

Court of Appeals

2021 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Opinions Unpublished

- The unpublished written opinion terminating the review.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	544	1,039	1,583	790	499	1,289	2,872
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	86	124	210	8	23	31	241
Opinions Unpublished	588	494	1,082	105	25	130	1,212
Opinion Terminating Review	674	618	1,292	113	48	161	1,453
Dismissed	4	1	5	455	0	455	460
Transferred/Certified	64	64	128	38	8	46	174
Review Not Accepted	0	1	1	8	1	9	10
Other Terminations	3	0	3	68	2	70	73
Order Terminating Review	71	66	137	569	11	580	717
Decided on Merits	2	23	25	0	26	26	51
Dismissed	95	334	429	88	106	194	623
Transferred/Certified	5	2	7	0	0	0	7
Review Not Accepted	0	15	15	0	226	226	241
Other Terminations	6	14	20	1	16	17	37
Ruling Terminating Review	108	388	496	89	374	463	959
Total Resolved	853	1,072	1,925	771	433	1,204	3,129

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	12	25	37	74	5	79	116
Brief Not Filed	414	597	1,011	256	119	375	1,386
Appellant Brief Filed	0	1	1	16	0	16	17
Respondent Brief Filed	121	213	334	133	11	144	478
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	29	38	67	0	107	107	174
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	11	0	11	11
Set for Oral Argument (2)	74	109	183	23	10	33	216
Total Awaiting Hearing	650	983	1,633	514	252	766	2,399
Opinion/Order in Process	78	95	173	15	5	20	193
Total Pending Decision	728	1,078	1,806	529	257	786	2,592
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	789	750	1,539	125	62	187	1,726
Order Terminating Review	71	62	133	783	20	803	936
Ruling Terminating Review	106	435	541	100	420	520	1,061
Other Decision Terminating Review	15	7	22	15	7	22	44
Total Mandated	981	1,254	2,235	1,023	509	1,532	3,767

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	187	495	682	296	231	527	1,209
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	34	58	92	1	13	14	106
Opinions Unpublished	233	271	504	33	13	46	550
Opinion Terminating Review	267	329	596	34	26	60	656
Dismissed	1	0	1	193	0	193	194
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	18	2	20	20
Other Terminations	1	0	1	39	1	40	41
Order Terminating Review	2	0	2	250	3	253	255
Decided on Merits	1	8	9	0	0	0	9
Dismissed	32	168	200	23	66	89	289
Review Not Accepted	0	10	10	0	119	119	129
Other Terminations	0	5	5	0	4	4	9
Ruling Terminating Review	33	191	224	23	189	212	436
Total Resolved	302	520	822	307	218	525	1,347
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	1	3	4	8	1	9	13

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Brief Not Filed	143	257	400	72	69	141	541
Appellant Brief Filed	0	0	0	6	0	6	6
Respondent Brief Filed	57	93	150	28	3	31	181
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	0	3	3	0	46	46	49
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	11	0	11	11
Set for Oral Argument (2)	32	58	90	9	7	16	106
Total Awaiting Hearing	233	414	647	134	126	260	907
Opinion/Order in Process	9	17	26	1	2	3	29
Total Pending Decision	242	431	673	135	128	263	936
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	325	440	765	27	38	65	830
Order Terminating Review	2	1	3	319	6	325	328
Ruling Terminating Review	33	218	251	32	221	253	504
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
Total Mandated	361	659	1,020	378	266	644	1,664

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	206	314	520	313	150	463	983
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	21	48	69	4	6	10	79
Opinions Unpublished	220	127	347	54	9	63	410
Opinion Terminating Review	241	175	416	58	15	73	489
Dismissed	2	0	2	151	0	151	153
Transferred/Certified	57	56	113	19	3	22	135
Review Not Accepted	0	1	1	8	0	8	9
Other Terminations	2	0	2	27	1	28	30
Order Terminating Review	61	57	118	205	4	209	327
Decided on Merits	0	15	15	0	26	26	41
Dismissed	37	104	141	54	29	83	224
Transferred/Certified	5	2	7	0	0	0	7
Review Not Accepted	0	3	3	0	59	59	62
Other Terminations	3	7	10	1	10	11	21
Ruling Terminating Review	45	131	176	55	124	179	355
Total Resolved	347	363	710	318	143	461	1,171

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PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	5	9	14	55	3	58	72
Brief Not Filed	172	158	330	139	34	173	503
Appellant Brief Filed	0	0	0	4	0	4	4
Respondent Brief Filed	44	68	112	66	6	72	184
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	1	18	19	0	22	22	41
Set for Oral Argument (2)	31	30	61	3	2	5	66
Total Awaiting Hearing	253	283	536	267	67	334	870
Opinion/Order in Process	34	46	80	11	2	13	93
Total Pending Decision	287	329	616	278	69	347	963
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	272	186	458	70	14	84	542
Order Terminating Review	66	58	124	281	5	286	410
Ruling Terminating Review	41	143	184	56	146	202	386
Other Decision Terminating Review	5	3	8	3	1	4	12
Total Mandated	384	390	774	410	166	576	1,350

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	151	230	381	181	118	299	680
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	31	18	49	3	4	7	56
Opinions Unpublished	135	96	231	18	3	21	252
Opinion Terminating Review	166	114	280	21	7	28	308
Dismissed	1	1	2	111	0	111	113
Transferred/Certified	7	8	15	1	3	4	19
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Other Terminations	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Order Terminating Review	8	9	17	114	4	118	135
Decided on Merits	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Dismissed	26	62	88	11	11	22	110
Review Not Accepted	0	2	2	0	48	48	50
Other Terminations	3	2	5	0	2	2	7
Ruling Terminating Review	30	66	96	11	61	72	168
Total Resolved	204	189	393	146	72	218	611
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
Cases Stayed	6	13	19	11	1	12	31
Brief Not Filed	99	182	281	45	16	61	342
Appellant Brief Filed	0	1	1	6	0	6	7
Respondent Brief Filed	20	52	72	39	2	41	113
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	28	17	45	0	39	39	84
Set for Oral Argument (2)	11	21	32	11	1	12	44
Total Awaiting Hearing	164	286	450	113	59	172	622
Opinion/Order in Process	35	32	67	3	1	4	71
Total Pending Decision	199	318	517	116	60	176	693
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	192	124	316	28	10	38	354
Order Terminating Review	3	3	6	183	9	192	198
Ruling Terminating Review	32	74	106	12	53	65	171
Other Decision Terminating Review	9	4	13	12	5	17	30
Total Mandated	236	205	441	235	77	312	753

