

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

History of Activity, All Reviews, Division II (10) - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,333	1,054	-20.9 %	1,048	-0.6 %	1,169	11.5 %	1,338	14.5 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	70	70	0 %	77	10 %	58	-24.7 %	63	8.6 %
Opinions Unpublished	402	432	7.5 %	404	-6.5 %	377	-6.7 %	305	-19.1 %
Opinions	472	502	6.4 %	481	-4.2 %	435	-9.6 %	368	-15.4 %
Dismissed	223	199	-10.8 %	153	-23.1 %	239	56.2 %	232	-2.9 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	87	115	32.2 %	126	9.6 %	58	-54 %	86	48.3 %
Review Not Accepted	9	2	. %	9	. %	1	. %	7	. %
Other Terminations	24	38	. %	30	. %	10	. %	36	. %
Orders	343	354	3.2 %	318	-10.2 %	308	-3.1 %	361	17.2 %
Decided on Merits	56	43	-23.2 %	42	-2.3 %	48	14.3 %	29	. %
Dismissed	299	208	-30.4 %	220	5.8 %	231	5 %	279	20.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	2	0	. %	7	. %	0	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	97	65	-33 %	61	-6.2 %	71	16.4 %	83	16.9 %
Other Terminations	15	17	. %	21	. %	11	. %	36	. %
Rulings	469	333	-29 %	351	5.4 %	361	2.8 %	430	19.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	812	687	-15.4 %	669	-2.6 %	669	0 %	791	18.2 %
Total Resolved	1,284	1,189	-7.4 %	1,150	-3.3 %	1,104	-4 %	1,159	5 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	150	142	-5.3 %	72	-49.3 %	43	-40.3 %	26	. %
Brief Not Filed	527	507	-3.8 %	503	-0.8 %	550	9.3 %	745	35.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	7	5	. %	4	. %	4	. %	3	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	419	306	-27 %	184	-39.9 %	158	-14.1 %	207	31 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	37	20	. %	41	. %	37	-9.8 %	25	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	110	109	-0.9 %	66	-39.4 %	71	7.6 %	55	-22.5 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,250	1,090	-12.8 %	870	-20.2 %	863	-0.8 %	1,061	22.9 %
Opinion/Order in Process	108	84	-22.2 %	93	10.7 %	50	-46.2 %	58	16 %
Total Pending Decision	1,358	1,174	-13.5 %	963	-18 %	913	-5.2 %	1,119	22.6 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	516	501	-2.9 %	539	7.6 %	492	-8.7 %	425	-13.6 %
Order Terminating Review	432	310	-28.2 %	410	32.3 %	293	-28.5 %	382	30.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	510	337	-33.9 %	387	14.8 %	409	5.7 %	432	5.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	31	15	. %	12	. %	17	. %	11	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	973	662	-32 %	809	22.2 %	719	-11.1 %	825	14.7 %
Total Mandated	1,489	1,163	-21.9 %	1,348	15.9 %	1,211	-10.2 %	1,250	3.2 %

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