

***Supreme Court***  
***2017 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 - 2017 Annual Report

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
<b>FILINGS</b>						
Total Filings	143	1,043	111	105	6	1,408
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>						
Opinions Published	14	71	1	2	4	92
Opinion Terminating Review	14	71	1	2	4	92
Dismissed	0	1	0	0	0	1
Transferred/Certified	24	0	3	0	0	27
Review Not Accepted	0	24	0	0	0	24
Other Terminations	62	580	26	0	1	669
Order Terminating Review	86	605	29	0	1	721
Dismissed	21	8	2	0	0	31
Review Not Accepted	0	366	0	0	0	366
Other Terminations	16	167	5	0	0	188
Ruling Terminating Review	37	541	7	0	0	585
Other Terminations	0	0	0	109	0	109
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	109	0	109
Total Resolved	137	1,217	37	111	5	1,507
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>						
Cases Stayed	1	14	1	1	0	17

(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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	<b>Trial Courts</b>	<b>Court of Appeals</b>	<b>Original Actions</b>	<b>WSBA / CJC</b>	<b>Certified Issues</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cases Ready	3	4	0	0	0	7
Cases Not Ready	21	197	3	17	0	238
Set for Motion Calendar	23	75	2	0	0	100
Set for Oral Argument	3	33	0	2	3	41
Total Awaiting Hearing	51	323	6	20	3	403
Opinion/Order in Process	5	22	0	1	1	29
Total Pending Decision	56	345	6	21	4	432
<b>MANDATED</b>						
Opinion Terminating Review	21	79	2	3	3	108
Order Terminating Review	87	603	28	0	0	718
Ruling Terminating Review	31	500	9	0	0	540
Other Decision Terminating Review	2	11	77	109	0	199
Total Mandated	141	1,193	116	112	3	1,565

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## Court Activity, Cases from Trial Courts - 2017 Annual Report

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	1	49	50	11	14	25	0	68	143
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Opinions Published	0	8	8	0	6	6	0	0	14
Opinion Terminating Review	0	8	8	0	6	6	0	0	14
Transferred/Certified	1	23	24	0	0	0	0	0	24
Other Terminations	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	61	62
Order Terminating Review	1	23	24	0	1	1	0	61	86
Dismissed	1	8	9	2	8	10	0	2	21
Other Terminations	0	1	1	5	10	15	0	0	16
Ruling Terminating Review	1	9	10	7	18	25	0	2	37
Total Resolved	2	40	42	7	25	32	0	63	137
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Cases Ready	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	3
Cases Not Ready	0	19	19	2	0	2	0	0	21
Set for Motion Calendar	0	6	6	3	0	3	0	14	23
Set for Oral Argument	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	29	29	6	2	8	0	14	51
Opinion/Order in Process	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	5

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### (1) Expenditure of Public Funds.



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----- Appeals -----

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

	<b>Criminal</b>	<b>Civil</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Criminal</b>	<b>Civil</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Death Penalty Review</b>	<b>Exp Public Funds (1)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Pending Decision	0	31	31	6	2	8	3	14	56
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	11	11	0	10	10	0	0	21
Order Terminating Review	1	23	24	0	2	2	0	61	87
Ruling Terminating Review	1	6	7	7	15	22	0	2	31
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total Mandated	2	40	42	7	27	34	0	65	141

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(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				
<b>FILINGS</b>										
Total Filings	339	264	603	34	120	154	285	0	1	1,043
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>										
Opinions Published	28	34	62	1	1	2	3	0	4	71
Opinion Terminating Review	28	34	62	1	1	2	3	0	4	71
Dismissed	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	24
Other Terminations	327	225	552	6	20	26	0	0	2	580
Order Terminating Review	327	226	553	6	20	26	24	0	2	605
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	0	0	8
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	1	1	365	0	0	366
Other Terminations	6	16	22	42	103	145	0	0	0	167
Ruling Terminating Review	6	16	22	42	109	151	368	0	0	541
Total Resolved	361	276	637	49	130	179	395	0	6	1,217
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>										
Cases Stayed	3	1	4	0	2	2	8	0	0	14
Cases Ready	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cases Not Ready	67	59	126	1	14	15	55	0	1	197
Set for Motion Calendar	40	24	64	1	0	1	10	0	0	75

