

***Court of Appeals***

***2024 Annual Report***

***Annual Caseload Report***

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# Court of Appeals Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

## **Filings**

### **Notice Of Appeal**

- The filing of an appeal of a trial court final judgment that is reviewable as a matter of right. Notices of appeal must be filed within 30 days of the trial court judgment. Unless otherwise prohibited by statute or court rule, a party may appeal from only trial court decisions as specified in Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 2.2. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

### **Personal Restraint Petition**

- The filing of a review to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement, or other restrictions imposed by a criminal or civil trial court decision (RAP 16.4).

### **Discretionary Review**

- The filing of a review of interlocutory orders of a trial court, made prior to a final determination of the case, concerning whether errors or substantial departure from accepted and usual courses of proceedings occurred in the case. Unless otherwise prohibited by statute or court rule, a party may seek discretionary review of any act of superior court not appealable as a matter of right (RAP 2.3).  
Dispositions

The appellate court may reverse, affirm, or modify the decision being reviewed and take any other action as the merits of the case and the interest of justice may require (RAP 12.2). Each review is counted as being disposed as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the appellate clerk.

## **Opinions**

- The statement by the court of the decision reached in regard to a cause argued before it, expounding the law as applied to the case, and detailing the reasons upon which the judgment is based.

### **Opinions Published -**

The published written opinion terminating the review.

### **Opinions Unpublished**

- The unpublished written opinion terminating the review.

### **Commissioners' Rulings**

- Rulings by commissioners which terminate review.

### **Motion On The Merits**

- Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

### **Other Rulings**

- Other rulings by commissioners, such as rulings on accelerated review of adult sentences or juvenile offender proceedings or granting a motion to dismiss--Anders (RAP 15.2(h)).

### **Dismissed**

- An order issued by the court dismissing the review prior to the point where case merit is determined. 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 for want of prosecution, if the review is frivolous, moot or solely for the purpose of delay, or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

### **Transferred/Certified**

- The Supreme Court, to promote orderly administration of justice may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court ("certified"). A case may be transferred from one division to another within the Court of Appeals (RAP 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, RCW 2.06.030).

### **Review Not Accepted**

- Reviews may not be accepted if they do not meet the conditions governing the acceptance of review (RAP 2.2, 2.3, and 16.4).

### **Other Terminations**

- 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 Cases**

#### **Case Stayed**

- Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the court.

#### **Brief Not Filed**

- Those cases within the stages of perfection in which no briefs have yet been filed.

#### **Appellant Brief Filed**

- Those cases within the stages of perfection in which appellant's brief has been filed, but respondent's brief is still awaited.

#### **Respondent Brief Filed**

- Those cases within the stages of perfection in which both appellant's brief and respondent's brief have been filed, but case has yet to be set on the court calendar for review.

#### **Remanded To Trial Court**

- Those cases whose jurisdiction have been temporarily returned to the trial court of origination.

#### **Set For Motion On The Merits**

- Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served, and now qualify for setting. Because a

motion on the merits has been made, these cases have been set on the Motion On The Merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

#### **Ruling Referred To Panel**

- Cases which were initially assigned to a commissioner, who has ruled that they should be referred to a panel of judges for a decision.

#### **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 a review.

#### **Opinion/Order In Process**

- Those cases which have been reviewed by the court but have yet to receive a decision.

#### **Mandated**

A review is mandated by the clerk of the Court of Appeals when a written notification, when required, is sent to the trial court and all parties. The notification informs all parties of an appellate court decision terminating the review.

#### **Time In Process Statistics --Notice Of Appeals**

##### **Filing**

- The date the appeal is filed in the trial court.

##### **Statement Of Arrangements**

- The date of the first occurrence when the Statement Of Arrangements has either been "Received" or "Filed" in the appellate court.

##### **Report Of Proceedings**

- The date of the first occurrence when the Report Of Proceedings has either been "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

##### **Appellant's Brief**

- The date of the last occurrence for the Appellant's Brief to either be "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

##### **Respondent's Brief**

- The date of the last occurrence for the Respondent's Brief to either be "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

##### **Oral Argument**

- The date of the first occurrence that the oral argument received a status of "Heard."

##### **Opinion**

- The date of the first occurrence of the opinion being filed.

##### **Mandate**

- A written notification by the clerk of the appellate court to the trial court and to the parties of an appellate court decision terminating review.

Note that the time-in-process tables have been changed in 1997 to reflect the 75th percentile rather than the median number of days between events. The change was made for consistency with national standards.

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Other Reviews -----			
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	800	1,309	2,109	615	476	1,091	3,200
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	62	88	150	9	12	21	171
Opinions Unpublished	460	512	972	71	31	102	1,074
Opinion Terminating Review	522	600	1,122	80	43	123	1,245
Dismissed	2	1	3	469	0	469	472
Transferred/Certified	85	88	173	22	2	24	197
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	5	0	5	5
Other Terminations	1	3	4	38	1	39	43
Order Terminating Review	88	92	180	534	3	537	717
Decided on Merits	3	12	15	0	41	41	56
Dismissed	105	410	515	25	113	138	653
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Review Not Accepted	6	27	33	0	191	191	224
Other Terminations	10	20	30	0	30	30	60
Ruling Terminating Review	124	469	593	27	375	402	995
Total Resolved	734	1,161	1,895	641	421	1,062	2,957

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PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	21	38	59	31	12	43	102
Brief Not Filed	738	717	1,455	189	113	302	1,757
Appellant Brief Filed	0	8	8	4	0	4	12
Respondent Brief Filed	239	177	416	99	12	111	527
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	22	62	84	0	78	78	162
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	4	0	4	4
Set for Oral Argument (2)	153	162	315	13	8	21	336
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,173	1,164	2,337	341	223	564	2,901
Opinion/Order in Process	73	52	125	12	3	15	140
Total Pending Decision	1,246	1,216	2,462	353	226	579	3,041
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	517	635	1,152	101	49	150	1,302
Order Terminating Review	96	95	191	599	11	610	801
Ruling Terminating Review	133	483	616	29	401	430	1,046
Other Decision Terminating Review	2	16	18	5	10	15	33
Total Mandated	748	1,229	1,977	734	471	1,205	3,182

