

Court of Appeals
2019 Annual Report
Annual Caseload Report

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Court of Appeals Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

Filings

Notice Of Appeal

- The filing of an appeal of a trial court final judgment that is reviewable as a matter of right. Notices of appeal must be filed within 30 days of the trial court judgment. Unless otherwise prohibited by statute or court rule, a party may appeal from only trial court decisions as specified in Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 2.2. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Personal Restraint Petition

- The filing of a review to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement, or other restrictions imposed by a criminal or civil trial court decision (RAP 16.4).

Discretionary Review

- The filing of a review of interlocutory orders of a trial court, made prior to a final determination of the case, concerning whether errors or substantial departure from accepted and usual courses of proceedings occurred in the case. Unless otherwise prohibited by statute or court rule, a party may seek discretionary review of any act of superior court not appealable as a matter of right (RAP 2.3).
Dispositions

The appellate court may reverse, affirm, or modify the decision being reviewed and take any other action as the merits of the case and the interest of justice may require (RAP 12.2). Each review is counted as being disposed as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the appellate clerk.

Opinions

- The statement by the court of the decision reached in regard to a cause argued before it, expounding the law as applied to the case, and detailing the reasons upon which the judgment is based.

Opinions Published -

The published written opinion terminating the review.

Opinions Unpublished

- The unpublished written opinion terminating the review.

Commissioners' Rulings

- Rulings by commissioners which terminate review.

Motion On The Merits

- Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

Other Rulings

- Other rulings by commissioners, such as rulings on accelerated review of adult sentences or juvenile offender proceedings or granting a motion to dismiss--Anders (RAP 15.2(h)).

Dismissed

- An order issued by the court dismissing the review prior to the point where case merit is determined. The commissioner or clerk may dismiss a review for failure to comply with procedures. The court, on motion of a party, may dismiss a review for want of prosecution, if the review is frivolous, moot or solely for the purpose of delay, or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

Transferred/Certified

- The Supreme Court, to promote orderly administration of justice may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court ("certified"). A case may be transferred from one division to another within the Court of Appeals (RAP 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, RCW 2.06.030).

Review Not Accepted

- Reviews may not be accepted if they do not meet the conditions governing the acceptance of review (RAP 2.2, 2.3, and 16.4).

Other Terminations

- An order issued by the court terminating the review before an opinion is rendered. An order to terminate a review would result if, for example, a petitioner decided to withdraw the review.

Pending Cases

Case Stayed

- Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the court.

Brief Not Filed

- Those cases within the stages of perfection in which no briefs have yet been filed.

Appellant Brief Filed

- Those cases within the stages of perfection in which appellant's brief has been filed, but respondent's brief is still awaited.

Respondent Brief Filed

- Those cases within the stages of perfection in which both appellant's brief and respondent's brief have been filed, but case has yet to be set on the court calendar for review.

Remanded To Trial Court

- Those cases whose jurisdiction have been temporarily returned to the trial court of origination.

Set For Motion On The Merits

- Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served, and now qualify for setting. Because a

motion on the merits has been made, these cases have been set on the Motion On The Merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

Ruling Referred To Panel

- Cases which were initially assigned to a commissioner, who has ruled that they should be referred to a panel of judges for a decision.

Set For Oral Argument

- Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served and have been set for a review.

Opinion/Order In Process

- Those cases which have been reviewed by the court but have yet to receive a decision.

Mandated

A review is mandated by the clerk of the Court of Appeals when a written notification, when required, is sent to the trial court and all parties. The notification informs all parties of an appellate court decision terminating the review.

Time In Process Statistics --Notice Of Appeals

Filing

- The date the appeal is filed in the trial court.

Statement Of Arrangements

- The date of the first occurrence when the Statement Of Arrangements has either been "Received" or "Filed" in the appellate court.

Report Of Proceedings

- The date of the first occurrence when the Report Of Proceedings has either been "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

Appellant's Brief

- The date of the last occurrence for the Appellant's Brief to either be "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

Respondent's Brief

- The date of the last occurrence for the Respondent's Brief to either be "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

Oral Argument

- The date of the first occurrence that the oral argument received a status of "Heard."

Opinion

- The date of the first occurrence of the opinion being filed.

Mandate

- A written notification by the clerk of the appellate court to the trial court and to the parties of an appellate court decision terminating review.

Note that the time-in-process tables have been changed in 1997 to reflect the 75th percentile rather than the median number of days between events. The change was made for consistency with national standards.

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Other Reviews -----			
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	930	1,189	2,119	791	467	1,258	3,377
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	70	132	202	5	23	28	230
Opinions Unpublished	705	514	1,219	80	30	110	1,329
Opinion Terminating Review	775	646	1,421	85	53	138	1,559
Dismissed	1	4	5	580	0	580	585
Transferred/Certified	32	52	84	21	3	24	108
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	8	2	10	10
Other Terminations	1	2	3	67	0	67	70
Order Terminating Review	34	58	92	676	5	681	773
Decided on Merits	7	43	50	0	25	25	75
Dismissed	120	405	525	101	127	228	753
Transferred/Certified	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
Review Not Accepted	10	16	26	2	215	217	243
Other Terminations	6	20	26	2	7	9	35
Ruling Terminating Review	144	484	628	106	374	480	1,108
Total Resolved	953	1,188	2,141	867	432	1,299	3,440

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PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	14	46	60	164	12	176	236
Brief Not Filed	724	558	1,282	235	101	336	1,618
Appellant Brief Filed	6	3	9	14	0	14	23
Respondent Brief Filed	378	366	744	134	23	157	901
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	15	125	140	2	78	80	220
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	8	0	8	8
Set for Oral Argument (2)	126	116	242	12	12	24	266
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,263	1,214	2,477	571	226	797	3,274
Opinion/Order in Process	105	105	210	14	8	22	232
Total Pending Decision	1,368	1,319	2,687	585	234	819	3,506
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	830	815	1,645	77	57	134	1,779
Order Terminating Review	35	53	88	743	7	750	838
Ruling Terminating Review	150	555	705	111	364	475	1,180
Other Decision Terminating Review	8	20	28	17	14	31	59
Total Mandated	1,023	1,443	2,466	948	442	1,390	3,856