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History of Filings (1) - 2017 to 2021

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	2017	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	357	371	3.9 %	388	4.6 %	209	-46.1 %	187	-10.5 %
Civil Appeals	634	606	-4.4 %	632	4.3 %	471	-25.5 %	495	5.1 %
Total Appeals	991	977	-1.4 %	1,020	4.4 %	680	-33.3 %	682	0.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	396	380	-4 %	305	-19.7 %	341	11.8 %	296	-13.2 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	193	201	4.1 %	226	12.4 %	251	11.1 %	231	-8 %
Total Filings, DIVISION I	1,580	1,558	-1.4 %	1,551	-0.4 %	1,272	-18 %	1,209	-5 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	404	408	1 %	395	-3.2 %	202	-48.9 %	206	2 %
Civil Appeals	449	406	-9.6 %	410	1 %	361	-12 %	314	-13 %
Total Appeals	853	814	-4.6 %	805	-1.1 %	563	-30.1 %	520	-7.6 %
Personal Restraint Petition	484	548	13.2 %	357	-34.9 %	345	-3.4 %	313	-9.3 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	167	150	-10.2 %	171	14 %	142	-17 %	150	5.6 %
Total Filings, DIVISION II	1,504	1,512	0.5 %	1,333	-11.8 %	1,050	-21.2 %	983	-6.4 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	266	256	-3.8 %	258	0.8 %	174	-32.6 %	151	-13.2 %
Civil Appeals	223	265	18.8 %	240	-9.4 %	186	-22.5 %	230	23.7 %
Total Appeals	489	521	6.5 %	498	-4.4 %	360	-27.7 %	381	5.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	228	192	-15.8 %	183	-4.7 %	190	3.8 %	181	-4.7 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	73	67	-8.2 %	89	32.8 %	80	-10.1 %	118	47.5 %

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Total Filings, DIVISION III	790	780	-1.3 %	770	-1.3 %	630	-18.2 %	680	7.9 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,027	1,035	0.8 %	1,041	0.6 %	585	-43.8 %	544	-7 %
Civil Appeals	1,306	1,277	-2.2 %	1,282	0.4 %	1,018	-20.6 %	1,039	2.1 %
Total Appeals	2,333	2,312	-0.9 %	2,323	0.5 %	1,603	-31 %	1,583	-1.2 %
Personal Restraint Petition	1,108	1,120	1.1 %	845	-24.6 %	876	3.7 %	790	-9.8 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	433	418	-3.5 %	486	16.3 %	473	-2.7 %	499	5.5 %
Total Filings, Court of Appeals	3,874	3,850	-0.6 %	3,654	-5.1 %	2,952	-19.2 %	2,872	-2.7 %

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	2017	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	360	345	-4.2 %	334	-3.2 %	374	12 %	302	-19.3 %
Civil Appeals	535	524	-2.1 %	598	14.1 %	539	-9.9 %	520	-3.5 %
Total Appeals	895	869	-2.9 %	932	7.2 %	913	-2 %	822	-10 %
Personal Restraint Petition	389	396	1.8 %	348	-12.1 %	313	-10.1 %	307	-1.9 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	163	202	23.9 %	171	-15.3 %	193	12.9 %	218	13 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION I	1,447	1,467	1.4 %	1,451	-1.1 %	1,419	-2.2 %	1,347	-5.1 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	335	317	-5.4 %	356	12.3 %	352	-1.1 %	347	-1.4 %
Civil Appeals	333	321	-3.6 %	371	15.6 %	346	-6.7 %	363	4.9 %
Total Appeals	668	638	-4.5 %	727	13.9 %	698	-4 %	710	1.7 %
Personal Restraint Petition	421	457	8.6 %	367	-19.7 %	344	-6.3 %	318	-7.6 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	144	125	-13.2 %	191	52.8 %	147	-23 %	143	-2.7 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION II	1,233	1,220	-1.1 %	1,285	5.3 %	1,189	-7.5 %	1,171	-1.5 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	241	276	14.5 %	253	-8.3 %	240	-5.1 %	204	-15 %
Civil Appeals	214	174	-18.7 %	204	17.2 %	195	-4.4 %	189	-3.1 %
Total Appeals	455	450	-1.1 %	457	1.6 %	435	-4.8 %	393	-9.7 %
Personal Restraint Petition	205	158	-22.9 %	151	-4.4 %	180	19.2 %	146	-18.9 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	58	54	-6.9 %	66	22.2 %	69	4.5 %	72	4.3 %

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Total Resolutions, DIVISION III	718	662	-7.8 %	674	1.8 %	684	1.5 %	611	-10.7 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	936	938	0.2 %	943	0.5 %	966	2.4 %	853	-11.7 %
Civil Appeals	1,082	1,019	-5.8 %	1,173	15.1 %	1,080	-7.9 %	1,072	-0.7 %
Total Appeals	2,018	1,957	-3 %	2,116	8.1 %	2,046	-3.3 %	1,925	-5.9 %
Personal Restraint Petition	1,015	1,011	-0.4 %	866	-14.3 %	837	-3.3 %	771	-7.9 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	365	381	4.4 %	428	12.3 %	409	-4.4 %	433	5.9 %
Total Resolutions, Court of Appeals	3,398	3,349	-1.4 %	3,410	1.8 %	3,292	-3.5 %	3,129	-5 %