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	273	650	923	216	167	383	1,306
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	25	42	67	1	6	7	74
Opinions Unpublished	165	269	434	32	19	51	485
Opinion Terminating Review	190	311	501	33	25	58	559
Dismissed	1	1	2	130	0	130	132
Transferred/Certified	0	2	2	4	0	4	6
Other Terminations	0	0	0	15	0	15	15
Order Terminating Review	1	3	4	149	0	149	153
Decided on Merits	1	3	4	0	0	0	4
Dismissed	42	208	250	3	39	42	292
Review Not Accepted	5	16	21	0	61	61	82
Other Terminations	1	1	2	0	2	2	4
Ruling Terminating Review	49	228	277	3	102	105	382
Total Resolved	240	542	782	185	127	312	1,094
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	4	20	24	13	5	18	42

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
Brief Not Filed	253	388	641	99	44	143	784
Appellant Brief Filed	0	5	5	0	0	0	5
Respondent Brief Filed	40	74	114	40	4	44	158
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	0	1	1	0	18	18	19
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	4	0	4	4
Set for Oral Argument (2)	64	92	156	8	7	15	171
Total Awaiting Hearing	361	580	941	164	78	242	1,183
Opinion/Order in Process	22	22	44	3	1	4	48
Total Pending Decision	383	602	985	167	79	246	1,231
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	199	336	535	43	26	69	604
Order Terminating Review	6	3	9	171	7	178	187
Ruling Terminating Review	57	245	302	5	104	109	411
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	3	3	1	0	1	4
Total Mandated	262	587	849	220	137	357	1,206

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	355	415	770	259	162	421	1,191
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	21	33	54	3	2	5	59
Opinions Unpublished	174	131	305	30	3	33	338
Opinion Terminating Review	195	164	359	33	5	38	397
Dismissed	1	0	1	217	0	217	218
Transferred/Certified	72	79	151	16	0	16	167
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	5	0	5	5
Other Terminations	1	1	2	21	1	22	24
Order Terminating Review	74	80	154	259	1	260	414
Decided on Merits	2	9	11	0	41	41	52
Dismissed	35	144	179	18	55	73	252
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Review Not Accepted	0	4	4	0	77	77	81
Other Terminations	4	16	20	0	27	27	47
Ruling Terminating Review	41	173	214	19	200	219	433
Total Resolved	310	417	727	311	206	517	1,244

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PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	3	5	8	8	4	12	20
Brief Not Filed	331	207	538	61	28	89	627
Appellant Brief Filed	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Respondent Brief Filed	147	42	189	49	3	52	241
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	0	13	13	0	19	19	32
Set for Oral Argument (2)	67	47	114	5	1	6	120
Total Awaiting Hearing	548	314	862	125	55	180	1,042
Opinion/Order in Process	27	12	39	6	1	7	46
Total Pending Decision	575	326	901	131	56	187	1,088
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	187	165	352	43	6	49	401
Order Terminating Review	74	81	155	298	2	300	455
Ruling Terminating Review	41	170	211	18	211	229	440
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	2	2	1	1	2	4
Total Mandated	302	418	720	360	220	580	1,300

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	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discretionary Review	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS							
Total Filings	172	244	416	140	147	287	703
RESOLUTIONS (5)							
Opinions Published	16	13	29	5	4	9	38
Opinions Unpublished	121	112	233	9	9	18	251
Opinion Terminating Review	137	125	262	14	13	27	289
Dismissed	0	0	0	122	0	122	122
Transferred/Certified	13	7	20	2	2	4	24
Other Terminations	0	2	2	2	0	2	4
Order Terminating Review	13	9	22	126	2	128	150
Dismissed	28	58	86	4	19	23	109
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Review Not Accepted	1	7	8	0	53	53	61
Other Terminations	5	3	8	0	1	1	9
Ruling Terminating Review	34	68	102	5	73	78	180
Total Resolved	184	202	386	145	88	233	619
PENDING AT YEAR END (1)							
Cases Stayed	14	13	27	10	3	13	40

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Brief Not Filed	154	122	276	29	41	70	346
Appellant Brief Filed	0	3	3	2	0	2	5
Respondent Brief Filed	52	61	113	10	5	15	128
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	22	48	70	0	41	41	111
Set for Oral Argument (2)	22	23	45	0	0	0	45
Total Awaiting Hearing	264	270	534	52	90	142	676
Opinion/Order in Process	24	18	42	3	1	4	46
Total Pending Decision	288	288	576	55	91	146	722
MANDATED							
Opinion Terminating Review	131	134	265	15	17	32	297
Order Terminating Review	16	11	27	130	2	132	159
Ruling Terminating Review	35	68	103	6	86	92	195
Other Decision Terminating Review	2	11	13	3	9	12	25
Total Mandated	184	224	408	154	114	268	676

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## History of Filings (1) - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2024	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	209	201	-3.8 %	290	44.3 %	298	2.8 %	273	-8.4 %
Civil Appeals	472	526	11.4 %	510	-3 %	608	19.2 %	650	6.9 %
Total Appeals	681	727	6.8 %	800	10 %	906	13.3 %	923	1.9 %
Personal Restraint Petition	342	306	-10.5 %	342	11.8 %	291	-14.9 %	216	-25.8 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	250	239	-4.4 %	180	-24.7 %	138	-23.3 %	167	21 %
Total Filings, DIVISION I	1,273	1,272	-0.1 %	1,322	3.9 %	1,335	1 %	1,306	-2.2 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	204	217	6.4 %	349	60.8 %	410	17.5 %	355	-13.4 %
Civil Appeals	361	344	-4.7 %	402	16.9 %	380	-5.5 %	415	9.2 %
Total Appeals	565	561	-0.7 %	751	33.9 %	790	5.2 %	770	-2.5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	347	334	-3.7 %	279	-16.5 %	373	33.7 %	259	-30.6 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	142	155	9.2 %	141	-9 %	231	63.8 %	162	-29.9 %
Total Filings, DIVISION II	1,054	1,050	-0.4 %	1,171	11.5 %	1,394	19 %	1,191	-14.6 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	174	157	-9.8 %	246	56.7 %	200	-18.7 %	172	-14 %
Civil Appeals	186	241	29.6 %	225	-6.6 %	256	13.8 %	244	-4.7 %
Total Appeals	360	398	10.6 %	471	18.3 %	456	-3.2 %	416	-8.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	193	197	2.1 %	145	-26.4 %	130	-10.3 %	140	7.7 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	80	124	55 %	128	3.2 %	114	-10.9 %	147	28.9 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2024	% Chg
Total Filings, DIVISION III	633	719	13.6 %	744	3.5 %	700	-5.9 %	703	0.4 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	587	575	-2 %	885	53.9 %	908	2.6 %	800	-11.9 %
Civil Appeals	1,019	1,111	9 %	1,137	2.3 %	1,244	9.4 %	1,309	5.2 %
Total Appeals	1,606	1,686	5 %	2,022	19.9 %	2,152	6.4 %	2,109	-2 %
Personal Restraint Petition	882	837	-5.1 %	766	-8.5 %	794	3.7 %	615	-22.5 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	472	518	9.7 %	449	-13.3 %	483	7.6 %	476	-1.4 %
Total Filings, Court of Appeals	2,960	3,041	2.7 %	3,237	6.4 %	3,429	5.9 %	3,200	-6.7 %