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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	12	14	26	0	2	2	3	0	2	33
Total Awaiting Hearing	123	101	224	2	18	20	76	0	3	323
Opinion/Order in Process	9	10	19	0	0		3	0	0	22
Total Pending Decision	132	111	243	2	18	20	79	0	3	345
MANDATED										
Opinion Terminating Review	30	38	68	1	1	2	5	0	4	79
Order Terminating Review	326	226	552	6	19	25	24	0	2	603
Ruling Terminating Review	6	16	22	38	97	135	342	0	1	500
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	2	2	0	2	2	7	0	0	11
Total Mandated	362	282	644	45	119	164	378	0	7	1,193

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## Court Activity, Original Actions and Federal Court - 2017 Annual Report

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	<b>Actions Against</b>	<b>Personal Restraints</b>	<b>Death Penalty PRP</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Reviews</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Certified from Federal Court</b>
<b>FILINGS</b>						
Total Filings	4	79	0	28	111	6
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>						
Opinions Published	0	0	1	0	1	4
Total Opinions	0	0	1	0	1	4
Transferred/Certified	0	3	0	0	3	0
Other Terminations	1	0	0	25	26	1
Total Orders	1	3	0	25	29	1
Dismissed	1	0	0	1	2	0
Other Terminations	3	0	0	2	5	0
Total Rulings	4	0	0	3	7	0
Total Resolved	5	3	1	28	37	5
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>						
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	1	0
Cases Not Ready	1	1	0	1	3	0
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	0	2	2	0
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total Awaiting Hearing	1	1	1	3	6	3
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	1

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	<b>Actions Against</b>	<b>Personal Restraints</b>	<b>Death Penalty PRP</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Reviews</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Certified from Federal Court</b>
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Pending Decision	1	1	1	3	6	4
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	1	1	2	3
Order Terminating Review	1	3	0	24	28	0
Ruling Terminating Review	3	2	0	4	9	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	76	0	1	77	0
Total Mandated	4	81	1	30	116	3

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## Court Activity, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2017 Annual Report

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	----- Washington State Bar Association -----						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
<b>FILINGS</b>											
Total Filings	0	9	4	0	18	74	105	0	0	0	105
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>											
Opinions	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total Opinion	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Other Terminations	0	9	1	0	17	82	109	0	0	0	109
Total Others	0	9	1	0	17	82	109	0	0	0	109
Total Resolved	0	9	3	0	17	82	111	0	0	0	111
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	0	1	1	0	4	11	17	0	0	0	17
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Opinion/Order in Process	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	2	4	0	4	11	21	0	0	0	21
Opinion/Order in Process	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Pending Decision	0	2	4	0	4	11	21	0	0	0	21
<b>MANDATED</b>											
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
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

(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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----- Washington State Bar Association -----

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	9	1	0	17	82	109	0	0	0	109
Total Mandated	0	9	4	0	17	82	112	0	0	0	112

(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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## History of Filings - 2013 to 2017

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	2013	2014	% Chg (1)	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)
<b>TRIAL COURTS</b>									
Criminal Appeals	6	3	. %	6	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Civil Appeals	45	34	-24.4 %	45	32.4 %	35	-22.2 %	49	40 %
TOTAL Appeals	51	37	-27.5 %	51	37.8 %	36	-29.4 %	50	38.9 %
Direct Discretionary Review	24	34	. %	23	. %	15	. %	25	. %
Death Penalty Review	1	0	. %	0	%	0	%	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	77	74	-3.9 %	99	33.8 %	66	-33.3 %	68	3 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	153	145	-5.2 %	173	19.3 %	117	-32.4 %	143	22.2 %
<b>COURT OF APPEALS</b>									
Criminal	400	396	-1 %	417	5.3 %	361	-13.4 %	339	-6.1 %
Civil	239	302	26.4 %	291	-3.6 %	261	-10.3 %	264	1.1 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	639	698	9.2 %	708	1.4 %	622	-12.1 %	603	-3.1 %
Motion for Discr. Review	111	115	3.6 %	121	5.2 %	130	7.4 %	154	18.5 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	309	310	0.3 %	332	7.1 %	308	-7.2 %	285	-7.5 %
Certifications/Transfers	20	8	. %	8	. %	5	. %	1	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	1,079	1,131	4.8 %	1,169	3.4 %	1,065	-8.9 %	1,043	-2.1 %
<b>ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM</b>									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	224	146	-34.8 %	131	-10.3 %	108	-17.6 %	117	8.3 %
<b>WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL</b>									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	134	108	-19.4 %	112	3.7 %	118	5.4 %	105	-11 %
TOTAL FILED	1,590	1,530	-3.8 %	1,585	3.6 %	1,408	-11.2 %	1,408	0 %

