

Court of Appeals

2023 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Opinions Unpublished

- The unpublished written opinion terminating the review.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	832	1,170	2,002	776	461	1,237	3,239
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	63	111	174	8	20	28	202
Opinions Unpublished	420	458	878	66	34	100	978
Opinion Terminating Review	483	569	1,052	74	54	128	1,180
Dismissed	2	2	4	564	2	566	570
Transferred/Certified	27	43	70	30	1	31	101
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	7	1	8	8
Other Terminations	3	5	8	58	3	61	69
Order Terminating Review	32	50	82	659	7	666	748
Decided on Merits	4	11	15	0	22	22	37
Dismissed	125	389	514	77	122	199	713
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	5	0	5	5
Review Not Accepted	6	17	23	0	195	195	218
Other Terminations	11	34	45	3	33	36	81
Ruling Terminating Review	146	451	597	85	372	457	1,054
Total Resolved	661	1,070	1,731	818	433	1,251	2,982

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PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	11	39	50	33	13	46	96
Brief Not Filed	754	621	1,375	190	107	297	1,672
Appellant Brief Filed	4	3	7	7	1	8	15
Respondent Brief Filed	165	171	336	109	12	121	457
Remanded to Trial Court	1	0	1	2	0	2	3
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	33	36	69	0	52	52	121
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	10	0	10	10
Set for Oral Argument (2)	87	105	192	20	6	26	218
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,055	975	2,030	371	191	562	2,592
Opinion/Order in Process	65	79	144	11	11	22	166
Total Pending Decision	1,120	1,054	2,174	382	202	584	2,758
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	481	698	1,179	88	77	165	1,344
Order Terminating Review	34	44	78	704	12	716	794
Ruling Terminating Review	144	471	615	83	409	492	1,107
Other Decision Terminating Review	21	11	32	8	22	30	62
Total Mandated	680	1,224	1,904	883	520	1,403	3,307

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	246	559	805	282	135	417	1,222
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	29	50	79	3	10	13	92
Opinions Unpublished	161	248	409	22	15	37	446
Opinion Terminating Review	190	298	488	25	25	50	538
Dismissed	1	0	1	207	1	208	209
Transferred/Certified	0	2	2	8	0	8	10
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Other Terminations	1	2	3	26	1	27	30
Order Terminating Review	2	4	6	242	2	244	250
Decided on Merits	3	3	6	0	2	2	8
Dismissed	30	189	219	32	38	70	289
Review Not Accepted	4	9	13	0	79	79	92
Other Terminations	3	16	19	3	18	21	40
Ruling Terminating Review	40	217	257	35	137	172	429
Total Resolved	232	519	751	302	164	466	1,217
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							

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Cases Stayed	1	16	17	12	1	13	30
Brief Not Filed	207	315	522	63	28	91	613
Appellant Brief Filed	2	0	2	3	1	4	6
Respondent Brief Filed	28	46	74	25	4	29	103
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	1	4	5	0	17	17	22
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	10	0	10	10
Set for Oral Argument (2)	37	68	105	14	4	18	123
Total Awaiting Hearing	276	449	725	129	55	184	909
Opinion/Order in Process	17	23	40	3	5	8	48
Total Pending Decision	293	472	765	132	60	192	957
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	181	291	472	33	34	67	539
Order Terminating Review	5	4	9	254	7	261	270
Ruling Terminating Review	45	204	249	35	165	200	449
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	1	4	0	0		4
Total Mandated	234	500	734	322	206	528	1,262

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	390	364	754	367	217	584	1,338
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	21	36	57	3	3	6	63
Opinions Unpublished	144	124	268	31	6	37	305
Opinion Terminating Review	165	160	325	34	9	43	368
Dismissed	1	0	1	231	0	231	232
Transferred/Certified	27	37	64	21	1	22	86
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	6	1	7	7
Other Terminations	1	2	3	31	2	33	36
Order Terminating Review	29	39	68	289	4	293	361
Decided on Merits	1	8	9	0	20	20	29
Dismissed	57	127	184	37	58	95	279
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	3	0	3	3
Review Not Accepted	0	6	6	0	77	77	83
Other Terminations	3	18	21	0	15	15	36
Ruling Terminating Review	61	159	220	40	170	210	430
Total Resolved	255	358	613	363	183	546	1,159

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PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	2	7	9	9	8	17	26
Brief Not Filed	390	197	587	98	60	158	745
Appellant Brief Filed	1	1	2	1	0	1	3
Respondent Brief Filed	77	58	135	71	1	72	207
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	0	8	8	0	17	17	25
Set for Oral Argument (2)	29	24	53	1	1	2	55
Total Awaiting Hearing	499	295	794	180	87	267	1,061
Opinion/Order in Process	24	28	52	5	1	6	58
Total Pending Decision	523	323	846	185	88	273	1,119
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	165	200	365	39	21	60	425
Order Terminating Review	29	37	66	312	4	316	382
Ruling Terminating Review	52	192	244	41	147	188	432
Other Decision Terminating Review	4	1	5	3	3	6	11
Total Mandated	250	430	680	395	175	570	1,250

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	196	247	443	127	109	236	679
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	13	25	38	2	7	9	47
Opinions Unpublished	115	86	201	13	13	26	227
Opinion Terminating Review	128	111	239	15	20	35	274
Dismissed	0	2	2	126	1	127	129
Transferred/Certified	0	4	4	1	0	1	5
Other Terminations	1	1	2	1	0	1	3
Order Terminating Review	1	7	8	128	1	129	137
Dismissed	38	73	111	8	26	34	145
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Review Not Accepted	2	2	4	0	39	39	43
Other Terminations	5	0	5	0	0	0	5
Ruling Terminating Review	45	75	120	10	65	75	195
Total Resolved	174	193	367	153	86	239	606
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	8	16	24	12	4	16	40

