

***Supreme Court***  
***2014 Annual Report***  
***Annual Caseload Report***

Table of Contents

Supreme Court Glossary..... 3  
Court Activity by Source of Review..... 6  
Court Activity, Cases from Trial Courts..... 8  
Court Activity, Cases from Court of Appeals..... 10  
Court Activity, Original Actions and Federal Court (4)..... 12  
Court Activity, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1)(5)..... 14  
History of Filings (1)..... 16  
History of Resolutions (1)(5)..... 17  
History of Pending Cases (1)..... 18  
Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1)..... 19  
Court Activity Trends, Cases from Trial Courts..... 21  
Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals..... 23  
Court Activity Trends, Original Actions (6)..... 25  
Court Activity Trends, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1)..... 27

# 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 briefs 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.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity by Source of Review - 2014 Annual Report

Page 1 of 2

	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA (4)/CJC	Certified Issues	Total
<b>FILINGS</b>						
Total Filings	144	1,118	143	107	3	1,515
<b>RESOLUTIONS (1) (5)</b>						
Total Opinions	6	45	3	2	0	56
Dismissed	0	5	0	0	0	5
Transferred/Certified	13	0	0	0	0	13
Review Not Accepted	0	5	0	0	0	5
Other Terminations	82	542	30	0	0	654
Total Orders	95	552	30	0	0	677
Dismissed	22	37	2	0	0	61
Transferred/Certified	2	0	1	0	0	3
Review Not Accepted	1	224	17	0	0	242
Other Terminations	13	68	1	0	0	82
Total Rulings	38	329	21	0	0	388
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	1,827	0	1,827
Total Resolved	139	926	54	1,829	0	2,948
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END (3)</b>						
Cases Stayed	5	39	0	1	0	45
Cases Ready	3	6	1	1	0	11

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) Includes WSBA and CJC cases which were considered by the Court in years prior to establishment of procedures for closing those cases (see footnote 4). As time permits, Court staff are now reviewing those old cases and recording the disposed status as appropriate. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

(3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System(ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(4) Prior to 2003, resolution, pending and mandate information was not reported for cases from the Washington State Bar Association and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Recording of this information began for resolutions occurring in 2003 and beyond, but is not available retroactively. In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

(5) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity by Source of Review - 2014 Annual Report

Page 2 of 2

	<b>Trial Courts</b>	<b>Court of Appeals</b>	<b>Original Actions</b>	<b>WSBA (4)/ CJC</b>	<b>Certified Issues</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cases Not Ready	50	417	8	7	0	482
Set for Motion Calendar	4	110	0	0	0	114
Set for Oral Argument	3	27	0	1	2	33
Total Awaiting Hearing	65	599	9	10	2	685
Opinion/Order in Process	3	45	0	0	2	50
Total Pending Decision	68	644	9	10	4	735
<b>MANDATED</b>						
Opinion Terminating Review	11	94	9	19	3	136
Order Terminating Review	98	549	16	0	0	663
Ruling Terminating Review	42	336	40	0	0	418
Other Decision Terminating Review	6	17	141	1,836	0	2,000
Total Mandated	157	996	206	1,855	3	3,217

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) Includes WSBA and CJC cases which were considered by the Court in years prior to establishment of procedures for closing those cases (see footnote 4). As time permits, Court staff are now reviewing those old cases and recording the disposed status as appropriate. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

(3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System(ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(4) Prior to 2003, resolution, pending and mandate information was not reported for cases from the Washington State Bar Association and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Recording of this information began for resolutions occurring in 2003 and beyond, but is not available retroactively. In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

(5) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, Cases from Trial Courts - 2014 Annual Report

