Supreme Court

2016 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.

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA (4)/ CJC	Certified Issues	Total
FILINGS	Courts	Аррсаіз	Actions	000	133463	Total
Total Filings	117	1,057	105	118	3	1,400
RESOLUTIONS (1) (5)						
Opinions Published	12	80	1	1	5	99
Opinion Terminating Review	12	80	1	1	5	99
Dismissed	1	0	0	0	0	1
Transferred/Certified	21	0	0	0	0	21
Review Not Accepted	0	19	0	0	0	19
Other Terminations	67	628	25	0	0	720
Order Terminating Review	89	647	25	0	0	761
Dismissed	16	44	1	0	0	61
Transferred/Certified	1	0	0	0	0	1
Review Not Accepted	1	248	0	0	0	249
Other Terminations	5	116	1	0	0	122
Ruling Terminating Review	23	408	2	0	0	433
Other Terminations	0	0	0	112	0	112
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	112	0	112
Total Resolved	124	1,135	28	113	5	1,405
PENDING AT YEAR END (3)						

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Cases Stayed	0	14	1	1	0	16
Cases Ready	3	0	0	0	1	4
Cases Not Ready	26	438	5	25	0	494
Set for Motion Calendar	13	20	3	0	0	36
Set for Oral Argument	4	21	0	0	1	26
Total Awaiting Hearing	46	493	9	26	2	576
Opinion/Order in Process	9	28	0	1	1	39
Total Pending Decision	55	521	9	27	3	615
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	11	78	0	0	6	95
Order Terminating Review	89	649	25	0	0	763
Ruling Terminating Review	22	409	4	0	0	435
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	13	78	112	1	207
Total Mandated	125	1,149	107	112	7	1,500

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Death Penalty Review	Exp Public	Total
FILINGS	Criminai	Civii	Total	Criminai	Civii	Total	Review	Funds (1)	Total
Total Filings	1	37	38	4	9	13	0	66	117
RESOLUTIONS (2) (4)									
Opinions Published	0	9	9	0	3	3	0	0	12
Opinion Terminating Review	0	9	9	0	3	3	0	0	12
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Transferred/Certified	2	19	21	0	0	0	0	0	21
Other Terminations	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	65	67
Order Terminating Review	2	21	23	0	1	1	0	65	89
Dismissed	0	14	14	2	0	2	0	0	16
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Other Terminations	0	1	1	0	4	4	0	0	5
Ruling Terminating Review	0	15	15	3	5	8	0	0	23
Total Resolved	2	45	47	3	9	12	0	65	124
PENDING AT YEAR END (3)									
Cases Ready	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3
Cases Not Ready	1	22	23	1	1	2	0	1	26
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	10	13
Set for Oral Argument	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	4

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Appeals	Discretionary Review

	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
Total Awaiting Hearing	1	23	24	1	10	11	0	11	46
Opinion/Order in Process	0	4	4	0	2	2	3	0	9
Total Pending Decision	1	27	28	1	12	13	3	11	55
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	9	9	0	2	2	0	0	11
Order Terminating Review	2	21	23	0	1	1	0	65	89
Ruling Terminating Review	0	14	14	4	4	8	0	0	22
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	3
Total Mandated	2	45	47	4	8	12	0	66	125

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	Petition	for Rev	iew	Motions fo	r Discretio	nary Review				
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Discrectionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
FILINGS										
Total Filings	360	260	620	34	95	129	306	0	2	1,057
RESOLUTIONS (1) (3)										
Total Opinions	27	40	67	1	5	6	4	1	2	80
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	1	1	18	0	0	19
Other Terminations	368	249	617	4	7	11	0	0	0	628
Total Orders	368	249	617	4	8	12	18	0	0	647
Dismissed	4	11	15	1	5	6	23	0	0	44
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	1	1	247	0	0	248
Other Terminations	2	3	5	32	74	106	0	0	5	116
Total Rulings	6	14	20	33	80	113	270	0	5	408
Total Resolved	401	303	704	38	93	131	292	1	7	1,135
Cases Stayed	2	2	4	3	1	4	6	0	0	14
Cases Not Ready	126	94	220	13	25	38	174	0	6	438
Set for Motion Calendar	4	5	9	0	3	3	8	0	0	20
Set for Oral Argument	9	8	17	0	0	0	2	0	2	21
Total Awaiting Hearing	141	109	250	16	29	45	190	0	8	493
Opinion/Order in Process	9	16	25	0	1	1	1	0	1	28
Total Pending Decision	150	125	275	16	30	46	191	0	9	521