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



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## History of Resolutions - 2013 to 2017

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	2013	2014	% Chg (1)	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)
<b>TRIAL COURTS</b>									
Criminal Appeals	6	3	. %	5	. %	2	. %	2	. %
Civil Appeals	40	34	-15 %	33	-2.9 %	45	36.4 %	40	-11.1 %
TOTAL Appeals	46	37	-19.6 %	38	2.7 %	47	23.7 %	42	-10.6 %
Direct Discretionary Review	23	22	. %	27	. %	12	. %	32	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	64	79	23.4 %	96	21.5 %	65	-32.3 %	63	-3.1 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	133	138	3.8 %	161	16.7 %	124	-23 %	137	10.5 %
<b>COURT OF APPEALS</b>									
Criminal	429	342	-20.3 %	377	10.2 %	401	6.4 %	361	-10 %
Civil	252	258	2.4 %	221	-14.3 %	303	37.1 %	276	-8.9 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	681	600	-11.9 %	598	-0.3 %	704	17.7 %	637	-9.5 %
Motion for Discr. Review	114	76	-33.3 %	127	67.1 %	131	3.1 %	179	36.6 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	228	237	3.9 %	382	61.2 %	291	-23.8 %	395	35.7 %
Certifications/Transfers	15	13	. %	6	. %	8	. %	6	. %
TOTAL	1,038	926	-10.8 %	1,113	20.2 %	1,134	1.9 %	1,217	7.3 %
<b>ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM</b>									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	176	54	-69.3 %	28	. %	33	. %	42	27.3 %
<b>WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL</b>									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	153	1,832	1,097.4 %	98	-94.7 %	113	15.3 %	111	-1.8 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	1,500	2,950	96.7 %	1,400	-52.5 %	1,404	0.3 %	1,507	7.3 %

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## History of Pending Cases - 2013 to 2017

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	2013	2014	% Chg (1)	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)
Criminal Appeals	4	3	. %	2	. %	1	. %		. %
Civil Appeals	45	31	-31.1 %	36	16.1 %	27	. %	31	. %
Total Appeals	49	34	-30.6 %	38	11.8 %	28	. %	31	%
Direct Discretionary Review	12	21	. %	16	. %	13	. %	8	. %
Death Penalty Review	3	3	. %	3	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	17	10	. %	11	. %	11	. %	14	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	81	68	-16 %	68	0 %	55	-19.1 %	56	1.8 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	179	202	12.8 %	191	-5.4 %	150	-21.5 %	132	-12 %
Civil	106	128	20.8 %	164	28.1 %	125	-23.8 %	111	-11.2 %
Total Petition for Review	285	330	15.8 %	355	7.6 %	275	-22.5 %	243	-11.6 %
Motion for Discr. Review	17	57	. %	51	-10.5 %	46	-9.8 %	20	. %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	194	248	27.8 %	188	-24.2 %	191	1.6 %	79	-58.6 %
Certifications/Transfers	15	9	. %	4	. %	9	. %	3	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	511	644	26 %	598	-7.1 %	521	-12.9 %	345	-33.8 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	61	13	. %	14	. %	12	. %	10	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	N/A	10	.%	22	.%	27	.%	21	.%
TOTAL PENDING	653	725	11 %	680	-6.2 %	588	-13.5 %	411	-30.1 %

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## Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2013 to 2017

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	2013	2014	% Chg (2)	2015	% Chg (2)	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	1,590	1,530	-3.8 %	1,585	3.6 %	1,408	-11.2 %	1,408	.0 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Total Opinions	110	59	-46.4 %	28	. %	99	. %	92	-7.1 %
Dismissed	6	5	. %	8	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	18	13	. %	15	. %	21	. %	27	. %
Review Not Accepted	4	5	. %	25	. %	19	. %	24	. %
Other Terminations	711	653	-8.2 %	664	1.7 %	720	8.4 %	669	-7.1 %
Total Orders	739	676	-8.5 %	712	5.3 %	761	6.9 %	721	-5.3 %
Dismissed	60	59	-1.7 %	84	42.4 %	61	-27.4 %	31	-49.2 %
Transferred/Certified	28	3	. %	5	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	304	240	-21.1 %	349	45.4 %	248	-28.9 %	366	47.6 %
Other Terminations	112	83	-25.9 %	124	49.4 %	122	-1.6 %	188	54.1 %
Total Rulings	504	385	-23.6 %	562	46.0 %	432	-23.1 %	585	35.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	147	1,830	1,144.9 %	98	-94.6 %	112	14.3 %	109	-2.7 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,390	2,891	108.0 %	1,372	-52.5 %	1,305	-4.9 %	1,415	8.4 %
Total Resolved	1,500	2,950	96.7 %	1,400	-52.5 %	1,404	.3 %	1,507	7.3 %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	53	45	-19.6 %	18	. %	16	. %	17	. %
Cases Ready	7	11	. %	12	. %	4	. %	7	. %
Cases Not Ready	491	482	-78.1 %	460	-4.6 %	494	7.4 %	238	-51.8 %