Page 1 of 2

	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
FILINGS									
Total Filings	3	34	37	13	20	33	0	74	144
RESOLUTIONS (2) (4)									
Total Opinions	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Transferred/Certified	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Other Terminations	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	78	82
Total Orders	0	14	14	1	2	3	0	78	95
Dismissed	3	13	16	2	3	5	0	1	22
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Other Terminations	0	2	2	4	7	11	0	0	13
Total Rulings	3	15	18	6	13	19	0	1	38
Total Resolved	3	35	38	7	15	22	0	79	139
PENDING AT YEAR END (3)									
Cases Stayed	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	5
Cases Ready	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3
Cases Not Ready	2	24	26	7	7	14	0	10	50
Set for Motion Calendar	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	4
Set for Oral Argument	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
Total Awaiting Hearing	3	28	31	12	9	21	3	10	65

**(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.**

**(2) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.**

**(3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System(ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.**

**(4) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.**



# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, Cases from Trial Courts - 2014 Annual Report

Page 2 of 2

	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
Opinion/Order in Process	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total Pending Decision	3	31	34	12	9	21	3	10	68
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	8	8	2	1	3	0	0	11
Order Terminating Review	0	16	16	1	3	4	0	78	98
Ruling Terminating Review	5	16	21	7	13	20	0	1	42
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	6
Total Mandated	5	44	49	10	17	27	0	81	157

(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.

(2) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System(ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(4) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2014 Annual Report

Page 1 of 2

	Petition for Review			Motions for Discretionary Review			Discretionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total				
FILINGS										
Total Filings	390	302	692	34	81	115	309	0	2	1,118
RESOLUTIONS (1) (3)										
Total Opinions	26	14	40	1	1	2	2	0	1	45
Dismissed	1	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Other Terminations	299	230	529	1	4	5	1	0	7	542
Total Orders	300	232	532	2	4	6	7	0	7	552
Dismissed	15	11	26	0	0	0	11	0	0	37
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	4	3	7	217	0	0	224
Other Terminations	0	1	1	16	45	61	1	0	5	68
Total Rulings	15	12	27	20	48	68	229	0	5	329
Other Decision Term. Rvw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	341	258	599	23	53	76	238	0	13	926
PENDING AT YEAR END (2)										
Cases Stayed	16	6	22	2	0	2	15	0	0	39
Cases Ready	3	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
Cases Not Ready	79	54	133	16	38	54	228	0	2	417
Set for Motion Calendar	70	39	109	0	0	0	1	0	0	110

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System(ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(3) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2014 Annual Report

Page 2 of 2

	Petition for Review			Motions for Discretionary Review			Discretionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total				
Set for Oral Argument	12	13	25	0	0	0	1	1	0	27
Total Awaiting Hearing	180	114	294	18	39	57	245	1	2	599
Opinion/Order in Process	22	14	36	0	0	0	3	3	3	45
Total Pending Decision	202	128	330	18	39	57	248	4	5	644
MANDATED										
Opinion Terminating Review	47	36	83	1	1	2	3	1	5	94
Order Terminating Review	300	229	529	2	4	6	7	0	7	549
Ruling Terminating Review	17	13	30	19	43	62	240	0	4	336
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	0	1	0	0	0	16	0	0	17
Total Mandated	365	278	643	22	48	70	266	1	16	996

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System(ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(3) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, Original Actions and Federal Court (4) - 2014 Annual Report

Page 1 of 2

	<b>Actions Against</b>	<b>Personal Restraints</b>	<b>Death Penalty PRP</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Reviews</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Certified from Federal Court</b>
<b>FILINGS</b>						
Total Filings	3	124	0	16	143	3
<b>RESOLUTIONS (1) (3)</b>						
Total Opinion	0	1	1	1	3	0
Other Terminations	0	17	0	13	30	0
Total Orders	0	17	0	13	30	0
Dismissed	0	2	0	0	2	0
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	1	1	0
Review Not Accepted	0	17	0	0	17	0
Other Terminations	1	0	0	0	1	0
Total Rulings	1	19	0	1	21	0
Total Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	1	37	1	15	54	0
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END (2)</b>						
Cases Ready	0	0	0	1	1	0
Cases Not Ready	2	3	1	2	8	0
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Awaiting Hearing	2	3	1	3	9	2
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	2

