

Supreme Court

1998 Annual Caseload

Report

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Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Supreme Court Highlights

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Filings

- The Supreme Court received 1,221 case filings in 1998. This is a return to more usual levels following last year's unprecedented high of 1,363 cases.
 - Petitions for review constituted 60.3 percent (736 cases), and discretionary reviews 25.8 percent (315 cases) of new filings. Notices of appeal and other reviews such as personal restraint petitions and expenditure of public funds made up the balance of the incoming caseload.
 - Notices of appeal (71 filings) declined, continuing a four-year fall from a peak 142 cases in 1993. This decline was experienced in both civil and criminal appeals. The majority of appeals (84.5 percent) continue to be civil rather than criminal (15.5 percent).
 - Petitions for review are more evenly split between civil (43.3 percent) and criminal (56.7 percent), and both declined somewhat from 1997 levels, signaling a downturn in the continuously rising trend of the past decade.
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Dispositions

- Dispositions increased 4.8 percent (62 cases) over 1997 dispositions, for a total of 1,343.
 - Dispositions of petitions for review reached a high of 789 in 1998. This 46.4 percent jump over the 1989 figure (539) highlights the notable incline these have experienced over the past decade.
 - A total of 969 cases were not accepted for review, making up 72.2 percent of all case dispositions. There were 148 opinions were written, an 8.0 percent increase since 1997.
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Pending

- Increased dispositions coupled with decreased filings resulted in a notable reduction in pending caseload relative to the prior year. There were 538 cases pending at year's end, as contrasted with 656 cases the year prior--an 18.0 percent decline.
 - Declines were experienced across most case types, with only negligible five-case and two-case increases in pending criminal notices of appeal and pending personal restraint petitions, respectively.
 - The majority of pending cases (436 – 81.0 percent) were not yet ready for setting (awaiting parties' further pleadings).
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Note:

Due to time lag between filing a notice of appeal in trial court and appellate court receipt of the case, current year filings are slightly under-counted (roughly 2 percent). Previous year filings will be recalculated annually to include all cases received late. Although this will provide more accurate statistical reporting, it may cause current year filing totals to vary in future court reports.

Supreme Court Glossary

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

Filings

Notice of Appeal - A review of a trial court decision in these select circumstances: review is authorized statutorily; an issue of constitutionality is involved; conflicting appellate decisions are at issue; questions of public importance are raised; or, the death penalty was decreed. Notices of appeal directly following a judgment in a superior court as a matter of right must be filed within 30 days. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Cases opened on notice of appeal can reach the Supreme Court by these means: direct appeal from trial court; certification by the Court of Appeals; granting of a motion to transfer an appeal from the Court of Appeals; or an administrative transfer initiated by the Supreme Court to relieve pressure on the Court of Appeals or because a similar case is already being heard by the Supreme Court.

Petitions for Review - A review of any Court of Appeals' decision terminating review. The Supreme Court only accepts reviews of decisions that conflict with other Supreme Court or Court of Appeals' decisions, that involve a significant question of law under the federal or state constitution, or that concern "an issue of substantial public interest..." (Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 13.4).

Other Reviews - The five following categories are grouped under the title "Other Reviews": personal restraint petitions, discretionary reviews, original actions against state officers, petitions for expenditures of public funds, and reviews certified from federal court.

Personal Restraint Petition - A petition to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement. The Supreme Court normally exercises its jurisdiction over such petitions by transferring them to the Court of Appeals (RAP 16.5).

Discretionary Review - A review of interlocutory orders of the superior court. Reviews made prior to a final determination of the case, in which a party argues that the trial court has committed an error pursuant to RAP 2.3(b). Discretionary reviews are in the purview of the Supreme Court under most of the same conditions that apply for notices of appeal. The Supreme Court may be requested by motion for discretionary review, to review interlocutory Court of Appeals' decisions, and decisions on personal restraint petitions.

Actions Against State Officers - Both the Supreme Court and the superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction over a petition against a state officer in the nature of quo warranto, prohibition, and mandamus (RAP 16.2), generally preventing a continued exercise of authority unlawfully asserted.

Petitions for Expenditures of Public Funds - Petitions for expenditure from the indigent defense fund (RAP 15.2).

Certified From Federal Court - Reviews certified to determine a question of state law which does not involve a question determined by reference to the United States Constitution (RAP 16.16).

Dispositions

Cases are considered officially disposed in the Supreme Court as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the Supreme Court Clerk.