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	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>% Chg (2)</b>
Set for Motion Calendar	9	114	. %	148	29.8 %	36	-75.7 %	100	177.8 %
Set for Oral Argument	36	33	-8.3 %	31	-6.1 %	26	. %	41	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	596	685	-70.3 %	669	-2.3 %	576	-13.9 %	403	-30.0 %
Opinion/Order in Process	57	50	-15.3 %	33	-34.0 %	39	18.2 %	29	. %
Total Pending Decision	653	735	-69.0 %	702	-4.5 %	615	-12.4 %	432	-29.8 %
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	115	134	16.5 %	132	-1.5 %	95	-28.0 %	108	13.7 %
Order Terminating Review	740	665	-10.1 %	726	9.2 %	763	5.1 %	718	-5.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	540	421	-22.0 %	544	29.2 %	434	-20.2 %	540	24.4 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	220	2,002	810.0 %	221	-89.0 %	207	-6.3 %	199	-3.9 %
Total Mandated	1,615	3,222	99.5 %	1,623	-49.6 %	1,499	-7.6 %	1,565	4.4 %

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## Court Activity Trends, Cases from Trial Courts - 2013 to 2017

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	2013	2014	% Chg (1)	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	153	145	-5.2 %	173	19.3 %	117	-32.4 %	143	22.2 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	16	6	. %	3	. %	12	. %	14	. %
Dismissed	0	0	. %	4	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	18	13	. %	15	. %	21	. %	24	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	69	82	18.8 %	95	15.9 %	67	-29.5 %	62	-7.5 %
Total Orders	88	95	8.0 %	115	21.1 %	89	-22.6 %	86	-3.4 %
Dismissed	17	21	. %	27	. %	16	. %	21	. %
Transferred/Certified	1	2	. %	4	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	10	13	. %	12	. %	5	. %	16	. %
Total Rulings	29	37	. %	43	16.2 %	23	. %	37	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	117	132	12.8 %	158	19.7 %	112	-29.1 %	123	9.8 %
Total Resolved	133	138	3.8 %	161	16.7 %	124	-23.0 %	137	10.5 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	6	5	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Cases Ready	5	3	. %	7	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Cases Not Ready	62	50	-19.4 %	43	-14.0 %	26	. %	21	. %

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Set for Motion Calendar	0	4	. %	10	. %	13	. %	23	. %
Set for Oral Argument	1	3	. %	2	. %	4	. %	3	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	74	65	-12.2 %	63	-3.1 %	46	-27.0 %	51	10.9 %
Opinion/Order in Process	7	3	. %	5	. %	9	. %	5	. %
Total Pending Decision	81	68	-16.0 %	68	.0 %	55	-19.1 %	56	1.8 %
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	18	11	. %	12	. %	11	. %	21	. %
Order Terminating Review	90	98	8.9 %	116	18.4 %	89	-23.3 %	87	-2.2 %
Ruling Terminating Review	26	42	. %	43	2.4 %	22	. %	31	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	9	6	. %	5	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Total Mandated	143	157	9.8 %	176	12.1 %	125	-29.0 %	141	12.8 %

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## Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2013 to 2017