**(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.**

**(2) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System(ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.**

**(3) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.**

**(4) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.**

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, Original Actions and Federal Court (4) - 2014 Annual Report

Page 2 of 2

	<b>Actions Against</b>	<b>Personal Restraints</b>	<b>Death Penalty PRP</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Reviews</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Certified from Federal Court</b>
Total Pending Decision	2	3	1	3	9	4
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	0	5	2	2	9	3
Order Terminating Review	0	3	0	13	16	0
Ruling Terminating Review	1	38	0	1	40	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	140	0	1	141	0
Total Mandated	1	186	2	17	206	3

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System(ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(3) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

(4) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1)(5) - 2014 Annual Report

Page 1 of 2

----- Washington State Bar Association -----

Commission on Judicial Conduct

	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (3)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
<b>FILINGS</b>											
Total Filings	0	9	4	0	10	84	107	0	0	0	107
<b>RESOLUTIONS (2) (4)</b>											
Total Opinion	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Other Terminations	1	20	1,524	138	14	128	1,825	1	1	2	1,827
Total Others	1	20	1,524	138	14	128	1,825	1	1	2	1,827
Total Resolved	1	20	1,526	138	14	128	1,827	1	1	2	1,829
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Ready	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	7
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	0	3	0	0	7	10	0	0	0	10
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Pending Decision	0	0	3	0	0	7	10	0	0	0	10
<b>MANDATED</b>											
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	19	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	19
Order Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruling Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	20	1,530	138	14	129	1,834	1	1	2	1,836

(1) As a result of recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II) and changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, the following revisions and observations were made: (a) resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005. (b) Prior to 2003, resolution, pending and mandate information was not reported for cases from the Washington State Bar Association and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Recording of this information began for resolutions occurring in 2003 and beyond, but is not available retroactively. As a consequence: (i) pending information is not available for WSBA and CJC cases, and (ii) resolution and mandate information is available only for 2003 and beyond.

(2) Includes WSBA and CJC cases which were considered by the Court in years prior to establishment of procedures for closing those cases (see footnote 1(b)). As time permits, Court staff are now reviewing those old cases and recording the disposed status as appropriate. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

(3) Includes Notice of Discipline, Stipulation and Reciprocal Discipline, Disability Inactive Status Appeal, Transfer to Disability Inactive Status, Financial and Miscellaneous Non-Discipline.

(4) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

(5) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 of 1,686 cases.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1)(5) - 2014 Annual Report

Page 2 of 2

	----- Washington State Bar Association -----						Commission on Judicial Conduct				
	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (3)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
Total Mandated	3	20	1,549	138	14	129	1,853	1	1	2	1,855

(1) As a result of recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II) and changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, the following revisions and observations were made: (a) resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005. (b) Prior to 2003, resolution, pending and mandate information was not reported for cases from the Washington State Bar Association and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Recording of this information began for resolutions occurring in 2003 and beyond, but is not available retroactively. As a consequence: (i) pending information is not available for WSBA and CJC cases, and (ii) resolution and mandate information is available only for 2003 and beyond.

(2) Includes WSBA and CJC cases which were considered by the Court in years prior to establishment of procedures for closing those cases (see footnote 1(b)). As time permits, Court staff are now reviewing those old cases and recording the disposed status as appropriate. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

(3) Includes Notice of Discipline, Stipulation and Reciprocal Discipline, Disability Inactive Status Appeal, Transfer to Disability Inactive Status, Financial and Miscellaneous Non-Discipline.

