

Supreme Court
2023 Annual Report
Annual Caseload Report

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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 - 2023 Annual Report

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
FILINGS						
Total Filings	67	894	99	71	5	1,136
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	9	40	0	0	5	54
Opinion Terminating Review	9	40	0	0	5	54
Dismissed	1	9	0	0	0	10
Transferred/Certified	0	0	1	0	0	1
Review Not Accepted	0	33	0	1	0	34
Other Terminations	50	381	27	1	0	459
Order Terminating Review	51	423	28	2	0	504
Dismissed	9	27	1	0	0	37
Transferred/Certified	1	0	0	0	0	1
Review Not Accepted	6	363	1	0	0	370
Other Terminations	6	7	13	0	2	28
Ruling Terminating Review	22	397	15	0	2	436
Other Terminations	0	0	0	66	0	66
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	66	0	66
Total Resolved	82	860	43	68	7	1,060
PENDING AT YEAR END						

(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review".

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
Cases Stayed	1	10	0	2	0	13
Cases Ready	1	9	0	2	1	13
Cases Not Ready	9	46	3	5	1	64
Set for Motion Calendar	5	188	5	0	0	198
Set for Oral Argument	1	15	1	0	1	18
Total Awaiting Hearing	17	268	9	9	3	306
Opinion/Order in Process	3	14	1	0	3	21
Total Pending Decision	20	282	10	9	6	327
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	12	45	1	0	4	62
Order Terminating Review	50	423	27	2	0	502
Ruling Terminating Review	22	362	13	0	2	399
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	21	54	66	0	144
Total Mandated	87	851	95	68	6	1,107

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----- Appeals -----

----- Discretionary Review -----

	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
FILINGS									
Total Filings	9	26	35	1	13	14	0	18	67
RESOLUTIONS									
Opinions Published	0	7	7	0	2	2	0	0	9
Opinion Terminating Review	0	7	7	0	2	2	0	0	9
Dismissed	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Other Terminations	0	17	17	1	3	4	0	29	50
Order Terminating Review	0	17	17	2	3	5	0	29	51
Dismissed	5	1	6	0	3	3	0	0	9
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	1	5	6	0	0	6
Other Terminations	2	3	5	0	1	1	0	0	6
Ruling Terminating Review	7	4	11	1	10	11	0	0	22
Total Resolved	7	28	35	3	15	18	0	29	82
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cases Ready	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	1	7	8	0	1	1	0	0	9
Set for Motion Calendar	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	5
Set for Oral Argument	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.

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----- Appeals -----

----- Discretionary Review -----

	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
Total Awaiting Hearing	2	12	14	0	3	3	0	0	17
Opinion/Order in Process	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	3
Total Pending Decision	3	13	16	0	4	4	0	0	20
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	1	8	9	1	2	3	0	0	12
Order Terminating Review	0	16	16	2	3	5	0	29	50
Ruling Terminating Review	7	4	11	1	10	11	0	0	22
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Total Mandated	8	30	38	4	15	19	0	30	87

(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.

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	Petition for Review			Motions for Discretionary Review			Discretionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total				
FILINGS										
Total Filings	254	232	486	31	99	130	278	0	0	894
RESOLUTIONS										
Opinions Published	11	20	31	1	2	3	5	1	0	40
Opinion Terminating Review	11	20	31	1	2	3	5	1	0	40
Dismissed	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Review Not Accepted	15	7	22	3	3	6	5	0	0	33
Other Terminations	183	180	363	4	14	18	0	0	0	381
Order Terminating Review	199	195	394	7	17	24	5	0	0	423
Dismissed	6	6	12	2	0	2	13	0	0	27
Review Not Accepted	0	2	2	19	74	93	267	0	1	363
Other Terminations	0	0	0	2	5	7	0	0	0	7
Ruling Terminating Review	6	8	14	23	79	102	280	0	1	397
Total Resolved	216	223	439	31	98	129	290	1	1	860
PENDING AT YEAR END										
Cases Stayed	2	1	3	0	0	0	6	0	1	10
Cases Ready	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Cases Not Ready	1	4	5	1	2	3	38	0	0	46
Set for Motion Calendar	85	67	152	9	23	32	3	0	1	188

