

***Supreme Court***

***2024 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 - 2024 Annual Report

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	<b>Trial Courts</b>	<b>Court of Appeals</b>	<b>Original Actions</b>	<b>WSBA / CJC</b>	<b>Certified Issues</b>	<b>Total</b>
FILINGS						
Total Filings	63	859	101	65	6	1,094
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	7	40	4	3	4	58
Opinion Terminating Review	7	40	4	3	4	58
Dismissed	0	10	0	0	0	10
Review Not Accepted	0	9	0	0	0	9
Other Terminations	14	439	29	1	1	484
Order Terminating Review	14	458	29	1	1	503
Dismissed	4	25	0	0	0	29
Transferred/Certified	1	0	0	0	1	2
Review Not Accepted	4	323	2	0	0	329
Other Terminations	9	11	15	0	0	35
Ruling Terminating Review	18	359	17	0	1	395
Other Terminations	0	0	0	62	0	62
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	62	0	62
Total Resolved	39	857	50	66	6	1,018
PENDING AT YEAR END						
Cases Stayed	1	13	0	3	0	17

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

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	<b>Trial Courts</b>	<b>Court of Appeals</b>	<b>Original Actions</b>	<b>WSBA / CJC</b>	<b>Certified Issues</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cases Ready	5	0	0	0	0	5
Cases Not Ready	11	44	2	2	2	61
Set for Motion Calendar	10	179	14	0	0	203
Set for Oral Argument	3	15	0	2	2	22
Total Awaiting Hearing	30	251	16	7	4	308
Opinion/Order in Process	0	19	0	0	2	21
Total Pending Decision	30	270	16	7	6	329
<b>MANDATED</b>						
Opinion Terminating Review	8	45	4	3	5	65
Order Terminating Review	14	463	29	1	1	508
Ruling Terminating Review	13	385	24	0	1	423
Other Decision Terminating Review	14	17	48	62	0	141
Total Mandated	49	910	105	66	7	1,137

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## Court Activity, Cases from Trial Courts - 2024 Annual Report

	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
FILINGS									
Total Filings	8	44	52	2	9	11	0	0	63
RESOLUTIONS									
Opinions Published	2	4	6	0	1	1	0	0	7
Opinion Terminating Review	2	4	6	0	1	1	0	0	7
Other Terminations	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Order Terminating Review	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Dismissed	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	4
Other Terminations	1	4	5	1	3	4	0	0	9
Ruling Terminating Review	3	6	9	1	8	9	0	0	18
Total Resolved	5	24	29	1	9	10	0	0	39
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cases Ready	0	0	0	1	4	5	0	0	5
Cases Not Ready	0	10	10	1	0	1	0	0	11
Set for Motion Calendar	1	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Set for Oral Argument	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	3
Total Awaiting Hearing	2	21	23	2	5	7	0	0	30

(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.



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	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty	Exp Public	
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Review	Funds (1)	Total
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Pending Decision	2	21	23	2	5	7	0	0	30
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	2	5	7	0	1	1	0	0	8
Order Terminating Review	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Ruling Terminating Review	2	5	7	1	5	6	0	0	13
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	13	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Total Mandated	5	37	42	1	6	7	0	0	49

(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	271	217	488	46	85	131	240	0	0	859
RESOLUTIONS										
Opinions Published	11	22	33	0	4	4	2	0	1	40
Opinion Terminating Review	11	22	33	0	4	4	2	0	1	40
Dismissed	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Review Not Accepted	1	0	1	0	6	6	2	0	0	9
Other Terminations	239	174	413	3	21	24	0	0	2	439
Order Terminating Review	240	184	424	3	27	30	2	0	2	458
Dismissed	3	7	10	0	0	0	15	0	0	25
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	38	53	91	231	0	1	323
Other Terminations	0	0	0	1	7	8	1	0	2	11
Ruling Terminating Review	3	7	10	39	60	99	247	0	3	359
Total Resolved	254	213	467	42	91	133	251	0	6	857
PENDING AT YEAR END										
Cases Stayed	9	0	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	13
Cases Not Ready	3	8	11	0	1	1	32	0	0	44
Set for Motion Calendar	82	68	150	10	18	28	1	0	0	179
Set for Oral Argument	7	7	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	15