(4) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

(5) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## History of Filings (1) - 2010 to 2014

Page 1 of 1

	2010	2011	% Chg (3)	2012	% Chg (3)	2013	% Chg (3)	2014	% Chg (3)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	4	6	. %	7	. %	6	. %	3	. %
Civil Appeals	43	48	11.6 %	45	-6.3 %	45	0 %	34	-24.4 %
Total Appeals	47	54	14.9 %	52	-3.7 %	51	-1.9 %	37	-27.5 %
Direct Discretionary Review	25	33	. %	31	-6.1 %	24	. %	33	. %
Death Penalty Review	2	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	53	80	50.9 %	63	-21.3 %	77	22.2 %	74	-3.9 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	127	167	31.5 %	147	-12 %	153	4.1 %	144	-5.9 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	401	377	-6 %	363	-3.7 %	399	9.9 %	390	-2.3 %
Civil	246	256	4.1 %	257	0.4 %	239	-7 %	302	26.4 %
Total Petition for Review	647	633	-2.2 %	620	-2.1 %	638	2.9 %	692	8.5 %
Motion for Discr. Review	131	119	-9.2 %	110	-7.6 %	111	0.9 %	115	3.6 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP (2)	320	261	-18.4 %	313	19.9 %	309	-1.3 %	309	0 %
Certifications/Transfers	12	14	. %	8	. %	19	. %	2	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	1,110	1,027	-7.5 %	1,051	2.3 %	1,077	2.5 %	1,118	3.8 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	181	204	12.7 %	161	-21.1 %	224	39.1 %	146	-34.8 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	138	117	-15.2 %	122	4.3 %	134	9.8 %	107	-20.1 %
TOTAL FILED	1,556	1,515	-2.6 %	1,481	-2.2 %	1,588	7.2 %	1,515	-4.6 %

(1) Implementation of the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II) in the Supreme Court on 6/09/2003 has enabled improved reporting categories and inclusion of review types that were not published in previous annual reports (death penalty reviews, attorney admission and discipline matters, and miscellaneous motions for review). Figures for all years have been recomputed accordingly for presentation in the 2003 and future publications.

(2) Improved coding in late 2000 now allows distinct reporting of 1) Motions for Discretionary Review and 2) Motions for Discretionary Review of PRP. Prior to 2001, both are included in Motions for Discretionary Review.

(3) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).



# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## History of Resolutions (1)(5) - 2010 to 2014

Page 1 of 1

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	2	5	. %	9	. %	6	. %	3	. %
Civil Appeals	35	38	8.6 %	46	21.1 %	40	-13 %	35	-12.5 %
TOTAL Appeals	37	43	16.2 %	55	27.9 %	46	-16.4 %	38	-17.4 %
Direct Discretionary Review	27	23	. %	30	. %	24	. %	22	. %
Death Penalty Review	1	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	42	77	83.3 %	49	-36.4 %	64	30.6 %	79	23.4 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	107	143	33.6 %	135	-5.6 %	134	-0.7 %	139	3.7 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	461	376	-18.4 %	359	-4.5 %	429	19.5 %	341	-20.5 %
Civil	293	255	-13 %	265	3.9 %	252	-4.9 %	258	2.4 %
Total Petition for Review	754	631	-16.3 %	624	-1.1 %	681	9.1 %	599	-12 %
Motion for Discr. Review	127	128	0.8 %	106	-17.2 %	114	7.5 %	76	-33.3 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP (2)	280	285	1.8 %	275	-3.5 %	228	-17.1 %	238	4.4 %
Certifications/Transfers	16	9	. %	9	. %	15	. %	13	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	1,177	1,053	-10.5 %	1,014	-3.7 %	1,038	2.4 %	926	-10.8 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	144	188	30.6 %	169	-10.1 %	176	4.1 %	54	-69.3 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	150	117	-22 %	120	2.6 %	153	27.5 %	1,829	1,095.4 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	1,578	1,501	-4.9 %	1,438	-4.2 %	1,501	4.4 %	2,948	96.4 %

(1) Implementation of the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II) in the Supreme Court on 6/09/2003 has enabled improved reporting categories and inclusion of review types that were not published in previous annual reports (death penalty reviews, attorney admission and discipline matters, and miscellaneous motions for review). Figures for all years have been recomputed accordingly for presentation in the 2003 and future publications.

(2) Improved coding in late 2000 now allows distinct reporting of 1) Motions for Discretionary Review and 2) Motions for Discretionary Review of PRP. Prior to 2001, both are included in Motions for Discretionary Review.