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## History of Resolutions (1)(2) - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2024	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	374	298	-20.3 %	197	-33.9 %	229	16.2 %	240	4.8 %
Civil Appeals	539	520	-3.5 %	440	-15.4 %	516	17.3 %	542	5 %
Total Appeals	913	818	-10.4 %	637	-22.1 %	745	17 %	782	5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	313	303	-3.2 %	292	-3.6 %	301	3.1 %	185	-38.5 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	193	214	10.9 %	177	-17.3 %	162	-8.5 %	127	-21.6 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION I	1,419	1,335	-5.9 %	1,106	-17.2 %	1,208	9.2 %	1,094	-9.4 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	355	346	-2.5 %	230	-33.5 %	269	17 %	310	15.2 %
Civil Appeals	347	353	1.7 %	381	7.9 %	358	-6 %	417	16.5 %
Total Appeals	702	699	-0.4 %	611	-12.6 %	627	2.6 %	727	15.9 %
Personal Restraint Petition	344	311	-9.6 %	363	16.7 %	365	0.6 %	311	-14.8 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	147	144	-2 %	135	-6.3 %	184	36.3 %	206	12 %
Total Resolutions, DIVISION II	1,193	1,154	-3.3 %	1,109	-3.9 %	1,176	6 %	1,244	5.8 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	240	206	-14.2 %	134	-35 %	174	29.9 %	184	5.7 %
Civil Appeals	195	182	-6.7 %	216	18.7 %	189	-12.5 %	202	6.9 %
Total Appeals	435	388	-10.8 %	350	-9.8 %	363	3.7 %	386	6.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	179	145	-19 %	150	3.4 %	150	0 %	145	-3.3 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	69	71	2.9 %	81	14.1 %	86	6.2 %	88	2.3 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2024	% Chg
Total Resolutions, DIVISION III	683	604	-11.6 %	581	-3.8 %	599	3.1 %	619	3.3 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	969	850	-12.3 %	561	-34 %	672	19.8 %	734	9.2 %
Civil Appeals	1,081	1,055	-2.4 %	1,037	-1.7 %	1,063	2.5 %	1,161	9.2 %
Total Appeals	2,050	1,905	-7.1 %	1,598	-16.1 %	1,735	8.6 %	1,895	9.2 %
Personal Restraint Petition	836	759	-9.2 %	805	6.1 %	816	1.4 %	641	-21.4 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	409	429	4.9 %	393	-8.4 %	432	9.9 %	421	-2.5 %
Total Resolutions, Court of Appeals	3,295	3,093	-6.1 %	2,796	-9.6 %	2,983	6.7 %	2,957	-0.9 %

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## History of Pending Cases - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2024	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	322	242	-24.8 %	292	20.7 %	293	0.3 %	383	30.7 %
Civil Appeals	473	431	-8.9 %	433	0.5 %	472	9 %	602	27.5 %
Total Appeals	795	673	-15.3 %	725	7.7 %	765	5.5 %	985	28.8 %
Personal Restraint Petition	146	135	-7.5 %	142	5.2 %	132	-7 %	167	26.5 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	144	128	-11.1 %	100	-21.9 %	60	-40 %	79	31.7 %
Total Pending, DIVISION I	1,085	936	-13.7 %	967	3.3 %	957	-1 %	1,231	28.6 %
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	445	287	-35.5 %	377	31.4 %	523	38.7 %	575	9.9 %
Civil Appeals	385	329	-14.5 %	303	-7.9 %	323	6.6 %	326	0.9 %
Total Appeals	830	616	-25.8 %	680	10.4 %	846	24.4 %	901	6.5 %
Personal Restraint Petition	280	278	-0.7 %	170	-38.8 %	185	8.8 %	131	-29.2 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	64	69	7.8 %	63	-8.7 %	88	39.7 %	56	-36.4 %
Total Pending, DIVISION II	1,174	963	-18 %	913	-5.2 %	1,119	22.6 %	1,088	-2.8 %
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	247	199	-19.4 %	285	43.2 %	304	6.7 %	288	-5.3 %
Civil Appeals	287	318	10.8 %	296	-6.9 %	259	-12.5 %	288	11.2 %
Total Appeals	534	517	-3.2 %	581	12.4 %	563	-3.1 %	576	2.3 %
Personal Restraint Petition	134	116	-13.4 %	93	-19.8 %	65	-30.1 %	55	-15.4 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	37	60	62.2 %	88	46.7 %	54	-38.6 %	91	68.5 %