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	341	586	927	301	224	525	1,452
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	28	73	101	1	11	12	113
Opinions Unpublished	271	295	566	19	14	33	599
Opinion Terminating Review	299	368	667	20	25	45	712
Dismissed	0	1	1	228	0	228	229
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	7	0	7	7
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Other Terminations	0	1	1	44	0	44	45
Order Terminating Review	0	2	2	279	1	280	282
Decided on Merits	3	11	14	0	1	1	15
Dismissed	31	204	235	48	56	104	339
Review Not Accepted	5	10	15	0	85	85	100
Other Terminations	0	4	4	2	3	5	9
Ruling Terminating Review	39	229	268	50	145	195	463
Total Resolved	338	599	937	349	171	520	1,457
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							

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Cases Stayed	0	15	15	13	7	20	35
Brief Not Filed	307	295	602	84	65	149	751
Appellant Brief Filed	0	2	2	3	0	3	5
Respondent Brief Filed	126	199	325	34	9	43	368
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	0	6	6	0	38	38	44
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	8	0	8	8
Set for Oral Argument (2)	34	61	95	3	7	10	105
Total Awaiting Hearing	467	578	1,045	145	126	271	1,316
Opinion/Order in Process	8	24	32		2	2	34
Total Pending Decision	475	602	1,077	145	128	273	1,350
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	303	386	689	9	28	37	726
Order Terminating Review	0	3	3	239	2	241	244
Ruling Terminating Review	44	238	282	57	143	200	482
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0		0	1	1	1
Total Mandated	347	627	974	305	174	479	1,453

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Other Reviews -----			
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	360	385	745	337	156	493	1,238
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	22	35	57	4	8	12	69
Opinions Unpublished	244	106	350	51	11	62	412
Opinion Terminating Review	266	141	407	55	19	74	481
Dismissed	1	3	4	219	0	219	223
Transferred/Certified	32	49	81	11	3	14	95
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	8	1	9	9
Other Terminations	0	1	1	23	0	23	24
Order Terminating Review	33	53	86	261	4	265	351
Decided on Merits	1	32	33	0	24	24	57
Dismissed	58	140	198	49	57	106	304
Transferred/Certified	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
Review Not Accepted	3	4	7	1	88	89	96
Other Terminations	2	11	13	0	2	2	15
Ruling Terminating Review	65	187	252	51	171	222	474
Total Resolved	364	381	745	367	194	561	1,306

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PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	9	8	17	130	3	133	150
Brief Not Filed	254	163	417	86	24	110	527
Appellant Brief Filed	1	0	1	6	0	6	7
Respondent Brief Filed	208	127	335	73	11	84	419
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	2	14	16	0	21	21	37
Set for Oral Argument (2)	66	33	99	8	3	11	110
Total Awaiting Hearing	540	345	885	303	62	365	1,250
Opinion/Order in Process	49	46	95	10	3	13	108
Total Pending Decision	589	391	980	313	65	378	1,358
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	295	152	447	58	18	76	523
Order Terminating Review	35	47	82	349	5	354	436
Ruling Terminating Review	60	245	305	50	148	198	503
Other Decision Terminating Review	5	14	19	12	0	12	31
Total Mandated	395	458	853	469	171	640	1,493

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	229	218	447	153	87	240	687
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	20	24	44	0	4	4	48
Opinions Unpublished	190	113	303	10	5	15	318
Opinion Terminating Review	210	137	347	10	9	19	366
Dismissed	0	0	0	133	0	133	133
Transferred/Certified	0	3	3	3	0	3	6
Other Terminations	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Order Terminating Review	1	3	4	136	0	136	140
Decided on Merits	3	0	3	0	0	0	3
Dismissed	31	61	92	4	14	18	110
Review Not Accepted	2	2	4	1	42	43	47
Other Terminations	4	5	9	0	2	2	11
Ruling Terminating Review	40	68	108	5	58	63	171
Total Resolved	251	208	459	151	67	218	677
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	5	23	28	21	2	23	51

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
Brief Not Filed	163	100	263	65	12	77	340
Appellant Brief Filed	5	1	6	5	0	5	11
Respondent Brief Filed	44	40	84	27	3	30	114
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	13	105	118	2	19	21	139
Set for Oral Argument (2)	26	22	48	1	2	3	51
Total Awaiting Hearing	256	291	547	123	38	161	708
Opinion/Order in Process	48	35	83	4	3	7	90
Total Pending Decision	304	326	630	127	41	168	798
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	232	277	509	10	11	21	530
Order Terminating Review	0	3	3	155	0	155	158
Ruling Terminating Review	46	72	118	4	73	77	195
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	6	9	5	13	18	27
Total Mandated	281	358	639	174	97	271	910

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History of Filings (1) - 2015 to 2019

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	2015	2016	% Chg	2017	% Chg	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	413	390	-5.6 %	356	-8.7 %	351	-1.4 %	341	-2.8 %
Civil Appeals	660	633	-4.1 %	634	0.2 %	601	-5.2 %	586	-2.5 %
Total Appeals	1,073	1,023	-4.7 %	990	-3.2 %	952	-3.8 %	927	-2.6 %
Personal Restraint Petition	344	447	29.9 %	396	-11.4 %	380	-4 %	301	-20.8 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	159	210	32.1 %	193	-8.1 %	199	3.1 %	224	12.6 %
Total Filings, DIVISION I	1,576	1,680	6.6 %	1,579	-6 %	1,531	-3 %	1,452	-5.2 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	383	407	6.3 %	404	-0.7 %	408	1 %	360	-11.8 %
Civil Appeals	420	402	-4.3 %	449	11.7 %	406	-9.6 %	385	-5.2 %
Total Appeals	803	809	0.7 %	853	5.4 %	814	-4.6 %	745	-8.5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	388	433	11.6 %	482	11.3 %	548	13.7 %	337	-38.5 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	165	164	-0.6 %	167	1.8 %	150	-10.2 %	156	4 %
Total Filings, DIVISION II	1,356	1,406	3.7 %	1,502	6.8 %	1,512	0.7 %	1,238	-18.1 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	282	343	21.6 %	266	-22.4 %	246	-7.5 %	229	-6.9 %
Civil Appeals	370	304	-17.8 %	223	-26.6 %	258	15.7 %	218	-15.5 %
Total Appeals	652	647	-0.8 %	489	-24.4 %	504	3.1 %	447	-11.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	235	230	-2.1 %	227	-1.3 %	192	-15.4 %	153	-20.3 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	75	106	41.3 %	73	-31.1 %	65	-11 %	87	33.8 %

