Supreme Court

2022 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 - 2022 Annual Report

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
FILINGS		PP				
Total Filings	93	813	100	49	10	1,065
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	8	49	2	2	7	68
Opinion Terminating Review	8	49	2	2	7	68
Dismissed	0	8	1	0	0	9
Transferred/Certified	9	0	0	0	0	9
Review Not Accepted	0	29	0	0	0	29
Other Terminations	46	458	30	0	0	534
Order Terminating Review	55	495	31	0	0	581
Dismissed	3	26	0	0	0	29
Transferred/Certified	2	0	0	0	0	2
Review Not Accepted	9	302	1	0	0	312
Other Terminations	7	5	9	0	0	21
Ruling Terminating Review	21	333	10	0	0	364
Other Terminations	0	0	0	53	0	53
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	53	0	53
Total Resolved	84	877	43	55	7	1,066
PENDING AT YEAR END						

<sup>(1)</sup> 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	0	18	0	1	0	19
Cases Ready	4	7	1	0	5	17
Cases Not Ready	10	60	1	5	1	77
Set for Motion Calendar	17	150	5	0	0	172
Set for Oral Argument	5	12	0	0	1	18
Total Awaiting Hearing	36	247	7	6	7	303
Opinion/Order in Process	1	18	0	0	1	20
Total Pending Decision	37	265	7	6	8	323
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	8	48	1	3	7	67
Order Terminating Review	54	496	30	0	0	580
Ruling Terminating Review	25	344	10	0	0	379
Other Decision Terminating Review	9	7	61	53	1	131
Total Mandated	96	895	102	56	8	1,157

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

### Court Activity, Cases from Trial Courts - 2022 Annual Report

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----- Appeals ----- --- Discretionary Review -----

	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
FILINGS	J.IIIIII	0.7	10141	O	0.7	10.01	1.07.01	1 41145 (1)	· Otal
Total Filings	1	31	32	3	13	16	0	45	93
RESOLUTIONS									
Opinions Published	0	5	5	1	2	3	0	0	8
Opinion Terminating Review	0	5	5	1	2	3	0	0	8
Transferred/Certified	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Other Terminations	0	7	7	0	2	2	0	37	46
Order Terminating Review	0	16	16	0	2	2	0	37	55
Dismissed	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
Review Not Accepted	0	1	1	1	7	8	0	0	9
Other Terminations	0	4	4	0	2	2	0	1	7
Ruling Terminating Review	0	8	8	1	11	12	0	1	21
Total Resolved	0	29	29	2	15	17	0	38	84
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Ready	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	4
Cases Not Ready	0	7	7	1	2	3	0	0	10
Set for Motion Calendar	0	5	5	0	1	1	0	11	17
Set for Oral Argument	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	1	5
Total Awaiting Hearing	1	15	16	3	5	8	0	12	36

<sup>(1)</sup> Expenditure of Public Funds.

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----- Appeals ----- --- Discretionary Review -----

							<b>Death Penalty</b>	Exp Public	
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Review	Funds (1)	Total
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total Pending Decision	1	15	16	3	6	9	0	12	37
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	5	5	1	2	3	0	0	8
Order Terminating Review	0	14	14	0	2	2	0	38	54
Ruling Terminating Review	0	10	10	1	13	14	0	1	25
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	5	5	0	3	3	0	1	9
Total Mandated	0	34	34	2	20	22	0	40	96

<sup>(1)</sup> Expenditure of Public Funds.

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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	227	223	450	30	86	116	245	0	2	813
RESOLUTIONS										
Opinions Published	22	14	36	1	5	6	5	0	2	49
Opinion Terminating Review	22	14	36	1	5	6	5	0	2	49
Dismissed	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Review Not Accepted	8	8	16	0	5	5	8	0	0	29
Other Terminations	245	189	434	4	20	24	0	0	0	458
Order Terminating Review	254	204	458	4	25	29	8	0	0	495
Dismissed	4	6	10	2	0	2	14	0	0	26
Review Not Accepted	1	0	1	13	53	66	233	0	2	302
Other Terminations	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	5
Ruling Terminating Review	5	6	11	15	56	71	247	0	4	333
Total Resolved	281	224	505	20	86	106	260	0	6	877
PENDING AT YEAR END										
Cases Stayed	1	3	4	0	0	0	14	0	0	18
Cases Ready	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Cases Not Ready	6	8	14	1	2	3	43	0	0	60
Set for Motion Calendar	53	64	117	9	21	30	3	0	0	150