(3) Prior to 2003, resolution, pending and mandate information was not reported for cases from the Washington State Bar Association and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Recording of this information began for resolutions occurring in 2003 and beyond, but is not available retroactively. In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

(5) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

(6) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## History of Pending Cases (1) - 2010 to 2014

Page 1 of 1

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
<b>TRIAL COURTS</b>									
Criminal Appeals	6	6	. %	4	. %	4	. %	3	. %
Civil Appeals	35	32	-8.6 %	38	18.8 %	45	18.4 %	31	-31.1 %
Total Appeals	41	38	-7.3 %	42	10.5 %	49	16.7 %	34	-30.6 %
Direct Discretionary Review	6	14	. %	16	. %	12	. %	21	. %
Death Penalty Review	2	2	. %	2	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	11	11	. %	9	. %	17	. %	10	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	60	65	8.3 %	69	6.2 %	81	17.4 %	68	-16 %
<b>COURT OF APPEALS</b>									
Criminal	222	220	-0.9 %	209	-5 %	179	-14.4 %	202	12.8 %
Civil	132	137	3.8 %	125	-8.8 %	106	-15.2 %	128	20.8 %
Total Petition for Review	354	357	0.8 %	334	-6.4 %	285	-14.7 %	330	15.8 %
Motion for Discr. Review	33	24	. %	24	. %	17	. %	57	. %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP (2)	154	103	-33.1 %	124	20.4 %	194	56.5 %	248	27.8 %
Certifications/Transfers	9	8	. %	10	. %	15	. %	9	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	550	492	-10.5 %	492	0 %	511	3.9 %	644	26 %
<b>ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM</b>									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	98	109	11.2 %	74	-32.1 %	61	-17.6 %	13	. %
<b>WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL</b>									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	N/A	N/A	. %	N/A	. %	N/A	. %	10	. %
TOTAL PENDING	708	666	-5.9 %	635	-4.7 %	653	2.8 %	725	11 %

(1) Implementation of the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II) in the Supreme Court on 6/09/2003 has enabled improved reporting categories and inclusion of review types that were not published in previous annual reports (death penalty reviews, attorney admission and discipline matters, and miscellaneous motions for review). Figures for all years have been recomputed accordingly for presentation in the 2003 and future publications.

(2) Improved coding in late 2000 now allows distinct reporting of 1) Motions for Discretionary Review and 2) Motions for Discretionary Review of PRP. Prior to 2001, both are included in Motions for Discretionary Review.

(3) Prior to 2003, resolution, pending and mandate information was not reported for cases from the Washington State Bar Association and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Recording of this information began for resolutions occurring in 2003 and beyond, but is not available retroactively. In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

(5) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2010 to 2014

Page 1 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (7)	2012	% Chg (7)	2013	% Chg (7)	2014	% Chg (7)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,556	1,515	-2.6 %	1,481	-2.2 %	1,588	7.2 %	1,515	-4.6 %
RESOLUTIONS (2), (6)									
Total Opinions	138	113	-18.1 %	121	7.1 %	110	-9.1 %	56	-49.1 %
Dismissed	9	4	. %	5	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Transferred/Certified	14	17	. %	21	. %	18	. %	13	. %
Review Not Accepted	7	7	. %	4	. %	4	. %	5	. %
Other Terminations	704	651	-7.5 %	633	-2.8 %	711	12.3 %	654	-8.0 %
Total Orders	734	679	-7.5 %	663	-2.4 %	739	11.5 %	677	-8.4 %
Dismissed	42	49	16.7 %	65	32.7 %	60	-7.7 %	61	1.7 %
Transferred/Certified	4	15	. %	13	. %	28	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	354	386	9.0 %	352	-8.8 %	304	-13.6 %	242	-20.4 %
Other Terminations	164	146	-11.0 %	108	-26.0 %	113	4.6 %	82	-27.4 %
Total Rulings	564	596	5.7 %	538	-9.7 %	505	-6.1 %	388	-23.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	142	113	-20.4 %	116	2.7 %	147	26.7 %	1,827	1,142.9 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,440	1,388	-3.6 %	1,317	-5.1 %	1,391	5.6 %	2,892	107.9 %
Total Resolved	1,578	1,501	-4.9 %	1,438	-4.2 %	1,501	4.4 %	2,948	96.4 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	68	122	79.4 %	77	-36.9 %	53	-31.2 %	45	-15.1 %
Cases Ready	47	30	. %	13	. %	7	. %	11	. %
Cases Not Ready	487	395	-18.9 %	445	12.7 %	491	10.3 %	482	-1.8 %