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## History of Pending Cases - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2024	% Chg
Total Pending, DIVISION III	705	693	-1.7 %	762	10 %	682	-10.5 %	722	5.9 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,014	728	-28.2 %	954	31 %	1,120	17.4 %	1,246	11.3 %
Civil Appeals	1,145	1,078	-5.9 %	1,032	-4.3 %	1,054	2.1 %	1,216	15.4 %
Total Appeals	2,159	1,806	-16.4 %	1,986	10 %	2,174	9.5 %	2,462	13.2 %
Personal Restraint Petition	560	529	-5.5 %	405	-23.4 %	382	-5.7 %	353	-7.6 %
Notice of Discretionary Review	245	257	4.9 %	251	-2.3 %	202	-19.5 %	226	11.9 %
Total Pending, Court of Appeals	2,964	2,592	-12.6 %	2,642	1.9 %	2,758	4.4 %	3,041	10.3 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	2,960	3,041	2.7 %	3,237	6.4 %	3,429	5.9 %	3,200	-6.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	226	243	7.5 %	209	-14 %	205	-1.9 %	171	-16.6 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,369	1,195	-12.7 %	985	-17.6 %	969	-1.6 %	1,074	10.8 %
Opinions	1,595	1,438	-9.8 %	1,194	-17 %	1,174	-1.7 %	1,245	6 %
Dismissed	533	456	-14.4 %	547	20 %	569	4 %	472	-17 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	136	153	12.5 %	83	-45.8 %	122	47 %	197	61.5 %
Review Not Accepted	3	10	. %	5	. %	8	. %	5	. %
Other Terminations	81	76	-6.2 %	34	-55.3 %	69	102.9 %	43	-37.7 %
Orders	753	695	-7.7 %	669	-3.7 %	768	14.8 %	717	-6.6 %
Decided on Merits	58	51	-12.1 %	55	7.8 %	37	-32.7 %	56	51.4 %
Dismissed	627	628	0.2 %	608	-3.2 %	706	16.1 %	653	-7.5 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	7	. %	0	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	227	235	3.5 %	232	-1.3 %	216	-6.9 %	224	3.7 %
Other Terminations	35	39	11.4 %	38	-2.6 %	79	107.9 %	60	-24.1 %
Rulings	947	960	1.4 %	933	-2.8 %	1,041	11.6 %	995	-4.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,700	1,655	-2.6 %	1,602	-3.2 %	1,809	12.9 %	1,712	-5.4 %
Total Resolved	3,295	3,093	-6.1 %	2,796	-9.6 %	2,983	6.7 %	2,957	-0.9 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	208	116	-44.2 %	105	-9.5 %	96	-8.6 %	102	6.3 %
Brief Not Filed	1,422	1,386	-2.5 %	1,493	7.7 %	1,672	12 %	1,757	5.1 %
Appellant Brief Filed	12	17	. %	15	. %	15	. %	12	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	744	478	-35.8 %	364	-23.8 %	457	25.5 %	527	15.3 %
Remanded to Trial Court	2	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	126	174	38.1 %	192	10.3 %	121	-37 %	162	33.9 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	11	. %	5	. %	10	. %	4	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	287	216	-24.7 %	220	1.9 %	218	-0.9 %	336	54.1 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,809	2,399	-14.6 %	2,395	-0.2 %	2,592	8.2 %	2,901	11.9 %
Opinion/Order in Process	155	193	24.5 %	247	28 %	166	-32.8 %	140	-15.7 %
Total Pending Decision	2,964	2,592	-12.6 %	2,642	1.9 %	2,758	4.4 %	3,041	10.3 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,647	1,727	4.9 %	1,419	-17.8 %	1,341	-5.5 %	1,302	-2.9 %
Order Terminating Review	705	937	32.9 %	718	-23.4 %	820	14.2 %	801	-2.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	1,009	1,074	6.4 %	1,054	-1.9 %	1,110	5.3 %	1,046	-5.8 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	35	29	. %	38	. %	62	63.2 %	33	-46.8 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,749	2,040	16.6 %	1,810	-11.3 %	1,992	10.1 %	1,880	-5.6 %
Total Mandated	3,396	3,767	10.9 %	3,229	-14.3 %	3,333	3.2 %	3,182	-4.5 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,273	1,272	-0.1 %	1,322	3.9 %	1,335	1 %	1,306	-2.2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	104	108	3.8 %	101	-6.5 %	91	-9.9 %	74	-18.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	634	542	-14.5 %	381	-29.7 %	441	15.7 %	485	10 %
Opinions	738	650	-11.9 %	482	-25.8 %	532	10.4 %	559	5.1 %
Dismissed	191	191	0 %	189	-1 %	209	10.6 %	132	-36.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	13	20	. %	18	. %	10	. %	6	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	40	43	7.5 %	24	. %	30	. %	15	. %
Orders	244	254	4.1 %	233	-8.3 %	250	7.3 %	153	-38.8 %
Decided on Merits	11	8	. %	5	. %	8	. %	4	. %
Dismissed	297	288	-3 %	263	-8.7 %	288	9.5 %	292	1.4 %
Review Not Accepted	121	125	3.3 %	102	-18.4 %	91	-10.8 %	82	-9.9 %
Other Terminations	8	10	. %	21	. %	39	. %	4	. %
Rulings	437	431	-1.4 %	391	-9.3 %	426	9 %	382	-10.3 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	681	685	0.6 %	624	-8.9 %	676	8.3 %	535	-20.9 %
Total Resolved	1,419	1,335	-5.9 %	1,106	-17.2 %	1,208	9.2 %	1,094	-9.4 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	32	13	. %	19	. %	30	. %	42	. %
Brief Not Filed	560	541	-3.4 %	600	10.9 %	613	2.2 %	784	27.9 %
Appellant Brief Filed	2	6	. %	5	. %	6	. %	5	. %
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Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	53	49	-7.5 %	48	-2 %	22	. %	19	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	11	. %	5	. %	10	. %	4	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	118	106	-10.2 %	102	-3.8 %	123	20.6 %	171	39 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,077	907	-15.8 %	910	0.3 %	909	-0.1 %	1,183	30.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	8	29	. %	57	. %	48	-15.8 %	48	0 %
Total Pending Decision	1,085	936	-13.7 %	967	3.3 %	957	-1 %	1,231	28.6 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	759	837	10.3 %	588	-29.7 %	534	-9.2 %	604	13.1 %
Order Terminating Review	243	326	34.2 %	288	-11.7 %	269	-6.6 %	187	-30.5 %
Ruling Terminating Review	468	504	7.7 %	425	-15.7 %	450	5.9 %	411	-8.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	8	2	. %	8	. %	4	. %	4	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	719	832	15.7 %	721	-13.3 %	723	0.3 %	602	-16.7 %
Total Mandated	1,478	1,669	12.9 %	1,309	-21.6 %	1,257	-4 %	1,206	-4.1 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,054	1,050	-0.4 %	1,171	11.5 %	1,394	19 %	1,191	-14.6 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	70	77	10 %	57	-26 %	63	10.5 %	59	-6.3 %
Opinions Unpublished	432	404	-6.5 %	376	-6.9 %	305	-18.9 %	338	10.8 %
Opinions	502	481	-4.2 %	433	-10 %	368	-15 %	397	7.9 %
Dismissed	199	153	-23.1 %	239	56.2 %	232	-2.9 %	218	-6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	115	126	9.6 %	58	-54 %	109	87.9 %	167	53.2 %
Review Not Accepted	3	9	. %	1	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Other Terminations	38	31	-18.4 %	10	. %	36	. %	24	. %
Orders	355	319	-10.1 %	308	-3.4 %	384	24.7 %	414	7.8 %
Decided on Merits	43	42	-2.3 %	50	19 %	29	. %	52	. %
Dismissed	210	222	5.7 %	236	6.3 %	275	16.5 %	252	-8.4 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	7	. %	0	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	65	61	-6.2 %	71	16.4 %	82	15.5 %	81	-1.2 %
Other Terminations	18	22	. %	11	. %	35	. %	47	34.3 %
Rulings	336	354	5.4 %	368	4 %	424	15.2 %	433	2.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	691	673	-2.6 %	676	0.4 %	808	19.5 %	847	4.8 %
Total Resolved	1,193	1,154	-3.3 %	1,109	-3.9 %	1,176	6 %	1,244	5.8 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	142	72	-49.3 %	43	-40.3 %	26	. %	20	. %
Brief Not Filed	507	503	-0.8 %	550	9.3 %	745	35.5 %	627	-15.8 %
Appellant Brief Filed	5	4	. %	4	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	306	184	-39.9 %	158	-14.1 %	207	31 %	241	16.4 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	20	41	. %	37	-9.8 %	25	. %	32	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	109	66	-39.4 %	71	7.6 %	55	-22.5 %	120	118.2 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,090	870	-20.2 %	863	-0.8 %	1,061	22.9 %	1,042	-1.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	84	93	10.7 %	50	-46.2 %	58	16 %	46	-20.7 %
Total Pending Decision	1,174	963	-18 %	913	-5.2 %	1,119	22.6 %	1,088	-2.8 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	501	539	7.6 %	491	-8.9 %	428	-12.8 %	401	-6.3 %
Order Terminating Review	313	413	31.9 %	292	-29.3 %	409	40.1 %	455	11.2 %
Ruling Terminating Review	342	391	14.3 %	422	7.9 %	434	2.8 %	440	1.4 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	7	5	. %	4	. %	11	. %	4	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	662	809	22.2 %	718	-11.2 %	854	18.9 %	899	5.3 %
Total Mandated	1,163	1,348	15.9 %	1,209	-10.3 %	1,282	6 %	1,300	1.4 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	633	719	13.6 %	744	3.5 %	700	-5.9 %	703	0.4 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	52	58	11.5 %	51	-12.1 %	51	0 %	38	-25.5 %
Opinions Unpublished	303	249	-17.8 %	228	-8.4 %	223	-2.2 %	251	12.6 %
Opinions	355	307	-13.5 %	279	-9.1 %	274	-1.8 %	289	5.5 %
Dismissed	143	112	-21.7 %	119	6.3 %	128	7.6 %	122	-4.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	8	7	. %	7	. %	3	. %	24	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	3	2	. %	0	. %	3	. %	4	. %
Orders	154	122	-20.8 %	128	4.9 %	134	4.7 %	150	11.9 %
Decided on Merits	4	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	120	118	-1.7 %	109	-7.6 %	143	31.2 %	109	-23.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	41	49	19.5 %	59	20.4 %	43	-27.1 %	61	41.9 %
Other Terminations	9	7	. %	6	. %	5	. %	9	. %
Rulings	174	175	0.6 %	174	-0.6 %	191	9.8 %	180	-5.8 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	328	297	-9.5 %	302	1.7 %	325	7.6 %	330	1.5 %
Total Resolved	683	604	-11.6 %	581	-3.8 %	599	3.1 %	619	3.3 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	34	31	-8.8 %	43	38.7 %	40	-7 %	40	0 %
Brief Not Filed	355	342	-3.7 %	343	0.3 %	314	-8.5 %	346	10.2 %
Appellant Brief Filed	5	7	. %	6	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	134	113	-15.7 %	75	-33.6 %	147	96 %	128	-12.9 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	53	84	58.5 %	107	27.4 %	74	-30.8 %	111	50 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	60	44	-26.7 %	47	6.8 %	40	-14.9 %	45	12.5 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	642	622	-3.1 %	622	0 %	622	0 %	676	8.7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	63	71	12.7 %	140	97.2 %	60	-57.1 %	46	-23.3 %
Total Pending Decision	705	693	-1.7 %	762	10 %	682	-10.5 %	722	5.9 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	387	351	-9.3 %	340	-3.1 %	379	11.5 %	297	-21.6 %
Order Terminating Review	149	198	32.9 %	138	-30.3 %	142	2.9 %	159	12 %
Ruling Terminating Review	199	179	-10.1 %	207	15.6 %	226	9.2 %	195	-13.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	20	22	. %	26	. %	47	. %	25	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	368	399	8.4 %	371	-7 %	415	11.9 %	379	-8.7 %
Total Mandated	755	750	-0.7 %	711	-5.2 %	794	11.7 %	676	-14.9 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	587	575	-2 %	885	53.9 %	908	2.6 %	800	-11.9 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	79	85	7.6 %	58	-31.8 %	63	8.6 %	62	-1.6 %
Opinions Unpublished	734	581	-20.8 %	389	-33 %	418	7.5 %	460	10 %
Opinions	813	666	-18.1 %	447	-32.9 %	481	7.6 %	522	8.5 %
Dismissed	0	4	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	64	59	-7.8 %	14	0 %	42	0 %	85	102.4 %
Other Terminations	1	4	0 %	1	0 %	3	0 %	1	0 %
Orders	65	67	3.1 %	17	0 %	47	0 %	88	87.2 %
Decided on Merits	7	2	0 %	2	0 %	4	0 %	3	0 %
Dismissed	75	103	37.3 %	86	-16.5 %	123	43 %	105	-14.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	5	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	3	0	0 %	1	0 %	6	0 %	6	0 %
Other Terminations	6	7	0 %	8	0 %	11	0 %	10	0 %
Rulings	91	117	28.6 %	97	-17.1 %	144	48.5 %	124	-13.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	156	184	17.9 %	114	-38 %	191	67.5 %	212	11 %
Total Resolved	969	850	-12.3 %	561	-34 %	672	19.8 %	734	9.2 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	29	12	0 %	26	0 %	11	0 %	21	0 %
Brief Not Filed	455	414	-9 %	647	56.3 %	754	16.5 %	738	-2.1 %
Appellant Brief Filed	2	0	0 %	2	0 %	4	0 %	0	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	310	121	-61 %	96	-20.7 %	165	71.9 %	239	44.8 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	0	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	16	29	0 %	42	0 %	33	-21.4 %	22	0 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	133	74	-44.4 %	85	14.9 %	87	2.4 %	153	75.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	945	650	-31.2 %	898	38.2 %	1,055	17.5 %	1,173	11.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	69	78	13 %	56	-28.2 %	65	16.1 %	73	12.3 %
Total Pending Decision	1,014	728	-28.2 %	954	31 %	1,120	17.4 %	1,246	11.3 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	784	787	0.4 %	531	-32.5 %	483	-9 %	517	7 %
Order Terminating Review	71	73	2.8 %	18	0 %	49	0 %	96	95.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	106	117	10.4 %	109	-6.8 %	144	32.1 %	133	-7.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	3	0 %	4	0 %	21	0 %	2	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	180	193	7.2 %	131	-32.1 %	214	63.4 %	231	7.9 %
Total Mandated	964	980	1.7 %	662	-32.4 %	697	5.3 %	748	7.3 %

