

Supreme Court
2018 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 - 2018 Annual Report

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
FILINGS						
Total Filings	148	1,026	101	108	5	1,388
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	10	82	0	5	4	101
Opinion Terminating Review	10	82	0	5	4	101
Dismissed	1	0	0	0	0	1
Transferred/Certified	15	0	0	0	0	15
Review Not Accepted	0	22	1	0	0	23
Other Terminations	77	557	10	0	0	644
Order Terminating Review	93	579	11	0	0	683
Dismissed	14	7	1	0	0	22
Review Not Accepted	0	219	1	0	0	220
Other Terminations	19	104	7	0	0	130
Ruling Terminating Review	33	330	9	0	0	372
Other Terminations	0	0	0	113	0	113
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	113	0	113
Total Resolved	136	991	20	118	4	1,269
PENDING AT YEAR END						
Cases Stayed	1	10	0	3	0	14

(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 Ready	3	3	0	0	2	8
Cases Not Ready	23	136	1	6	0	166
Set for Motion Calendar	14	186	6	0	0	206
Set for Oral Argument	4	19	0	0	3	26
Total Awaiting Hearing	45	354	7	9	5	420
Opinion/Order in Process	2	20	0	0	0	22
Total Pending Decision	47	374	7	9	5	442
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	11	82	0	4	5	102
Order Terminating Review	91	581	12	0	1	685
Ruling Terminating Review	35	365	7	0	0	407
Other Decision Terminating Review	24	10	78	113	0	225
Total Mandated	161	1,038	97	117	6	1,419

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
FILINGS									
Total Filings	6	37	43	7	14	21	0	84	148
RESOLUTIONS									
Opinions Published	0	7	7	0	0	0	3	0	10
Opinion Terminating Review	0	7	7	0	0	0	3	0	10
Dismissed	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Transferred/Certified	0	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
Other Terminations	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	72	77
Order Terminating Review	0	20	20	0	1	1	0	72	93
Dismissed	1	3	4	5	4	9	0	1	14
Other Terminations	2	5	7	5	6	11	0	1	19
Ruling Terminating Review	3	8	11	10	10	20	0	2	33
Total Resolved	3	35	38	10	11	21	3	74	136
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Cases Ready	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	3
Cases Not Ready	3	17	20	1	1	2	0	1	23
Set for Motion Calendar	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	9	14
Set for Oral Argument	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	4
Total Awaiting Hearing	3	25	28	3	4	7	0	10	45

(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
Opinion/Order in Process	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
Total Pending Decision	3	26	29	3	5	8	0	10	47
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	8	8	0	0	0	3	0	11
Order Terminating Review	0	18	18	0	1	1	0	72	91
Ruling Terminating Review	2	11	13	8	12	20	0	2	35
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	9	9	0	1	1	0	14	24
Total Mandated	2	46	48	8	14	22	3	88	161

(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	385	230	615	35	99	134	277	0	0	1,026
RESOLUTIONS										
Opinions Published	32	38	70	0	2	2	9	0	1	82
Opinion Terminating Review	32	38	70	0	2	2	9	0	1	82
Review Not Accepted	1	2	3	0	1	1	18	0	0	22
Other Terminations	330	199	529	5	21	26	2	0	0	557
Order Terminating Review	331	201	532	5	22	27	20	0	0	579
Dismissed	3	2	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	7
Review Not Accepted	1	0	1	0	2	2	216	0	0	219
Other Terminations	6	10	16	17	63	80	6	0	2	104
Ruling Terminating Review	10	12	22	18	66	84	222	0	2	330
Total Resolved	373	251	624	23	90	113	251	0	3	991
PENDING AT YEAR END										
Cases Stayed	4	1	5	2	0	2	3	0	0	10
Cases Ready	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Cases Not Ready	5	6	11	6	20	26	99	0	0	136
Set for Motion Calendar	109	65	174	3	6	9	3	0	0	186
Set for Oral Argument	12	6	18	1	0	1	0	0	0	19