(1) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

(2) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(3) Includes WSBA and CJC cases which were considered by the Court in years prior to establishment of procedures for closing those cases. As time permits, Court staff are now reviewing those old cases and recording the disposed status as appropriate. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review." See footnote 1.

(4) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

(5) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(6) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

(7) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2010 to 2014

Page 2 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (7)	2012	% Chg (7)	2013	% Chg (7)	2014	% Chg (7)
Set for Motion Calendar	11	13	. %	14	. %	9	. %	114	. %
Set for Oral Argument	41	32	-22.0 %	23	. %	36	. %	33	-8.3 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	654	592	-9.5 %	572	-3.4 %	596	4.2 %	685	14.9 %
Opinion/Order in Process	54	74	37.0 %	63	-14.9 %	57	-9.5 %	50	-12.3 %
Total Pending Decision	708	666	-5.9 %	635	-4.7 %	653	2.8 %	735	12.6 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	162	126	-22.2 %	133	5.6 %	115	-13.5 %	136	18.3 %
Order Terminating Review	744	679	-8.7 %	657	-3.2 %	740	12.6 %	663	-10.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	506	587	16.0 %	567	-3.4 %	542	-4.4 %	418	-22.9 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	175	147	-16.0 %	200	36.1 %	220	10.0 %	2,000	809.1 %
Total Mandated	1,587	1,539	-3.0 %	1,557	1.2 %	1,617	3.9 %	3,217	98.9 %

(1) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

(2) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(3) Includes WSBA and CJC cases which were considered by the Court in years prior to establishment of procedures for closing those cases. As time permits, Court staff are now reviewing those old cases and recording the disposed status as appropriate. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review." See footnote 1.

(4) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

(5) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(6) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

(7) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, Cases from Trial Courts - 2010 to 2014

Page 1 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	127	167	31.5 %	147	-12.0 %	153	4.1 %	144	-5.9 %
RESOLUTIONS (1), (5)									
Total Opinions	4	13	. %	14	. %	16	. %	6	. %
Dismissed	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	14	16	. %	19	. %	18	. %	13	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	45	79	75.6 %	60	-24.1 %	69	15.0 %	82	18.8 %
Total Orders	59	95	61.0 %	80	-15.8 %	88	10.0 %	95	8.0 %
Dismissed	20	17	. %	27	. %	17	. %	22	. %
Transferred/Certified	2	7	. %	4	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	4	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	18	11	. %	10	. %	11	. %	13	. %
Total Rulings	44	35	-20.5 %	41	17.1 %	30	. %	38	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (2)	103	130	26.2 %	121	-6.9 %	118	-2.5 %	133	12.7 %
Total Resolved	107	143	33.6 %	135	-5.6 %	134	-7 %	139	3.7 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (3)									
Cases Stayed	1	7	. %	1	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Cases Ready	6	6	. %	3	. %	5	. %	3	. %
Cases Not Ready	44	42	-4.5 %	51	21.4 %	62	21.6 %	50	-19.4 %

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

(3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

(5) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, Cases from Trial Courts - 2010 to 2014