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FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,019	1,111	9 %	1,137	2.3 %	1,244	9.4 %	1,309	5.2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	125	126	0.8 %	129	2.4 %	115	-10.9 %	88	-23.5 %
Opinions Unpublished	521	489	-6.1 %	480	-1.8 %	451	-6 %	512	13.5 %
Opinions	646	615	-4.8 %	609	-1 %	566	-7.1 %	600	6 %
Dismissed	2	1	0 %	2	0 %	1	0 %	1	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	43	51	18.6 %	28	0 %	48	0 %	88	83.3 %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	4	0	0 %	4	0 %	5	0 %	3	0 %
Orders	50	53	6 %	36	-32.1 %	54	50 %	92	70.4 %
Decided on Merits	32	22	0 %	24	0 %	11	0 %	12	0 %
Dismissed	322	334	3.7 %	337	0.9 %	383	13.6 %	410	7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	2	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	20	14	0 %	16	0 %	16	0 %	27	0 %
Other Terminations	11	15	0 %	15	0 %	33	0 %	20	0 %
Rulings	385	387	0.5 %	392	1.3 %	443	13 %	469	5.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	435	440	1.1 %	428	-2.7 %	497	16.1 %	561	12.9 %
Total Resolved	1,081	1,055	-2.4 %	1,037	-1.7 %	1,063	2.5 %	1,161	9.2 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	23	25	0 %	32	0 %	39	21.9 %	38	-2.6 %
Brief Not Filed	605	597	-1.3 %	531	-11.1 %	621	16.9 %	717	15.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	3	1	0 %	3	0 %	3	0 %	8	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	289	213	-26.3 %	141	-33.8 %	171	21.3 %	177	3.5 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	32	38	18.8 %	56	47.4 %	36	-35.7 %	62	72.2 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	128	109	-14.8 %	101	-7.3 %	105	4 %	162	54.3 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,081	983	-9.1 %	864	-12.1 %	975	12.8 %	1,164	19.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	64	95	48.4 %	168	76.8 %	79	-53 %	52	-34.2 %
Total Pending Decision	1,145	1,078	-5.9 %	1,032	-4.3 %	1,054	2.1 %	1,216	15.4 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	690	755	9.4 %	687	-9 %	695	1.2 %	635	-8.6 %
Order Terminating Review	53	63	18.9 %	40	-36.5 %	51	27.5 %	95	86.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	452	437	-3.3 %	435	-0.5 %	474	9 %	483	1.9 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	5	4	0 %	13	0 %	11	0 %	16	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	510	504	-1.2 %	488	-3.2 %	536	9.8 %	594	10.8 %
Total Mandated	1,200	1,259	4.9 %	1,175	-6.7 %	1,231	4.8 %	1,229	-0.2 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,606	1,686	5 %	2,022	19.9 %	2,152	6.4 %	2,109	-2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	204	211	3.4 %	187	-11.4 %	178	-4.8 %	150	-15.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,255	1,070	-14.7 %	869	-18.8 %	869	0 %	972	11.9 %
Opinions	1,459	1,281	-12.2 %	1,056	-17.6 %	1,047	-0.9 %	1,122	7.2 %
Dismissed	2	5	0 %	4	0 %	3	0 %	3	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	107	110	2.8 %	42	-61.8 %	90	114.3 %	173	92.2 %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	5	4	0 %	5	0 %	8	0 %	4	0 %
Orders	115	120	4.3 %	53	-55.8 %	101	90.6 %	180	78.2 %
Decided on Merits	39	24	0 %	26	0 %	15	0 %	15	0 %
Dismissed	397	437	10.1 %	423	-3.2 %	506	19.6 %	515	1.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	7	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	23	14	0 %	17	0 %	22	0 %	33	0 %
Other Terminations	17	22	0 %	23	0 %	44	0 %	30	0 %
Rulings	476	504	5.9 %	489	-3 %	587	20 %	593	1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	591	624	5.6 %	542	-13.1 %	688	26.9 %	773	12.4 %
Total Resolved	2,050	1,905	-7.1 %	1,598	-16.1 %	1,735	8.6 %	1,895	9.2 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	52	37	-28.8 %	58	56.8 %	50	-13.8 %	59	18 %
Brief Not Filed	1,060	1,011	-4.6 %	1,178	16.5 %	1,375	16.7 %	1,455	5.8 %
Appellant Brief Filed	5	1	0 %	5	0 %	7	0 %	8	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	599	334	-44.2 %	237	-29 %	336	41.8 %	416	23.8 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	0	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	48	67	39.6 %	98	46.3 %	69	-29.6 %	84	21.7 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	261	183	-29.9 %	186	1.6 %	192	3.2 %	315	64.1 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,026	1,633	-19.4 %	1,762	7.9 %	2,030	15.2 %	2,337	15.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	133	173	30.1 %	224	29.5 %	144	-35.7 %	125	-13.2 %
Total Pending Decision	2,159	1,806	-16.4 %	1,986	10 %	2,174	9.5 %	2,462	13.2 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,474	1,542	4.6 %	1,218	-21 %	1,178	-3.3 %	1,152	-2.2 %
Order Terminating Review	124	136	9.7 %	58	-57.4 %	100	72.4 %	191	91 %
Ruling Terminating Review	558	554	-0.7 %	544	-1.8 %	618	13.6 %	616	-0.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	8	7	0 %	17	0 %	32	0 %	18	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	690	697	1 %	619	-11.2 %	750	21.2 %	825	10 %
Total Mandated	2,164	2,239	3.5 %	1,837	-18 %	1,928	5 %	1,977	2.5 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	882	837	-5.1 %	766	-8.5 %	794	3.7 %	615	-22.5 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	9	9	0 %	9	0 %	7	0 %	9	0 %
Opinions Unpublished	86	100	16.3 %	93	-7 %	66	-29 %	71	7.6 %
Opinions	95	109	14.7 %	102	-6.4 %	73	-28.4 %	80	9.6 %
Dismissed	530	451	-14.9 %	542	20.2 %	564	4.1 %	469	-16.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	23	35	0 %	37	5.7 %	31	-16.2 %	22	0 %
Review Not Accepted	2	8	0 %	1	0 %	7	0 %	5	0 %
Other Terminations	73	70	-4.1 %	26	0 %	58	0 %	38	-34.5 %
Orders	628	564	-10.2 %	606	7.4 %	660	8.9 %	534	-19.1 %
Decided on Merits	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Dismissed	107	85	-20.6 %	95	11.8 %	77	-18.9 %	25	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %	2	0 %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	4	1	0 %	2	0 %	3	0 %	0	0 %
Rulings	113	86	-23.9 %	97	12.8 %	83	-14.4 %	27	0 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	741	650	-12.3 %	703	8.2 %	743	5.7 %	561	-24.5 %
Total Resolved	836	759	-9.2 %	805	6.1 %	816	1.4 %	641	-21.4 %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	146	74	-49.3 %	37	-50 %	33	-10.8 %	31	-6.1 %
Brief Not Filed	260	256	-1.5 %	211	-17.6 %	190	-10 %	189	-0.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	7	16	0 %	10	0 %	7	0 %	4	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	112	133	18.8 %	112	-15.8 %	109	-2.7 %	99	-9.2 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	1	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	1	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	1	0	0 %	4	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	11	0 %	5	0 %	10	0 %	4	0 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	9	23	0 %	19	0 %	20	0 %	13	0 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	544	514	-5.5 %	399	-22.4 %	371	-7 %	341	-8.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	16	15	0 %	6	0 %	11	0 %	12	0 %
Total Pending Decision	560	529	-5.5 %	405	-23.4 %	382	-5.7 %	353	-7.6 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	105	123	17.1 %	144	17.1 %	87	-39.6 %	101	16.1 %
Order Terminating Review	566	781	38 %	646	-17.3 %	708	9.6 %	599	-15.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	104	99	-4.8 %	109	10.1 %	83	-23.9 %	29	0 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	15	15	0 %	12	0 %	8	0 %	5	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	685	895	30.7 %	767	-14.3 %	799	4.2 %	633	-20.8 %
Total Mandated	790	1,018	28.9 %	911	-10.5 %	886	-2.7 %	734	-17.2 %