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	Petition	for Rev	iew	Motions fo	r Discretion	nary Review					
Set for Oral Assument	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	<b>Total</b> 2	Discrectionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total	
Set for Oral Argument	3	5	8	0	2	2	2	0	0	12	
Total Awaiting Hearing	65	85	150	10	25	35	62	0	0	247	
Opinion/Order in Process	4	8	12	1	1	2	3	1	0	18	
Total Pending Decision	69	93	162	11	26	37	65	1	0	265	
MANDATED											
Opinion Terminating Review	22	13	35	1	5	6	5	0	2	48	
Order Terminating Review	255	204	459	4	25	29	8	0	0	496	
Ruling Terminating Review	4	6	10	19	54	73	257	0	4	344	
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	2	3	0	0		3	0	1	7	
Total Mandated	282	225	507	24	84	108	273	0	7	895	

## Court Activity, Original Actions and Federal Court - 2022 Annual Report

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
FILINGS	Agamot	Restraints	T KI	Neviews	Total	r cacrar court
Total Filings	11	63	0	26	100	10
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	2	0	0	0	2	7
Total Opinions	2	0	0	0	2	7
Dismissed	0	1	0	0	1	0
Other Terminations	6	0	0	24	30	0
Total Orders	6	1	0	24	31	0
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	1	1	0
Other Terminations	6	2	0	1	9	0
Total Rulings	6	2	0	2	10	0
Total Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	14	3	0	26	43	7
PENDING AT YEAR END						
Cases Ready	0	0	0	1	1	5
Cases Not Ready	0	1	0	0	1	1
Set for Motion Calendar	1	0	0	4	5	0
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Awaiting Hearing	1	1	0	5	7	7

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	1
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Pending Decision	1	1	0	5	7	8
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	1	0	0	0	1	7
Order Terminating Review	5	1	0	24	30	0
Ruling Terminating Review	8	1	0	1	10	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	61	0	0	61	1
Total Mandated	14	63	0	25	102	8

## Court Activity, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2022 Annual Report

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------ Washington State Bar Association ----- Commission on Judical Conduct

	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretional Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
FILINGS	••		••			, ,		• • •			
Total Filings	0	1	0	0	5	42	48	1	0	1	49
RESOLUTIONS (1)											
Opinions	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
Total Opinion	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
Other Terminations	0	0	0	0	8	44	52	1	0	1	53
Total Others	0	0	0	0	8	44	52	1	0	1	53
Total Resolved	1	0	0	0	8	44	53	2	0	2	55
PENDING AT YEAR END											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	0	1	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	5
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	1	1	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	6
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Pending Decision	0	1	1	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	6
MANDATED											
Opinion Terminating Review	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	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
Other Decision Terminating Revie	w 0	0	0	0	8	44	52	1	0	1	53
Total Mandated	1	0	1	0	8	44	54	2	0	2	56

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

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

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington History of Filings - 2018 to 2022

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	2018	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	5	2	. %	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Civil Appeals	39	28	. %	38	. %	30	. %	31	. %
TOTAL Appeals	44	30	. %	40	. %	31	-22.5 %	32	3.2 %
Direct Discretionary Review	22	18	. %	29	. %	21	. %	16	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	83	69	-16.9 %	69	0 %	64	-7.2 %	45	-29.7 %
TOTAL TRIAL COURTS	149	117	-21.5 %	138	17.9 %	116	-15.9 %	93	-19.8 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	388	349	-10.1 %	365	4.6 %	320	-12.3 %	227	-29.1 %
Civil	230	276	20 %	221	-19.9 %	229	3.6 %	223	-2.6 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	618	625	1.1 %	586	-6.2 %	549	-6.3 %	450	-18 %
Motion for Discr. Review	135	174	28.9 %	154	-11.5 %	110	-28.6 %	116	5.5 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	279	294	5.4 %	318	8.2 %	240	-24.5 %	245	2.1 %
Certifications/Transfers	6	7	. %	3	. %	4	. %	2	. %
TOTAL COURT OF APPEALS	1,038	1,100	6 %	1,061	-3.5 %	903	-14.9 %	813	-10 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	106	93	-12.3 %	113	21.5 %	98	-13.3 %	110	12.2 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	109	89	-18.3 %	64	-28.1 %	64	0 %	49	-23.4 %
TOTAL FILED	1,402	1,399	-0.2 %	1,376	-1.6 %	1,181	-14.2 %	1,065	-9.8 %