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DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	484	447	-7.6 %	475	6.3 %	322	-32.2 %	242	-24.8 %
Civil Appeals	626	624	-0.3 %	602	-3.5 %	473	-21.4 %	431	-8.9 %
Total Appeals	1,110	1,071	-3.5 %	1,077	0.6 %	795	-26.2 %	673	-15.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	232	204	-12.1 %	145	-28.9 %	146	0.7 %	135	-7.5 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	110	89	-19.1 %	128	43.8 %	144	12.5 %	128	-11.1 %
Total Pending, DIVISION I	1,452	1,364	-6.1 %	1,350	-1 %	1,085	-19.6 %	936	-13.7 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	530	580	9.4 %	589	1.6 %	445	-24.4 %	287	-35.5 %
Civil Appeals	390	422	8.2 %	391	-7.3 %	385	-1.5 %	329	-14.5 %
Total Appeals	920	1,002	8.9 %	980	-2.2 %	830	-15.3 %	616	-25.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	302	328	8.6 %	313	-4.6 %	280	-10.5 %	278	-0.7 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	85	92	8.2 %	65	-29.3 %	64	-1.5 %	69	7.8 %
Total Pending, DIVISION II	1,307	1,422	8.8 %	1,358	-4.5 %	1,174	-13.5 %	963	-18 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	384	328	-14.6 %	304	-7.3 %	247	-18.8 %	199	-19.4 %
Civil Appeals	330	272	-17.6 %	326	19.9 %	287	-12 %	318	10.8 %
Total Appeals	714	600	-16 %	630	5 %	534	-15.2 %	517	-3.2 %
Personal Restraint Petition	124	138	11.3 %	127	-8 %	134	5.5 %	116	-13.4 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	35	33	-5.7 %	41	24.2 %	37	-9.8 %	60	62.2 %

