

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Court Activity, All Divisions, Notices of Discretionary Review - 2019 to 2023

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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| Opinions Unpublished | 29 | 28 | 0 % | 25 | 0 % | 24 | 0 % | 34 | 0 % |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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