Opinions - Those cases which were reviewed by the Court and had an opinion written.

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

Dismissed - An order, issued by the Court, dismissing the review prior to a determination of the merits. 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 if the review is frivolous, moot, or solely for the purpose of delay. Also, the Court may dismiss reviews for want of prosecution or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

Transferred to Court of Appeals - To promote the orderly administration of justice, the Supreme Court may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case to the Court of Appeals.

Review Not Accepted - Reviews disposed through this manner are not accepted because they fail to meet the requirements of review stated in Rule 2 and Rule 13 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. These requirements are summarized in the above glossary definitions for each review type.

Terminated - 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

Case Stayed - Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the Court.

Ready for Setting - Those cases within the stages of perfection which have at minimum had the petitioner's/appellant's brief filed but have yet to be set on the Court calendar for review.

Not Ready for Setting - Those cases within the stages of perfection which are ready for consideration but have yet to file further pleadings.

Set for Motion on the Merits - Those cases which have been set on the motion on the merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

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 review.

Opinion/Order in Process - Those cases which have been reviewed by the Court but have yet to receive a decision.

Mandated

A decision is mandated by the Clerk of the Supreme Court with a written notification of the Court's decision to the originating court and the parties involved.

The Supreme Court
Court Activity, 1998

	-----Appeals-----			-Petitions For Review-			-----Other Reviews-----						
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discr Review	OASOI	Exp Pub Funds	Cert Fed Court	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS													
New Filings	10	51	61	417	319	736	39	313	10	46	4	412	1,209
Transfers	1	9	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	12
Total Filings	11	60	71	417	319	736	39	315	10	46	4	414	1,221
DISPOSITIONS													
Opinions	3	38	41	31	51	82	2	13	3	0	7	25	148
Motion On The Merits	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dismissed	1	4	5	11	14	25	2	20	9	2	0	33	63
Transferred	4	44	48	0	0	0	32	2	0	0	0	34	82
Review Not Accepted	0	3	3	386	279	665	1	294	3	3	0	301	969
Other Terminations	0	2	2	12	5	17	0	7	2	52	0	61	80
Total Disposed	8	92	100	440	349	789	37	336	17	57	7	454	1,343
PENDING AT YEAR END													
Cases Stayed	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	5
Case Ready	2	2	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Case Not Ready	14	33	47	172	129	301	10	68	1	9	0	88	436
Set For Motion On Merits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Set For Oral Argument	1	5	6	10	15	25	0	2	0	0	0	2	33
Total Awaiting Hearing	17	41	58	183	149	332	10	71	1	10	0	92	482
Opinion/Order In Process	2	11	13	19	18	37	1	3	0	0	2	6	56
Total Pending Decision	19	52	71	202	167	369	11	74	1	10	2	98	538
MANDATED													
Opinions	5	38	43	34	54	88	2	15	3	0	7	27	158
Other	6	54	60	407	300	707	33	327	17	57	0	434	1,201
Total Mandated	11	92	103	441	354	795	35	342	20	57	7	461	1,359

1 Original Actions Against State Officers.

The Supreme Court
History of Filings, 1994-1998

	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
APPEALS									
Criminal	23	24	. %	13	. %	14	. %	11	. %
Civil	88	85	-3.4%	97	14.1%	76	-21.6%	60	-21.1%
Total Appeals	111	109	-1.8%	110	0.9%	90	-18.2%	71	-21.1%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	362	417	15.2%	396	-5.0%	455	14.9%	417	-8.4%
Civil	291	266	-8.6%	296	11.3%	358	20.9%	319	-10.9%
Total Petitions for Review	653	683	4.6%	692	1.3%	813	17.5%	736	-9.5%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions	42	33	-21.4%	38	15.2%	28	. %	39	. %
Discretionary Review	315	254	-19.4%	320	26.0%	363	13.4%	315	-13.2%
Actions Against State Officers	11	13	. %	13	. %	11	. %	10	. %
Expenditures Of Public Funds	124	89	-28.2%	71	-20.2%	53	-25.4%	46	-13.2%
Certified Federal Court	3	4	. %	1	. %	5	. %	4	. %
Total Other Reviews	495	393	-20.6%	443	12.7%	460	3.8%	414	-10.0%
Total Filed	1,259	1,185	-5.9%	1,245	5.1%	1,363	9.5%	1,221	-10.4%