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
Brief Not Filed	157	109	266	29	19	48	314
Appellant Brief Filed	1	2	3	3	0	3	6
Respondent Brief Filed	60	67	127	13	7	20	147
Remanded to Trial Court	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	32	24	56	0	18	18	74
Set for Oral Argument (2)	21	13	34	5	1	6	40
Total Awaiting Hearing	280	231	511	62	49	111	622
Opinion/Order in Process	24	28	52	3	5	8	60
Total Pending Decision	304	259	563	65	54	119	682
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	135	207	342	16	22	38	380
Order Terminating Review	0	3	3	138	1	139	142
Ruling Terminating Review	47	75	122	7	97	104	226
Other Decision Terminating Review	14	9	23	5	19	24	47
Total Mandated	196	294	490	166	139	305	795

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History of Filings (1) - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	389	209	-46.3 %	200	-4.3 %	268	34 %	246	-8.2 %
Civil Appeals	632	472	-25.3 %	525	11.2 %	500	-4.8 %	559	11.8 %
Total Appeals	1,021	681	-33.3 %	725	6.5 %	768	5.9 %	805	4.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	306	342	11.8 %	306	-10.5 %	339	10.8 %	282	-16.8 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	226	250	10.6 %	239	-4.4 %	180	-24.7 %	135	-25 %
Total Filings, DIVISION I	1,553	1,273	-18 %	1,270	-0.2 %	1,287	1.3 %	1,222	-5.1 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	395	204	-48.4 %	218	6.9 %	348	59.6 %	390	12.1 %
Civil Appeals	410	361	-12 %	343	-5 %	400	16.6 %	364	-9 %
Total Appeals	805	565	-29.8 %	561	-0.7 %	748	33.3 %	754	0.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	357	347	-2.8 %	332	-4.3 %	279	-16 %	367	31.5 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	171	142	-17 %	155	9.2 %	142	-8.4 %	217	52.8 %
Total Filings, DIVISION II	1,333	1,054	-20.9 %	1,048	-0.6 %	1,169	11.5 %	1,338	14.5 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	258	174	-32.6 %	157	-9.8 %	246	56.7 %	196	-20.3 %
Civil Appeals	240	186	-22.5 %	241	29.6 %	225	-6.6 %	247	9.8 %
Total Appeals	498	360	-27.7 %	398	10.6 %	471	18.3 %	443	-5.9 %
Personal Restraint Petition	183	193	5.5 %	196	1.6 %	145	-26 %	127	-12.4 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	89	80	-10.1 %	124	55 %	128	3.2 %	109	-14.8 %

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Total Filings, DIVISION III	770	633	-17.8 %	718	13.4 %	744	3.6 %	679	-8.7 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,042	587	-43.7 %	575	-2 %	862	49.9 %	832	-3.5 %
Civil Appeals	1,282	1,019	-20.5 %	1,109	8.8 %	1,125	1.4 %	1,170	4 %
Total Appeals	2,324	1,606	-30.9 %	1,684	4.9 %	1,987	18 %	2,002	0.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	846	882	4.3 %	834	-5.4 %	763	-8.5 %	776	1.7 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	486	472	-2.9 %	518	9.7 %	450	-13.1 %	461	2.4 %
Total Filings, Court of Appeals	3,656	2,960	-19 %	3,036	2.6 %	3,200	5.4 %	3,239	1.2 %

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DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	334	374	12 %	298	-20.3 %	198	-33.6 %	232	17.2 %
Civil Appeals	598	539	-9.9 %	520	-3.5 %	442	-15 %	519	17.4 %
Total Appeals	932	913	-2 %	818	-10.4 %	640	-21.8 %	751	17.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	348	313	-10.1 %	303	-3.2 %	292	-3.6 %	302	3.4 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	171	193	12.9 %	214	10.9 %	177	-17.3 %	164	-7.3 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION I	1,451	1,419	-2.2 %	1,335	-5.9 %	1,109	-16.9 %	1,217	9.7 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	356	352	-1.1 %	343	-2.6 %	228	-33.5 %	255	11.8 %
Civil Appeals	371	346	-6.7 %	352	1.7 %	377	7.1 %	358	-5 %
Total Appeals	727	698	-4 %	695	-0.4 %	605	-12.9 %	613	1.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	366	344	-6 %	311	-9.6 %	363	16.7 %	363	0 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	191	147	-23 %	144	-2 %	136	-5.6 %	183	34.6 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION II	1,284	1,189	-7.4 %	1,150	-3.3 %	1,104	-4 %	1,159	5 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	256	239	-6.6 %	200	-16.3 %	136	-32 %	174	27.9 %
Civil Appeals	203	195	-3.9 %	182	-6.7 %	216	18.7 %	193	-10.6 %
Total Appeals	459	434	-5.4 %	382	-12 %	352	-7.9 %	367	4.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	151	179	18.5 %	145	-19 %	150	3.4 %	153	2 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	66	69	4.5 %	71	2.9 %	81	14.1 %	86	6.2 %

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Total Resolutions, DIVISION III	676	682	0.9 %	598	-12.3 %	583	-2.5 %	606	3.9 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	946	965	2 %	841	-12.8 %	562	-33.2 %	661	17.6 %
Civil Appeals	1,172	1,080	-7.8 %	1,054	-2.4 %	1,035	-1.8 %	1,070	3.4 %
Total Appeals	2,118	2,045	-3.4 %	1,895	-7.3 %	1,597	-15.7 %	1,731	8.4 %
Personal Restraint Petition	865	836	-3.4 %	759	-9.2 %	805	6.1 %	818	1.6 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	428	409	-4.4 %	429	4.9 %	394	-8.2 %	433	9.9 %
Total Resolutions, Court of Appeals	3,411	3,290	-3.5 %	3,083	-6.3 %	2,796	-9.3 %	2,982	6.7 %