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Total Filings, DIVISION III	962	983	2.2 %	789	-19.7 %	761	-3.5 %	687	-9.7 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,078	1,140	5.8 %	1,026	-10 %	1,005	-2 %	930	-7.5 %
Civil Appeals	1,450	1,339	-7.7 %	1,306	-2.5 %	1,265	-3.1 %	1,189	-6 %
Total Appeals	2,528	2,479	-1.9 %	2,332	-5.9 %	2,270	-2.7 %	2,119	-6.7 %
Personal Restraint Petition	967	1,110	14.8 %	1,105	-0.5 %	1,120	1.4 %	791	-29.4 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	399	480	20.3 %	433	-9.8 %	414	-4.4 %	467	12.8 %
Total Filings, Court of Appeals	3,894	4,069	4.5 %	3,870	-4.9 %	3,804	-1.7 %	3,377	-11.2 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg	2017	% Chg	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	388	356	-8.2 %	360	1.1 %	350	-2.8 %	338	-3.4 %
Civil Appeals	605	504	-16.7 %	535	6.2 %	526	-1.7 %	599	13.9 %
Total Appeals	993	860	-13.4 %	895	4.1 %	876	-2.1 %	937	7 %
Personal Restraint Petition	320	412	28.8 %	389	-5.6 %	396	1.8 %	349	-11.9 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	173	155	-10.4 %	163	5.2 %	202	23.9 %	171	-15.3 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION I	1,486	1,427	-4 %	1,447	1.4 %	1,474	1.9 %	1,457	-1.2 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	419	390	-6.9 %	335	-14.1 %	322	-3.9 %	364	13 %
Civil Appeals	424	384	-9.4 %	333	-13.3 %	322	-3.3 %	381	18.3 %
Total Appeals	843	774	-8.2 %	668	-13.7 %	644	-3.6 %	745	15.7 %
Personal Restraint Petition	364	345	-5.2 %	421	22 %	457	8.6 %	367	-19.7 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	154	149	-3.2 %	144	-3.4 %	126	-12.5 %	194	54 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION II	1,361	1,268	-6.8 %	1,233	-2.8 %	1,227	-0.5 %	1,306	6.4 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	297	282	-5.1 %	241	-14.5 %	279	15.8 %	251	-10 %
Civil Appeals	242	208	-14 %	214	2.9 %	175	-18.2 %	208	18.9 %
Total Appeals	539	490	-9.1 %	455	-7.1 %	454	-0.2 %	459	1.1 %
Personal Restraint Petition	169	139	-17.8 %	205	47.5 %	158	-22.9 %	151	-4.4 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	55	63	14.5 %	58	-7.9 %	54	-6.9 %	67	24.1 %

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Total Resolutions, DIVISION III	763	692	-9.3 %	718	3.8 %	666	-7.2 %	677	1.7 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,104	1,028	-6.9 %	936	-8.9 %	951	1.6 %	953	0.2 %
Civil Appeals	1,271	1,096	-13.8 %	1,082	-1.3 %	1,023	-5.5 %	1,188	16.1 %
Total Appeals	2,375	2,124	-10.6 %	2,018	-5 %	1,974	-2.2 %	2,141	8.5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	853	896	5 %	1,015	13.3 %	1,011	-0.4 %	867	-14.2 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	382	367	-3.9 %	365	-0.5 %	382	4.7 %	432	13.1 %
Total Resolutions, Court of Appeals	3,610	3,387	-6.2 %	3,398	0.3 %	3,367	-0.9 %	3,440	2.2 %