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Opinion Terminating Review	28	37	65	2	5	7	3	1	2	78
Order Terminating Review	374	244	618	4	8	12	19	0	0	649
Ruling Terminating Review	7	14	21	34	81	115	268	0	5	409
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	1	4	0	2	2	7	0	0	13
Total Mandated	412	296	708	40	96	136	297	1	7	1,149

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
FILINGS	J					
Total Filings	4	74	0	27	105	3
RESOLUTIONS (1) (3)						
Opinions Published	0	0	0	1	1	5
Total Opinions	0	0	0	1	1	5
Other Terminations	2	0	0	23	25	0
Total Orders	2	0	0	23	25	0
Dismissed	1	0	0	0	1	0
Other Terminations	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total Rulings	1	0	0	1	2	0
Total Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	3	0	0	25	28	5
PENDING AT YEAR END (2)						
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	1	0
Cases Ready	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	2	0	1	2	5	0
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	0	3	3	0
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Awaiting Hearing	2	0	2	5	9	2

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Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Total Pending Decision	2	0	2	5	9	3
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	6
Order Terminating Review	2	0	0	23	25	0
Ruling Terminating Review	2	2	0	0	4	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	76	0	2	78	1
Total Mandated	4	78	0	25	107	7

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	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretional Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (3)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
FILINGS	•••		••			()		••			
Total Filings	0	13	2	1	10	92	118	0	0	0	118
RESOLUTIONS (2) (4)											
Opinions	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Opinion	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Terminations	0	15	2	1	12	82	112	0	0	0	112
Total Others	0	15	2	1	12	82	112	0	0	0	112
Total Resolved	0	15	3	1	12	82	113	0	0	0	113
PENDING AT YEAR END											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	0	2	1	0	3	19	25	0	0	0	25
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	2	3	0	3	19	27	0	0	0	27
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Pending Decision	0	2	3	0	3	19	27	0	0	0	27
MANDATED											
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
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									Disciplinary		
				Disciplinary				Disciplinary	Disability		
	Admission	Admission	Disciplinary	Discretional	Disciplinary		Total	Disability	Discretionary	Total	
	Appeals	Petition	Appeals	Review	Show Cause	Other (3)	WSBA	Appeals	Review	CJC	Total
Total Mandated	0	15	2	1	12	82	112	0	0	0	112

Commission on Judical Conduct

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Caseloads of the Courts of Washington History of Filings (1) - 2012 to 2016

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	2012	2013	% Chg (3)	2014	% Chg (3)	2015	% Chg (3)	2016	% Chg (3)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	7	6	. %	3	. %	6	. %	1	. %
Civil Appeals	45	45	0 %	34	-24.4 %	45	32.4 %	37	-17.8 %
TOTAL Appeals	52	51	-1.9 %	37	-27.5 %	51	37.8 %	38	-25.5 %
Direct Discretionary Review	31	24	. %	34	. %	22	. %	13	. %
Death Penalty Review	1	1	. %	0	. %	0	%	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	63	77	22.2 %	74	-3.9 %	99	33.8 %	66	-33.3 %
TOTAL TRIAL COURTS	147	153	4.1 %	145	-5.2 %	172	18.6 %	117	-32 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	363	400	10.2 %	395	-1.3 %	415	5.1 %	360	-13.3 %
Civil	257	239	-7 %	302	26.4 %	290	-4 %	260	-10.3 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	620	639	3.1 %	697	9.1 %	705	1.1 %	620	-12.1 %
Motion for Discr. Review	110	111	0.9 %	115	3.6 %	121	5.2 %	129	6.6 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP (2)	313	309	-1.3 %	310	0.3 %	332	7.1 %	306	-7.8 %
Certifications/Transfers	8	20	. %	9	. %	11	. %	2	. %
TOTAL COURT OF APPEALS	1,051	1,079	2.7 %	1,131	4.8 %	1,169	3.4 %	1,057	-9.6 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	161	224	39.1 %	146	-34.8 %	131	-10.3 %	108	-17.6 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	122	134	9.8 %	108	-19.4 %	112	3.7 %	118	5.4 %
TOTAL FILED	1,481	1,590	7.4 %	1,530	-3.8 %	1,584	3.5 %	1,400	-11.6 %