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DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	475	322	-32.2 %	242	-24.8 %	292	20.7 %	293	0.3 %
Civil Appeals	602	473	-21.4 %	431	-8.9 %	433	0.5 %	472	9 %
Total Appeals	1,077	795	-26.2 %	673	-15.3 %	725	7.7 %	765	5.5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	145	146	0.7 %	135	-7.5 %	142	5.2 %	132	-7 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	128	144	12.5 %	128	-11.1 %	100	-21.9 %	60	-40 %
Total Pending, DIVISION I	1,350	1,085	-19.6 %	936	-13.7 %	967	3.3 %	957	-1 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	589	445	-24.4 %	287	-35.5 %	377	31.4 %	523	38.7 %
Civil Appeals	391	385	-1.5 %	329	-14.5 %	303	-7.9 %	323	6.6 %
Total Appeals	980	830	-15.3 %	616	-25.8 %	680	10.4 %	846	24.4 %
Personal Restraint Petition	313	280	-10.5 %	278	-0.7 %	170	-38.8 %	185	8.8 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	65	64	-1.5 %	69	7.8 %	63	-8.7 %	88	39.7 %
Total Pending, DIVISION II	1,358	1,174	-13.5 %	963	-18 %	913	-5.2 %	1,119	22.6 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	304	247	-18.8 %	199	-19.4 %	285	43.2 %	304	6.7 %
Civil Appeals	326	287	-12 %	318	10.8 %	296	-6.9 %	259	-12.5 %
Total Appeals	630	534	-15.2 %	517	-3.2 %	581	12.4 %	563	-3.1 %
Personal Restraint Petition	127	134	5.5 %	116	-13.4 %	93	-19.8 %	65	-30.1 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	41	37	-9.8 %	60	62.2 %	88	46.7 %	54	-38.6 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg
Total Pending, DIVISION III	798	705	-11.7 %	693	-1.7 %	762	10 %	682	-10.5 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,368	1,014	-25.9 %	728	-28.2 %	954	31 %	1,120	17.4 %
Civil Appeals	1,319	1,145	-13.2 %	1,078	-5.9 %	1,032	-4.3 %	1,054	2.1 %
Total Appeals	2,687	2,159	-19.7 %	1,806	-16.4 %	1,986	10 %	2,174	9.5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	585	560	-4.3 %	529	-5.5 %	405	-23.4 %	382	-5.7 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	234	245	4.7 %	257	4.9 %	251	-2.3 %	202	-19.5 %
Total Pending, Court of Appeals	3,506	2,964	-15.5 %	2,592	-12.6 %	2,642	1.9 %	2,758	4.4 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	3,656	2,960	-19 %	3,036	2.6 %	3,200	5.4 %	3,239	1.2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	233	226	-3 %	243	7.5 %	212	-12.8 %	202	-4.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,310	1,369	4.5 %	1,195	-12.7 %	988	-17.3 %	978	-1 %
Opinions	1,543	1,595	3.4 %	1,438	-9.8 %	1,200	-16.6 %	1,180	-1.7 %
Dismissed	582	533	-8.4 %	456	-14.4 %	547	20 %	570	4.2 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	101	136	34.7 %	153	12.5 %	83	-45.8 %	101	21.7 %
Review Not Accepted	10	2	. %	10	. %	5	. %	8	. %
Other Terminations	71	81	14.1 %	75	-7.4 %	34	-54.7 %	69	102.9 %
Orders	764	752	-1.6 %	694	-7.7 %	669	-3.6 %	748	11.8 %
Decided on Merits	74	58	-21.6 %	51	-12.1 %	53	3.9 %	37	-30.2 %
Dismissed	753	624	-17.1 %	620	-0.6 %	604	-2.6 %	713	18 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	2	0	. %	7	. %	0	. %	5	. %
Review Not Accepted	242	227	-6.2 %	235	3.5 %	232	-1.3 %	218	-6 %
Other Terminations	33	34	3 %	38	11.8 %	38	0 %	81	113.2 %
Rulings	1,104	943	-14.6 %	951	0.8 %	927	-2.5 %	1,054	13.7 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,868	1,695	-9.3 %	1,645	-2.9 %	1,596	-3 %	1,802	12.9 %
Total Resolved	3,411	3,290	-3.5 %	3,083	-6.3 %	2,796	-9.3 %	2,982	6.7 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	236	208	-11.9 %	116	-44.2 %	105	-9.5 %	96	-8.6 %
Brief Not Filed	1,618	1,422	-12.1 %	1,386	-2.5 %	1,493	7.7 %	1,672	12 %
Appellant Brief Filed	23	12	. %	17	. %	15	. %	15	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	901	744	-17.4 %	478	-35.8 %	364	-23.8 %	457	25.5 %
Remanded to Trial Court	2	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	220	126	-42.7 %	174	38.1 %	192	10.3 %	121	-37 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	8	. %	11	. %	5	. %	10	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	266	287	7.9 %	216	-24.7 %	220	1.9 %	218	-0.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	3,274	2,809	-14.2 %	2,399	-14.6 %	2,395	-0.2 %	2,592	8.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	232	155	-33.2 %	193	24.5 %	247	28 %	166	-32.8 %
Total Pending Decision	3,506	2,964	-15.5 %	2,592	-12.6 %	2,642	1.9 %	2,758	4.4 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,770	1,647	-6.9 %	1,728	4.9 %	1,420	-17.8 %	1,344	-5.4 %
Order Terminating Review	843	702	-16.7 %	934	33 %	719	-23 %	794	10.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	1,195	1,003	-16.1 %	1,064	6.1 %	1,041	-2.2 %	1,107	6.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	57	44	-22.8 %	42	-4.5 %	51	21.4 %	62	21.6 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	2,095	1,749	-16.5 %	2,040	16.6 %	1,811	-11.2 %	1,963	8.4 %
Total Mandated	3,865	3,396	-12.1 %	3,768	11 %	3,231	-14.3 %	3,307	2.4 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,553	1,273	-18 %	1,270	-0.2 %	1,287	1.3 %	1,222	-5.1 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	114	104	-8.8 %	108	3.8 %	103	-4.6 %	92	-10.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	588	634	7.8 %	542	-14.5 %	382	-29.5 %	446	16.8 %
Opinions	702	738	5.1 %	650	-11.9 %	485	-25.4 %	538	10.9 %
Dismissed	226	191	-15.5 %	191	0 %	189	-1 %	209	10.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	8	13	. %	20	. %	18	. %	10	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	47	40	-14.9 %	43	7.5 %	24	. %	30	. %
Orders	282	244	-13.5 %	254	4.1 %	233	-8.3 %	250	7.3 %
Decided on Merits	15	11	. %	8	. %	5	. %	8	. %
Dismissed	344	297	-13.7 %	288	-3 %	263	-8.7 %	289	9.9 %
Review Not Accepted	99	121	22.2 %	125	3.3 %	102	-18.4 %	92	-9.8 %
Other Terminations	9	8	. %	10	. %	21	. %	40	. %
Rulings	467	437	-6.4 %	431	-1.4 %	391	-9.3 %	429	9.7 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	749	681	-9.1 %	685	0.6 %	624	-8.9 %	679	8.8 %
Total Resolved	1,451	1,419	-2.2 %	1,335	-5.9 %	1,109	-16.9 %	1,217	9.7 %
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Cases Stayed	35	32	-8.6 %	13	. %	19	. %	30	. %
Brief Not Filed	751	560	-25.4 %	541	-3.4 %	600	10.9 %	613	2.2 %
Appellant Brief Filed	5	2	. %	6	. %	5	. %	6	. %
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Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	44	53	20.5 %	49	-7.5 %	48	-2 %	22	. %