The Supreme Court
History of Dispositions, 1994-1998

	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
APPEALS									
Criminal	22	18	. %	22	. %	19	. %	8	. %
Civil	120	80	-33.3%	85	6.3%	80	-5.9%	92	15.0%
Total Appeals	142	98	-31.0%	107	9.2%	99	-7.5%	100	1.0%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	332	399	20.2%	410	2.8%	405	-1.2%	440	8.6%
Civil	311	238	-23.5%	263	10.5%	322	22.4%	349	8.4%
Total Petitions for Review	643	637	-0.9%	673	5.7%	727	8.0%	789	8.5%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions	43	32	-25.6%	33	3.1%	30	-9.1%	37	23.3%
Discretionary Review	317	253	-20.2%	280	10.7%	374	33.6%	336	-10.2%
Actions Against State Officers	9	12	. %	15	. %	5	. %	17	. %
Expenditures Of Public Funds	135	108	-20.0%	75	-30.6%	45	-40.0%	57	26.7%
Certified Federal Court	2	4	. %	2	. %	1	. %	7	. %
Total Other Reviews	506	409	-19.2%	405	-1.0%	455	12.3%	454	-0.2%
Total Filed	1,291	1,144	-11.4%	1,185	3.6%	1,281	8.1%	1,343	4.8%

The Supreme Court
History of Pending Cases, 1994-1998

	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
APPEALS									
Criminal	25	29	. %	20	. %	14	. %	19	. %
Civil	71	74	4.2%	89	20.3%	83	-6.7%	52	-37.3%
Total Appeals	96	103	7.3%	109	5.8%	97	-11.0%	71	-26.8%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	170	187	10.0%	173	-7.5%	225	30.1%	202	-10.2%
Civil	99	128	29.3%	162	26.6%	196	21.0%	167	-14.8%
Total Petitions for Review	269	315	17.1%	335	6.3%	421	25.7%	369	-12.4%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions	8	6	. %	12	. %	9	. %	11	. %
Discretionary Review	63	68	7.9%	106	55.9%	95	-10.4%	74	-22.1%
Actions Against State Officers	3	4	. %	2	. %	8	. %	1	. %
Expenditures Of Public Funds	34	18	. %	13	. %	21	. %	10	. %
Certified Federal Court	2	2	. %	1	. %	5	. %	2	. %
Total Other Reviews	110	98	-10.9%	134	36.7%	138	3.0%	98	-29.0%
Total Filed	475	516	8.6%	578	12.0%	656	13.5%	538	-18.0%

The Supreme Court
Court Activity, All Reviews, 1994-1998

	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
FILINGS									
New Filings	1,221	1,154	-5.5%	1,210	4.9%	1,337	10.5%	1,209	-9.6%
Transfers	38	31	-18.4%	35	12.9%	26	. %	12	. %
Total Filings	1,259	1,185	-5.9%	1,245	5.1%	1,363	9.5%	1,221	-10.4%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	151	123	-18.5%	139	13.0%	137	-1.4%	148	8.0%
Motion On The Merits	2	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	83	69	-16.9%	73	5.8%	64	-12.3%	63	-1.6%
Transferred	71	64	-9.9%	59	-7.8%	51	-13.6%	82	60.8%
Review Not Accepted	830	769	-7.3%	818	6.4%	963	17.7%	969	0.6%
Other Terminations	154	119	-22.7%	95	-20.2%	65	-31.6%	80	23.1%
Total Disposed	1,291	1,144	-11.4%	1,185	3.6%	1,281	8.1%	1,343	4.8%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	11	11	. %	20	. %	13	. %	5	. %
Case Ready	5	8	. %	15	. %	13	. %	8	. %
Case Not Ready	378	401	6.1%	444	10.7%	532	19.8%	436	-18.0%
Set For Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set For Oral Argument	36	35	-2.8%	39	11.4%	41	5.1%	33	-19.5%
Total Awaiting Hearing	430	455	5.8%	518	13.8%	599	15.6%	482	-19.5%
Opinion/Order In Process	45	61	35.6%	60	-1.6%	57	-5.0%	56	-1.8%
Total Pending Decision	475	516	8.6%	578	12.0%	656	13.5%	538	-18.0%
MANDATED									
Opinions	145	127	-12.4%	148	16.5%	122	-17.6%	158	29.5%
Other	1,130	1,043	-7.7%	1,046	0.3%	1,123	7.4%	1,201	6.9%
Total Mandated	1,275	1,170	-8.2%	1,194	2.1%	1,245	4.3%	1,359	9.2%