Page 2 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	4	. %
Set for Oral Argument	1	3	. %	5	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	52	58	11.5 %	60	3.4 %	74	23.3 %	65	-12.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	8	7	. %	9	. %	7	. %	3	. %
Total Pending Decision	60	65	8.3 %	69	6.2 %	81	17.4 %	68	-16.0 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	6	15	. %	16	. %	18	. %	11	. %
Order Terminating Review	64	95	48.4 %	77	-18.9 %	90	16.9 %	98	8.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	41	35	-14.6 %	45	28.6 %	26	. %	42	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	5	5	. %	17	. %	9	. %	6	. %
Total Mandated	116	150	29.3 %	155	3.3 %	143	-7.7 %	157	9.8 %

- 
- (1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.
- (2) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.
- (3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.
- (4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).
- (5) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2010 to 2014

Page 1 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	1,110	1,027	-7.5 %	1,051	2.3 %	1,077	2.5 %	1,118	3.8 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS (1), (5)</b>									
Total Opinions	122	89	-27.0 %	90	1.1 %	85	-5.6 %	45	-47.1 %
Dismissed	8	4	. %	3	. %	4	. %	5	. %
Review Not Accepted	6	6	. %	3	. %	3	. %	5	. %
Other Terminations	635	548	-13.7 %	545	-5 %	607	11.4 %	542	-10.7 %
Total Orders	649	558	-14.0 %	551	-1.3 %	614	11.4 %	552	-10.1 %
Dismissed	19	26	. %	35	. %	33	-5.7 %	37	12.1 %
Review Not Accepted	255	258	1.2 %	255	-1.2 %	211	-17.3 %	224	6.2 %
Other Terminations	132	122	-7.6 %	83	-32.0 %	95	14.5 %	68	-28.4 %
Total Rulings	406	406	.0 %	373	-8.1 %	339	-9.1 %	329	-2.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (2)	1,055	964	-8.6 %	924	-4.1 %	953	3.1 %	881	-7.6 %
Total Resolved	1,177	1,053	-10.5 %	1,014	-3.7 %	1,038	2.4 %	926	-10.8 %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END (3)</b>									
Cases Stayed	57	85	49.1 %	65	-23.5 %	25	. %	39	. %
Cases Ready	40	22	. %	7	. %	1	. %	6	. %
Cases Not Ready	364	289	-20.6 %	337	16.6 %	400	18.7 %	417	4.3 %
Set for Motion Calendar	11	11	. %	14	. %	9	. %	110	. %
Set for Oral Argument	38	26	. %	17	. %	34	. %	27	. %

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

(3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

(5) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2010 to 2014

Page 2 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
Total Awaiting Hearing	510	433	-15.1 %	440	1.6 %	469	6.6 %	599	27.7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	40	59	47.5 %	52	-11.9 %	42	-19.2 %	45	7.1 %
Total Pending Decision	550	492	-10.5 %	492	.0 %	511	3.9 %	644	26.0 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	145	99	-31.7 %	99	.0 %	87	-12.1 %	94	8.0 %
Order Terminating Review	655	557	-15.0 %	550	-1.3 %	611	11.1 %	549	-10.1 %
Ruling Terminating Review	352	423	20.2 %	382	-9.7 %	366	-4.2 %	336	-8.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	21	24	. %	39	. %	14	. %	17	. %
Total Mandated	1,173	1,103	-6.0 %	1,070	-3.0 %	1,078	.7 %	996	-7.6 %

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

(3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

(5) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.



# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, Original Actions (6) - 2010 to 2014

Page 1 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	178	197	10.7 %	158	-19.8 %	220	39.2 %	143	-35.0 %
RESOLUTIONS (1), (5)									
Total Opinions	4	5	. %	7	. %	2	. %	3	. %
Dismissed	1	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	21	24	. %	28	. %	35	. %	30	. %
Total Orders	23	26	. %	32	. %	37	15.6 %	30	. %
Dismissed	3	6	. %	3	. %	9	. %	2	. %
Transferred/Certified	2	8	. %	9	. %	27	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	95	128	34.7 %	97	-24.2 %	92	-5.2 %	17	. %
Other Terminations	14	12	. %	15	. %	7	. %	1	. %
Total Rulings	114	154	35.1 %	124	-19.5 %	135	8.9 %	21	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (2)	137	180	31.4 %	156	-13.3 %	172	10.3 %	51	-70.3 %
Total Resolved	141	185	31.2 %	163	-11.9 %	174	6.7 %	54	-69.0 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (3)									
Cases Stayed	10	30	. %	11	. %	22	. %	0	. %
Cases Ready	1	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Cases Not Ready	79	64	-19.0 %	57	-10.9 %	29	. %	8	. %