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	2012	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)	2015	% Chg (4)	2016	% Chg (4)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	9	6	. %	3	. %	5	. %	2	. %
Civil Appeals	46	40	-13 %	34	-15 %	33	-2.9 %	45	36.4 %
TOTAL Appeals	55	46	-16.4 %	37	-19.6 %	38	2.7 %	47	23.7 %
Direct Discretionary Review	30	23	. %	22	. %	27	. %	12	. %
Death Penalty Review	1	0	. %	0	%	0	%	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	49	64	30.6 %	79	23.4 %	96	21.5 %	65	-32.3 %
TOTAL TRIAL COURTS	135	133	-1.5 %	138	3.8 %	161	16.7 %	124	-23 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	359	429	19.5 %	342	-20.3 %	377	10.2 %	401	6.4 %
Civil	265	252	-4.9 %	258	2.4 %	221	-14.3 %	303	37.1 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	624	681	9.1 %	600	-11.9 %	598	-0.3 %	704	17.7 %
Motion for Discr. Review	106	114	7.5 %	76	-33.3 %	127	67.1 %	131	3.1 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP (2)	275	228	-17.1 %	237	3.9 %	382	61.2 %	292	-23.6 %
Certifications/Transfers	9	15	. %	13	. %	6	. %	8	. %
TOTAL	1,014	1,038	2.4 %	926	-10.8 %	1,113	20.2 %	1,135	2 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	169	176	4.1 %	54	-69.3 %	28	. %	33	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	120	153	27.5 %	1,832	1,097.4 %	98	-94.7 %	113	15.3 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	1,438	1,500	4.3 %	2,950	96.7 %	1,400	-52.5 %	1,405	0.4 %

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⁽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.

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	2012	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)	2015	% Chg (4)	2016	% Chg (4)
Criminal Appeals	4	4	. %	3	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Civil Appeals	38	45	18.4 %	31	-31.1 %	36	16.1 %	27	. %
Total Appeals	42	49	16.7 %	34	-30.6 %	38	11.8 %	28	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	16	12	. %	21	. %	16	. %	13	. %
Death Penalty Review	2	3	. %	3	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	9	17	. %	10	. %	11	. %	11	. %
TOTAL TRIAL COURTS	69	81	17.4 %	68	-16 %	68	0 %	55	-19.1 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	209	179	-14.4 %	202	12.8 %	191	-5.4 %	150	-21.5 %
Civil	125	106	-15.2 %	128	20.8 %	164	28.1 %	125	-23.8 %
Total Petition for Review	334	285	-14.7 %	330	15.8 %	355	7.6 %	275	-22.5 %
Motion for Discr. Review	24	17	. %	57	. %	51	-10.5 %	46	-9.8 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP (2)	124	194	56.5 %	248	27.8 %	188	-24.2 %	191	1.6 %
Certifications/Transfers	10	15	. %	9	. %	4	. %	9	. %
TOTAL COURT OF APPEALS	492	511	3.9 %	644	26 %	598	-7.1 %	521	-12.9 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	74	61	-17.6 %	13	. %	14	. %	12	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDUICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	N/A	N/A	.%	10	.%	22	.%	27	.%
TOTAL PENDING	635	653	2.8 %	725	11 %	680	-6.2 %	588	-13.5 %

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Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2012 to 2016

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	2012	2013	% Chg (7)	2014	% Chg (7)	2015	% Chg (7)	2016	% Chg (7)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,481	1,590	7.4 %	1,530	-3.8 %	1,584	3.5 %	1,400	-11.6 %
RESOLUTIONS (2), (6)									
Total Opinions	121	110	-9.1 %	59	-46.4 %	28	. %	99	. %
Dismissed	5	6	. %	5	. %	8	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	21	18	. %	13	. %	15	. %	21	. %
Review Not Accepted	4	4	. %	5	. %	25	. %	19	. %
Other Terminations	633	711	12.3 %	653	-8.2 %	664	1.7 %	720	8.4 %
Total Orders	663	739	11.5 %	676	-8.5 %	712	5.3 %	761	6.9 %
Dismissed	65	60	-7.7 %	59	-1.7 %	84	42.4 %	61	-27.4 %
Transferred/Certified	13	28	. %	3	. %	5	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	352	304	-13.6 %	240	-21.1 %	349	45.4 %	249	-28.7 %
Other Terminations	108	112	3.7 %	83	-25.9 %	124	49.4 %	122	-1.6 %
Total Rulings	538	504	-6.3 %	385	-23.6 %	562	46.0 %	433	-23.0 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	116	147	26.7 %	1,830	1,144.9 %	98	-94.6 %	112	14.3 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,317	1,390	5.5 %	2,891	108.0 %	1,372	-52.5 %	1,306	-4.8 %
Total Resolved	1,438	1,500	4.3 %	2,950	96.7 %	1,400	-52.5 %	1,405	.4 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	77	53	-31.2 %	45	-19.6 %	18	. %	16	. %
Cases Ready	13	7	. %	11	. %	12	. %	4	. %
Cases Not Ready	445	491	10.3 %	482	-78.1 %	460	-4.6 %	494	7.4 %