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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				
Total Awaiting Hearing	130	80	210	12	26	38	105	1	0	354
Opinion/Order in Process	8	10	18	2	0	2	0	0	0	20
Total Pending Decision	138	90	228	14	26	40	105	1	0	374
MANDATED										
Opinion Terminating Review	30	38	68	0	3	3	9	0	2	82
Order Terminating Review	328	205	533	5	23	28	20	0	0	581
Ruling Terminating Review	10	12	22	19	73	92	249	0	2	365
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	1	2	1	2	3	5	0	0	10
Total Mandated	369	256	625	25	101	126	283	0	4	1,038

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Court Activity, Original Actions and Federal Court - 2018 Annual Report

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
FILINGS						
Total Filings	8	75	0	18	101	5
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total Opinions	0	0	0	0	0	4
Review Not Accepted	0	0	1	0	1	0
Other Terminations	0	0	0	10	10	0
Total Orders	0	0	1	10	11	0
Dismissed	1	0	0	0	1	0
Review Not Accepted	1	0	0	0	1	0
Other Terminations	5	0	0	2	7	0
Total Rulings	7	0	0	2	9	0
Total Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	7	0	1	12	20	4
PENDING AT YEAR END						
Cases Ready	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cases Not Ready	0	1	0	0	1	0
Set for Motion Calendar	0	1	0	5	6	0
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	0	3

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	2	0	5	7	5
Total Pending Decision	0	2	0	5	7	5
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	5
Order Terminating Review	0	1	1	10	12	1
Ruling Terminating Review	6	0	0	1	7	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	74	0	3	78	0
Total Mandated	7	75	1	14	97	6

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Court Activity, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2018 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
FILINGS											
Total Filings	1	9	0	1	13	84	108	0	0	0	108
RESOLUTIONS (1)											
Opinions	0	1	3	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	5
Total Opinion	0	1	3	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	5
Other Terminations	0	10	0	0	17	86	113	0	0	0	113
Total Others	0	10	0	0	17	86	113	0	0	0	113
Total Resolved	0	11	3	0	18	86	118	0	0	0	118
PENDING AT YEAR END											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3
Cases Not Ready	1	0	0	1	1	3	6	0	0	0	6
Total Awaiting Hearing	1	0	1	1	1	5	9	0	0	0	9
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Pending Decision	1	0	1	1	1	5	9	0	0	0	9
MANDATED											
Opinion Terminating Review	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
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
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	10	0	0	17	86	113	0	0	0	113
Total Mandated	0	11	3	0	17	86	117	0	0	0	117

(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 - 2014 to 2018

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	2014	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	3	6	. %	1	. %	1	. %	6	. %
Civil Appeals	34	45	32.4 %	35	-22.2 %	50	42.9 %	37	-26 %
TOTAL Appeals	37	51	37.8 %	36	-29.4 %	51	41.7 %	43	-15.7 %
Direct Discretionary Review	34	23	. %	15	. %	26	. %	21	. %
Death Penalty Review	0	0	. %	0	%	0	%	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	74	99	33.8 %	66	-33.3 %	68	3 %	84	23.5 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	145	173	19.3 %	117	-32.4 %	145	23.9 %	148	2.1 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	396	417	5.3 %	361	-13.4 %	338	-6.4 %	385	13.9 %
Civil	302	291	-3.6 %	261	-10.3 %	263	0.8 %	230	-12.5 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	698	708	1.4 %	622	-12.1 %	601	-3.4 %	615	2.3 %
Motion for Discr. Review	115	121	5.2 %	130	7.4 %	155	19.2 %	134	-13.5 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	310	332	7.1 %	308	-7.2 %	287	-6.8 %	277	-3.5 %
Certifications/Transfers	8	8	. %	5	. %	3	. %	0	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	1,131	1,169	3.4 %	1,065	-8.9 %	1,046	-1.8 %	1,026	-1.9 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	146	131	-10.3 %	108	-17.6 %	117	8.3 %	106	-9.4 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	108	112	3.7 %	118	5.4 %	105	-11 %	108	2.9 %
TOTAL FILED	1,530	1,585	3.6 %	1,408	-11.2 %	1,413	0.4 %	1,388	-1.8 %

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

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History of Resolutions - 2014 to 2018