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	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	4	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Total Awaiting Hearing	96	88	184	10	25	35	47	0	2	268
Opinion/Order in Process	4	7	11	0	0		1	0	2	14
Total Pending Decision	100	95	195	10	25	35	48	0	4	282
MANDATED										
Opinion Terminating Review	13	21	34	1	2	3	6	1	1	45
Order Terminating Review	199	195	394	7	17	24	5	0	0	423
Ruling Terminating Review	6	8	14	17	75	92	255	0	1	362
Other Decision Terminating Review	5	6	11	1	5	6	4	0	0	21
Total Mandated	223	230	453	26	99	125	270	1	2	851

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
FILINGS						
Total Filings	15	50	0	34	99	5
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	0	0	0	0	0	5
Total Opinions	0	0	0	0	0	5
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	1	1	0
Other Terminations	1	0	0	26	27	0
Total Orders	1	0	0	27	28	0
Dismissed	1	0	0	0	1	0
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	1	1	0
Other Terminations	12	0	0	1	13	2
Total Rulings	13	0	0	2	15	2
Total Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	14	0	0	29	43	7
PENDING AT YEAR END						
Cases Ready	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	0	1	0	2	3	1
Set for Motion Calendar	1	0	0	4	5	0
Set for Oral Argument	1	0	0	0	1	1

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
Total Awaiting Hearing	2	1	0	6	9	3
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	1	1	3
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	1	1	3
Total Pending Decision	2	1	0	7	10	6
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	1	0	0	0	1	4
Order Terminating Review	1	0	0	26	27	0
Ruling Terminating Review	10	1	0	2	13	2
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	52	0	2	54	0
Total Mandated	12	53	0	30	95	6

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Commission on Judicial Conduct

	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
FILINGS											
Total Filings	0	5	2	1	4	58	70	1	0	1	71
RESOLUTIONS (1)											
Other Terminations	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Review Not Accepted	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Orders	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
Other Terminations	0	5	0	0	4	56	65	1	0	1	66
Total Others	0	5	0	0	4	56	65	1	0	1	66
Total Resolved	0	6	0	0	4	57	67	1	0	1	68
PENDING AT YEAR END											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
Cases Ready	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Cases Not Ready	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	0	0	0	5
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	0	3	1	0	5	9	0	0	0	9
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Pending Decision	0	0	3	1	0	5	9	0	0	0	9
MANDATED											
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Order Terminating Review	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
Ruling Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

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

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Commission on Judicial Conduct

	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	5	0	0	4	56	65	1	0	1	66
Total Mandated	0	6	0	0	4	57	67	1	0	1	68

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

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History of Filings - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	2	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %	9	. %
Civil Appeals	28	38	. %	30	. %	32	. %	26	. %
TOTAL Appeals	30	40	. %	31	-22.5 %	33	6.5 %	35	6.1 %
Direct Discretionary Review	18	29	. %	21	. %	16	. %	14	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	69	69	0 %	64	-7.2 %	45	-29.7 %	18	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	117	138	17.9 %	116	-15.9 %	94	-19 %	67	-28.7 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	349	365	4.6 %	320	-12.3 %	227	-29.1 %	254	11.9 %
Civil	276	221	-19.9 %	229	3.6 %	223	-2.6 %	232	4 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	625	586	-6.2 %	549	-6.3 %	450	-18 %	486	8 %
Motion for Discr. Review	174	154	-11.5 %	110	-28.6 %	118	7.3 %	130	10.2 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	294	318	8.2 %	240	-24.5 %	245	2.1 %	278	13.5 %
Certifications/Transfers	7	3	. %	4	. %	7	. %	0	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	1,100	1,061	-3.5 %	903	-14.9 %	820	-9.2 %	894	9 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	93	113	21.5 %	98	-13.3 %	112	14.3 %	104	-7.1 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	89	64	-28.1 %	64	0 %	49	-23.4 %	71	44.9 %
TOTAL FILED	1,399	1,376	-1.6 %	1,181	-14.2 %	1,075	-9 %	1,136	5.7 %