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Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2012 to 2016

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	2012	2013	% Chg (7)	2014	% Chg (7)	2015	% Chg (7)	2016	% Chg (7)
Set for Motion Calendar	14	9	. %	114	. %	148	29.8 %	36	-75.7 %
Set for Oral Argument	23	36	. %	33	-8.3 %	31	-6.1 %	26	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	572	596	4.2 %	685	-70.3 %	669	-2.3 %	576	-13.9 %
Opinion/Order in Process	63	57	-9.5 %	50	-15.3 %	33	-34.0 %	39	18.2 %
Total Pending Decision	635	653	2.8 %	735	-69.0 %	702	-4.5 %	615	-12.4 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	133	115	-13.5 %	134	16.5 %	132	-1.5 %	95	-28.0 %
Order Terminating Review	657	740	12.6 %	665	-10.1 %	726	9.2 %	763	5.1 %
Ruling Terminating Review	566	541	-4.4 %	421	-22.2 %	544	29.2 %	435	-20.0 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	200	220	10.0 %	2,002	810.0 %	221	-89.0 %	207	-6.3 %
Total Mandated	1,556	1,616	3.9 %	3,222	99.4 %	1,623	-49.6 %	1,500	-7.6 %

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Court Activity Trends, Cases from Trial Courts - 2012 to 2016

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	2012	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)	2015	% Chg (4)	2016	% Chg (4)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	147	153	4.1 %	145	-5.2 %	172	18.6 %	117	-32.0 %
RESOLUTIONS (1), (5)									
Total Opinions	14	16	. %	6	. %	3	. %	12	. %
Dismissed	1	0	. %	0	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	19	18	. %	13	. %	15	. %	21	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	60	69	15.0 %	82	18.8 %	95	15.9 %	67	-29.5 %
Total Orders	80	88	10.0 %	95	8.0 %	115	21.1 %	89	-22.6 %
Dismissed	27	17	. %	21	. %	27	. %	16	. %
Transferred/Certified	4	1	. %	2	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	10	10	. %	13	. %	12	. %	5	. %
Total Rulings	41	29	. %	37	. %	43	16.2 %	23	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (2)	121	117	-3.3 %	132	12.8 %	158	19.7 %	112	-29.1 %
Total Resolved	135	133	-1.5 %	138	3.8 %	161	16.7 %	124	-23.0 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (3)									
Cases Stayed	1	6	. %	5	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Cases Ready	3	5	. %	3	. %	7	. %	3	. %
Cases Not Ready	51	62	21.6 %	50	-19.4 %	43	-14.0 %	26	. %

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Total Mandated

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	2012	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)	2015	% Chg (4)	2016	% Chg (4)
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	. %	4	. %	10	. %	13	. %
Set for Oral Argument	5	1	. %	3	. %	2	. %	4	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	60	74	23.3 %	65	-12.2 %	63	-3.1 %	46	-27.0 %
Opinion/Order in Process	9	7	. %	3	. %	5	. %	9	. %
Total Pending Decision	69	81	17.4 %	68	-16.0 %	68	.0 %	55	-19.1 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	16	18	. %	11	. %	12	. %	11	. %
Order Terminating Review	77	90	16.9 %	98	8.9 %	116	18.4 %	89	-23.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	45	26	. %	42	. %	43	2.4 %	22	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	17	9	. %	6	. %	5	. %	3	. %

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9.8 %

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Caseloads of the Courts of Washington Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2012 to 2016

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	2012	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)	2015	% Chg (4)	2016	% Chg (4)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,051	1,079	2.7 %	1,131	4.8 %	1,169	3.4 %	1,057	-9.6 %
RESOLUTIONS (1), (5)									
Total Opinions	90	85	-5.6 %	48	-43.5 %	24	. %	80	. %
Dismissed	3	4	. %	5	. %	4	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	3	3	. %	5	. %	22	. %	19	. %
Other Terminations	545	607	11.4 %	541	-10.9 %	552	2.0 %	628	13.8 %
Total Orders	551	614	11.4 %	551	-10.3 %	578	4.9 %	647	11.9 %
Dismissed	35	33	-5.7 %	36	9.1 %	57	58.3 %	44	-22.8 %
Review Not Accepted	255	211	-17.3 %	222	5.2 %	347	56.3 %	248	-28.5 %
Other Terminations	83	95	14.5 %	69	-27.4 %	107	55.1 %	116	8.4 %
Total Rulings	373	339	-9.1 %	327	-3.5 %	511	56.3 %	408	-20.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (2)	924	953	3.1 %	878	-7.9 %	1,089	24.0 %	1,055	-3.1 %
Total Resolved	1,014	1,038	2.4 %	926	-10.8 %	1,113	20.2 %	1,135	2.0 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (3)									
Cases Stayed	65	25	. %	39	. %	16	. %	14	. %
Cases Ready	7	1	. %	6	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	337	400	18.7 %	417	4.3 %	389	-6.7 %	438	12.6 %
Set for Motion Calendar	14	9	. %	110	. %	138	25.5 %	20	. %
Set for Oral Argument	17	34	. %	27	. %	26	. %	21	. %