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	2017	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg
Total Pending, DIVISION III	873	771	-11.7 %	798	3.5 %	705	-11.7 %	693	-1.7 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,398	1,355	-3.1 %	1,368	1 %	1,014	-25.9 %	728	-28.2 %
Civil Appeals	1,346	1,318	-2.1 %	1,319	0.1 %	1,145	-13.2 %	1,078	-5.9 %
Total Appeals	2,744	2,673	-2.6 %	2,687	0.5 %	2,159	-19.7 %	1,806	-16.4 %
Personal Restraint Petition	658	670	1.8 %	585	-12.7 %	560	-4.3 %	529	-5.5 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	230	214	-7 %	234	9.3 %	245	4.7 %	257	4.9 %
Total Pending, Court of Appeals	3,632	3,557	-2.1 %	3,506	-1.4 %	2,964	-15.5 %	2,592	-12.6 %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	3,874	3,850	-0.6 %	3,654	-5.1 %	2,952	-19.2 %	2,872	-2.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	240	262	9.2 %	233	-11.1 %	226	-3 %	241	6.6 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,214	1,171	-3.5 %	1,310	11.9 %	1,371	4.7 %	1,212	-11.6 %
Opinions	1,454	1,433	-1.4 %	1,543	7.7 %	1,597	3.5 %	1,453	-9 %
Dismissed	769	704	-8.5 %	583	-17.2 %	533	-8.6 %	460	-13.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	106	79	-25.5 %	101	27.8 %	136	34.7 %	174	27.9 %
Review Not Accepted	7	8	. %	10	. %	2	. %	10	. %
Other Terminations	74	87	17.6 %	71	-18.4 %	81	14.1 %	73	-9.9 %
Orders	956	878	-8.2 %	765	-12.9 %	752	-1.7 %	717	-4.7 %
Decided on Merits	54	62	14.8 %	74	19.4 %	58	-21.6 %	51	-12.1 %
Dismissed	665	709	6.6 %	751	5.9 %	624	-16.9 %	623	-0.2 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	2	. %	2	. %	0	. %	7	. %
Review Not Accepted	238	230	-3.4 %	242	5.2 %	227	-6.2 %	241	6.2 %
Other Terminations	31	35	12.9 %	33	-5.7 %	34	3 %	37	8.8 %
Rulings	988	1,038	5.1 %	1,102	6.2 %	943	-14.4 %	959	1.7 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,944	1,916	-1.4 %	1,867	-2.6 %	1,695	-9.2 %	1,676	-1.1 %
Total Resolved	3,398	3,349	-1.4 %	3,410	1.8 %	3,292	-3.5 %	3,129	-5 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	214	276	29 %	236	-14.5 %	208	-11.9 %	116	-44.2 %
Brief Not Filed	1,884	1,628	-13.6 %	1,618	-0.6 %	1,422	-12.1 %	1,386	-2.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	13	22	. %	23	. %	12	. %	17	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	806	819	1.6 %	901	10 %	744	-17.4 %	478	-35.8 %
Remanded to Trial Court	6	7	. %	2	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	147	178	21.1 %	220	23.6 %	126	-42.7 %	174	38.1 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	6	9	. %	8	. %	8	. %	11	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	318	393	23.6 %	266	-32.3 %	287	7.9 %	216	-24.7 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	3,394	3,332	-1.8 %	3,274	-1.7 %	2,809	-14.2 %	2,399	-14.6 %
Opinion/Order in Process	238	225	-5.5 %	232	3.1 %	155	-33.2 %	193	24.5 %
Total Pending Decision	3,632	3,557	-2.1 %	3,506	-1.4 %	2,964	-15.5 %	2,592	-12.6 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,644	1,643	-0.1 %	1,771	7.8 %	1,647	-7 %	1,726	4.8 %
Order Terminating Review	1,095	997	-8.9 %	843	-15.4 %	702	-16.7 %	936	33.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	1,047	1,154	10.2 %	1,192	3.3 %	1,004	-15.8 %	1,061	5.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	69	63	-8.7 %	60	-4.8 %	44	-26.7 %	44	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	2,211	2,214	0.1 %	2,095	-5.4 %	1,750	-16.5 %	2,041	16.6 %
Total Mandated	3,855	3,857	0.1 %	3,866	0.2 %	3,397	-12.1 %	3,767	10.9 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,580	1,558	-1.4 %	1,551	-0.4 %	1,272	-18 %	1,209	-5 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	104	114	9.6 %	114	0 %	104	-8.8 %	106	1.9 %
Opinions Unpublished	563	527	-6.4 %	588	11.6 %	634	7.8 %	550	-13.2 %
Opinions	667	641	-3.9 %	702	9.5 %	738	5.1 %	656	-11.1 %
Dismissed	250	238	-4.8 %	226	-5 %	191	-15.5 %	194	1.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	35	45	28.6 %	8	. %	13	. %	20	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	51	43	-15.7 %	47	9.3 %	40	-14.9 %	41	2.5 %
Orders	337	327	-3 %	282	-13.8 %	244	-13.5 %	255	4.5 %
Decided on Merits	13	12	. %	15	. %	11	. %	9	. %
Dismissed	310	362	16.8 %	344	-5 %	297	-13.7 %	289	-2.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	115	108	-6.1 %	99	-8.3 %	121	22.2 %	129	6.6 %
Other Terminations	5	15	. %	9	. %	8	. %	9	. %
Rulings	443	499	12.6 %	467	-6.4 %	437	-6.4 %	436	-0.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	780	826	5.9 %	749	-9.3 %	681	-9.1 %	691	1.5 %
Total Resolved	1,447	1,467	1.4 %	1,451	-1.1 %	1,419	-2.2 %	1,347	-5.1 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	56	68	21.4 %	35	-48.5 %	32	-8.6 %	13	. %
Brief Not Filed	821	706	-14 %	751	6.4 %	560	-25.4 %	541	-3.4 %
Appellant Brief Filed	7	5	. %	5	. %	2	. %	6	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	292	301	3.1 %	368	22.3 %	304	-17.4 %	181	-40.5 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	19	26	. %	44	. %	53	20.5 %	49	-7.5 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	5	7	. %	8	. %	8	. %	11	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	202	213	5.4 %	105	-50.7 %	118	12.4 %	106	-10.2 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,402	1,327	-5.3 %	1,316	-0.8 %	1,077	-18.2 %	907	-15.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	50	37	-26 %	34	-8.1 %	8	. %	29	. %
Total Pending Decision	1,452	1,364	-6.1 %	1,350	-1 %	1,085	-19.6 %	936	-13.7 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	721	736	2.1 %	726	-1.4 %	759	4.5 %	830	9.4 %
Order Terminating Review	372	348	-6.5 %	253	-27.3 %	243	-4 %	328	35 %
Ruling Terminating Review	436	554	27.1 %	487	-12.1 %	468	-3.9 %	504	7.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	25	6	. %	1	. %	8	. %	2	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	833	908	9 %	741	-18.4 %	719	-3 %	834	16 %
Total Mandated	1,554	1,644	5.8 %	1,467	-10.8 %	1,478	0.7 %	1,664	12.6 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,504	1,512	0.5 %	1,333	-11.8 %	1,050	-21.2 %	983	-6.4 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	80	78	-2.5 %	70	-10.3 %	70	0 %	79	12.9 %
Opinions Unpublished	365	365	0 %	402	10.1 %	432	7.5 %	410	-5.1 %
Opinions	445	443	-0.4 %	472	6.5 %	502	6.4 %	489	-2.6 %
Dismissed	334	328	-1.8 %	224	-31.7 %	199	-11.2 %	153	-23.1 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	68	32	-52.9 %	87	171.9 %	115	32.2 %	135	17.4 %
Review Not Accepted	6	7	. %	9	. %	2	. %	9	. %
Other Terminations	19	39	. %	24	. %	38	. %	30	. %
Orders	427	406	-4.9 %	344	-15.3 %	354	2.9 %	327	-7.6 %
Decided on Merits	24	31	. %	56	80.6 %	43	-23.2 %	41	-4.7 %
Dismissed	235	248	5.5 %	299	20.6 %	208	-30.4 %	224	7.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	7	. %
Review Not Accepted	87	81	-6.9 %	97	19.8 %	65	-33 %	62	-4.6 %
Other Terminations	15	11	. %	15	. %	17	. %	21	. %
Rulings	361	371	2.8 %	469	26.4 %	333	-29 %	355	6.6 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	788	777	-1.4 %	813	4.6 %	687	-15.5 %	682	-0.7 %
Total Resolved	1,233	1,220	-1.1 %	1,285	5.3 %	1,189	-7.5 %	1,171	-1.5 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	118	149	26.3 %	150	0.7 %	142	-5.3 %	72	-49.3 %
Brief Not Filed	671	613	-8.6 %	527	-14 %	507	-3.8 %	503	-0.8 %
Appellant Brief Filed	0	8	. %	7	. %	5	. %	4	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	276	346	25.4 %	419	21.1 %	306	-27 %	184	-39.9 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	68	77	13.2 %	37	-51.9 %	20	. %	41	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	61	119	95.1 %	110	-7.6 %	109	-0.9 %	66	-39.4 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,195	1,312	9.8 %	1,250	-4.7 %	1,090	-12.8 %	870	-20.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	112	110	-1.8 %	108	-1.8 %	84	-22.2 %	93	10.7 %