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DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	414	482	16.4 %	484	0.4 %	447	-7.6 %	475	6.3 %
Civil Appeals	489	587	20 %	626	6.6 %	624	-0.3 %	602	-3.5 %
Total Appeals	903	1,069	18.4 %	1,110	3.8 %	1,071	-3.5 %	1,077	0.6 %
Personal Restraint Petition	192	246	28.1 %	232	-5.7 %	204	-12.1 %	145	-28.9 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	64	99	54.7 %	110	11.1 %	89	-19.1 %	128	43.8 %
Total Pending, DIVISION I	1,159	1,414	22 %	1,452	2.7 %	1,364	-6.1 %	1,350	-1 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	483	488	1 %	530	8.6 %	580	9.4 %	589	1.6 %
Civil Appeals	326	325	-0.3 %	390	20 %	422	8.2 %	391	-7.3 %
Total Appeals	809	813	0.5 %	920	13.2 %	1,002	8.9 %	980	-2.2 %
Personal Restraint Petition	208	262	26 %	302	15.3 %	328	8.6 %	313	-4.6 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	69	73	5.8 %	85	16.4 %	92	8.2 %	65	-29.3 %
Total Pending, DIVISION II	1,086	1,148	5.7 %	1,307	13.9 %	1,422	8.8 %	1,358	-4.5 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	355	395	11.3 %	384	-2.8 %	328	-14.6 %	304	-7.3 %
Civil Appeals	380	335	-11.8 %	330	-1.5 %	272	-17.6 %	326	19.9 %
Total Appeals	735	730	-0.7 %	714	-2.2 %	600	-16 %	630	5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	163	213	30.7 %	124	-41.8 %	138	11.3 %	127	-8 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	37	51	37.8 %	35	-31.4 %	33	-5.7 %	41	24.2 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg	2017	% Chg	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg
Total Pending, DIVISION III	935	994	6.3 %	873	-12.2 %	771	-11.7 %	798	3.5 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,252	1,365	9 %	1,398	2.4 %	1,355	-3.1 %	1,368	1 %
Civil Appeals	1,195	1,247	4.4 %	1,346	7.9 %	1,318	-2.1 %	1,319	0.1 %
Total Appeals	2,447	2,612	6.7 %	2,744	5.1 %	2,673	-2.6 %	2,687	0.5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	563	721	28.1 %	658	-8.7 %	670	1.8 %	585	-12.7 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	170	223	31.2 %	230	3.1 %	214	-7 %	234	9.3 %
Total Pending, Court of Appeals	3,180	3,556	11.8 %	3,632	2.1 %	3,557	-2.1 %	3,506	-1.4 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (9)	2017	% Chg (9)	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	3,894	4,069	4.5 %	3,870	-4.9 %	3,804	-1.7 %	3,377	-11.2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	340	289	-15 %	240	-17 %	266	10.8 %	230	-13.5 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,273	1,235	-3 %	1,214	-1.7 %	1,173	-3.4 %	1,329	13.3 %
Opinions	1,613	1,524	-5.5 %	1,454	-4.6 %	1,439	-1 %	1,559	8.3 %
Dismissed	720	628	-12.8 %	769	22.5 %	704	-8.5 %	585	-16.9 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	79	95	20.3 %	106	11.6 %	80	-24.5 %	108	35 %
Review Not Accepted	1	10	. %	7	. %	8	. %	10	. %
Other Terminations	40	100	150 %	74	-26 %	87	17.6 %	70	-19.5 %
Orders	840	833	-0.8 %	956	14.8 %	879	-8.1 %	773	-12.1 %
Decided on Merits	136	83	-39 %	54	-34.9 %	63	16.7 %	75	19 %
Dismissed	749	668	-10.8 %	665	-0.4 %	718	8 %	753	4.9 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	3	. %	0	. %	2	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	242	236	-2.5 %	238	0.8 %	231	-2.9 %	243	5.2 %
Other Terminations	29	40	. %	31	-22.5 %	35	12.9 %	35	0 %
Rulings	1,157	1,030	-11 %	988	-4.1 %	1,049	6.2 %	1,108	5.6 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,997	1,863	-6.7 %	1,944	4.3 %	1,928	-0.8 %	1,881	-2.4 %
Total Resolved	3,610	3,387	-6.2 %	3,398	0.3 %	3,367	-0.9 %	3,440	2.2 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	212	334	57.5 %	214	-35.9 %	276	29 %	236	-14.5 %
Brief Not Filed	1,635	1,899	16.1 %	1,884	-0.8 %	1,628	-13.6 %	1,618	-0.6 %
Appellant Brief Filed	19	17	. %	13	. %	22	. %	23	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	660	535	-18.9 %	806	50.7 %	819	1.6 %	901	10 %
Remanded to Trial Court	61	8	. %	6	. %	7	. %	2	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	135	178	31.9 %	147	-17.4 %	178	21.1 %	220	23.6 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	3	6	. %	6	. %	9	. %	8	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	230	340	47.8 %	318	-6.5 %	393	23.6 %	266	-32.3 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,955	3,317	12.3 %	3,394	2.3 %	3,332	-1.8 %	3,274	-1.7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	225	239	6.2 %	238	-0.4 %	225	-5.5 %	232	3.1 %
Total Pending Decision	3,180	3,556	11.8 %	3,632	2.1 %	3,557	-2.1 %	3,506	-1.4 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,649	1,839	11.5 %	1,644	-10.6 %	1,644	0 %	1,779	8.2 %
Order Terminating Review	934	918	-1.7 %	1,095	19.3 %	993	-9.3 %	838	-15.6 %
Ruling Terminating Review	1,287	1,160	-9.9 %	1,048	-9.7 %	1,154	10.1 %	1,180	2.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	45	120	166.7 %	69	-42.5 %	63	-8.7 %	59	-6.3 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	2,266	2,198	-3 %	2,212	0.6 %	2,210	-0.1 %	2,077	-6 %
Total Mandated	3,915	4,037	3.1 %	3,856	-4.5 %	3,854	-0.1 %	3,856	0.1 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,576	1,680	6.6 %	1,579	-6 %	1,531	-3 %	1,452	-5.2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	133	117	-12 %	104	-11.1 %	115	10.6 %	113	-1.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	592	549	-7.3 %	563	2.6 %	529	-6 %	599	13.2 %
Opinions	725	666	-8.1 %	667	0.2 %	644	-3.4 %	712	10.6 %
Dismissed	289	279	-3.5 %	250	-10.4 %	238	-4.8 %	229	-3.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	3	14	. %	35	. %	45	28.6 %	7	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	5	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	12	52	. %	51	-1.9 %	43	-15.7 %	45	4.7 %
Orders	304	350	15.1 %	337	-3.7 %	327	-3 %	282	-13.8 %
Decided on Merits	13	12	. %	13	. %	13	. %	15	. %
Dismissed	316	278	-12 %	310	11.5 %	365	17.7 %	339	-7.1 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	121	112	-7.4 %	115	2.7 %	108	-6.1 %	100	-7.4 %
Other Terminations	7	9	. %	5	. %	15	. %	9	. %
Rulings	457	411	-10.1 %	443	7.8 %	503	13.5 %	463	-8 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	761	761	0 %	780	2.5 %	830	6.4 %	745	-10.2 %
Total Resolved	1,486	1,427	-4 %	1,447	1.4 %	1,474	1.9 %	1,457	-1.2 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	53	90	69.8 %	56	-37.8 %	68	21.4 %	35	-48.5 %
Brief Not Filed	677	812	19.9 %	821	1.1 %	706	-14 %	751	6.4 %
Appellant Brief Filed	7	1	. %	7	. %	5	. %	5	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	241	205	-14.9 %	292	42.4 %	301	3.1 %	368	22.3 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	25	31	. %	19	. %	26	. %	44	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	3	5	. %	5	. %	7	. %	8	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	116	215	85.3 %	202	-6 %	213	5.4 %	105	-50.7 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,123	1,360	21.1 %	1,402	3.1 %	1,327	-5.3 %	1,316	-0.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	36	54	50 %	50	-7.4 %	37	-26 %	34	-8.1 %
Total Pending Decision	1,159	1,414	22 %	1,452	2.7 %	1,364	-6.1 %	1,350	-1 %
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Opinion Terminating Review	683	832	21.8 %	721	-13.3 %	737	2.2 %	726	-1.5 %
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Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	8	71	. %	25	. %	6	. %	1	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	832	924	11.1 %	833	-9.8 %	908	9 %	727	-19.9 %
Total Mandated	1,515	1,756	15.9 %	1,554	-11.5 %	1,645	5.9 %	1,453	-11.7 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,356	1,406	3.7 %	1,502	6.8 %	1,512	0.7 %	1,238	-18.1 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	101	97	-4 %	80	-17.5 %	79	-1.3 %	69	-12.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	407	393	-3.4 %	365	-7.1 %	365	0 %	412	12.9 %
Opinions	508	490	-3.5 %	445	-9.2 %	444	-0.2 %	481	8.3 %
Dismissed	292	233	-20.2 %	334	43.3 %	328	-1.8 %	223	-32 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	70	76	8.6 %	68	-10.5 %	33	-51.5 %	95	187.9 %
Review Not Accepted	0	5	. %	6	. %	7	. %	9	. %
Other Terminations	26	44	. %	19	. %	39	. %	24	. %
Orders	388	358	-7.7 %	427	19.3 %	407	-4.7 %	351	-13.8 %
Decided on Merits	107	56	-47.7 %	24	. %	31	. %	57	83.9 %
Dismissed	265	265	0 %	235	-11.3 %	252	7.2 %	304	20.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	3	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	90	81	-10 %	87	7.4 %	82	-5.7 %	96	17.1 %
Other Terminations	2	15	. %	15	. %	11	. %	15	. %
Rulings	465	420	-9.7 %	361	-14 %	376	4.2 %	474	26.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	853	778	-8.8 %	788	1.3 %	783	-0.6 %	825	5.4 %
Total Resolved	1,361	1,268	-6.8 %	1,233	-2.8 %	1,227	-0.5 %	1,306	6.4 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	74	131	77 %	118	-9.9 %	149	26.3 %	150	0.7 %
Brief Not Filed	536	583	8.8 %	671	15.1 %	613	-8.6 %	527	-14 %
Appellant Brief Filed	3	4	. %	0	. %	8	. %	7	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	260	232	-10.8 %	276	19 %	346	25.4 %	419	21.1 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	46	36	-21.7 %	68	88.9 %	77	13.2 %	37	-51.9 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	60	60	0 %	61	1.7 %	119	95.1 %	110	-7.6 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	980	1,047	6.8 %	1,195	14.1 %	1,312	9.8 %	1,250	-4.7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	106	101	-4.7 %	112	10.9 %	110	-1.8 %	108	-1.8 %
Total Pending Decision	1,086	1,148	5.7 %	1,307	13.9 %	1,422	8.8 %	1,358	-4.5 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	560	548	-2.1 %	541	-1.3 %	487	-10 %	523	7.4 %
Order Terminating Review	424	378	-10.8 %	454	20.1 %	477	5.1 %	436	-8.6 %
Ruling Terminating Review	487	483	-0.8 %	399	-17.4 %	417	4.5 %	503	20.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	2	4	. %	18	. %	31	. %	31	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	913	865	-5.3 %	871	0.7 %	925	6.2 %	970	4.9 %
Total Mandated	1,473	1,413	-4.1 %	1,412	-0.1 %	1,412	0 %	1,493	5.7 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	962	983	2.2 %	789	-19.7 %	761	-3.5 %	687	-9.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	106	75	-29.2 %	56	-25.3 %	72	28.6 %	48	-33.3 %
Opinions Unpublished	274	293	6.9 %	286	-2.4 %	279	-2.4 %	318	14 %
Opinions	380	368	-3.2 %	342	-7.1 %	351	2.6 %	366	4.3 %
Dismissed	139	116	-16.5 %	185	59.5 %	138	-25.4 %	133	-3.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	6	5	. %	3	. %	2	. %	6	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	2	4	. %	4	. %	5	. %	1	. %
Orders	148	125	-15.5 %	192	53.6 %	145	-24.5 %	140	-3.4 %
Decided on Merits	16	15	. %	17	. %	19	. %	3	. %
Dismissed	168	125	-25.6 %	120	-4 %	101	-15.8 %	110	8.9 %
Review Not Accepted	31	43	38.7 %	36	-16.3 %	41	13.9 %	47	14.6 %
Other Terminations	20	16	. %	11	. %	9	. %	11	. %
Rulings	235	199	-15.3 %	184	-7.5 %	170	-7.6 %	171	0.6 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	383	324	-15.4 %	376	16 %	315	-16.2 %	311	-1.3 %
Total Resolved	763	692	-9.3 %	718	3.8 %	666	-7.2 %	677	1.7 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	85	113	32.9 %	40	-64.6 %	59	47.5 %	51	-13.6 %
Brief Not Filed	422	504	19.4 %	392	-22.2 %	309	-21.2 %	340	10 %