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

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History of Resolutions - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	3	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	7	. %
Civil Appeals	39	27	. %	26	. %	28	. %	28	. %
TOTAL Appeals	42	27	. %	28	. %	28	. %	35	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	14	25	. %	18	. %	17	. %	18	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	64	58	-9.4 %	74	27.6 %	38	-48.6 %	29	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	120	110	-8.3 %	120	9.1 %	83	-30.8 %	82	-1.2 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	362	331	-8.6 %	336	1.5 %	281	-16.4 %	216	-23.1 %
Civil	253	229	-9.5 %	213	-7 %	224	5.2 %	223	-0.4 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	615	560	-8.9 %	549	-2 %	505	-8 %	439	-13.1 %
Motion for Discr. Review	159	146	-8.2 %	107	-26.7 %	106	-0.9 %	129	21.7 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	291	323	11 %	248	-23.2 %	260	4.8 %	290	11.5 %
Certifications/Transfers	2	5	. %	5	. %	6	. %	2	. %
TOTAL	1,067	1,034	-3.1 %	909	-12.1 %	877	-3.5 %	860	-1.9 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	37	32	-13.5 %	44	37.5 %	49	11.4 %	50	2 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	80	71	-11.3 %	63	-11.3 %	55	-12.7 %	68	23.6 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	1,304	1,247	-4.4 %	1,136	-8.9 %	1,064	-6.3 %	1,060	-0.4 %

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History of Pending Cases - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
Criminal Appeals	1	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Civil Appeals	19	23	. %	19	. %	15	. %	13	. %
Total Appeals	20	25	. %	19	. %	16	. %	16	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	10	12	. %	9	. %	9	. %	4	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	10	18	. %	6	. %	12	. %	0	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	40	55	37.5 %	34	-38.2 %	37	8.8 %	20	. %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	120	142	18.3 %	124	-12.7 %	69	-44.4 %	100	44.9 %
Civil	101	84	-16.8 %	94	11.9 %	93	-1.1 %	95	2.2 %
Total Petition for Review	221	226	2.3 %	218	-3.5 %	162	-25.7 %	195	20.4 %
Motion for Discr. Review	50	42	-16 %	29	. %	37	. %	35	-5.4 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	107	96	-10.3 %	77	-19.8 %	65	-15.6 %	48	-26.2 %
Certifications/Transfers	6	4	. %	1	. %	1	. %	4	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	384	368	-4.2 %	325	-11.7 %	265	-18.5 %	282	6.4 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	8	8	. %	15	. %	15	. %	16	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	14	9	. %	10	. %	6	. %	9	. %
TOTAL PENDING	432	431	-0.2 %	374	-13.2 %	317	-15.2 %	318	0.3 %