Total Pending Decision	1,307	1,422	8.8 %	1,358	-4.5 %	1,174	-13.5 %	963	-18 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	541	487	-10 %	516	6 %	501	-2.9 %	542	8.2 %
Order Terminating Review	454	481	5.9 %	432	-10.2 %	310	-28.2 %	410	32.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	398	417	4.8 %	510	22.3 %	337	-33.9 %	386	14.5 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	18	31	. %	31	0 %	15	. %	12	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	870	929	6.8 %	973	4.7 %	662	-32 %	808	22.1 %
Total Mandated	1,411	1,416	0.4 %	1,489	5.2 %	1,163	-21.9 %	1,350	16.1 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	790	780	-1.3 %	770	-1.3 %	630	-18.2 %	680	7.9 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	56	70	25 %	49	-30 %	52	6.1 %	56	7.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	286	279	-2.4 %	320	14.7 %	305	-4.7 %	252	-17.4 %
Opinions	342	349	2 %	369	5.7 %	357	-3.3 %	308	-13.7 %
Dismissed	185	138	-25.4 %	133	-3.6 %	143	7.5 %	113	-21 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	3	2	. %	6	. %	8	. %	19	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	4	5	. %	0	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Orders	192	145	-24.5 %	139	-4.1 %	154	10.8 %	135	-12.3 %
Decided on Merits	17	19	. %	3	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	120	99	-17.5 %	108	9.1 %	119	10.2 %	110	-7.6 %
Review Not Accepted	36	41	13.9 %	46	12.2 %	41	-10.9 %	50	22 %
Other Terminations	11	9	. %	9	. %	9	. %	7	. %
Rulings	184	168	-8.7 %	166	-1.2 %	173	4.2 %	168	-2.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	376	313	-16.8 %	305	-2.6 %	327	7.2 %	303	-7.3 %
Total Resolved	718	662	-7.8 %	674	1.8 %	684	1.5 %	611	-10.7 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	40	59	47.5 %	51	-13.6 %	34	-33.3 %	31	-8.8 %
Brief Not Filed	392	309	-21.2 %	340	10 %	355	4.4 %	342	-3.7 %
Appellant Brief Filed	6	9	. %	11	. %	5	. %	7	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	238	172	-27.7 %	114	-33.7 %	134	17.5 %	113	-15.7 %
Remanded to Trial Court	6	6	. %	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	60	75	25 %	139	85.3 %	53	-61.9 %	84	58.5 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	55	61	10.9 %	51	-16.4 %	60	17.6 %	44	-26.7 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	797	693	-13 %	708	2.2 %	642	-9.3 %	622	-3.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	76	78	2.6 %	90	15.4 %	63	-30 %	71	12.7 %
Total Pending Decision	873	771	-11.7 %	798	3.5 %	705	-11.7 %	693	-1.7 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	382	420	9.9 %	529	26 %	387	-26.8 %	354	-8.5 %
Order Terminating Review	269	168	-37.5 %	158	-6 %	149	-5.7 %	198	32.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	213	183	-14.1 %	195	6.6 %	199	2.1 %	171	-14.1 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	26	26	. %	28	. %	21	. %	30	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	508	377	-25.8 %	381	1.1 %	369	-3.1 %	399	8.1 %
Total Mandated	890	797	-10.4 %	910	14.2 %	756	-16.9 %	753	-0.4 %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,027	1,035	0.8 %	1,041	0.6 %	585	-43.8 %	544	-7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	74	101	36.5 %	71	-29.7 %	79	11.3 %	86	8.9 %
Opinions Unpublished	659	667	1.2 %	696	4.3 %	735	5.6 %	588	-20 %
Opinions	733	768	4.8 %	767	-0.1 %	814	6.1 %	674	-17.2 %
Dismissed	1	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %	4	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	34	11	. %	32	. %	64	100 %	64	0 %
Other Terminations	3	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Orders	38	13	. %	33	. %	65	97 %	71	9.2 %
Decided on Merits	19	21	. %	7	. %	7	. %	2	. %
Dismissed	125	121	-3.2 %	118	-2.5 %	72	-39 %	95	31.9 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	5	. %
Review Not Accepted	9	8	. %	11	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	12	7	. %	6	. %	5	. %	6	. %
Rulings	165	157	-4.8 %	143	-8.9 %	87	-39.2 %	108	24.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	203	170	-16.3 %	176	3.5 %	152	-13.6 %	179	17.8 %
Total Resolved	936	938	0.2 %	943	0.5 %	966	2.4 %	853	-11.7 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	14	28	. %	14	. %	29	. %	12	. %
Brief Not Filed	745	688	-7.7 %	724	5.2 %	455	-37.2 %	414	-9 %
Appellant Brief Filed	2	5	. %	6	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	343	329	-4.1 %	378	14.9 %	310	-18 %	121	-61 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	19	29	. %	15	. %	16	. %	29	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	154	167	8.4 %	126	-24.6 %	133	5.6 %	74	-44.4 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,278	1,249	-2.3 %	1,263	1.1 %	945	-25.2 %	650	-31.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	120	106	-11.7 %	105	-0.9 %	69	-34.3 %	78	13 %
Total Pending Decision	1,398	1,355	-3.1 %	1,368	1 %	1,014	-25.9 %	728	-28.2 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	803	830	3.4 %	828	-0.2 %	784	-5.3 %	789	0.6 %
Order Terminating Review	50	27	. %	33	. %	68	106.1 %	71	4.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	163	188	15.3 %	153	-18.6 %	102	-33.3 %	106	3.9 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	8	12	. %	7	. %	10	. %	15	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	221	227	2.7 %	193	-15 %	180	-6.7 %	192	6.7 %
Total Mandated	1,024	1,057	3.2 %	1,021	-3.4 %	964	-5.6 %	981	1.8 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,306	1,277	-2.2 %	1,282	0.4 %	1,018	-20.6 %	1,039	2.1 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	130	128	-1.5 %	134	4.7 %	125	-6.7 %	124	-0.8 %
Opinions Unpublished	495	431	-12.9 %	508	17.9 %	521	2.6 %	494	-5.2 %
Opinions	625	559	-10.6 %	642	14.8 %	646	0.6 %	618	-4.3 %
Dismissed	2	4	. %	4	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	25	15	. %	44	. %	43	-2.3 %	64	48.8 %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	6	1	. %	2	. %	4	. %	0	. %
Orders	34	20	. %	50	. %	49	-2 %	66	34.7 %
Decided on Merits	32	35	9.4 %	43	22.9 %	32	-25.6 %	23	. %
Dismissed	361	365	1.1 %	404	10.7 %	322	-20.3 %	334	3.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	20	19	. %	16	. %	20	. %	15	. %
Other Terminations	10	21	. %	18	. %	11	. %	14	. %
Rulings	423	440	4 %	481	9.3 %	385	-20 %	388	0.8 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	457	460	0.7 %	531	15.4 %	434	-18.3 %	454	4.6 %
Total Resolved	1,082	1,019	-5.8 %	1,173	15.1 %	1,080	-7.9 %	1,072	-0.7 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	30	44	. %	46	4.5 %	23	. %	25	. %
Brief Not Filed	706	575	-18.6 %	558	-3 %	605	8.4 %	597	-1.3 %
Appellant Brief Filed	2	2	. %	3	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	308	317	2.9 %	366	15.5 %	289	-21 %	213	-26.3 %
Remanded to Trial Court	5	4	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	64	75	17.2 %	125	66.7 %	32	-74.4 %	38	18.8 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	146	202	38.4 %	116	-42.6 %	128	10.3 %	109	-14.8 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,261	1,219	-3.3 %	1,214	-0.4 %	1,081	-11 %	983	-9.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	85	99	16.5 %	105	6.1 %	64	-39 %	95	48.4 %
Total Pending Decision	1,346	1,318	-2.1 %	1,319	0.1 %	1,145	-13.2 %	1,078	-5.9 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	717	673	-6.1 %	811	20.5 %	690	-14.9 %	750	8.7 %