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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	101	83	184	11	19	30	37	0	0	251
Opinion/Order in Process	6	12	18	1	0	1	0	0	0	19
Total Pending Decision	107	95	202	12	19	31	37	0	0	270
MANDATED										
Opinion Terminating Review	13	24	37	0	4	4	2	0	2	45
Order Terminating Review	240	188	428	3	28	31	2	0	2	463
Ruling Terminating Review	4	4	8	38	66	104	270	0	3	385
Other Decision Terminating Review	8	4	12	1	0	1	4	0	0	17
Total Mandated	265	220	485	42	98	140	278	0	7	910

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	<b>Actions Against</b>	<b>Personal Restraints</b>	<b>Death Penalty PRP</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Reviews</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Certified from Federal Court</b>
FILINGS						
Total Filings	11	44	0	46	101	6
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	1	0	0	3	4	4
Total Opinions	1	0	0	3	4	4
Other Terminations	0	0	0	29	29	1
Total Orders	0	0	0	29	29	1
Transferred/Certified	0	0	0	0	0	1
Review Not Accepted	1	0	0	1	2	0
Other Terminations	9	0	0	6	15	0
Total Rulings	10	0	0	7	17	1
Total Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	11	0	0	39	50	6
PENDING AT YEAR END						
Cases Not Ready	0	0	0	2	2	2
Set for Motion Calendar	3	0	0	11	14	0
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Awaiting Hearing	3	0	0	13	16	4
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	2

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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	2
Total Pending Decision	3	0	0	13	16	6
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	1	0	0	3	4	5
Order Terminating Review	0	0	0	29	29	1
Ruling Terminating Review	18	0	0	6	24	1
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	47	0	1	48	0
Total Mandated	19	47	0	39	105	7

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## Court Activity, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2024 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	0	0	1	0	9	54	64	0	1	1	65
RESOLUTIONS (1)											
Opinions	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Total Opinion	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Other Terminations	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Orders	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Terminations	0	0	0	0	7	54	61	0	1	1	62
Total Others	0	0	0	0	7	54	61	0	1	1	62
Total Resolved	0	0	2	1	8	54	65	0	1	1	66
PENDING AT YEAR END											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3
Cases Not Ready	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	0	2	0	1	4	7	0	0	0	7
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Pending Decision	0	0	2	0	1	4	7	0	0	0	7
MANDATED											
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Order Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

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

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

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	----- Washington State Bar Association -----							Commission on Judicial Conduct			
	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
Ruling Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	7	54	61	0	1	1	62
Total Mandated	0	0	2	1	8	54	65	0	1	1	66

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## History of Filings - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)	2024	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	2	1	. %	1	. %	9	. %	8	. %
Civil Appeals	38	30	. %	32	. %	28	. %	44	. %
TOTAL Appeals	40	31	-22.5 %	33	6.5 %	37	12.1 %	52	40.5 %
Direct Discretionary Review	29	22	. %	16	. %	15	. %	11	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	69	64	-7.2 %	45	-29.7 %	18	. %	0	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	138	117	-15.2 %	94	-19.7 %	70	-25.5 %	63	-10 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	365	320	-12.3 %	227	-29.1 %	254	11.9 %	271	6.7 %
Civil	221	229	3.6 %	223	-2.6 %	232	4 %	217	-6.5 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	586	549	-6.3 %	450	-18 %	486	8 %	488	0.4 %
Motion for Discr. Review	154	110	-28.6 %	118	7.3 %	130	10.2 %	131	0.8 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	318	240	-24.5 %	245	2.1 %	281	14.7 %	240	-14.6 %
Certifications/Transfers	3	4	. %	7	. %	3	. %	0	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	1,061	903	-14.9 %	820	-9.2 %	900	9.8 %	859	-4.6 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	113	98	-13.3 %	112	14.3 %	106	-5.4 %	107	0.9 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	64	64	0 %	49	-23.4 %	71	44.9 %	65	-8.5 %
TOTAL FILED	1,376	1,182	-14.1 %	1,075	-9.1 %	1,147	6.7 %	1,094	-4.6 %