Appellant Brief Filed	9	12	. %	6	. %	9	. %	11	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	159	98	-38.4 %	238	142.9 %	172	-27.7 %	114	-33.7 %
Remanded to Trial Court	59	6	. %	6	. %	6	. %	2	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	64	111	73.4 %	60	-45.9 %	75	25 %	139	85.3 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	1	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	54	65	20.4 %	55	-15.4 %	61	10.9 %	51	-16.4 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	852	910	6.8 %	797	-12.4 %	693	-13 %	708	2.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	83	84	1.2 %	76	-9.5 %	78	2.6 %	90	15.4 %
Total Pending Decision	935	994	6.3 %	873	-12.2 %	771	-11.7 %	798	3.5 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	406	459	13.1 %	382	-16.8 %	420	9.9 %	530	26.2 %
Order Terminating Review	188	138	-26.6 %	269	94.9 %	168	-37.5 %	158	-6 %
Ruling Terminating Review	298	226	-24.2 %	213	-5.8 %	183	-14.1 %	195	6.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	35	45	28.6 %	26	. %	26	. %	27	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	521	409	-21.5 %	508	24.2 %	377	-25.8 %	380	0.8 %
Total Mandated	927	868	-6.4 %	890	2.5 %	797	-10.4 %	910	14.2 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,078	1,140	5.8 %	1,026	-10 %	1,005	-2 %	930	-7.5 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	104	104	0 %	74	-28.8 %	103	39.2 %	70	-32 %
Opinions Unpublished	701	693	-1.1 %	659	-4.9 %	668	1.4 %	705	5.5 %
Opinions	805	797	-1 %	733	-8 %	771	5.2 %	775	0.5 %
Dismissed	3	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	31	32	3.2 %	34	6.3 %	12	. %	32	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	2	5	. %	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Orders	36	38	5.6 %	38	0 %	14	. %	34	. %
Decided on Merits	71	37	-47.9 %	19	. %	22	. %	7	. %
Dismissed	168	139	-17.3 %	125	-10.1 %	129	3.2 %	120	-7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	11	6	. %	9	. %	8	. %	10	. %
Other Terminations	13	9	. %	12	. %	7	. %	6	. %
Rulings	263	193	-26.6 %	165	-14.5 %	166	0.6 %	144	-13.3 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	299	231	-22.7 %	203	-12.1 %	180	-11.3 %	178	-1.1 %
Total Resolved	1,104	1,028	-6.9 %	936	-8.9 %	951	1.6 %	953	0.2 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	14	19	. %	14	. %	28	. %	14	. %
Brief Not Filed	709	840	18.5 %	745	-11.3 %	688	-7.7 %	724	5.2 %
Appellant Brief Filed	6	2	. %	2	. %	5	. %	6	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	268	222	-17.2 %	343	54.5 %	329	-4.1 %	378	14.9 %
Remanded to Trial Court	4	4	. %	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	32	23	. %	19	. %	29	. %	15	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	110	141	28.2 %	154	9.2 %	167	8.4 %	126	-24.6 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,143	1,251	9.4 %	1,278	2.2 %	1,249	-2.3 %	1,263	1.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	109	114	4.6 %	120	5.3 %	106	-11.7 %	105	-0.9 %
Total Pending Decision	1,252	1,365	9 %	1,398	2.4 %	1,355	-3.1 %	1,368	1 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	831	921	10.8 %	803	-12.8 %	830	3.4 %	830	0 %
Order Terminating Review	44	47	6.8 %	50	6.4 %	24	. %	35	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	274	229	-16.4 %	163	-28.8 %	188	15.3 %	150	-20.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	6	15	. %	8	. %	12	. %	8	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	324	291	-10.2 %	221	-24.1 %	224	1.4 %	193	-13.8 %
Total Mandated	1,155	1,212	4.9 %	1,024	-15.5 %	1,054	2.9 %	1,023	-2.9 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,450	1,339	-7.7 %	1,306	-2.5 %	1,265	-3.1 %	1,189	-6 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	204	166	-18.6 %	130	-21.7 %	130	0 %	132	1.5 %
Opinions Unpublished	528	466	-11.7 %	495	6.2 %	432	-12.7 %	514	19 %
Opinions	732	632	-13.7 %	625	-1.1 %	562	-10.1 %	646	14.9 %
Dismissed	5	3	. %	2	. %	4	. %	4	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	31	34	9.7 %	25	. %	15	. %	52	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	3	5	. %	6	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Orders	39	43	10.3 %	34	-20.9 %	20	. %	58	. %
Decided on Merits	55	43	-21.8 %	32	-25.6 %	35	9.4 %	43	22.9 %
Dismissed	409	342	-16.4 %	361	5.6 %	366	1.4 %	405	10.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	24	16	. %	20	. %	19	. %	16	. %
Other Terminations	12	19	. %	10	. %	21	. %	20	. %
Rulings	500	421	-15.8 %	423	0.5 %	441	4.3 %	484	9.8 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	539	464	-13.9 %	457	-1.5 %	461	0.9 %	542	17.6 %
Total Resolved	1,271	1,096	-13.8 %	1,082	-1.3 %	1,023	-5.5 %	1,188	16.1 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	50	30	. %	30	. %	44	. %	46	4.5 %
Brief Not Filed	605	654	8.1 %	706	8 %	575	-18.6 %	558	-3 %
Appellant Brief Filed	1	5	. %	2	. %	2	. %	3	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	230	185	-19.6 %	308	66.5 %	317	2.9 %	366	15.5 %
Remanded to Trial Court	56	1	. %	5	. %	4	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	55	97	76.4 %	64	-34 %	75	17.2 %	125	66.7 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	103	172	67 %	146	-15.1 %	202	38.4 %	116	-42.6 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,100	1,144	4 %	1,261	10.2 %	1,219	-3.3 %	1,214	-0.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	95	103	8.4 %	85	-17.5 %	99	16.5 %	105	6.1 %
Total Pending Decision	1,195	1,247	4.4 %	1,346	7.9 %	1,318	-2.1 %	1,319	0.1 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	734	798	8.7 %	717	-10.2 %	674	-6 %	815	20.9 %
Order Terminating Review	32	46	43.8 %	54	17.4 %	28	. %	53	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	570	504	-11.6 %	431	-14.5 %	486	12.8 %	555	14.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	14	55	. %	26	. %	22	. %	20	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	616	605	-1.8 %	511	-15.5 %	536	4.9 %	628	17.2 %
Total Mandated	1,350	1,403	3.9 %	1,228	-12.5 %	1,210	-1.5 %	1,443	19.3 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (9)	2017	% Chg (9)	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	2,528	2,479	-1.9 %	2,332	-5.9 %	2,270	-2.7 %	2,119	-6.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	308	270	-12.3 %	204	-24.4 %	233	14.2 %	202	-13.3 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,229	1,159	-5.7 %	1,154	-0.4 %	1,100	-4.7 %	1,219	10.8 %
Opinions	1,537	1,429	-7 %	1,358	-5 %	1,333	-1.8 %	1,421	6.6 %
Dismissed	8	3	. %	3	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	62	66	6.5 %	59	-10.6 %	27	. %	84	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	5	10	. %	9	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Orders	75	81	8 %	72	-11.1 %	34	-52.8 %	92	170.6 %
Decided on Merits	126	80	-36.5 %	51	-36.3 %	57	11.8 %	50	-12.3 %
Dismissed	577	481	-16.6 %	486	1 %	495	1.9 %	525	6.1 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	3	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	35	22	. %	29	. %	27	. %	26	. %
Other Terminations	25	28	. %	22	. %	28	. %	26	. %
Rulings	763	614	-19.5 %	588	-4.2 %	607	3.2 %	628	3.5 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	838	695	-17.1 %	660	-5 %	641	-2.9 %	720	12.3 %
Total Resolved	2,375	2,124	-10.6 %	2,018	-5 %	1,974	-2.2 %	2,141	8.5 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	64	49	-23.4 %	44	-10.2 %	72	63.6 %	60	-16.7 %
Brief Not Filed	1,314	1,494	13.7 %	1,451	-2.9 %	1,263	-13 %	1,282	1.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	7	7	. %	4	. %	7	. %	9	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	498	407	-18.3 %	651	60 %	646	-0.8 %	744	15.2 %
Remanded to Trial Court	60	5	. %	6	. %	6	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	87	120	37.9 %	83	-30.8 %	104	25.3 %	140	34.6 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	213	313	46.9 %	300	-4.2 %	369	23 %	242	-34.4 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,243	2,395	6.8 %	2,539	6 %	2,468	-2.8 %	2,477	0.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	204	217	6.4 %	205	-5.5 %	205	0 %	210	2.4 %
Total Pending Decision	2,447	2,612	6.7 %	2,744	5.1 %	2,673	-2.6 %	2,687	0.5 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,565	1,719	9.8 %	1,520	-11.6 %	1,504	-1.1 %	1,645	9.4 %
Order Terminating Review	76	93	22.4 %	104	11.8 %	52	-50 %	88	69.2 %
Ruling Terminating Review	844	733	-13.2 %	594	-19 %	674	13.5 %	705	4.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	20	70	. %	34	-51.4 %	34	0 %	28	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	940	896	-4.7 %	732	-18.3 %	760	3.8 %	821	8 %
Total Mandated	2,505	2,615	4.4 %	2,252	-13.9 %	2,264	0.5 %	2,466	8.9 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (9)	2017	% Chg (9)	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	967	1,110	14.8 %	1,105	-0.5 %	1,120	1.4 %	791	-29.4 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	7	4	. %	11	. %	10	. %	5	. %
Opinions Unpublished	30	46	. %	37	-19.6 %	45	21.6 %	80	77.8 %
Opinions	37	50	35.1 %	48	-4 %	55	14.6 %	85	54.5 %
Dismissed	709	625	-11.8 %	766	22.6 %	695	-9.3 %	580	-16.5 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	15	29	. %	45	. %	53	17.8 %	21	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	8	. %	5	. %	7	. %	8	. %
Other Terminations	33	90	172.7 %	65	-27.8 %	85	30.8 %	67	-21.2 %
Orders	758	752	-0.8 %	881	17.2 %	840	-4.7 %	676	-19.5 %
Decided on Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	57	92	61.4 %	85	-7.6 %	112	31.8 %	101	-9.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	0	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %	2	. %
Rulings	58	94	62.1 %	86	-8.5 %	116	34.9 %	106	-8.6 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	816	846	3.7 %	967	14.3 %	956	-1.1 %	782	-18.2 %
Total Resolved	853	896	5 %	1,015	13.3 %	1,011	-0.4 %	867	-14.2 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (9)	2017	% Chg (9)	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	135	263	94.8 %	154	-41.4 %	188	22.1 %	164	-12.8 %
Brief Not Filed	242	287	18.6 %	326	13.6 %	282	-13.5 %	235	-16.7 %
Appellant Brief Filed	11	10	. %	9	. %	15	. %	14	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	147	122	-17 %	135	10.7 %	144	6.7 %	134	-6.9 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	5	2	. %	2	. %	4	. %	2	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	3	6	. %	6	. %	8	. %	8	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	8	15	. %	7	. %	15	. %	12	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	552	708	28.3 %	639	-9.7 %	657	2.8 %	571	-13.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	11	13	. %	19	. %	13	. %	14	. %
Total Pending Decision	563	721	28.1 %	658	-8.7 %	670	1.8 %	585	-12.7 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	44	64	45.5 %	75	17.2 %	79	5.3 %	77	-2.5 %
Order Terminating Review	839	824	-1.8 %	986	19.7 %	935	-5.2 %	743	-20.5 %
Ruling Terminating Review	72	91	26.4 %	95	4.4 %	121	27.4 %	111	-8.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	8	21	. %	15	. %	17	. %	17	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	919	936	1.8 %	1,096	17.1 %	1,073	-2.1 %	871	-18.8 %
Total Mandated	963	1,000	3.8 %	1,171	17.1 %	1,152	-1.6 %	948	-17.7 %