Order Terminating Review	54	28	. %	53	. %	53	0 %	62	17 %
Ruling Terminating Review	431	486	12.8 %	558	14.8 %	451	-19.2 %	435	-3.5 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	26	22	. %	20	. %	7	. %	7	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	511	536	4.9 %	631	17.7 %	511	-19 %	504	-1.4 %
Total Mandated	1,228	1,209	-1.5 %	1,442	19.3 %	1,201	-16.7 %	1,254	4.4 %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	2,333	2,312	-0.9 %	2,323	0.5 %	1,603	-31 %	1,583	-1.2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	204	229	12.3 %	205	-10.5 %	204	-0.5 %	210	2.9 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,154	1,098	-4.9 %	1,204	9.7 %	1,256	4.3 %	1,082	-13.9 %
Opinions	1,358	1,327	-2.3 %	1,409	6.2 %	1,460	3.6 %	1,292	-11.5 %
Dismissed	3	6	. %	5	. %	2	. %	5	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	59	26	. %	76	. %	107	40.8 %	128	19.6 %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	9	1	. %	2	. %	5	. %	3	. %
Orders	72	33	-54.2 %	83	151.5 %	114	37.3 %	137	20.2 %
Decided on Merits	51	56	9.8 %	50	-10.7 %	39	-22 %	25	. %
Dismissed	486	486	0 %	522	7.4 %	394	-24.5 %	429	8.9 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	7	. %
Review Not Accepted	29	27	. %	27	. %	23	. %	15	. %
Other Terminations	22	28	. %	24	. %	16	. %	20	. %
Rulings	588	597	1.5 %	624	4.5 %	472	-24.4 %	496	5.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	660	630	-4.5 %	707	12.2 %	586	-17.1 %	633	8 %
Total Resolved	2,018	1,957	-3 %	2,116	8.1 %	2,046	-3.3 %	1,925	-5.9 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	44	72	63.6 %	60	-16.7 %	52	-13.3 %	37	-28.8 %
Brief Not Filed	1,451	1,263	-13 %	1,282	1.5 %	1,060	-17.3 %	1,011	-4.6 %
Appellant Brief Filed	4	7	. %	9	. %	5	. %	1	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	651	646	-0.8 %	744	15.2 %	599	-19.5 %	334	-44.2 %
Remanded to Trial Court	6	6	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	83	104	25.3 %	140	34.6 %	48	-65.7 %	67	39.6 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	300	369	23 %	242	-34.4 %	261	7.9 %	183	-29.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,539	2,468	-2.8 %	2,477	0.4 %	2,026	-18.2 %	1,633	-19.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	205	205	0 %	210	2.4 %	133	-36.7 %	173	30.1 %
Total Pending Decision	2,744	2,673	-2.6 %	2,687	0.5 %	2,159	-19.7 %	1,806	-16.4 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,520	1,503	-1.1 %	1,639	9 %	1,474	-10.1 %	1,539	4.4 %
Order Terminating Review	104	55	-47.1 %	86	56.4 %	121	40.7 %	133	9.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	594	674	13.5 %	711	5.5 %	553	-22.2 %	541	-2.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	34	34	0 %	27	. %	17	. %	22	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	732	763	4.2 %	824	8 %	691	-16.1 %	696	0.7 %
Total Mandated	2,252	2,266	0.6 %	2,463	8.7 %	2,165	-12.1 %	2,235	3.2 %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (9)	2019	% Chg (9)	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,108	1,120	1.1 %	845	-24.6 %	876	3.7 %	790	-9.8 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	11	10	. %	4	. %	9	. %	8	. %
Opinions Unpublished	37	45	21.6 %	77	71.1 %	87	13 %	105	20.7 %
Opinions	48	55	14.6 %	81	47.3 %	96	18.5 %	113	17.7 %
Dismissed	766	695	-9.3 %	578	-16.8 %	530	-8.3 %	455	-14.2 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	45	53	17.8 %	22	. %	23	. %	38	. %
Review Not Accepted	5	7	. %	8	. %	2	. %	8	. %
Other Terminations	65	85	30.8 %	69	-18.8 %	73	5.8 %	68	-6.8 %
Orders	881	840	-4.7 %	677	-19.4 %	628	-7.2 %	569	-9.4 %
Decided on Merits	0	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	85	112	31.8 %	103	-8 %	107	3.9 %	88	-17.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	1	2	. %	2	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Rulings	86	116	34.9 %	108	-6.9 %	113	4.6 %	89	-21.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	967	956	-1.1 %	785	-17.9 %	741	-5.6 %	658	-11.2 %
Total Resolved	1,015	1,011	-0.4 %	866	-14.3 %	837	-3.3 %	771	-7.9 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	154	188	22.1 %	164	-12.8 %	146	-11 %	74	-49.3 %
Brief Not Filed	326	282	-13.5 %	235	-16.7 %	260	10.6 %	256	-1.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	9	15	. %	14	. %	7	. %	16	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	135	144	6.7 %	134	-6.9 %	112	-16.4 %	133	18.8 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	2	4	. %	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	6	8	. %	8	. %	8	. %	11	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	7	15	. %	12	. %	9	. %	23	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	639	657	2.8 %	571	-13.1 %	544	-4.7 %	514	-5.5 %
Opinion/Order in Process	19	13	. %	14	. %	16	. %	15	. %
Total Pending Decision	658	670	1.8 %	585	-12.7 %	560	-4.3 %	529	-5.5 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	75	79	5.3 %	75	-5.1 %	105	40 %	125	19 %
Order Terminating Review	986	936	-5.1 %	749	-20 %	566	-24.4 %	783	38.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	95	121	27.4 %	111	-8.3 %	104	-6.3 %	100	-3.8 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	15	17	. %	18	. %	15	. %	15	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,096	1,074	-2 %	878	-18.2 %	685	-22 %	898	31.1 %
Total Mandated	1,171	1,153	-1.5 %	953	-17.3 %	790	-17.1 %	1,023	29.5 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	433	418	-3.5 %	486	16.3 %	473	-2.7 %	499	5.5 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	25	23	. %	24	. %	13	. %	23	. %
Opinions Unpublished	23	28	. %	29	. %	28	. %	25	. %
Opinions	48	51	6.3 %	53	3.9 %	41	-22.6 %	48	17.1 %
Dismissed	0	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	2	0	. %	3	. %	6	. %	8	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	0	1	. %	0	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Orders	3	5	. %	5	. %	10	. %	11	. %
Decided on Merits	3	5	. %	24	. %	18	. %	26	. %
Dismissed	94	111	18.1 %	126	13.5 %	123	-2.4 %	106	-13.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	209	203	-2.9 %	213	4.9 %	203	-4.7 %	226	11.3 %
Other Terminations	8	5	. %	7	. %	14	. %	16	. %
Rulings	314	325	3.5 %	370	13.8 %	358	-3.2 %	374	4.5 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	317	330	4.1 %	375	13.6 %	368	-1.9 %	385	4.6 %
Total Resolved	365	381	4.4 %	428	12.3 %	409	-4.4 %	433	5.9 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	16	16	. %	12	. %	10	. %	5	. %
Brief Not Filed	107	83	-22.4 %	101	21.7 %	102	1 %	119	16.7 %
Respondent Brief Filed	20	29	. %	23	. %	33	. %	11	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	62	70	12.9 %	78	11.4 %	77	-1.3 %	107	39 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	11	9	. %	12	. %	17	. %	10	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	216	207	-4.2 %	226	9.2 %	239	5.8 %	252	5.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	14	7	. %	8	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Total Pending Decision	230	214	-7 %	234	9.3 %	245	4.7 %	257	4.9 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	49	61	24.5 %	57	-6.6 %	68	19.3 %	62	-8.8 %
Order Terminating Review	5	6	. %	8	. %	15	. %	20	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	358	359	0.3 %	370	3.1 %	347	-6.2 %	420	21 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	20	12	. %	15	. %	12	. %	7	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	383	377	-1.6 %	393	4.2 %	374	-4.8 %	447	19.5 %
Total Mandated	432	438	1.4 %	450	2.7 %	442	-1.8 %	509	15.2 %