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Total Awaiting Hearing	1,316	1,077	-18.2 %	907	-15.8 %	910	0.3 %	909	-0.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	34	8	. %	29	. %	57	. %	48	-15.8 %
Total Pending Decision	1,350	1,085	-19.6 %	936	-13.7 %	967	3.3 %	957	-1 %
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Opinion Terminating Review	725	759	4.7 %	838	10.4 %	588	-29.8 %	539	-8.3 %
Order Terminating Review	253	243	-4 %	326	34.2 %	288	-11.7 %	270	-6.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	487	468	-3.9 %	504	7.7 %	425	-15.7 %	449	5.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	1	8	. %	2	. %	8	. %	4	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	741	719	-3 %	832	15.7 %	721	-13.3 %	723	0.3 %
Total Mandated	1,466	1,478	0.8 %	1,670	13 %	1,309	-21.6 %	1,262	-3.6 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,333	1,054	-20.9 %	1,048	-0.6 %	1,169	11.5 %	1,338	14.5 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	70	70	0 %	77	10 %	58	-24.7 %	63	8.6 %
Opinions Unpublished	402	432	7.5 %	404	-6.5 %	377	-6.7 %	305	-19.1 %
Opinions	472	502	6.4 %	481	-4.2 %	435	-9.6 %	368	-15.4 %
Dismissed	223	199	-10.8 %	153	-23.1 %	239	56.2 %	232	-2.9 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	87	115	32.2 %	126	9.6 %	58	-54 %	86	48.3 %
Review Not Accepted	9	2	. %	9	. %	1	. %	7	. %
Other Terminations	24	38	. %	30	. %	10	. %	36	. %
Orders	343	354	3.2 %	318	-10.2 %	308	-3.1 %	361	17.2 %
Decided on Merits	56	43	-23.2 %	42	-2.3 %	48	14.3 %	29	. %
Dismissed	299	208	-30.4 %	220	5.8 %	231	5 %	279	20.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	2	0	. %	7	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	97	65	-33 %	61	-6.2 %	71	16.4 %	83	16.9 %
Other Terminations	15	17	. %	21	. %	11	. %	36	. %
Rulings	469	333	-29 %	351	5.4 %	361	2.8 %	430	19.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	812	687	-15.4 %	669	-2.6 %	669	0 %	791	18.2 %
Total Resolved	1,284	1,189	-7.4 %	1,150	-3.3 %	1,104	-4 %	1,159	5 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	150	142	-5.3 %	72	-49.3 %	43	-40.3 %	26	. %
Brief Not Filed	527	507	-3.8 %	503	-0.8 %	550	9.3 %	745	35.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	7	5	. %	4	. %	4	. %	3	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	419	306	-27 %	184	-39.9 %	158	-14.1 %	207	31 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	37	20	. %	41	. %	37	-9.8 %	25	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	110	109	-0.9 %	66	-39.4 %	71	7.6 %	55	-22.5 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,250	1,090	-12.8 %	870	-20.2 %	863	-0.8 %	1,061	22.9 %
Opinion/Order in Process	108	84	-22.2 %	93	10.7 %	50	-46.2 %	58	16 %
Total Pending Decision	1,358	1,174	-13.5 %	963	-18 %	913	-5.2 %	1,119	22.6 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	516	501	-2.9 %	539	7.6 %	492	-8.7 %	425	-13.6 %
Order Terminating Review	432	310	-28.2 %	410	32.3 %	293	-28.5 %	382	30.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	510	337	-33.9 %	387	14.8 %	409	5.7 %	432	5.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	31	15	. %	12	. %	17	. %	11	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	973	662	-32 %	809	22.2 %	719	-11.1 %	825	14.7 %
Total Mandated	1,489	1,163	-21.9 %	1,348	15.9 %	1,211	-10.2 %	1,250	3.2 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	770	633	-17.8 %	718	13.4 %	744	3.6 %	679	-8.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	49	52	6.1 %	58	11.5 %	51	-12.1 %	47	-7.8 %
Opinions Unpublished	320	303	-5.3 %	249	-17.8 %	229	-8 %	227	-0.9 %
Opinions	369	355	-3.8 %	307	-13.5 %	280	-8.8 %	274	-2.1 %
Dismissed	133	143	7.5 %	112	-21.7 %	119	6.3 %	129	8.4 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	6	8	. %	7	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	0	3	. %	2	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Orders	139	154	10.8 %	122	-20.8 %	128	4.9 %	137	7 %
Decided on Merits	3	4	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	110	119	8.2 %	112	-5.9 %	110	-1.8 %	145	31.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	46	41	-10.9 %	49	19.5 %	59	20.4 %	43	-27.1 %
Other Terminations	9	9	. %	7	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Rulings	168	173	3 %	169	-2.3 %	175	3.6 %	195	11.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	307	327	6.5 %	291	-11 %	303	4.1 %	332	9.6 %
Total Resolved	676	682	0.9 %	598	-12.3 %	583	-2.5 %	606	3.9 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	51	34	-33.3 %	31	-8.8 %	43	38.7 %	40	-7 %
Brief Not Filed	340	355	4.4 %	342	-3.7 %	343	0.3 %	314	-8.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	11	5	. %	7	. %	6	. %	6	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	114	134	17.5 %	113	-15.7 %	75	-33.6 %	147	96 %
Remanded to Trial Court	2	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	139	53	-61.9 %	84	58.5 %	107	27.4 %	74	-30.8 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	51	60	17.6 %	44	-26.7 %	47	6.8 %	40	-14.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	708	642	-9.3 %	622	-3.1 %	622	0 %	622	0 %
Opinion/Order in Process	90	63	-30 %	71	12.7 %	140	97.2 %	60	-57.1 %
Total Pending Decision	798	705	-11.7 %	693	-1.7 %	762	10 %	682	-10.5 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	529	387	-26.8 %	351	-9.3 %	340	-3.1 %	380	11.8 %
Order Terminating Review	158	149	-5.7 %	198	32.9 %	138	-30.3 %	142	2.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	198	198	0 %	173	-12.6 %	207	19.7 %	226	9.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	25	21	. %	28	. %	26	. %	47	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	381	368	-3.4 %	399	8.4 %	371	-7 %	415	11.9 %
Total Mandated	910	755	-17 %	750	-0.7 %	711	-5.2 %	795	11.8 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,042	587	-43.7 %	575	-2 %	862	49.9 %	832	-3.5 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	71	79	11.3 %	85	7.6 %	59	-30.6 %	63	6.8 %
Opinions Unpublished	696	734	5.5 %	581	-20.8 %	390	-32.9 %	420	7.7 %
Opinions	767	813	6 %	666	-18.1 %	449	-32.6 %	483	7.6 %
Dismissed	1	0	0 %	4	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	32	64	100 %	59	-7.8 %	14	0 %	27	0 %
Other Terminations	0	1	0 %	3	0 %	1	0 %	3	0 %
Orders	33	65	97 %	66	1.5 %	17	0 %	32	0 %
Decided on Merits	7	7	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %	4	0 %
