

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Court Activity, All Divisions, Civil Appeals - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,282	1,019	-20.5 %	1,109	8.8 %	1,125	1.4 %	1,170	4 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	134	125	-6.7 %	126	0.8 %	131	4 %	111	-15.3 %
Opinions Unpublished	508	521	2.6 %	489	-6.1 %	481	-1.6 %	458	-4.8 %
Opinions	642	646	0.6 %	615	-4.8 %	612	-0.5 %	569	-7 %
Dismissed	4	2	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	44	43	-2.3 %	51	18.6 %	28	0 %	43	0 %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	2	4	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %	5	0 %
Orders	50	49	-2 %	53	8.2 %	36	-32.1 %	50	38.9 %
Decided on Merits	43	32	-25.6 %	22	0 %	22	0 %	11	0 %
Dismissed	403	322	-20.1 %	333	3.4 %	334	0.3 %	389	16.5 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	16	20	0 %	14	0 %	16	0 %	17	0 %
Other Terminations	18	11	0 %	15	0 %	15	0 %	34	0 %
Rulings	480	385	-19.8 %	386	0.3 %	387	0.3 %	451	16.5 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	530	434	-18.1 %	439	1.2 %	423	-3.6 %	501	18.4 %
Total Resolved	1,172	1,080	-7.8 %	1,054	-2.4 %	1,035	-1.8 %	1,070	3.4 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	46	23	0 %	25	0 %	32	0 %	39	21.9 %
Brief Not Filed	558	605	8.4 %	597	-1.3 %	531	-11.1 %	621	16.9 %
Appellant Brief Filed	3	3	0 %	1	0 %	3	0 %	3	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	366	289	-21 %	213	-26.3 %	141	-33.8 %	171	21.3 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	125	32	-74.4 %	38	18.8 %	56	47.4 %	36	-35.7 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	116	128	10.3 %	109	-14.8 %	101	-7.3 %	105	4 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,214	1,081	-11 %	983	-9.1 %	864	-12.1 %	975	12.8 %
Opinion/Order in Process	105	64	-39 %	95	48.4 %	168	76.8 %	79	-53 %
Total Pending Decision	1,319	1,145	-13.2 %	1,078	-5.9 %	1,032	-4.3 %	1,054	2.1 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	811	690	-14.9 %	755	9.4 %	687	-9 %	698	1.6 %
Order Terminating Review	53	53	0 %	62	17 %	40	-35.5 %	44	10 %
Ruling Terminating Review	558	450	-19.4 %	435	-3.3 %	424	-2.5 %	471	11.1 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	20	7	0 %	7	0 %	24	0 %	11	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	631	510	-19.2 %	504	-1.2 %	488	-3.2 %	526	7.8 %
Total Mandated	1,442	1,200	-16.8 %	1,259	4.9 %	1,175	-6.7 %	1,224	4.2 %

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