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	2015	2016	% Chg (9)	2017	% Chg (9)	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	399	480	20.3 %	433	-9.8 %	414	-4.4 %	467	12.8 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	25	15	. %	25	. %	23	. %	23	. %
Opinions Unpublished	14	30	. %	23	. %	28	. %	30	. %
Opinions	39	45	15.4 %	48	6.7 %	51	6.3 %	53	3.9 %
Dismissed	3	0	. %	0	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	2	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	2	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Orders	7		. %	3	. %	5	. %	5	. %
Decided on Merits	10	3	. %	3	. %	5	. %	25	. %
Dismissed	115	95	-17.4 %	94	-1.1 %	111	18.1 %	127	14.4 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	207	212	2.4 %	209	-1.4 %	204	-2.4 %	215	5.4 %
Other Terminations	4	12	. %	8	. %	5	. %	7	. %
Rulings	336	322	-4.2 %	314	-2.5 %	326	3.8 %	374	14.7 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	343	322	-6.1 %	317	-1.6 %	331	4.4 %	379	14.5 %
Total Resolved	382	367	-3.9 %	365	-0.5 %	382	4.7 %	432	13.1 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	13	22	. %	16	. %	16	. %	12	. %
Brief Not Filed	79	118	49.4 %	107	-9.3 %	83	-22.4 %	101	21.7 %
Appellant Brief Filed	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	15	6	. %	20	. %	29	. %	23	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	43	56	30.2 %	62	10.7 %	70	12.9 %	78	11.4 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	9	12	. %	11	. %	9	. %	12	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	160	214	33.8 %	216	0.9 %	207	-4.2 %	226	9.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	10	9	. %	14	. %	7	. %	8	. %
Total Pending Decision	170	223	31.2 %	230	3.1 %	214	-7 %	234	9.3 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	40	56	40 %	49	-12.5 %	61	24.5 %	57	-6.6 %
Order Terminating Review	19	1	. %	5	. %	6	. %	7	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	371	336	-9.4 %	359	6.8 %	359	0 %	364	1.4 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	17	29	. %	20	. %	12	. %	14	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	407	366	-10.1 %	384	4.9 %	377	-1.8 %	385	2.1 %
Total Mandated	447	422	-5.6 %	433	2.6 %	438	1.2 %	442	0.9 %