Dismissed	121	72	-40.5 %	96	33.3 %	85	-11.5 %	125	47.1 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	0	0 %	5	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	11	3	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	6	0 %
Other Terminations	6	5	0 %	6	0 %	8	0 %	11	0 %
Rulings	146	87	-40.4 %	109	25.3 %	96	-11.9 %	146	52.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	179	152	-15.1 %	175	15.1 %	113	-35.4 %	178	57.5 %
Total Resolved	946	965	2 %	841	-12.8 %	562	-33.2 %	661	17.6 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	14	29	0 %	12	0 %	26	0 %	11	0 %
Brief Not Filed	724	455	-37.2 %	414	-9 %	647	56.3 %	754	16.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	6	2	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	4	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	378	310	-18 %	121	-61 %	96	-20.7 %	165	71.9 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	15	16	0 %	29	0 %	42	0 %	33	-21.4 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	126	133	5.6 %	74	-44.4 %	85	14.9 %	87	2.4 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,263	945	-25.2 %	650	-31.2 %	898	38.2 %	1,055	17.5 %
Opinion/Order in Process	105	69	-34.3 %	78	13 %	56	-28.2 %	65	16.1 %
Total Pending Decision	1,368	1,014	-25.9 %	728	-28.2 %	954	31 %	1,120	17.4 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	827	784	-5.2 %	787	0.4 %	532	-32.4 %	481	-9.6 %
Order Terminating Review	33	68	106.1 %	71	4.4 %	18	0 %	34	0 %
Ruling Terminating Review	156	102	-34.6 %	109	6.9 %	107	-1.8 %	144	34.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	4	10	0 %	13	0 %	6	0 %	21	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	193	180	-6.7 %	193	7.2 %	131	-32.1 %	199	51.9 %
Total Mandated	1,020	964	-5.5 %	980	1.7 %	663	-32.3 %	680	2.6 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,282	1,019	-20.5 %	1,109	8.8 %	1,125	1.4 %	1,170	4 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	134	125	-6.7 %	126	0.8 %	131	4 %	111	-15.3 %
Opinions Unpublished	508	521	2.6 %	489	-6.1 %	481	-1.6 %	458	-4.8 %
Opinions	642	646	0.6 %	615	-4.8 %	612	-0.5 %	569	-7 %
Dismissed	4	2	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	44	43	-2.3 %	51	18.6 %	28	0 %	43	0 %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	2	4	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %	5	0 %
Orders	50	49	-2 %	53	8.2 %	36	-32.1 %	50	38.9 %
Decided on Merits	43	32	-25.6 %	22	0 %	22	0 %	11	0 %
Dismissed	403	322	-20.1 %	333	3.4 %	334	0.3 %	389	16.5 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	16	20	0 %	14	0 %	16	0 %	17	0 %
Other Terminations	18	11	0 %	15	0 %	15	0 %	34	0 %
Rulings	480	385	-19.8 %	386	0.3 %	387	0.3 %	451	16.5 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	530	434	-18.1 %	439	1.2 %	423	-3.6 %	501	18.4 %
Total Resolved	1,172	1,080	-7.8 %	1,054	-2.4 %	1,035	-1.8 %	1,070	3.4 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	46	23	0 %	25	0 %	32	0 %	39	21.9 %
Brief Not Filed	558	605	8.4 %	597	-1.3 %	531	-11.1 %	621	16.9 %
Appellant Brief Filed	3	3	0 %	1	0 %	3	0 %	3	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	366	289	-21 %	213	-26.3 %	141	-33.8 %	171	21.3 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	125	32	-74.4 %	38	18.8 %	56	47.4 %	36	-35.7 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	116	128	10.3 %	109	-14.8 %	101	-7.3 %	105	4 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,214	1,081	-11 %	983	-9.1 %	864	-12.1 %	975	12.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	105	64	-39 %	95	48.4 %	168	76.8 %	79	-53 %
Total Pending Decision	1,319	1,145	-13.2 %	1,078	-5.9 %	1,032	-4.3 %	1,054	2.1 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	811	690	-14.9 %	755	9.4 %	687	-9 %	698	1.6 %
Order Terminating Review	53	53	0 %	62	17 %	40	-35.5 %	44	10 %
Ruling Terminating Review	558	450	-19.4 %	435	-3.3 %	424	-2.5 %	471	11.1 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	20	7	0 %	7	0 %	24	0 %	11	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	631	510	-19.2 %	504	-1.2 %	488	-3.2 %	526	7.8 %
Total Mandated	1,442	1,200	-16.8 %	1,259	4.9 %	1,175	-6.7 %	1,224	4.2 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	2,324	1,606	-30.9 %	1,684	4.9 %	1,987	18 %	2,002	0.8 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	205	204	-0.5 %	211	3.4 %	190	-10 %	174	-8.4 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,204	1,255	4.2 %	1,070	-14.7 %	871	-18.6 %	878	0.8 %
Opinions	1,409	1,459	3.5 %	1,281	-12.2 %	1,061	-17.2 %	1,052	-0.8 %
Dismissed	5	2	0 %	5	0 %	4	0 %	4	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	76	107	40.8 %	110	2.8 %	42	-61.8 %	70	66.7 %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	2	5	0 %	3	0 %	5	0 %	8	0 %
Orders	83	114	37.3 %	119	4.4 %	53	-55.5 %	82	54.7 %
Decided on Merits	50	39	-22 %	24	0 %	24	0 %	15	0 %
Dismissed	524	394	-24.8 %	429	8.9 %	419	-2.3 %	514	22.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	0	0 %	7	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	27	23	0 %	14	0 %	17	0 %	23	0 %
Other Terminations	24	16	0 %	21	0 %	23	0 %	45	0 %
Rulings	626	472	-24.6 %	495	4.9 %	483	-2.4 %	597	23.6 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	709	586	-17.3 %	614	4.8 %	536	-12.7 %	679	26.7 %
Total Resolved	2,118	2,045	-3.4 %	1,895	-7.3 %	1,597	-15.7 %	1,731	8.4 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	60	52	-13.3 %	37	-28.8 %	58	56.8 %	50	-13.8 %
Brief Not Filed	1,282	1,060	-17.3 %	1,011	-4.6 %	1,178	16.5 %	1,375	16.7 %
Appellant Brief Filed	9	5	0 %	1	0 %	5	0 %	7	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	744	599	-19.5 %	334	-44.2 %	237	-29 %	336	41.8 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	140	48	-65.7 %	67	39.6 %	98	46.3 %	69	-29.6 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	242	261	7.9 %	183	-29.9 %	186	1.6 %	192	3.2 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,477	2,026	-18.2 %	1,633	-19.4 %	1,762	7.9 %	2,030	15.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	210	133	-36.7 %	173	30.1 %	224	29.5 %	144	-35.7 %
Total Pending Decision	2,687	2,159	-19.7 %	1,806	-16.4 %	1,986	10 %	2,174	9.5 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,638	1,474	-10 %	1,542	4.6 %	1,219	-20.9 %	1,179	-3.3 %
Order Terminating Review	86	121	40.7 %	133	9.9 %	58	-56.4 %	78	34.5 %
Ruling Terminating Review	714	552	-22.7 %	544	-1.4 %	531	-2.4 %	615	15.8 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	24	17	0 %	20	0 %	30	0 %	32	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	824	690	-16.3 %	697	1 %	619	-11.2 %	725	17.1 %