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

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Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)	2023	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,399	1,376	-1.6 %	1,181	-14.2 %	1,075	-9.0 %	1,136	5.7 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	88	69	-21.6 %	70	1.4 %	68	-2.9 %	54	-20.6 %
Dismissed	7	5	. %	3	. %	9	. %	10	. %
Transferred/Certified	24	13	. %	9	. %	8	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	25	31	. %	68	119.4 %	29	. %	34	. %
Other Terminations	633	598	-5.5 %	565	-5.5 %	533	-5.7 %	459	-13.9 %
Total Orders	689	647	-6.1 %	645	-3. %	579	-10.2 %	504	-13.0 %
Dismissed	37	25	. %	50	. %	29	. %	37	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	%	2	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	312	418	34.0 %	289	-30.9 %	312	8.0 %	370	18.6 %
Other Terminations	99	18	. %	18	. %	21	. %	28	. %
Total Rulings	448	461	2.9 %	359	-22.1 %	364	1.4 %	436	19.8 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	79	70	-11.4 %	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %	66	24.5 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,216	1,178	-3.1 %	1,066	-9.5 %	996	-6.6 %	1,006	1.0 %
Total Resolved	1,304	1,247	-4.4 %	1,136	-8.9 %	1,064	-6.3 %	1,060	-4. %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	13	30	. %	15	. %	19	. %	13	. %
Cases Ready	9	3	. %	6	. %	17	. %	13	. %
Cases Not Ready	132	114	-13.6 %	90	-21.1 %	77	-14.4 %	64	-16.9 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)	2023	% Chg (2)
Set for Motion Calendar	242	245	1.2 %	222	-9.4 %	172	-22.5 %	198	15.1 %
Set for Oral Argument	24	19	. %	25	. %	18	. %	18	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	420	411	-2.1 %	358	-12.9 %	303	-15.4 %	306	1.0 %
Opinion/Order in Process	26	29	. %	26	. %	20	. %	21	. %
Total Pending Decision	446	440	-1.3 %	384	-12.7 %	323	-15.9 %	327	1.2 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	91	80	-12.1 %	78	-2.5 %	65	-16.7 %	62	-4.6 %
Order Terminating Review	688	644	-6.4 %	648	.6 %	582	-10.2 %	502	-13.7 %
Ruling Terminating Review	440	433	-1.6 %	389	-10.2 %	376	-3.3 %	399	6.1 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	169	192	13.6 %	162	-15.6 %	131	-19.1 %	144	9.9 %
Total Mandated	1,388	1,349	-2.8 %	1,277	-5.3 %	1,154	-9.6 %	1,107	-4.1 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	117	138	17.9 %	116	-15.9 %	94	-19.0 %	67	-28.7 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	15	11	. %	14	. %	8	. %	9	. %
Dismissed	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	24	13	. %	8	. %	8	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	6	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	60	61	1.7 %	76	24.6 %	46	-39.5 %	50	8.7 %
Total Orders	91	74	-18.7 %	84	13.5 %	54	-35.7 %	51	-5.6 %
Dismissed	7	8	. %	9	. %	3	. %	9	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	. %	2	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	2	11	. %	6	. %	9	. %	6	. %
Other Terminations	5	6	. %	5	. %	7	. %	6	. %
Total Rulings	14	25	. %	22	. %	21	. %	22	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	105	99	-5.7 %	106	7.1 %	75	-29.2 %	73	-2.7 %
Total Resolved	120	110	-8.3 %	120	9.1 %	83	-30.8 %	82	-1.2 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	1	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Cases Ready	6	2	. %	1	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Cases Not Ready	9	12	. %	14	. %	10	. %	9	. %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
Set for Motion Calendar	16	29	. %	12	. %	17	. %	5	. %
Set for Oral Argument	2	3	. %	2	. %	5	. %	1	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	34	48	41.2 %	30	. %	36	. %	17	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	6	7	. %	4	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Total Pending Decision	40	55	37.5 %	34	-38.2 %	37	8.8 %	20	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	14	12	. %	19	. %	8	. %	12	. %
Order Terminating Review	92	74	-19.6 %	83	12.2 %	55	-33.7 %	50	-9.1 %
Ruling Terminating Review	19	21	. %	22	. %	25	. %	22	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	5	12	. %	13	. %	9	. %	3	. %
Total Mandated	130	119	-8.5 %	137	15.1 %	97	-29.2 %	87	-10.3 %