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



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## History of Resolutions - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)	2024	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	0	2	. %	0	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Civil Appeals	27	26	. %	28	. %	28	. %	24	. %
TOTAL Appeals	27	28	. %	28	. %	35	. %	29	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	25	18	. %	17	. %	18	. %	10	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	58	74	27.6 %	38	-48.6 %	29	. %	0	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	110	120	9.1 %	83	-30.8 %	82	-1.2 %	39	-52.4 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	331	336	1.5 %	281	-16.4 %	216	-23.1 %	254	17.6 %
Civil	229	213	-7 %	224	5.2 %	222	-0.9 %	213	-4.1 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	560	549	-2 %	505	-8 %	438	-13.3 %	467	6.6 %
Motion for Discr. Review	146	107	-26.7 %	106	-0.9 %	129	21.7 %	133	3.1 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	323	248	-23.2 %	260	4.8 %	290	11.5 %	251	-13.4 %
Certifications/Transfers	5	5	. %	6	. %	2	. %	6	. %
TOTAL	1,034	909	-12.1 %	877	-3.5 %	859	-2.1 %	857	-0.2 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	32	44	37.5 %	49	11.4 %	50	2 %	56	12 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	71	63	-11.3 %	55	-12.7 %	68	23.6 %	66	-2.9 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	1,247	1,136	-8.9 %	1,064	-6.3 %	1,059	-0.5 %	1,018	-3.9 %

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## History of Pending Cases - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)	2024	% Chg (1)
Criminal Appeals	2	0	. %	1	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Civil Appeals	23	19	. %	15	. %	13	. %	21	. %
Total Appeals	25	19	. %	16	. %	16	. %	23	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	12	9	. %	9	. %	4	. %	7	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	18	6	. %	12	. %	0	. %	0	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	55	34	-38.2 %	37	8.8 %	20	. %	30	. %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	142	124	-12.7 %	69	-44.4 %	100	44.9 %	107	7 %
Civil	84	94	11.9 %	93	-1.1 %	95	2.2 %	95	0 %
Total Petition for Review	226	218	-3.5 %	162	-25.7 %	195	20.4 %	202	3.6 %
Motion for Discr. Review	42	29	. %	37	. %	35	-5.4 %	31	-11.4 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	96	77	-19.8 %	65	-15.6 %	48	-26.2 %	37	-22.9 %
Certifications/Transfers	4	1	. %	1	. %	4	. %		. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	368	325	-11.7 %	265	-18.5 %	282	6.4 %	270	-4.3 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	8	15	. %	15	. %	16	. %	22	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	9	10	. %	6	. %	9	. %	7	. %
TOTAL PENDING	431	374	-13.2 %	317	-15.2 %	318	0.3 %	322	1.3 %

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## Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)	2023	% Chg (2)	2024	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,376	1,182	-14.1 %	1,075	-9.1 %	1,147	6.7 %	1,094	-4.6 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	69	70	1.4 %	68	-2.9 %	54	-20.6 %	58	7.4 %
Dismissed	5	3	. %	9	. %	10	. %	10	. %
Transferred/Certified	13	9	. %	8	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	31	68	119.4 %	29	. %	34	. %	9	. %
Other Terminations	598	565	-5.5 %	533	-5.7 %	459	-13.9 %	484	5.4 %
Total Orders	647	645	-.3 %	579	-10.2 %	504	-13.0 %	503	-.2 %
Dismissed	25	50	. %	29	. %	36	. %	29	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	2	. %	2	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	418	289	-30.9 %	312	8.0 %	370	18.6 %	329	-11.1 %
Other Terminations	18	18	. %	21	. %	28	. %	35	. %
Total Rulings	461	359	-22.1 %	364	1.4 %	435	19.5 %	395	-9.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	70	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %	66	24.5 %	62	-6.1 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,178	1,066	-9.5 %	996	-6.6 %	1,005	.9 %	960	-4.5 %
Total Resolved	1,247	1,136	-8.9 %	1,064	-6.3 %	1,059	-.5 %	1,018	-3.9 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	30	15	. %	19	. %	13	. %	17	. %
Cases Ready	3	6	. %	17	. %	13	. %	5	. %
Cases Not Ready	114	90	-21.1 %	77	-14.4 %	64	-16.9 %	61	-4.7 %