Total Mandated	2,462	2,164	-12.1 %	2,239	3.5 %	1,838	-17.9 %	1,904	3.6 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	846	882	4.3 %	834	-5.4 %	763	-8.5 %	776	1.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	4	9	0 %	9	0 %	9	0 %	8	0 %
Opinions Unpublished	77	86	11.7 %	100	16.3 %	93	-7 %	66	-29 %
Opinions	81	95	17.3 %	109	14.7 %	102	-6.4 %	74	-27.5 %
Dismissed	577	530	-8.1 %	451	-14.9 %	542	20.2 %	564	4.1 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	22	23	0 %	35	0 %	37	5.7 %	30	0 %
Review Not Accepted	8	2	0 %	8	0 %	1	0 %	7	0 %
Other Terminations	69	73	5.8 %	70	-4.1 %	26	0 %	58	0 %
Orders	676	628	-7.1 %	564	-10.2 %	606	7.4 %	659	8.7 %
Decided on Merits	0	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Dismissed	103	107	3.9 %	85	-20.6 %	95	11.8 %	77	-18.9 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	5	0 %
Review Not Accepted	2	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	2	4	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	3	0 %
Rulings	108	113	4.6 %	86	-23.9 %	97	12.8 %	85	-12.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	784	741	-5.5 %	650	-12.3 %	703	8.2 %	744	5.8 %
Total Resolved	865	836	-3.4 %	759	-9.2 %	805	6.1 %	818	1.6 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	164	146	-11 %	74	-49.3 %	37	-50 %	33	-10.8 %
Brief Not Filed	235	260	10.6 %	256	-1.5 %	211	-17.6 %	190	-10 %
Appellant Brief Filed	14	7	0 %	16	0 %	10	0 %	7	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	134	112	-16.4 %	133	18.8 %	112	-15.8 %	109	-2.7 %
Remanded to Trial Court	2	1	0 %	1	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	2	1	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %	0	0 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	8	0 %	11	0 %	5	0 %	10	0 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	12	9	0 %	23	0 %	19	0 %	20	0 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	571	544	-4.7 %	514	-5.5 %	399	-22.4 %	371	-7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	14	16	0 %	15	0 %	6	0 %	11	0 %
Total Pending Decision	585	560	-4.3 %	529	-5.5 %	405	-23.4 %	382	-5.7 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	75	105	40 %	124	18.1 %	144	16.1 %	88	-38.9 %
Order Terminating Review	749	566	-24.4 %	781	38 %	647	-17.2 %	704	8.8 %
Ruling Terminating Review	111	104	-6.3 %	99	-4.8 %	109	10.1 %	83	-23.9 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	18	15	0 %	15	0 %	12	0 %	8	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	878	685	-22 %	895	30.7 %	768	-14.2 %	795	3.5 %
Total Mandated	953	790	-17.1 %	1,019	29 %	912	-10.5 %	883	-3.2 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	486	472	-2.9 %	518	9.7 %	450	-13.1 %	461	2.4 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	24	13	0 %	23	0 %	13	0 %	20	0 %
Opinions Unpublished	29	28	0 %	25	0 %	24	0 %	34	0 %
Opinions	53	41	-22.6 %	48	17.1 %	37	-22.9 %	54	45.9 %
Dismissed	0	1	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	3	6	0 %	8	0 %	4	0 %	1	0 %
Review Not Accepted	2	0	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	1	0 %
Other Terminations	0	3	0 %	2	0 %	3	0 %	3	0 %
Orders	5	10	0 %	11	0 %	10	0 %	7	0 %
Decided on Merits	24	18	0 %	27	0 %	29	0 %	22	0 %
Dismissed	126	123	-2.4 %	106	-13.8 %	90	-15.1 %	122	35.6 %
Review Not Accepted	213	203	-4.7 %	221	8.9 %	215	-2.7 %	195	-9.3 %
Other Terminations	7	14	0 %	16	0 %	13	0 %	33	0 %
Rulings	370	358	-3.2 %	370	3.4 %	347	-6.2 %	372	7.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	375	368	-1.9 %	381	3.5 %	357	-6.3 %	379	6.2 %
Total Resolved	428	409	-4.4 %	429	4.9 %	394	-8.2 %	433	9.9 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	12	10	0 %	5	0 %	10	0 %	13	0 %
Brief Not Filed	101	102	1 %	119	16.7 %	104	-12.6 %	107	2.9 %
Appellant Brief Filed	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	23	33	0 %	11	0 %	15	0 %	12	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	78	77	-1.3 %	107	39 %	90	-15.9 %	52	-42.2 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	12	17	0 %	10	0 %	15	0 %	6	0 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	226	239	5.8 %	252	5.4 %	234	-7.1 %	191	-18.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	8	6	0 %	5	0 %	17	0 %	11	0 %
Total Pending Decision	234	245	4.7 %	257	4.9 %	251	-2.3 %	202	-19.5 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	57	68	19.3 %	62	-8.8 %	57	-8.1 %	77	35.1 %
Order Terminating Review	8	15	0 %	20	0 %	14	0 %	12	0 %
Ruling Terminating Review	370	347	-6.2 %	421	21.3 %	401	-4.8 %	409	2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	15	12	0 %	7	0 %	9	0 %	22	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	393	374	-4.8 %	448	19.8 %	424	-5.4 %	443	4.5 %
Total Mandated	450	442	-1.8 %	510	15.4 %	481	-5.7 %	520	8.1 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg
Filing - Comp. of Record	148	153	3.4 %	153	0 %	148	-3.3 %	158	6.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	63	0 %	62	-1.6 %	63	1.6 %	66	4.8 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	88	92	4.5 %	90	-2.2 %	86	-4.4 %	92	7 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	126	137	8.7 %	126	-8 %	115	-8.7 %	126	9.6 %
App. Brief - Ready	118	129	9.3 %	149	15.5 %	138	-7.4 %	128	-7.2 %
Ready - Opinion	281	244	-13.2 %	209	-14.3 %	176	-15.8 %	182	3.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	627	612	-2.4 %	621	1.5 %	608	-2.1 %	560	-7.9 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	149	153	2.7 %	155	1.3 %	163	5.2 %	178	9.2 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	67	68	1.5 %	70	2.9 %	73	4.3 %	75	2.7 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	86	90	4.7 %	92	2.2 %	97	5.4 %	99	2.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	130	132	1.5 %	127	-3.8 %	112	-11.8 %	109	-2.7 %
App. Brief - Ready	103	97	-5.8 %	109	12.4 %	118	8.3 %	120	1.7 %
Ready - Opinion	355	375	5.6 %	377	0.5 %	327	-13.3 %	195	-40.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	684	677	-1 %	702	3.7 %	725	3.3 %	572	-21.1 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	151	156	3.3 %	151	-3.2 %	164	8.6 %	183	11.6 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	57	63	10.5 %	61	-3.2 %	65	6.6 %	75	15.4 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	95	97	2.1 %	97	0 %	101	4.1 %	116	14.9 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	111	117	5.4 %	126	7.7 %	108	-14.3 %	122	13 %