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## Court Activity, All Divisions, Notices of Discretionary Review - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	472	518	9.7 %	449	-13.3 %	483	7.6 %	476	-1.4 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	13	23	0 %	13	0 %	20	0 %	12	0 %
Opinions Unpublished	28	25	0 %	23	0 %	34	0 %	31	-8.8 %
Opinions	41	48	17.1 %	36	-25 %	54	50 %	43	-20.4 %
Dismissed	1	0	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	6	8	0 %	4	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	0 %	2	0 %	1	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	3	2	0 %	3	0 %	3	0 %	1	0 %
Orders	10	11	0 %	10	0 %	7	0 %	3	0 %
Decided on Merits	18	27	0 %	29	0 %	22	0 %	41	0 %
Dismissed	123	106	-13.8 %	90	-15.1 %	123	36.7 %	113	-8.1 %
Review Not Accepted	203	221	8.9 %	215	-2.7 %	194	-9.8 %	191	-1.5 %
Other Terminations	14	16	0 %	13	0 %	32	0 %	30	0 %
Rulings	358	370	3.4 %	347	-6.2 %	371	6.9 %	375	1.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	368	381	3.5 %	357	-6.3 %	378	5.9 %	378	0 %
Total Resolved	409	429	4.9 %	393	-8.4 %	432	9.9 %	421	-2.5 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	10	5	0 %	10	0 %	13	0 %	12	0 %
Brief Not Filed	102	119	16.7 %	104	-12.6 %	107	2.9 %	113	5.6 %
Appellant Brief Filed	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	0	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	33	11	0 %	15	0 %	12	0 %	12	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	77	107	39 %	90	-15.9 %	52	-42.2 %	78	50 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	17	10	0 %	15	0 %	6	0 %	8	0 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	239	252	5.4 %	234	-7.1 %	191	-18.4 %	223	16.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	6	5	0 %	17	0 %	11	0 %	3	0 %
Total Pending Decision	245	257	4.9 %	251	-2.3 %	202	-19.5 %	226	11.9 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	68	62	-8.8 %	57	-8.1 %	76	33.3 %	49	-35.5 %
Order Terminating Review	15	20	0 %	14	0 %	12	0 %	11	0 %
Ruling Terminating Review	347	421	21.3 %	401	-4.8 %	409	2 %	401	-2 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	12	7	0 %	9	0 %	22	0 %	10	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	374	448	19.8 %	424	-5.4 %	443	4.5 %	422	-4.7 %
Total Mandated	442	510	15.4 %	481	-5.7 %	519	7.9 %	471	-9.2 %