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## Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)	2023	% Chg (2)	2024	% Chg (2)
Set for Motion Calendar	245	222	-9.4 %	172	-22.5 %	198	15.1 %	203	2.5 %
Set for Oral Argument	19	25	. %	18	. %	18	. %	22	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	411	358	-12.9 %	303	-15.4 %	306	1.0 %	308	.7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	29	26	. %	20	. %	21	. %	21	. %
Total Pending Decision	440	384	-12.7 %	323	-15.9 %	327	1.2 %	329	.6 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	80	78	-2.5 %	65	-16.7 %	62	-4.6 %	65	4.8 %
Order Terminating Review	644	648	.6 %	582	-10.2 %	501	-13.9 %	508	1.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	433	389	-10.2 %	376	-3.3 %	394	4.8 %	423	7.4 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	192	162	-15.6 %	131	-19.1 %	144	9.9 %	141	-2.1 %
Total Mandated	1,349	1,277	-5.3 %	1,154	-9.6 %	1,101	-4.6 %	1,137	3.3 %

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## Court Activity Trends, Cases from Trial Courts - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)	2024	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	138	117	-15.2 %	94	-19.7 %	70	-25.5 %	63	-10.0 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	11	14	. %	8	. %	9	. %	7	. %
Dismissed	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	13	8	. %	8	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	61	76	24.6 %	46	-39.5 %	50	8.7 %	14	. %
Total Orders	74	84	13.5 %	54	-35.7 %	51	-5.6 %	14	. %
Dismissed	8	9	. %	3	. %	9	. %	4	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	2	. %	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	11	6	. %	9	. %	6	. %	4	. %
Other Terminations	6	5	. %	7	. %	6	. %	9	. %
Total Rulings	25	22	. %	21	. %	22	. %	18	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	99	106	7.1 %	75	-29.2 %	73	-2.7 %	32	-56.2 %
Total Resolved	110	120	9.1 %	83	-30.8 %	82	-1.2 %	39	-52.4 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	2	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Cases Ready	2	1	. %	4	. %	1	. %	5	. %
Cases Not Ready	12	14	. %	10	. %	9	. %	11	. %
Set for Motion Calendar	29	12	. %	17	. %	5	. %	10	. %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)	2024	% Chg (1)
Set for Oral Argument	3	2	. %	5	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	48	30	. %	36	. %	17	. %	30	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	7	4	. %	1	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	55	34	-38.2 %	37	8.8 %	20	. %	30	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	12	19	. %	8	. %	12	. %	8	. %
Order Terminating Review	74	83	12.2 %	55	-33.7 %	50	-9.1 %	14	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	21	22	. %	25	. %	22	. %	13	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	12	13	. %	9	. %	3	. %	14	. %
Total Mandated	119	137	15.1 %	97	-29.2 %	87	-10.3 %	49	-43.7 %