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Days Between Events for Criminal Appeals Pending or Disposed of by Opinion --75th Percentile (1) - 2017 to 2021

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	2017	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg
Filing - Comp. of Record	161	148	-8.1 %	148	0 %	153	3.4 %	153	0 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	66	62	-6.1 %	63	1.6 %	63	0 %	62	-1.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	90	87	-3.3 %	88	1.1 %	92	4.5 %	90	-2.2 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	119	121	1.7 %	126	4.1 %	137	8.7 %	126	-8 %
App. Brief - Ready	116	116	0 %	118	1.7 %	129	9.3 %	149	15.5 %
Ready - Opinion	230	278	20.9 %	281	1.1 %	244	-13.2 %	209	-14.3 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	594	608	2.4 %	627	3.1 %	612	-2.4 %	621	1.5 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	147	148	0.7 %	149	0.7 %	153	2.7 %	155	1.3 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	66	66	0 %	67	1.5 %	68	1.5 %	70	2.9 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	78	81	3.8 %	86	6.2 %	90	4.7 %	92	2.2 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	124	128	3.2 %	130	1.6 %	132	1.5 %	127	-3.8 %
App. Brief - Ready	107	108	0.9 %	103	-4.6 %	97	-5.8 %	109	12.4 %
Ready - Opinion	267	314	17.6 %	355	13.1 %	375	5.6 %	377	0.5 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	593	631	6.4 %	684	8.4 %	677	-1 %	702	3.7 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	184	164	-10.9 %	151	-7.9 %	156	3.3 %	151	-3.2 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	62	60	-3.2 %	57	-5 %	63	10.5 %	61	-3.2 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	112	106	-5.4 %	95	-10.4 %	97	2.1 %	97	0 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	122	112	-8.2 %	111	-0.9 %	117	5.4 %	126	7.7 %