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	2014	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	3	5	. %	2	. %	2	. %	3	. %
Civil Appeals	34	33	-2.9 %	45	36.4 %	39	-13.3 %	35	-10.3 %
TOTAL Appeals	37	38	2.7 %	47	23.7 %	41	-12.8 %	38	-7.3 %
Direct Discretionary Review	22	27	. %	12	. %	32	. %	21	. %
Death Penalty Review	0	0	%	0	%	0	%	3	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	79	96	21.5 %	65	-32.3 %	63	-3.1 %	74	17.5 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	138	161	16.7 %	124	-23 %	136	9.7 %	136	0 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	342	377	10.2 %	401	6.4 %	361	-10 %	373	3.3 %
Civil	258	221	-14.3 %	302	36.7 %	276	-8.6 %	251	-9.1 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	600	598	-0.3 %	703	17.6 %	637	-9.4 %	624	-2 %
Motion for Discr. Review	76	127	67.1 %	131	3.1 %	177	35.1 %	113	-36.2 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	237	382	61.2 %	291	-23.8 %	392	34.7 %	251	-36 %
Certifications/Transfers	13	6	. %	8	. %	6	. %	3	. %
TOTAL	926	1,113	20.2 %	1,133	1.8 %	1,212	7 %	991	-18.2 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	54	28	. %	33	. %	42	27.3 %	24	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	1,831	100	-94.5 %	114	14 %	110	-3.5 %	118	7.3 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	2,949	1,402	-52.5 %	1,404	0.1 %	1,500	6.8 %	1,269	-15.4 %

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History of Pending Cases - 2014 to 2018

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	2014	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)
Criminal Appeals	3	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Civil Appeals	31	36	16.1 %	27	. %	31	. %	26	. %
Total Appeals	34	38	11.8 %	28	. %	31	%	29	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	21	16	. %	13	. %	8	. %	8	. %
Death Penalty Review	3	3	. %	3	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	10	11	. %	11	. %	14	. %	10	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	68	68	0 %	55	-19.1 %	56	1.8 %	47	-16.1 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	202	191	-5.4 %	150	-21.5 %	132	-12 %	138	4.5 %
Civil	128	164	28.1 %	125	-23.8 %	111	-11.2 %	90	-18.9 %
Total Petition for Review	330	355	7.6 %	275	-22.5 %	243	-11.6 %	228	-6.2 %
Motion for Discr. Review	57	51	-10.5 %	46	-9.8 %	20	. %	40	. %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	248	188	-24.2 %	191	1.6 %	79	-58.6 %	105	32.9 %
Certifications/Transfers	9	4	. %	9	. %	3	. %	1	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	644	598	-7.1 %	521	-12.9 %	345	-33.8 %	374	8.4 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	13	14	. %	12	. %	10	. %	12	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	10	22	.%	27	.%	21	.%	9	.%
TOTAL PENDING	725	680	-6.2 %	588	-13.5 %	411	-30.1 %	433	5.4 %

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Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2014 to 2018

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	2014	2015	% Chg (2)	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,530	1,585	3.6 %	1,408	-11.2 %	1,413	.4 %	1,388	-1.8 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	59	28	. %	98	. %	90	-8.2 %	101	12.2 %
Dismissed	5	8	. %	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	13	15	. %	21	. %	27	. %	15	. %
Review Not Accepted	5	25	. %	19	. %	24	. %	23	. %
Other Terminations	653	664	1.7 %	720	8.4 %	669	-7.1 %	644	-3.7 %
Total Orders	676	712	5.3 %	761	6.9 %	722	-5.1 %	683	-5.4 %
Dismissed	59	84	42.4 %	61	-27.4 %	31	-49.2 %	22	. %
Transferred/Certified	3	5	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	240	349	45.4 %	248	-28.9 %	363	46.4 %	220	-39.4 %
Other Terminations	83	124	49.4 %	122	-1.6 %	186	52.5 %	130	-30.1 %
Total Rulings	385	562	46.0 %	432	-23.1 %	580	34.3 %	372	-35.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	1,829	100	-94.5 %	113	13.0 %	108	-4.4 %	113	4.6 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	2,890	1,374	-52.5 %	1,306	-4.9 %	1,410	8.0 %	1,168	-17.2 %
Total Resolved	2,949	1,402	-52.5 %	1,404	.1 %	1,500	6.8 %	1,269	-15.4 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	45	18	. %	16	. %	17	. %	14	. %
Cases Ready	11	12	. %	4	. %	7	. %	8	. %
Cases Not Ready	482	460	-4.6 %	494	7.4 %	238	-51.8 %	166	-30.3 %