<sup>(1)</sup> Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington History of Resolutions - 2018 to 2022

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	2018	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	4	3	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Civil Appeals	34	39	14.7 %	27	. %	26	. %	29	. %
TOTAL Appeals	38	42	10.5 %	27	. %	28	. %	29	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	21	14	. %	25	. %	18	. %	17	. %
Death Penalty Review	2	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	74	64	-13.5 %	58	-9.4 %	74	27.6 %	38	-48.6 %
TOTAL TRIAL COURTS	135	120	-11.1 %	110	-8.3 %	120	9.1 %	84	-30 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	374	362	-3.2 %	331	-8.6 %	336	1.5 %	281	-16.4 %
Civil	251	253	0.8 %	229	-9.5 %	213	-7 %	224	5.2 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	625	615	-1.6 %	560	-8.9 %	549	-2 %	505	-8 %
Motion for Discr. Review	110	159	44.5 %	146	-8.2 %	107	-26.7 %	106	-0.9 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	251	291	15.9 %	323	11 %	249	-22.9 %	260	4.4 %
Certifications/Transfers	3	2	. %	5	. %	5	. %	6	. %
TOTAL	989	1,067	7.9 %	1,034	-3.1 %	910	-12 %	877	-3.6 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	22	37	. %	32	-13.5 %	44	37.5 %	50	13.6 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	119	80	-32.8 %	71	-11.3 %	63	-11.3 %	55	-12.7 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	1,265	1,304	3.1 %	1,247	-4.4 %	1,137	-8.8 %	1,066	-6.2 %

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# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington History of Pending Cases - 2018 to 2022

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	2018	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)
Criminal Appeals	3	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Civil Appeals	26	19	. %	23	. %	19	. %	15	. %
Total Appeals	29	20	. %	25	. %	19	. %	16	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	8	10	. %	12	. %	9	. %	9	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	10	10	. %	18	. %	6	. %	12	. %
TOTAL TRIAL COURTS	47	40	-14.9 %	55	37.5 %	34	-38.2 %	37	8.8 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	138	120	-13 %	142	18.3 %	124	-12.7 %	69	-44.4 %
Civil	90	101	12.2 %	84	-16.8 %	94	11.9 %	93	-1.1 %
Total Petition for Review	228	221	-3.1 %	226	2.3 %	218	-3.5 %	162	-25.7 %
Motion for Discr. Review	40	50	25 %	42	-16 %	29	. %	37	. %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	105	107	1.9 %	96	-10.3 %	77	-19.8 %	65	-15.6 %
Certifications/Transfers	1	6	. %	4	. %	1	. %	1	. %
TOTAL COURT OF APPEALS	374	384	2.7 %	368	-4.2 %	325	-11.7 %	265	-18.5 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	12	8	. %	8	. %	15	. %	15	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDUICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	9	14	.%	9	.%	10	.%	6	.%
TOTAL PENDING	433	432	-0.2 %	431	-0.2 %	374	-13.2 %	317	-15.2 %