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Days Between Events for Criminal Appeals Pending or Disposed of by Opinion --75th Percentile (1) - 2015 to 2019

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	2015	2016	% Chg	2017	% Chg	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg
Filing - Comp. of Record	174	171	-1.7 %	161	-5.8 %	148	-8.1 %	148	0 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	76	71	-6.6 %	66	-7 %	62	-6.1 %	63	1.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	98	95	-3.1 %	90	-5.3 %	87	-3.3 %	88	1.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	102	112	9.8 %	119	6.3 %	121	1.7 %	126	4.1 %
App. Brief - Ready	105	111	5.7 %	116	4.5 %	116	0 %	118	1.7 %
Ready - Opinion	216	210	-2.8 %	230	9.5 %	278	20.9 %	281	1.1 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	591	546	-7.6 %	594	8.8 %	608	2.4 %	627	3.1 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	145	141	-2.8 %	147	4.3 %	148	0.7 %	149	0.7 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	60	63	5 %	66	4.8 %	66	0 %	67	1.5 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	83	77	-7.2 %	78	1.3 %	81	3.8 %	86	6.2 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	144	128	-11.1 %	124	-3.1 %	128	3.2 %	130	1.6 %
App. Brief - Ready	104	97	-6.7 %	107	10.3 %	108	0.9 %	103	-4.6 %
Ready - Opinion	329	305	-7.3 %	267	-12.5 %	314	17.6 %	355	13.1 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	652	613	-6 %	593	-3.3 %	631	6.4 %	684	8.4 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	168	189	12.5 %	184	-2.6 %	164	-10.9 %	151	-7.9 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	64	1.6 %	62	-3.1 %	60	-3.2 %	57	-5 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	110	118	7.3 %	112	-5.1 %	106	-5.4 %	95	-10.4 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	132	120	-9.1 %	122	1.7 %	112	-8.2 %	111	-0.9 %

(1) Days to reach the 75th percentile for the full period (filing to opinion) do not necessarily equal the sum of the days for the event categories within that period.