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	2013	2014	% Chg (1)	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	1,079	1,131	4.8 %	1,169	3.4 %	1,065	-8.9 %	1,043	-2.1 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Total Opinions	85	48	-43.5 %	24	. %	80	. %	71	-11.3 %
Dismissed	4	5	. %	4	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	3	5	. %	22	. %	19	. %	24	. %
Other Terminations	607	541	-10.9 %	552	2.0 %	628	13.8 %	580	-7.6 %
Total Orders	614	551	-10.3 %	578	4.9 %	647	11.9 %	605	-6.5 %
Dismissed	33	36	9.1 %	57	58.3 %	44	-22.8 %	8	. %
Review Not Accepted	211	222	5.2 %	347	56.3 %	247	-28.8 %	366	48.2 %
Other Terminations	95	69	-27.4 %	107	55.1 %	116	8.4 %	167	44.0 %
Total Rulings	339	327	-3.5 %	511	56.3 %	407	-20.4 %	541	32.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	953	878	-7.9 %	1,089	24.0 %	1,054	-3.2 %	1,146	8.7 %
Total Resolved	1,038	926	-10.8 %	1,113	20.2 %	1,134	1.9 %	1,217	7.3 %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	25	39	. %	16	. %	14	. %	14	. %
Cases Ready	1	6	. %	3	. %	0	. %	4	. %
Cases Not Ready	400	417	4.3 %	389	-6.7 %	438	12.6 %	197	-55.0 %
Set for Motion Calendar	9	110	. %	138	25.5 %	20	. %	75	. %
Set for Oral Argument	34	27	. %	26	. %	21	. %	33	. %

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Total Awaiting Hearing	469	599	27.7 %	572	-4.5 %	493	-13.8 %	323	-34.5 %
Opinion/Order in Process	42	45	7.1 %	26	. %	28	. %	22	. %
Total Pending Decision	511	644	26.0 %	598	-7.1 %	521	-12.9 %	345	-33.8 %
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	87	93	6.9 %	112	20.4 %	78	-30.4 %	79	1.3 %
Order Terminating Review	611	551	-9.8 %	577	4.7 %	649	12.5 %	603	-7.1 %
Ruling Terminating Review	366	339	-7.4 %	494	45.7 %	408	-17.4 %	500	22.5 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	14	18	. %	21	. %	13	. %	11	. %
Total Mandated	1,078	1,001	-7.1 %	1,204	20.3 %	1,148	-4.7 %	1,193	3.9 %

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	2013	2014	% Chg (1)	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	220	143	-35.0 %	124	-13.3 %	105	-15.3 %	111	5.7 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	2	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	2	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	35	30	. %	17	. %	25	. %	26	. %
Total Orders	37	30	. %	19	. %	25	. %	29	. %
Dismissed	9	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Transferred/Certified	27	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	92	17	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	7	1	. %	5	. %	1	. %	5	. %
Total Rulings	135	21	. %	8	. %	2	. %	7	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	172	51	-70.3 %	27	. %	27	. %	36	. %
Total Resolved	174	54	-69.0 %	27	. %	28	. %	37	. %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	22	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Cases Ready	1	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	29	8	. %	7	. %	5	. %	3	. %

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	2013	2014	% Chg (1)	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	. %	0	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	52	9	. %	7	. %	9	. %	6	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	5	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	57	9	. %	8	. %	9	. %	6	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	3	9	. %	1	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Order Terminating Review	39	16	. %	33	. %	25	. %	28	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	147	40	-72.8 %	7	. %	4	. %	9	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	49	141	187.8 %	97	-31.2 %	78	-19.6 %	77	-1.3 %
Total Mandated	238	206	-13.4 %	138	-33.0 %	107	-22.5 %	116	8.4 %

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	2013	2014	% Chg (2)	2015	% Chg (2)	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	134	108	-19.4 %	112	3.7 %	118	5.4 %	105	-11 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>									
Total Opinions	6	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %
	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	147	1,830	1,144.9 %	98	-94.6 %	112	14.3 %	109	-2.7 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	147	1,830	1,144.9 %	98	-94.6 %	112	14.3 %	109	-2.7 %
Total Resolved	153	1,832	1,097.4 %	98	-94.7 %	113	15.3 %	111	-1.8 %
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Cases Stayed	N/A	1		1		1		1	
Cases Ready	N/A	1		0		0		0	
Cases Not Ready	N/A	7		21		25		17	
Set for Oral Argument	N/A	1		0		0		2	
Total Awaiting Hearing	N/A	10		22		26		20	
Opinion/Order in Process	N/A	0		0		1		1	
Total Pending Decision	N/A	10		22		27		21	
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	6	18	. %	3	. %	0	. %	3	. %

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Other Decision Terminating Review	147	1,837	1,149.7 %	98	-94.7 %	112	14.3 %	109	-2.7 %
Total Mandated	153	1,855	1,112.4 %	101	-94.6 %	112	%	112	%

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