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## Days Between Events for Criminal Appeals Pending or Disposed of by Opinion --75th Percentile (1) - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2024	% Chg
Filing - Comp. of Record	153	153	0 %	148	-3.3 %	158	6.8 %	164	3.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	62	-1.6 %	63	1.6 %	66	4.8 %	68	3 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	92	90	-2.2 %	86	-4.4 %	92	7 %	95	3.3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	137	126	-8 %	115	-8.7 %	126	9.6 %	147	16.7 %
App. Brief - Ready	129	149	15.5 %	138	-7.4 %	128	-7.2 %	146	14.1 %
Ready - Opinion	244	209	-14.3 %	176	-15.8 %	182	3.4 %	229	25.8 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	612	621	1.5 %	608	-2.1 %	560	-7.9 %	625	11.6 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	153	155	1.3 %	163	5.2 %	178	9.2 %	183	2.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	68	70	2.9 %	73	4.3 %	75	2.7 %	84	12 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	90	92	2.2 %	97	5.4 %	99	2.1 %	100	1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	132	127	-3.8 %	112	-11.8 %	109	-2.7 %	126	15.6 %
App. Brief - Ready	97	109	12.4 %	118	8.3 %	120	1.7 %	144	20 %
Ready - Opinion	375	377	0.5 %	327	-13.3 %	195	-40.4 %	211	8.2 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	677	702	3.7 %	725	3.3 %	572	-21.1 %	598	4.5 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	156	151	-3.2 %	164	8.6 %	183	11.6 %	195	6.6 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	63	61	-3.2 %	65	6.6 %	75	15.4 %	95	26.7 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	97	97	0 %	101	4.1 %	116	14.9 %	122	5.2 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	117	126	7.7 %	108	-14.3 %	122	13 %	140	14.8 %

(1) Days to reach the 75th percentile for the full period (filing to opinion) do not necessarily equal the sum of the days for the event categories within that period.