<sup>(1)</sup> Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

### Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2018 to 2022

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	2018	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,402	1,399	2 %	1,376	-1.6 %	1,181	-14.2 %	1,065	-9.8 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	101	88	-12.9 %	69	-21.6 %	70	1.4 %	68	-2.9 %
Dismissed	1	7	. %	5	. %	3	. %	9	. %
Transferred/Certified	15	24	. %	13	. %	9	. %	9	. %
Review Not Accepted	23	25	. %	31	. %	68	119.4 %	29	. %
Other Terminations	645	633	-1.9 %	598	-5.5 %	565	-5.5 %	534	-5.5 %
Total Orders	684	689	.7 %	647	-6.1 %	645	3 %	581	-9.9 %
Dismissed	21	37	. %	25	. %	50	. %	29	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	%	0	%	2	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	219	312	42.5 %	418	34.0 %	290	-30.6 %	312	7.6 %
Other Terminations	126	99	-21.4 %	18	. %	18	. %	21	. %
Total Rulings	366	448	22.4 %	461	2.9 %	360	-21.9 %	364	1.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	114	79	-30.7 %	70	-11.4 %	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,164	1,216	4.5 %	1,178	-3.1 %	1,067	-9.4 %	998	-6.5 %
Total Resolved	1,265	1,304	3.1 %	1,247	-4.4 %	1,137	-8.8 %	1,066	-6.2 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	14	13	. %	30	. %	15	. %	19	. %
Cases Ready	8	9	. %	3	. %	6	. %	17	. %
Cases Not Ready	166	132	-20.5 %	114	-13.6 %	90	-21.1 %	77	-14.4 %

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<sup>(2)</sup> Percentages are not reported when numbers are small(less than 30).

#### Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2018 to 2022

	2018	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)
Set for Motion Calendar	206	242	17.5 %	245	1.2 %	222	-9.4 %	172	-22.5 %
Set for Oral Argument	26	24	. %	19	. %	25	. %	18	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	420	420	.0 %	411	-2.1 %	358	-12.9 %	303	-15.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	22	26	. %	29	. %	26	. %	20	. %
Total Pending Decision	442	446	.9 %	440	-1.3 %	384	-12.7 %	323	-15.9 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	100	91	-9.0 %	80	-12.1 %	78	-2.5 %	67	-14.1 %
Order Terminating Review	688	688	.0 %	644	-6.4 %	648	.6 %	580	-10.5 %
Ruling Terminating Review	415	440	6.0 %	433	-1.6 %	389	-10.2 %	379	-2.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	226	169	-25.2 %	192	13.6 %	162	-15.6 %	131	-19.1 %
Total Mandated	1,429	1,388	-2.9 %	1,349	-2.8 %	1,277	-5.3 %	1,157	-9.4 %

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	2018	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	149	117	-21.5 %	138	17.9 %	116	-15.9 %	93	-19.8 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	10	15	. %	11	. %	14	. %	8	. %
Dismissed	1	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	15	24	. %	13	. %	8	. %	9	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	6	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	76	60	-21.1 %	61	1.7 %	76	24.6 %	46	-39.5 %
Total Orders	92	91	-1.1 %	74	-18.7 %	84	13.5 %	55	-34.5 %
Dismissed	14	7	. %	8	. %	9	. %	3	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	2	. %	11	. %	6	. %	9	. %
Other Terminations	19	5	. %	6	. %	5	. %	7	. %
Total Rulings	33	14	. %	25	. %	22	. %	21	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	125	105	-16.0 %	99	-5.7 %	106	7.1 %	76	-28.3 %
Total Resolved	135	120	-11.1 %	110	-8.3 %	120	9.1 %	84	-30.0 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	1	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Cases Ready	3	6	. %	2	. %	1	. %	4	. %
Cases Not Ready	23	9	. %	12	. %	14	. %	10	. %

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	2018	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)
Set for Motion Calendar	14	16	. %	29	. %	12	. %	17	. %
Set for Oral Argument	4	2	. %	3	. %	2	. %	5	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	45	34	-24.4 %	48	41.2 %	30	. %	36	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	2	6	. %	7	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Total Pending Decision	47	40	-14.9 %	55	37.5 %	34	-38.2 %	37	8.8 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	11	14	. %	12	. %	19	. %	8	. %
Order Terminating Review	91	92	1.1 %	74	-19.6 %	83	12.2 %	54	-34.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	35	19	. %	21	. %	22	. %	25	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	24	5	. %	12	. %	13	. %	9	. %
Total Mandated	161	130	-19.3 %	119	-8.5 %	137	15.1 %	96	-29.9 %

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# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2018 to 2022