The Supreme Court
Court Activity, Criminal Appeals, 1994-1998

	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
FILINGS									
New Filings	13	11	. %	6	. %	10	. %	10	. %
Transfers	10	13	. %	7	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Total Filings	23	24	. %	13	. %	14	. %	11	. %
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	12	10	. %	15	. %	9	. %	3	. %
Motion On The Merits	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	3	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Transferred	5	3	. %	4	. %	4	. %	4	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	3	. %	2	. %	5	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Disposed	22	18	. %	22	. %	19	. %	8	. %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Case Ready	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Case Not Ready	17	15	. %	15	. %	10	. %	14	. %
Set For Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set For Oral Argument	3	5	. %	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	21	20	. %	18	. %	10	. %	17	. %
Opinion/Order In Process	4	9	. %	2	. %	4	. %	2	. %
Total Pending Decision	25	29	. %	20	. %	14	. %	19	. %
MANDATED									
Opinions	11	8	. %	18	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Other	12	8	. %	7	. %	9	. %	6	. %
Total Mandated	23	16	. %	25	. %	16	. %	11	. %

The Supreme Court
Court Activity, Civil Appeals, 1994-1998

	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
FILINGS									
New Filings	64	75	17.2%	77	2.7%	60	-22.1%	51	-15.0%
Transfers	24	10	. %	20	. %	16	. %	9	. %
Total Filings	88	85	-3.4%	97	14.1%	76	-21.6%	60	-21.1%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	58	30	-48.3%	24	. %	35	. %	38	8.6%
Motion On The Merits	1	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	26	13	. %	23	. %	20	. %	4	. %
Transferred	28	30	. %	24	. %	20	. %	44	. %
Review Not Accepted	6	4	. %	10	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Other Terminations	1	3	. %	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Total Disposed	120	80	-33.3%	85	6.3%	80	-5.9%	92	15.0%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	4	3	. %	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Case Ready	1	0	. %	0	. %	6	. %	2	. %
Case Not Ready	45	54	20.0%	57	5.6%	52	-8.8%	33	-36.5%
Set For Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set For Oral Argument	12	7	. %	9	. %	10	. %	5	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	62	64	3.2%	68	6.3%	69	1.5%	41	-40.6%
Opinion/Order In Process	9	10	. %	21	. %	14	. %	11	. %
Total Pending Decision	71	74	4.2%	89	20.3%	83	-6.7%	52	-37.3%
MANDATED									
Opinions	54	35	-35.2%	28	. %	31	. %	38	22.6%
Other	59	54	-8.5%	58	7.4%	47	-19.0%	54	14.9%
Total Mandated	113	89	-21.2%	86	-3.4%	78	-9.3%	92	17.9%

The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Total Appeals, 1994-1998

	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
FILINGS									
New Filings	77	86	11.7%	83	-3.5%	70	-15.7%	61	-12.9%
Transfers	34	23	. %	27	. %	20	. %	10	. %
Total Filings	111	109	-1.8%	110	0.9%	90	-18.2%	71	-21.1%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	70	40	-42.9%	39	-2.5%	44	12.8%	41	-6.8%
Motion On The Merits	2	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	29	15	. %	24	. %	21	. %	5	. %
Transferred	33	33	0.0%	28	. %	24	. %	48	. %
Review Not Accepted	6	7	. %	12	. %	8	. %	3	. %
Other Terminations	2	3	. %	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Total Disposed	142	98	-31.0%	107	9.2%	99	-7.5%	100	1.0%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	4	3	. %	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Case Ready	2	0	. %	0	. %	6	. %	4	. %
Case Not Ready	62	69	11.3%	72	4.3%	62	-13.9%	47	-24.2%
Set For Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set For Oral Argument	15	12	. %	12	. %	10	. %	6	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	83	84	1.2%	86	2.4%	79	-8.1%	58	-26.6%
Opinion/Order In Process	13	19	. %	23	. %	18	. %	13	. %
Total Pending Decision	96	103	7.3%	109	5.8%	97	-11.0%	71	-26.8%
MANDATED									
Opinions	65	43	-33.8%	46	7.0%	38	-17.4%	43	13.2%
Other	71	62	-12.7%	65	4.8%	56	-13.8%	60	7.1%
Total Mandated	136	105	-22.8%	111	5.7%	94	-15.3%	103	9.6%

The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Criminal Petitions For Review, 1994-1998