(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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	2019	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg
App. Brief - Ready	93	101	8.6 %	122	20.8 %	109	-10.7 %	104	-4.6 %
Ready - Opinion	283	266	-6 %	259	-2.6 %	271	4.6 %	230	-15.1 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION III (2)	622	613	-1.4 %	642	4.7 %	629	-2 %	575	-8.6 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	149	154	3.4 %	154	0 %	159	3.2 %	172	8.2 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	65	3.2 %	65	0 %	68	4.6 %	73	7.4 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	90	92	2.2 %	93	1.1 %	94	1.1 %	102	8.5 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	125	130	4 %	126	-3.1 %	113	-10.3 %	118	4.4 %
App. Brief - Ready	107	116	8.4 %	132	13.8 %	122	-7.6 %	120	-1.6 %
Ready - Opinion	312	320	2.6 %	309	-3.4 %	270	-12.6 %	208	-23 %
Filing - Opinion, COURT OF APPEALS,	648	642	-0.9 %	663	3.3 %	656	-1.1 %	571	-13 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	105	111	5.7 %	109	-1.8 %	113	3.7 %	114	0.9 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	45	50	11.1 %	49	-2 %	47	-4.1 %	47	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	63	64	1.6 %	64	0 %	72	12.5 %	67	-6.9 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	98	101	3.1 %	99	-2 %	101	2 %	105	4 %
App. Brief - Ready	85	90	5.9 %	85	-5.6 %	90	5.9 %	86	-4.4 %
Ready - Opinion	322	301	-6.5 %	281	-6.6 %	216	-23.1 %	213	-1.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	570	564	-1.1 %	545	-3.4 %	478	-12.3 %	490	2.5 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	114	116	1.8 %	118	1.7 %	113	-4.2 %	119	5.3 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	62	56	-9.7 %	61	8.9 %	61	0 %	62	1.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	62	63	1.6 %	67	6.3 %	68	1.5 %	65	-4.4 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	110	108	-1.8 %	112	3.7 %	107	-4.5 %	107	0 %
App. Brief - Ready	74	65	-12.2 %	74	13.8 %	75	1.4 %	75	0 %
Ready - Opinion	397	412	3.8 %	407	-1.2 %	318	-21.9 %	239	-24.8 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	672	643	-4.3 %	654	1.7 %	585	-10.6 %	504	-13.8 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	126	133	5.6 %	224	68.4 %	197	-12.1 %	181	-8.1 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	52	55	5.8 %	54	-1.8 %	53	-1.9 %	52	-1.9 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	89	88	-1.1 %	91	3.4 %	93	2.2 %	89	-4.3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	92	108	17.4 %	107	-0.9 %	105	-1.9 %	107	1.9 %