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	2018	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,038	1,100	6.0 %	1,061	-3.5 %	903	-14.9 %	813	-10.0 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	82	65	-20.7 %	54	-16.9 %	50	-7.4 %	49	-2.0 %
Dismissed	0	4	. %	5	. %	3	. %	8	. %
Review Not Accepted	22	17	. %	30	. %	68	. %	29	. %
Other Terminations	559	558	2 %	519	-7.0 %	459	-11.6 %	458	2 %
Total Orders	581	579	3 %	554	-4.3 %	530	-4.3 %	495	-6.6 %
Dismissed	7	26	. %	15	. %	38	. %	26	. %
Review Not Accepted	218	307	40.8 %	406	32.2 %	282	-30.5 %	302	7.1 %
Other Terminations	101	90	-10.9 %	5	. %	10	. %	5	. %
Total Rulings	326	423	29.8 %	426	.7 %	330	-22.5 %	333	.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	907	1,002	10.5 %	980	-2.2 %	860	-12.2 %	828	-3.7 %
Total Resolved	989	1,067	7.9 %	1,034	-3.1 %	910	-12.0 %	877	-3.6 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	10	9	. %	25	. %	12	. %	18	. %
Cases Ready	3	3	. %	1	. %	1	. %	7	. %
Cases Not Ready	136	110	-19.1 %	96	-12.7 %	70	-27.1 %	60	-14.3 %
Set for Motion Calendar	186	223	19.9 %	212	-4.9 %	204	-3.8 %	150	-26.5 %
Set for Oral Argument	19	20	. %	14	. %	19	. %	12	. %

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# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2018 to 2022

	2018	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	354	365	3.1 %	348	-4.7 %	306	-12.1 %	247	-19.3 %
Opinion/Order in Process	20	19	. %	20	. %	19	. %	18	. %
Total Pending Decision	374	384	2.7 %	368	-4.2 %	325	-11.7 %	265	-18.5 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	81	69	-14.8 %	62	-10.1 %	54	-12.9 %	48	-11.1 %
Order Terminating Review	584	577	-1.2 %	553	-4.2 %	532	-3.8 %	496	-6.8 %
Ruling Terminating Review	373	414	11.0 %	398	-3.9 %	360	-9.5 %	344	-4.4 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	10	22	. %	31	. %	39	25.8 %	7	. %
Total Mandated	1,048	1,082	3.2 %	1,044	-3.5 %	985	-5.7 %	895	-9.1 %

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# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington Court Activity Trends, Original Actions - 2018 to 2022

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	2018	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	101	88	-12.9 %	110	25.0 %	92	-16.4 %	100	8.7 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	0	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Dismissed	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	10	14	. %	17	. %	30	. %	30	. %
Total Orders	11	17	. %	18	. %	31	. %	31	.0 %
Dismissed	0	4	. %	2	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	6	4	. %	7	. %	3	. %	9	. %
Total Rulings	7	11	. %	10	. %	8	. %	10	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	18	28	. %	28	. %	39	. %	41	5.1 %
Total Resolved	18	29	. %	29	. %	42	. %	43	2.4 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Ready	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Cases Not Ready	1	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Set for Motion Calendar	6	3	. %	4	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %

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	2018	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	7	6	. %	6	. %	9	. %	7	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	7	6	. %	7	. %	9	. %	7	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Order Terminating Review	12	17	. %	17	. %	32	. %	30	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	7	7	. %	14	. %	7	. %	10	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	78	63	-19.2 %	79	25.4 %	48	-39.2 %	61	27.1 %
Total Mandated	97	88	-9.3 %	111	26.1 %	90	-18.9 %	102	13.3 %

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### Court Activity Trends, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2018 to 2022

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	2018	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	109	89	-18.3 %	64	-28.1 %	64	.0 %	49	-23.4 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	5	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Rulings	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	114	79	-30.7 %	70	-11.4 %	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	114	80	-29.8 %	70	-12.5 %	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %
Total Resolved	119	80	-32.8 %	71	-11.3 %	63	-11.3 %	55	-12.7 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	3	3	. %	3	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Cases Not Ready	6	10	. %	5	. %	4	. %	5	. %
Set for Oral Argument	0	1	. %	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	9	14	. %	9	. %	8	. %	6	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	9	14	. %	9	. %	10	. %	6	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	3	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Order Terminating Review	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %

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	2018	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)
Other Decision Terminating Review	114	79	-30.7 %	70	-11.4 %	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %
Total Mandated	117	82	-29.9 %	71	-13.4 %	62	-12.7 %	56	-9.7 %

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