(2) Time-in-process figures for 2002 have been updated to reflect a full twelve months' data for all divisions with the completion of statewide conversion to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II). Division II's measurements in the 2002 publication were based on the period 1/01/2002 through 11/17/2002 from the old ACORDS system, prior to their 11/18/2002 implementation of ACORDS-II. This update achieved comparability with the other divisions, which implemented in early 2003.

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	2015	2016	% Chg	2017	% Chg	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg
App. Brief - Ready	115	106	-7.8 %	112	5.7 %	107	-4.5 %	93	-13.1 %
Ready - Opinion	309	252	-18.4 %	243	-3.6 %	259	6.6 %	283	9.3 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION III (2)	675	623	-7.7 %	664	6.6 %	645	-2.9 %	622	-3.6 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	163	166	1.8 %	161	-3 %	152	-5.6 %	149	-2 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	68	67	-1.5 %	65	-3 %	63	-3.1 %	63	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	97	97	0 %	94	-3.1 %	89	-5.3 %	90	1.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	119	118	-0.8 %	120	1.7 %	121	0.8 %	125	3.3 %
App. Brief - Ready	108	105	-2.8 %	113	7.6 %	112	-0.9 %	107	-4.5 %
Ready - Opinion	297	257	-13.5 %	249	-3.1 %	281	12.9 %	312	11 %
Filing - Opinion, COURT OF APPEALS,	637	599	-6 %	620	3.5 %	624	0.6 %	648	3.8 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	117	115	-1.7 %	115	0 %	109	-5.2 %	105	-3.7 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	54	52	-3.7 %	49	-5.8 %	46	-6.1 %	45	-2.2 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	73	72	-1.4 %	69	-4.2 %	64	-7.2 %	63	-1.6 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	88	91	3.4 %	96	5.5 %	101	5.2 %	98	-3 %
App. Brief - Ready	78	81	3.8 %	78	-3.7 %	78	0 %	85	9 %
Ready - Opinion	278	234	-15.8 %	277	18.4 %	320	15.5 %	322	0.6 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	522	502	-3.8 %	528	5.2 %	571	8.1 %	570	-0.2 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	106	104	-1.9 %	110	5.8 %	115	4.5 %	114	-0.9 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	52	50	-3.8 %	55	10 %	58	5.5 %	62	6.9 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	63	63	0 %	64	1.6 %	63	-1.6 %	62	-1.6 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	121	127	5 %	125	-1.6 %	120	-4 %	110	-8.3 %
App. Brief - Ready	70	73	4.3 %	70	-4.1 %	73	4.3 %	74	1.4 %
Ready - Opinion	352	336	-4.5 %	296	-11.9 %	337	13.9 %	397	17.8 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	595	562	-5.5 %	549	-2.3 %	601	9.5 %	672	11.8 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	133	155	16.5 %	167	7.7 %	166	-0.6 %	126	-24.1 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	57	57	0 %	54	-5.3 %	54	0 %	52	-3.7 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	92	94	2.2 %	91	-3.2 %	87	-4.4 %	89	2.3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	96	109	13.5 %	113	3.7 %	97	-14.2 %	92	-5.2 %

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App. Brief - Ready	81	83	2.5 %	96	15.7 %	81	-15.6 %	90	11.1 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	326	279	-14.4 %	243	-12.9 %	388	59.7 %	304	-21.6 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	588	531	-9.7 %	519	-2.3 %	1,116	115 %	574	-48.6 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	119	122	2.5 %	123	0.8 %	119	-3.3 %	112	-5.9 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	55	52	-5.5 %	52	0 %	50	-3.8 %	50	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	73	72	-1.4 %	70	-2.8 %	67	-4.3 %	65	-3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	97	104	7.2 %	108	3.8 %	105	-2.8 %	102	-2.9 %
App. Brief - Ready	77	78	1.3 %	79	1.3 %	77	-2.5 %	82	6.5 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	311	275	-11.6 %	277	0.7 %	334	20.6 %	342	2.4 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	555	531	-4.3 %	530	-0.2 %	650	22.6 %	605	-6.9 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	150	146	-2.7 %	140	-4.1 %	131	-6.4 %	130	-0.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	69	64	-7.2 %	62	-3.1 %	57	-8.1 %	56	-1.8 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	88	84	-4.5 %	81	-3.6 %	78	-3.7 %	78	0 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	95	101	6.3 %	109	7.9 %	109	0 %	113	3.7 %
App. Brief - Ready	97	100	3.1 %	102	2 %	101	-1 %	102	1 %
Ready - Opinion	263	224	-14.8 %	252	12.5 %	297	17.9 %	305	2.7 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	549	530	-3.5 %	557	5.1 %	589	5.7 %	600	1.9 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	133	132	-0.8 %	138	4.5 %	139	0.7 %	142	2.2 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	58	60	3.4 %	63	5 %	64	1.6 %	66	3.1 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	76	73	-3.9 %	73	0 %	75	2.7 %	78	4 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	132	127	-3.8 %	125	-1.6 %	126	0.8 %	126	0 %
App. Brief - Ready	93	91	-2.2 %	95	4.4 %	95	0 %	94	-1.1 %
Ready - Opinion	340	315	-7.4 %	285	-9.5 %	322	13 %	376	16.8 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	631	600	-4.9 %	566	-5.7 %	616	8.8 %	679	10.2 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	155	181	16.8 %	181	0 %	165	-8.8 %	147	-10.9 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	63	0 %	60	-4.8 %	59	-1.7 %	56	-5.1 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	104	110	5.8 %	105	-4.5 %	98	-6.7 %	93	-5.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	113	116	2.7 %	119	2.6 %	107	-10.1 %	106	-0.9 %

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Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	64	63	-1.6 %	62	-1.6 %	60	-3.2 %	60	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	89	88	-1.1 %	85	-3.4 %	83	-2.4 %	83	0 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	109	112	2.8 %	116	3.6 %	115	-0.9 %	115	0 %
App. Brief - Ready	96	96	0 %	102	6.3 %	98	-3.9 %	96	-2 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	306	265	-13.4 %	262	-1.1 %	307	17.2 %	323	5.2 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	598	566	-5.4 %	578	2.1 %	633	9.5 %	629	-0.6 %

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