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## Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)	2024	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,061	903	-14.9 %	820	-9.2 %	900	9.8 %	859	-4.6 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	54	50	-7.4 %	49	-2.0 %	40	-18.4 %	40	.0 %
Dismissed	5	3	. %	8	. %	9	. %	10	. %
Review Not Accepted	30	68	. %	29	. %	33	. %	9	. %
Other Terminations	519	459	-11.6 %	458	-2.2 %	381	-16.8 %	439	15.2 %
Total Orders	554	530	-4.3 %	495	-6.6 %	423	-14.5 %	458	8.3 %
Dismissed	15	38	. %	26	. %	26	. %	25	. %
Review Not Accepted	406	281	-30.8 %	302	7.5 %	363	20.2 %	323	-11.0 %
Other Terminations	5	10	. %	5	. %	7	. %	11	. %
Total Rulings	426	329	-22.8 %	333	1.2 %	396	18.9 %	359	-9.3 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	980	859	-12.3 %	828	-3.6 %	819	-1.1 %	817	-.2 %
Total Resolved	1,034	909	-12.1 %	877	-3.5 %	859	-2.1 %	857	-.2 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	25	12	. %	18	. %	10	. %	13	. %
Cases Ready	1	1	. %	7	. %	9	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	96	70	-27.1 %	60	-14.3 %	46	-23.3 %	44	-4.3 %
Set for Motion Calendar	212	204	-3.8 %	150	-26.5 %	188	25.3 %	179	-4.8 %
Set for Oral Argument	14	19	. %	12	. %	15	. %	15	. %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)	2024	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	348	306	-12.1 %	247	-19.3 %	268	8.5 %	251	-6.3 %
Opinion/Order in Process	20	19	. %	18	. %	14	. %	19	. %
Total Pending Decision	368	325	-11.7 %	265	-18.5 %	282	6.4 %	270	-4.3 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	62	54	-12.9 %	46	-14.8 %	45	-2.2 %	45	.0 %
Order Terminating Review	553	532	-3.8 %	497	-6.6 %	422	-15.1 %	463	9.7 %
Ruling Terminating Review	398	360	-9.5 %	341	-5.3 %	361	5.9 %	385	6.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	31	39	25.8 %	7	. %	21	. %	17	. %
Total Mandated	1,044	985	-5.7 %	891	-9.5 %	849	-4.7 %	910	7.2 %

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## Court Activity Trends, Original Actions - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)	2024	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	110	92	-16.4 %	102	10.9 %	101	-1.0 %	101	.0 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	1	3	. %	2	. %	0	. %	4	. %
Dismissed	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	17	30	. %	29	. %	27	. %	29	. %
Total Orders	18	31	. %	30	. %	28	. %	29	. %
Dismissed	2	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	7	3	. %	9	. %	13	. %	15	. %
Total Rulings	10	8	. %	10	. %	15	. %	17	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	28	39	. %	40	2.6 %	43	7.5 %	46	7.0 %
Total Resolved	29	42	. %	42	.0 %	43	2.4 %	50	16.3 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Ready	0	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	1	2	. %	1	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Set for Motion Calendar	4	6	. %	5	. %	5	. %	14	. %
Set for Oral Argument	1	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %

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	2020	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)	2024	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	6	9	. %	7	. %	9	. %	16	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	1	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	7	9	. %	7	. %	10	. %	16	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	1	3	. %	1	. %	1	. %	4	. %
Order Terminating Review	17	32	. %	30	. %	27	. %	29	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	14	7	. %	10	. %	9	. %	24	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	79	48	-39.2 %	61	27.1 %	54	-11.5 %	48	-11.1 %
Total Mandated	111	90	-18.9 %	102	13.3 %	91	-10.8 %	105	15.4 %

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## Court Activity Trends, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)	2023	% Chg (2)	2024	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	64	64	.0 %	49	-23.4 %	71	44.9 %	65	-8.5 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	1	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Total Orders	0	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	1	. %
	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Rulings	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	70	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %	66	24.5 %	62	-6.1 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	70	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %	68	28.3 %	63	-7.4 %
Total Resolved	71	63	-11.3 %	55	-12.7 %	68	23.6 %	66	-2.9 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	3	2	. %	1	. %	2	. %	3	. %
Cases Ready	0	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Cases Not Ready	5	4	. %	5	. %	5	. %	2	. %
Set for Oral Argument	1	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	9	8	. %	6	. %	9	. %	7	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	9	10	. %	6	. %	9	. %	7	. %
MANDATED									

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	2020	2021	% Chg (2)	2022	% Chg (2)	2023	% Chg (2)	2024	% Chg (2)
Opinion Terminating Review	1	0	. %	3	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Order Terminating Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	70	62	-11.4 %	53	-14.5 %	66	24.5 %	62	-6.1 %
Total Mandated	71	62	-12.7 %	56	-9.7 %	68	21.4 %	66	-2.9 %

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