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Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2014 to 2018

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	2014	2015	% Chg (2)	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)
Set for Motion Calendar	114	148	29.8 %	36	-75.7 %	100	177.8 %	206	106.0 %
Set for Oral Argument	33	31	-6.1 %	26	. %	41	. %	26	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	685	669	-2.3 %	576	-13.9 %	403	-30.0 %	420	4.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	50	33	-34.0 %	39	18.2 %	29	. %	22	. %
Total Pending Decision	735	702	-4.5 %	615	-12.4 %	432	-29.8 %	442	2.3 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	134	132	-1.5 %	95	-28.0 %	107	12.6 %	102	-4.7 %
Order Terminating Review	664	726	9.3 %	762	5.0 %	722	-5.2 %	685	-5.1 %
Ruling Terminating Review	421	544	29.2 %	434	-20.2 %	551	27.0 %	407	-26.1 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	2,001	223	-88.9 %	208	-6.7 %	196	-5.8 %	225	14.8 %
Total Mandated	3,220	1,625	-49.5 %	1,499	-7.8 %	1,576	5.1 %	1,419	-10.0 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	145	173	19.3 %	117	-32.4 %	145	23.9 %	148	2.1 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	6	3	. %	12	. %	13	. %	10	. %
Dismissed	0	4	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	13	15	. %	21	. %	24	. %	15	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	82	95	15.9 %	67	-29.5 %	62	-7.5 %	77	24.2 %
Total Orders	95	115	21.1 %	89	-22.6 %	86	-3.4 %	93	8.1 %
Dismissed	21	27	. %	16	. %	21	. %	14	. %
Transferred/Certified	2	4	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	13	12	. %	5	. %	16	. %	19	. %
Total Rulings	37	43	16.2 %	23	. %	37	. %	33	-10.8 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	132	158	19.7 %	112	-29.1 %	123	9.8 %	126	2.4 %
Total Resolved	138	161	16.7 %	124	-23.0 %	136	9.7 %	136	.0 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	5	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Cases Ready	3	7	. %	3	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Cases Not Ready	50	43	-14.0 %	26	. %	21	. %	23	. %

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Set for Motion Calendar	4	10	. %	13	. %	23	. %	14	. %
Set for Oral Argument	3	2	. %	4	. %	3	. %	4	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	65	63	-3.1 %	46	-27.0 %	51	10.9 %	45	-11.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	3	5	. %	9	. %	5	. %	2	. %
Total Pending Decision	68	68	.0 %	55	-19.1 %	56	1.8 %	47	-16.1 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	11	12	. %	11	. %	20	. %	11	. %
Order Terminating Review	98	116	18.4 %	89	-23.3 %	87	-2.2 %	91	4.6 %
Ruling Terminating Review	42	43	2.4 %	22	. %	33	. %	35	6.1 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	6	5	. %	3	. %	2	. %	24	. %
Total Mandated	157	176	12.1 %	125	-29.0 %	142	13.6 %	161	13.4 %