(2) Time-in-process figures for 2002 have been updated to reflect a full twelve months' data for all divisions with the completion of statewide conversion to the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II). Division II's measurements in the 2002 publication were based on the period 1/01/2002 through 11/17/2002 from the old ACORDS system, prior to their 11/18/2002 implementation of ACORDS-II. This update achieved comparability with the other divisions, which implemented in early 2003.

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	2020	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2024	% Chg
App. Brief - Ready	101	122	20.8 %	109	-10.7 %	104	-4.6 %	114	9.6 %
Ready - Opinion	266	259	-2.6 %	271	4.6 %	230	-15.1 %	272	18.3 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION III (2)	613	642	4.7 %	629	-2 %	575	-8.6 %	696	21 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	154	154	0 %	159	3.2 %	172	8.2 %	178	3.5 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	65	65	0 %	68	4.6 %	73	7.4 %	80	9.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	92	93	1.1 %	94	1.1 %	102	8.5 %	105	2.9 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	130	126	-3.1 %	113	-10.3 %	118	4.4 %	137	16.1 %
App. Brief - Ready	116	132	13.8 %	122	-7.6 %	120	-1.6 %	139	15.8 %
Ready - Opinion	320	309	-3.4 %	270	-12.6 %	208	-23 %	244	17.3 %
Filing - Opinion, COURT OF APPEALS,	642	663	3.3 %	656	-1.1 %	571	-13 %	636	11.4 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	111	109	-1.8 %	113	3.7 %	114	0.9 %	117	2.6 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	50	49	-2 %	47	-4.1 %	47	0 %	51	8.5 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	64	64	0 %	72	12.5 %	67	-6.9 %	65	-3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	101	99	-2 %	101	2 %	105	4 %	106	1 %
App. Brief - Ready	90	85	-5.6 %	90	5.9 %	86	-4.4 %	89	3.5 %
Ready - Opinion	301	281	-6.6 %	216	-23.1 %	213	-1.4 %	212	-0.5 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	564	545	-3.4 %	478	-12.3 %	490	2.5 %	488	-0.4 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	116	118	1.7 %	113	-4.2 %	119	5.3 %	132	10.9 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	56	61	8.9 %	61	0 %	62	1.6 %	62	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	63	67	6.3 %	68	1.5 %	65	-4.4 %	67	3.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	108	112	3.7 %	107	-4.5 %	107	0 %	110	2.8 %
App. Brief - Ready	65	74	13.8 %	75	1.4 %	75	0 %	115	53.3 %
Ready - Opinion	412	407	-1.2 %	318	-21.9 %	239	-24.8 %	241	0.8 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	643	654	1.7 %	585	-10.6 %	504	-13.8 %	550	9.1 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	133	224	68.4 %	197	-12.1 %	181	-8.1 %	127	-29.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	55	54	-1.8 %	53	-1.9 %	52	-1.9 %	55	5.8 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	88	91	3.4 %	93	2.2 %	89	-4.3 %	87	-2.2 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	108	107	-0.9 %	105	-1.9 %	107	1.9 %	118	10.3 %

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App. Brief - Ready	96	90	-6.3 %	88	-2.2 %	78	-11.4 %	90	15.4 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	295	272	-7.8 %	248	-8.8 %	266	7.3 %	278	4.5 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	576	650	12.8 %	526	-19.1 %	1,406	167.3 %	584	-58.5 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	117	125	6.8 %	125	0 %	126	0.8 %	122	-3.2 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	53	53	0 %	53	0 %	53	0 %	55	3.8 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	67	69	3 %	75	8.7 %	70	-6.7 %	70	0 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	106	105	-0.9 %	104	-1 %	105	1 %	109	3.8 %
App. Brief - Ready	85	82	-3.5 %	85	3.7 %	80	-5.9 %	93	16.3 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	345	328	-4.9 %	269	-18 %	256	-4.8 %	246	-3.9 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	593	601	1.3 %	523	-13 %	561	7.3 %	526	-6.2 %

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Filing - Comp. of Record	132	130	-1.5 %	132	1.5 %	137	3.8 %	135	-1.5 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	58	57	-1.7 %	57	0 %	59	3.5 %	60	1.7 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	82	77	-6.1 %	80	3.9 %	82	2.5 %	80	-2.4 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	121	111	-8.3 %	106	-4.5 %	112	5.7 %	126	12.5 %
App. Brief - Ready	119	125	5 %	113	-9.6 %	112	-0.9 %	119	6.3 %
Ready - Opinion	279	229	-17.9 %	208	-9.2 %	203	-2.4 %	215	5.9 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	593	585	-1.3 %	508	-13.2 %	532	4.7 %	551	3.6 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	141	143	1.4 %	147	2.8 %	160	8.8 %	165	3.1 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	64	66	3.1 %	69	4.5 %	71	2.9 %	75	5.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	80	84	5 %	87	3.6 %	91	4.6 %	94	3.3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	122	120	-1.6 %	109	-9.2 %	109	0 %	121	11 %
App. Brief - Ready	90	91	1.1 %	92	1.1 %	98	6.5 %	133	35.7 %
Ready - Opinion	386	390	1 %	322	-17.4 %	221	-31.4 %	224	1.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	666	685	2.9 %	654	-4.5 %	547	-16.4 %	580	6 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	150	168	12 %	169	0.6 %	182	7.7 %	169	-7.1 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	60	58	-3.3 %	61	5.2 %	65	6.6 %	73	12.3 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	94	95	1.1 %	98	3.2 %	104	6.1 %	106	1.9 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	112	118	5.4 %	106	-10.2 %	115	8.5 %	133	15.7 %

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Ready - Opinion (3)	274	265	-3.3 %	258	-2.6 %	266	3.1 %	276	3.8 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	604	648	7.3 %	574	-11.4 %	758	32.1 %	641	-15.4 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	140	142	1.4 %	146	2.8 %	156	6.8 %	154	-1.3 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	61	61	0 %	63	3.3 %	65	3.2 %	68	4.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	85	85	0 %	89	4.7 %	91	2.2 %	92	1.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	120	116	-3.3 %	107	-7.8 %	111	3.7 %	125	12.6 %
App. Brief - Ready	104	113	8.7 %	101	-10.6 %	103	2 %	120	16.5 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	330	320	-3 %	270	-15.6 %	231	-14.4 %	245	6.1 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	622	638	2.6 %	570	-10.7 %	567	-0.5 %	587	3.5 %

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