

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

History of Activity, All Reviews, Division III - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	770	633	-17.8 %	718	13.4 %	744	3.6 %	679	-8.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	49	52	6.1 %	58	11.5 %	51	-12.1 %	47	-7.8 %
Opinions Unpublished	320	303	-5.3 %	249	-17.8 %	229	-8 %	227	-0.9 %
Opinions	369	355	-3.8 %	307	-13.5 %	280	-8.8 %	274	-2.1 %
Dismissed	133	143	7.5 %	112	-21.7 %	119	6.3 %	129	8.4 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	6	8	. %	7	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	0	3	. %	2	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Orders	139	154	10.8 %	122	-20.8 %	128	4.9 %	137	7 %
Decided on Merits	3	4	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	110	119	8.2 %	112	-5.9 %	110	-1.8 %	145	31.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	46	41	-10.9 %	49	19.5 %	59	20.4 %	43	-27.1 %
Other Terminations	9	9	. %	7	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Rulings	168	173	3 %	169	-2.3 %	175	3.6 %	195	11.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	307	327	6.5 %	291	-11 %	303	4.1 %	332	9.6 %
Total Resolved	676	682	0.9 %	598	-12.3 %	583	-2.5 %	606	3.9 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	51	34	-33.3 %	31	-8.8 %	43	38.7 %	40	-7 %
Brief Not Filed	340	355	4.4 %	342	-3.7 %	343	0.3 %	314	-8.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	11	5	. %	7	. %	6	. %	6	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	114	134	17.5 %	113	-15.7 %	75	-33.6 %	147	96 %
Remanded to Trial Court	2	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	139	53	-61.9 %	84	58.5 %	107	27.4 %	74	-30.8 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	51	60	17.6 %	44	-26.7 %	47	6.8 %	40	-14.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	708	642	-9.3 %	622	-3.1 %	622	0 %	622	0 %
Opinion/Order in Process	90	63	-30 %	71	12.7 %	140	97.2 %	60	-57.1 %
Total Pending Decision	798	705	-11.7 %	693	-1.7 %	762	10 %	682	-10.5 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	529	387	-26.8 %	351	-9.3 %	340	-3.1 %	380	11.8 %
Order Terminating Review	158	149	-5.7 %	198	32.9 %	138	-30.3 %	142	2.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	198	198	0 %	173	-12.6 %	207	19.7 %	226	9.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	25	21	. %	28	. %	26	. %	47	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	381	368	-3.4 %	399	8.4 %	371	-7 %	415	11.9 %
Total Mandated	910	755	-17 %	750	-0.7 %	711	-5.2 %	795	11.8 %

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