(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.

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	2017	2018	% Chg	2019	% Chg	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg
App. Brief - Ready	112	107	-4.5 %	93	-13.1 %	101	8.6 %	122	20.8 %
Ready - Opinion	243	259	6.6 %	283	9.3 %	266	-6 %	259	-2.6 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION III (2)	664	645	-2.9 %	622	-3.6 %	613	-1.4 %	642	4.7 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	161	152	-5.6 %	149	-2 %	154	3.4 %	154	0 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	65	63	-3.1 %	63	0 %	65	3.2 %	65	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	94	89	-5.3 %	90	1.1 %	92	2.2 %	93	1.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	120	121	0.8 %	125	3.3 %	130	4 %	126	-3.1 %
App. Brief - Ready	113	112	-0.9 %	107	-4.5 %	116	8.4 %	132	13.8 %
Ready - Opinion	249	281	12.9 %	312	11 %	320	2.6 %	309	-3.4 %
Filing - Opinion, COURT OF APPEALS,	620	624	0.6 %	648	3.8 %	642	-0.9 %	663	3.3 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	115	109	-5.2 %	105	-3.7 %	111	5.7 %	109	-1.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	49	46	-6.1 %	45	-2.2 %	50	11.1 %	49	-2 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	69	64	-7.2 %	63	-1.6 %	64	1.6 %	64	0 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	96	101	5.2 %	98	-3 %	101	3.1 %	99	-2 %
App. Brief - Ready	78	78	0 %	85	9 %	90	5.9 %	85	-5.6 %
Ready - Opinion	277	320	15.5 %	322	0.6 %	301	-6.5 %	281	-6.6 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	528	571	8.1 %	570	-0.2 %	564	-1.1 %	545	-3.4 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	110	115	4.5 %	114	-0.9 %	116	1.8 %	118	1.7 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	55	58	5.5 %	62	6.9 %	56	-9.7 %	61	8.9 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	64	63	-1.6 %	62	-1.6 %	63	1.6 %	67	6.3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	125	120	-4 %	110	-8.3 %	108	-1.8 %	112	3.7 %
App. Brief - Ready	70	73	4.3 %	74	1.4 %	65	-12.2 %	74	13.8 %
Ready - Opinion	296	337	13.9 %	397	17.8 %	412	3.8 %	407	-1.2 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	549	601	9.5 %	672	11.8 %	643	-4.3 %	654	1.7 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	167	166	-0.6 %	126	-24.1 %	133	5.6 %	224	68.4 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	54	54	0 %	52	-3.7 %	55	5.8 %	54	-1.8 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	91	87	-4.4 %	89	2.3 %	88	-1.1 %	91	3.4 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	113	97	-14.2 %	92	-5.2 %	108	17.4 %	107	-0.9 %

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App. Brief - Ready	96	81	-15.6 %	90	11.1 %	96	6.7 %	90	-6.3 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	243	388	59.7 %	304	-21.6 %	295	-3 %	272	-7.8 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	519	1,116	115 %	574	-48.6 %	576	0.3 %	650	12.8 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	123	119	-3.3 %	112	-5.9 %	117	4.5 %	125	6.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	52	50	-3.8 %	50	0 %	53	6 %	53	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	70	67	-4.3 %	65	-3 %	67	3.1 %	69	3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	108	105	-2.8 %	102	-2.9 %	106	3.9 %	105	-0.9 %
App. Brief - Ready	79	77	-2.5 %	82	6.5 %	85	3.7 %	82	-3.5 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	277	334	20.6 %	342	2.4 %	345	0.9 %	328	-4.9 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	530	650	22.6 %	605	-6.9 %	593	-2 %	601	1.3 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	140	131	-6.4 %	130	-0.8 %	132	1.5 %	130	-1.5 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	62	57	-8.1 %	56	-1.8 %	58	3.6 %	57	-1.7 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	81	78	-3.7 %	78	0 %	82	5.1 %	77	-6.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	109	109	0 %	113	3.7 %	121	7.1 %	111	-8.3 %
App. Brief - Ready	102	101	-1 %	102	1 %	119	16.7 %	125	5 %
Ready - Opinion	252	297	17.9 %	305	2.7 %	279	-8.5 %	229	-17.9 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	557	589	5.7 %	600	1.9 %	593	-1.2 %	585	-1.3 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	138	139	0.7 %	142	2.2 %	141	-0.7 %	143	1.4 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	64	1.6 %	66	3.1 %	64	-3 %	66	3.1 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	73	75	2.7 %	78	4 %	80	2.6 %	84	5 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	125	126	0.8 %	126	0 %	122	-3.2 %	120	-1.6 %
App. Brief - Ready	95	95	0 %	94	-1.1 %	90	-4.3 %	91	1.1 %
Ready - Opinion	285	322	13 %	376	16.8 %	386	2.7 %	390	1 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	566	616	8.8 %	679	10.2 %	666	-1.9 %	685	2.9 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	181	165	-8.8 %	147	-10.9 %	150	2 %	168	12 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	60	59	-1.7 %	56	-5.1 %	60	7.1 %	58	-3.3 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	105	98	-6.7 %	93	-5.1 %	94	1.1 %	95	1.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	119	107	-10.1 %	106	-0.9 %	112	5.7 %	118	5.4 %

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Ready - Opinion (3)	243	301	23.9 %	288	-4.3 %	274	-4.9 %	265	-3.3 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	615	1,115	81.3 %	609	-45.4 %	604	-0.8 %	648	7.3 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	147	142	-3.4 %	138	-2.8 %	140	1.4 %	142	1.4 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	62	60	-3.2 %	60	0 %	61	1.7 %	61	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	85	83	-2.4 %	83	0 %	85	2.4 %	85	0 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	116	115	-0.9 %	115	0 %	120	4.3 %	116	-3.3 %
App. Brief - Ready	102	98	-3.9 %	96	-2 %	104	8.3 %	113	8.7 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	262	307	17.2 %	323	5.2 %	330	2.2 %	320	-3 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	578	633	9.5 %	629	-0.6 %	622	-1.1 %	638	2.6 %

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