	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
FILINGS									
New Filings	362	417	15.2%	396	-5.0%	455	14.9%	417	-8.4%
Transfers	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Filings	362	417	15.2%	396	-5.0%	455	14.9%	417	-8.4%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	24	39	. %	45	15.4%	32	-28.9%	31	-3.1%
Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	5	18	. %	12	. %	8	. %	11	. %
Transferred	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	290	337	16.2%	350	3.9%	359	2.6%	386	7.5%
Other Terminations	13	5	. %	2	. %	6	. %	12	. %
Total Disposed	332	399	20.2%	410	2.8%	405	-1.2%	440	8.6%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	3	2	. %	4	. %	6	. %	1	. %
Case Ready	2	2	. %	5	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Case Not Ready	139	156	12.2%	141	-9.6%	204	44.7%	172	-15.7%
Set For Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set For Oral Argument	11	8	. %	10	. %	7	. %	10	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	155	168	8.4%	160	-4.8%	217	35.6%	183	-15.7%
Opinion/Order In Process	15	19	. %	13	. %	8	. %	19	. %
Total Pending Decision	170	187	10.0%	173	-7.5%	225	30.1%	202	-10.2%
MANDATED									
Opinions	24	40	. %	46	15.0%	27	. %	34	. %
Other	307	358	16.6%	367	2.5%	374	1.9%	407	8.8%
Total Mandated	331	398	20.2%	413	3.8%	401	-2.9%	441	10.0%

The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Civil Petitions For Review, 1994-1998

	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
FILINGS									
New Filings	291	266	-8.6%	296	11.3%	358	20.9%	319	-10.9%
Transfers	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Filings	291	266	-8.6%	296	11.3%	358	20.9%	319	-10.9%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	42	28	. %	33	. %	47	42.4%	51	8.5%
Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	13	10	. %	12	. %	10	. %	14	. %
Transferred	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	253	198	-21.7%	218	10.1%	260	19.3%	279	7.3%
Other Terminations	3	2	. %	0	. %	5	. %	5	. %
Total Disposed	311	238	-23.5%	263	10.5%	322	22.4%	349	8.4%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	1	3	. %	2	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Case Ready	0	4	. %	6	. %	6	. %	4	. %
Case Not Ready	80	96	20.0%	121	26.0%	152	25.6%	129	-15.1%
Set For Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set For Oral Argument	10	10	. %	14	. %	16	. %	15	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	91	113	24.2%	143	26.5%	177	23.8%	149	-15.8%
Opinion/Order In Process	8	15	. %	19	. %	19	. %	18	. %
Total Pending Decision	99	128	29.3%	162	26.6%	196	21.0%	167	-14.8%
MANDATED									
Opinions	40	28	. %	35	. %	43	22.9%	54	25.6%
Other	268	211	-21.3%	229	8.5%	274	19.7%	300	9.5%
Total Mandated	308	239	-22.4%	264	10.5%	317	20.1%	354	11.7%

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	1994	1995	% Chg	1996	% Chg	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg
FILINGS									
New Filings	491	385	-21.6%	435	13.0%	454	4.4%	412	-9.3%
Transfers	4	8	. %	8	. %	6	. %	2	. %
Total Filings	495	393	-20.6%	443	12.7%	460	3.8%	414	-10.0%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	15	16	. %	22	. %	14	. %	25	. %
Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	36	26	. %	25	. %	25	. %	33	. %
Transferred	38	31	-18.4%	30	-3.2%	27	. %	34	. %
Review Not Accepted	281	227	-19.2%	238	4.8%	336	41.2%	301	-10.4%
Other Terminations	136	109	-19.9%	90	-17.4%	53	-41.1%	61	15.1%
Total Disposed	506	409	-19.2%	405	-1.0%	455	12.3%	454	-0.2%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	3	3	. %	12	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Case Ready	1	2	. %	4	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Case Not Ready	97	80	-17.5%	110	37.5%	114	3.6%	88	-22.8%
Set For Motion On The Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set For Oral Argument	0	5	. %	3	. %	8	. %	2	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	101	90	-10.9%	129	43.3%	126	-2.3%	92	-27.0%
Opinion/Order In Process	9	8	. %	5	. %	12	. %	6	. %
Total Pending Decision	110	98	-10.9%	134	36.7%	138	3.0%	98	-29.0%
MANDATED									
Opinions	16	16	. %	21	. %	14	. %	27	. %
Other	484	412	-14.9%	385	-6.6%	419	8.8%	434	3.6%
Total Mandated	500	428	-14.4%	406	-5.1%	433	6.7%	461	6.5%