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App. Brief - Ready	90	96	6.7 %	90	-6.3 %	88	-2.2 %	78	-11.4 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	304	295	-3 %	272	-7.8 %	248	-8.8 %	266	7.3 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	574	576	0.3 %	650	12.8 %	526	-19.1 %	1,406	167.3 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	112	117	4.5 %	125	6.8 %	125	0 %	126	0.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	50	53	6 %	53	0 %	53	0 %	53	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	65	67	3.1 %	69	3 %	75	8.7 %	70	-6.7 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	102	106	3.9 %	105	-0.9 %	104	-1 %	105	1 %
App. Brief - Ready	82	85	3.7 %	82	-3.5 %	85	3.7 %	80	-5.9 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	342	345	0.9 %	328	-4.9 %	269	-18 %	256	-4.8 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	605	593	-2 %	601	1.3 %	523	-13 %	561	7.3 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	130	132	1.5 %	130	-1.5 %	132	1.5 %	137	3.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	56	58	3.6 %	57	-1.7 %	57	0 %	59	3.5 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	78	82	5.1 %	77	-6.1 %	80	3.9 %	82	2.5 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	113	121	7.1 %	111	-8.3 %	106	-4.5 %	112	5.7 %
App. Brief - Ready	102	119	16.7 %	125	5 %	113	-9.6 %	112	-0.9 %
Ready - Opinion	305	279	-8.5 %	229	-17.9 %	208	-9.2 %	203	-2.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	600	593	-1.2 %	585	-1.3 %	508	-13.2 %	532	4.7 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	142	141	-0.7 %	143	1.4 %	147	2.8 %	160	8.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	66	64	-3 %	66	3.1 %	69	4.5 %	71	2.9 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	78	80	2.6 %	84	5 %	87	3.6 %	91	4.6 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	126	122	-3.2 %	120	-1.6 %	109	-9.2 %	109	0 %
App. Brief - Ready	94	90	-4.3 %	91	1.1 %	92	1.1 %	98	6.5 %
Ready - Opinion	376	386	2.7 %	390	1 %	322	-17.4 %	221	-31.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	679	666	-1.9 %	685	2.9 %	654	-4.5 %	547	-16.4 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	147	150	2 %	168	12 %	169	0.6 %	182	7.7 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	56	60	7.1 %	58	-3.3 %	61	5.2 %	65	6.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	93	94	1.1 %	95	1.1 %	98	3.2 %	104	6.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	106	112	5.7 %	118	5.4 %	106	-10.2 %	115	8.5 %

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Ready - Opinion	288	274	-4.9 %	265	-3.3 %	258	-2.6 %	266	3.1 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION III (2)	609	604	-0.8 %	648	7.3 %	574	-11.4 %	758	32.1 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	138	140	1.4 %	142	1.4 %	146	2.8 %	156	6.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	60	61	1.7 %	61	0 %	63	3.3 %	65	3.2 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	83	85	2.4 %	85	0 %	89	4.7 %	91	2.2 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	115	120	4.3 %	116	-3.3 %	107	-7.8 %	111	3.7 %
App. Brief - Ready	96	104	8.3 %	113	8.7 %	101	-10.6 %	103	2 %
Ready - Opinion	323	330	2.2 %	320	-3 %	270	-15.6 %	231	-14.4 %
Filing - Opinion, COURT OF APPEALS,	629	622	-1.1 %	638	2.6 %	570	-10.7 %	567	-0.5 %

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