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	2014	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,131	1,169	3.4 %	1,065	-8.9 %	1,046	-1.8 %	1,026	-1.9 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	48	24	. %	79	. %	70	-11.4 %	82	17.1 %
Dismissed	5	4	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	5	22	. %	19	. %	24	. %	22	. %
Other Terminations	541	552	2.0 %	628	13.8 %	580	-7.6 %	557	-4.0 %
Total Orders	551	578	4.9 %	647	11.9 %	606	-6.3 %	579	-4.5 %
Dismissed	36	57	58.3 %	44	-22.8 %	8	. %	7	. %
Review Not Accepted	222	347	56.3 %	247	-28.8 %	363	47.0 %	219	-39.7 %
Other Terminations	69	107	55.1 %	116	8.4 %	165	42.2 %	104	-37.0 %
Total Rulings	327	511	56.3 %	407	-20.4 %	536	31.7 %	330	-38.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	878	1,089	24.0 %	1,054	-3.2 %	1,142	8.3 %	909	-20.4 %
Total Resolved	926	1,113	20.2 %	1,133	1.8 %	1,212	7.0 %	991	-18.2 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	39	16	. %	14	. %	14	. %	10	. %
Cases Ready	6	3	. %	0	. %	4	. %	3	. %
Cases Not Ready	417	389	-6.7 %	438	12.6 %	197	-55.0 %	136	-31.0 %
Set for Motion Calendar	110	138	25.5 %	20	. %	75	. %	186	148.0 %
Set for Oral Argument	27	26	. %	21	. %	33	. %	19	. %

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Total Awaiting Hearing	599	572	-4.5 %	493	-13.8 %	323	-34.5 %	354	9.6 %
Opinion/Order in Process	45	26	. %	28	. %	22	. %	20	. %
Total Pending Decision	644	598	-7.1 %	521	-12.9 %	345	-33.8 %	374	8.4 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	93	112	20.4 %	78	-30.4 %	79	1.3 %	82	3.8 %
Order Terminating Review	551	577	4.7 %	648	12.3 %	606	-6.5 %	581	-4.1 %
Ruling Terminating Review	339	494	45.7 %	408	-17.4 %	509	24.8 %	365	-28.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	18	21	. %	13	. %	9	. %	10	. %
Total Mandated	1,001	1,204	20.3 %	1,147	-4.7 %	1,203	4.9 %	1,038	-13.7 %

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	2014	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	143	124	-13.3 %	105	-15.3 %	111	5.7 %	101	-9.0 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	3	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	. %	0	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	30	17	. %	25	. %	26	. %	10	. %
Total Orders	30	19	. %	25	. %	29	. %	11	. %
Dismissed	2	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	1	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	17	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	1	5	. %	1	. %	5	. %	7	. %
Total Rulings	21	8	. %	2	. %	7	. %	9	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	51	27	. %	27	. %	36	. %	20	. %
Total Resolved	54	27	. %	28	. %	37	. %	20	. %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	0	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Cases Ready	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	8	7	. %	5	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Set for Motion Calendar	0	0	. %	3	. %	2	. %	6	. %

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	2014	2015	% Chg (1)	2016	% Chg (1)	2017	% Chg (1)	2018	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	9	7	. %	9	. %	6	. %	7	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	9	8	. %	9	. %	6	. %	7	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	9	1	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Order Terminating Review	15	33	. %	25	. %	29	. %	12	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	40	7	. %	4	. %	9	. %	7	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	141	97	-31.2 %	78	-19.6 %	77	-1.3 %	78	1.3 %
Total Mandated	205	138	-32.7 %	107	-22.5 %	117	9.3 %	97	-17.1 %

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	2014	2015	% Chg (2)	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	108	112	3.7 %	118	5.4 %	105	-11.0 %	108	2.9 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	2	0	. %	1	. %	2	. %	5	. %
	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	1,829	100	-94.5 %	113	13.0 %	108	-4.4 %	113	4.6 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,829	100	-94.5 %	113	13.0 %	108	-4.4 %	113	4.6 %
Total Resolved	1,831	100	-94.5 %	114	14.0 %	110	-3.5 %	118	7.3 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	1	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Cases Ready	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	7	21	. %	25	. %	17	. %	6	. %
Set for Oral Argument	1	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	10	22	. %	26	. %	20	. %	9	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	10	22	. %	27	. %	21	. %	9	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	18	3	. %	0	. %	3	. %	4	. %

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	2014	2015	% Chg (2)	2016	% Chg (2)	2017	% Chg (2)	2018	% Chg (2)
Other Decision Terminating Review	1,836	100	-94.6 %	113	13.0 %	108	-4.4 %	113	4.6 %
Total Mandated	1,854	103	-94.4 %	113	9.7 %	111	-1.8 %	117	5.4 %

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