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

(3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

(5) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

(6) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, Original Actions (6) - 2010 to 2014

Page 2 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
Set for Motion Calendar	0	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	90	98	8.9 %	70	-28.6 %	52	-25.7 %	9	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	5	4	. %	1	. %	5	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	95	102	7.4 %	71	-30.4 %	57	-19.7 %	9	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	2	6	. %	7	. %	3	. %	9	. %
Order Terminating Review	23	26	. %	30	. %	39	. %	16	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	113	128	13.3 %	140	9.4 %	149	6.4 %	40	-73.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	7	5	. %	28	. %	49	. %	141	187.8 %
Total Mandated	145	165	13.8 %	205	24.2 %	240	17.1 %	206	-14.2 %

(1) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(2) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

(3) As a result of the recent transition to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II), measurement of the various stages of pending caseload are not comparable to measurements for prior years. Extreme caution should be used in interpreting 2003 and future activity relative to that shown for prior years.

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

(5) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

(6) In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2010 to 2014

Page 1 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	138	117	-15.2 %	122	4.3 %	134	9.8 %	107	-20.1 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS (2), (6)</b>									
Total Opinions	6	4	. %	4	. %	6	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	2	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders	2	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Rulings	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	142	113	-20.4 %	116	2.7 %	147	26.7 %	1,827	1,142.9 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (5)	144	113	-21.5 %	116	2.7 %	147	26.7 %	1,827	1,142.9 %
Total Resolved	150	117	-22 %	120	2.6 %	153	27.5 %	1,829	1,095.4 %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		1	
Cases Ready	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		1	
Cases Not Ready	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		7	
Set for Oral Argument	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		1	
Total Awaiting Hearing	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		10	
Opinion/Order in Process	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		0	
Total Pending Decision	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		10	
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	7	5	. %	3	. %	6	. %	19	. %
Order Terminating Review	1	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %

(1) Prior to 2003, resolution, pending and mandate information was not reported for cases from the Washington State Bar Association and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Recording of this information began for resolutions occurring in 2003 and beyond, but is not available retroactively. However, in 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

(2) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(3) Includes WSBA and CJC cases which were considered by the Court in years prior to establishment of procedures for closing those cases (see footnote 1). As time permits, Court staff are now reviewing those old cases and recording the disposed status as appropriate. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

(5) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

(6) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity Trends, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2010 to 2014

Page 2 of 2

	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
Other Decision Terminating Review	142	113	-20.4 %	116	2.7 %	147	26.7 %	1,836	1,149 %
Total Mandated	150	119	-20.7 %	119	0 %	153	28.6 %	1,855	1,112.4 %

(1) Prior to 2003, resolution, pending and mandate information was not reported for cases from the Washington State Bar Association and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Recording of this information began for resolutions occurring in 2003 and beyond, but is not available retroactively. However, in 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

(2) As a result of changes in resolution coding procedures in 2005, resolutions are now categorized by Opinions, Orders Terminating Review, and Rulings Terminating Review. Figures for these categories are reported for the first time in 2005.

(3) Includes WSBA and CJC cases which were considered by the Court in years prior to establishment of procedures for closing those cases (see footnote 1). As time permits, Court staff are now reviewing those old cases and recording the disposed status as appropriate. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

(5) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

(6) As of 2010, Resolution counts have been updated to report only primary case resolutions. Secondary case resolutions have been excluded from all of the resolution counts reported.