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Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,100	1,061	-3.5 %	903	-14.9 %	820	-9.2 %	894	9.0 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	65	54	-16.9 %	50	-7.4 %	49	-2.0 %	40	-18.4 %
Dismissed	4	5	. %	3	. %	8	. %	9	. %
Review Not Accepted	17	30	. %	68	. %	29	. %	33	. %
Other Terminations	558	519	-7.0 %	459	-11.6 %	458	-.2 %	381	-16.8 %
Total Orders	579	554	-4.3 %	530	-4.3 %	495	-6.6 %	423	-14.5 %
Dismissed	26	15	. %	38	. %	26	. %	27	. %
Review Not Accepted	307	406	32.2 %	281	-30.8 %	302	7.5 %	363	20.2 %
Other Terminations	90	5	. %	10	. %	5	. %	7	. %
Total Rulings	423	426	.7 %	329	-22.8 %	333	1.2 %	397	19.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,002	980	-2.2 %	859	-12.3 %	828	-3.6 %	820	-1.0 %
Total Resolved	1,067	1,034	-3.1 %	909	-12.1 %	877	-3.5 %	860	-1.9 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	9	25	. %	12	. %	18	. %	10	. %
Cases Ready	3	1	. %	1	. %	7	. %	9	. %
Cases Not Ready	110	96	-12.7 %	70	-27.1 %	60	-14.3 %	46	-23.3 %
Set for Motion Calendar	223	212	-4.9 %	204	-3.8 %	150	-26.5 %	188	25.3 %
Set for Oral Argument	20	14	. %	19	. %	12	. %	15	. %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	365	348	-4.7 %	306	-12.1 %	247	-19.3 %	268	8.5 %
Opinion/Order in Process	19	20	. %	19	. %	18	. %	14	. %
Total Pending Decision	384	368	-4.2 %	325	-11.7 %	265	-18.5 %	282	6.4 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	69	62	-10.1 %	54	-12.9 %	46	-14.8 %	45	-2.2 %
Order Terminating Review	577	553	-4.2 %	532	-3.8 %	497	-6.6 %	423	-14.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	414	398	-3.9 %	360	-9.5 %	341	-5.3 %	362	6.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	22	31	. %	39	25.8 %	7	. %	21	. %
Total Mandated	1,082	1,044	-3.5 %	985	-5.7 %	891	-9.5 %	851	-4.5 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	88	110	25.0 %	92	-16.4 %	102	10.9 %	99	-2.9 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	1	1	. %	3	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	1	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	2	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	14	17	. %	30	. %	29	. %	27	. %
Total Orders	17	18	. %	31	. %	30	. %	28	. %
Dismissed	4	2	. %	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	3	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	4	7	. %	3	. %	9	. %	13	. %
Total Rulings	11	10	. %	8	. %	10	. %	15	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	28	28	. %	39	. %	40	2.6 %	43	7.5 %
Total Resolved	29	29	. %	42	. %	42	.0 %	43	2.4 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Ready	0	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	3	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Set for Motion Calendar	3	4	. %	6	. %	5	. %	5	. %
Set for Oral Argument	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	6	6	. %	9	. %	7	. %	9	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Total Pending Decision	6	7	. %	9	. %	7	. %	10	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	1	1	. %	3	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Order Terminating Review	17	17	. %	32	. %	30	. %	27	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	7	14	. %	7	. %	10	. %	13	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	63	79	25.4 %	48	-39.2 %	61	27.1 %	54	-11.5 %
Total Mandated	88	111	26.1 %	90	-18.9 %	102	13.3 %	95	-6.9 %

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	2019	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)	2023	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	89	64	-28.1 %	64	.0 %	49	-23.4 %	71	44.9 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	0	1	. %	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Total Orders	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Rulings	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	79	70	-11.4 %	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %	66	24.5 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	80	70	-12.5 %	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %	68	28.3 %
Total Resolved	80	71	-11.3 %	63	-11.3 %	55	-12.7 %	68	23.6 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	3	3	. %	2	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Cases Ready	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Cases Not Ready	10	5	. %	4	. %	5	. %	5	. %
Set for Oral Argument	1	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	14	9	. %	8	. %	6	. %	9	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	14	9	. %	10	. %	6	. %	9	. %
MANDATED									

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	2019	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)	2023	% Chg (2)
Opinion Terminating Review	2	1	. %	0	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Order Terminating Review	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	79	70	-11.4 %	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %	66	24.5 %
Total Mandated	82	71	-13.4 %	62	-12.7 %	56	-9.7 %	68	21.4 %

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