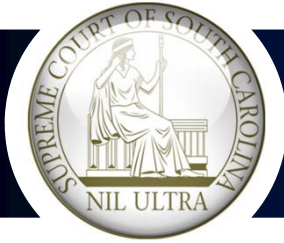




Newberry County Self-Help Center

- Goal of this program is to provide legal information and resources to people who cannot afford an attorney
- Since July 2011 when the center opened and began providing office hours one day per month:
 - ❖ Over 50 clients served
 - 98% lacked attorney representation
 - A majority of these clients had household incomes less than \$21,500





Civics Education

- The court's future begins with civics education
- Recent ABA Journal article titled, "Flunking Civics: Why America's Kids Know So Little" (May 2011):
 - ❖ Notes that South Carolina is the only state that deserved an A rating when it comes to teaching students American history
 - ❖ Most states rated "mediocre to awful"
- South Carolina Judicial Department's programs:
 - ❖ Class Action
 - ❖ Case of the Month
 - ❖ Graphic Novels
 - ❖ Supreme Court Institute
 - ❖ iCivics





The Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Advancement of Civics Education





National and State Leader Rosalyn Frierson

- **President of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA)**
- **Vice Chair of Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC)**
- **Director of South Carolina Court Administration**





Rule of Law

Function of the Third Branch of Government

- Global economy, jobs, increase in standards of living and progress through the free market economy depends on a **consistent body of law** and **stable court system**.
- Outsourcing is now becoming **insourcing** because of:
 - ❖ Intellectual property protection
 - ❖ Trade secrets
 - ❖ Copyrights
 - ❖ Contracts law
- American court system and its fair and consistent enforcement of the rule of law is the **bed rock of American economic progress**.