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	2012	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)	2015	% Chg (4)	2016	% Chg (4)
Total Awaiting Hearing	440	469	6.6 %	599	27.7 %	572	-4.5 %	493	-13.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	52	42	-19.2 %	45	7.1 %	26	. %	28	. %
Total Pending Decision	492	511	3.9 %	644	26.0 %	598	-7.1 %	521	-12.9 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	99	87	-12.1 %	93	6.9 %	112	20.4 %	78	-30.4 %
Order Terminating Review	550	611	11.1 %	551	-9.8 %	577	4.7 %	649	12.5 %
Ruling Terminating Review	382	366	-4.2 %	339	-7.4 %	494	45.7 %	409	-17.2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	39	14	. %	18	. %	21	. %	13	. %
Total Mandated	1,070	1,078	.7 %	1,001	-7.1 %	1,204	20.3 %	1,149	-4.6 %

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Court Activity Trends, Original Actions - 2012 to 2016

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	2012	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)	2015	% Chg (4)	2016	% Chg (4)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	158	220	39.2 %	143	-35.0 %	124	-13.3 %	105	-15.3 %
RESOLUTIONS (1), (5)									
Total Opinions	7	2	. %	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	1	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	2	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	28	35	. %	30	. %	17	. %	25	. %
Total Orders	32	37	15.6 %	30	. %	19	. %	25	. %
Dismissed	3	9	. %	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	9	27	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	97	92	-5.2 %	17	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	15	7	. %	1	. %	5	. %	1	. %
Total Rulings	124	135	8.9 %	21	. %	8	. %	2	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (2)	156	172	10.3 %	51	-70.3 %	27	. %	27	. %
Total Resolved	163	174	6.7 %	54	-69.0 %	27	. %	28	. %
PENDING AT YEAR END (3)									
Cases Stayed	11	22	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Cases Ready	2	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	57	29	. %	8	. %	7	. %	5	. %

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	2012	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)	2015	% Chg (4)	2016	% Chg (4)
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	70	52	-25.7 %	9	. %	7	. %	9	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	1	5	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	71	57	-19.7 %	9	. %	8	. %	9	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	7	3	. %	9	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Order Terminating Review	30	39	. %	16	. %	33	. %	25	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	139	148	6.5 %	40	-73.0 %	7	. %	4	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	28	49	. %	141	187.8 %	97	-31.2 %	78	-19.6 %
Total Mandated	204	239	17.2 %	206	-13.8 %	138	-33.0 %	107	-22.5 %

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	2012	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)	2015	% Chg (4)	2016	% Chg (4)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	122	134	9.8 %	108	-19.4 %	112	3.7 %	118	5.4 %
RESOLUTIONS (2), (6)									
Total Opinions	4	6	. %	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %
	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Rulings	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	116	147	26.7 %	1,830	1,144.9 %	98	-94.6 %	112	14.3 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (5)	116	147	26.7 %	1,830	1,144.9 %	98	-94.6 %	112	14.3 %
Total Resolved	120	153	27.5 %	1,832	1,097.4 %	98	-94.7 %	113	15.3 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	N/A	N/A		1		1		1	
Cases Ready	N/A	N/A		1		0		0	
Cases Not Ready	N/A	N/A		7		21		25	
Set for Oral Argument	N/A	N/A		1		0		0	
Total Awaiting Hearing	N/A	N/A		10		22		26	
Opinion/Order in Process	N/A	N/A		0		0		1	
Total Pending Decision	N/A	N/A		10		22		27	
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	3	6	. %	18	. %	3	. %	0	. %

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Other Decision Terminating Review	116	147	26.7 %	1,837	1,149.7 %	98	-94.7 %	112	14.3 %
Total Mandated	119	153	28.6 %	1,855	1,112.4 %	101	-94.6 %	112	%

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