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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of February. The statistical year began on January 1, 2026.

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 53 opinions, 68 summary dispositions, and 95 other written decisions this month. Opinions include three-judge and one-judge authored opinions and per curiam opinions. Summary dispositions include opinions issued in the form of a court order after the court has reviewed the briefs and the record and, generally, following a screening and decision conference. Other written decisions include memorandum opinions, issued before a screening and decision conference, and miscellaneous orders terminating cases (e.g., voluntary dismissals and stipulations to dismiss). The breakdown by district and type of disposition is as follows:

FEBRUARY 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	47	70	52	47	216
<i>By Opinion - Civil</i>	7	3	7	6	23
<i>By Opinion - Criminal</i>	4	12	8	6	30
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	8	12	7	2	29
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Criminal</i>	14	12	5	8	39
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	4	8	8	16	36
<i>By Memo Opinion - Criminal</i>	3	4	7	4	18
<i>By Other - Civil</i>	6	13	7	5	31
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	1	6	3	0	10

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 95 opinions, 123 summary dispositions, and 239 other written decisions.

<i>Year-to-Date</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	94	136	118	109	457
<i>By Opinion - Civil</i>	10	6	19	16	51
<i>By Opinion - Criminal</i>	8	13	14	9	44
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	18	22	8	10	58
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	21	17	13	14	65
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	14	35	28	30	107
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	7	7	11	11	36
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	14	26	20	19	79
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	2	10	5	0	17

The table below presents the total number of Court of Appeals dispositions for year-to-date (*i.e. January to February only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026. The figures reflect opinions and orders issued by the court and how cases were terminated.

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cases Terminated	317	378	401	422	457
<i>By Opinion - Civil</i>	53	53	63	57	51
<i>By Opinion - Criminal</i>	33	59	48	62	44
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	29	29	29	38	58
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Criminal</i>	76	91	74	71	65
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	59	65	69	78	107
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	26	18	54	50	36
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	26	48	51	49	79
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	15	15	13	17	17

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 234 appeals were filed during the month.

FEBRUARY 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	53	70	46	65	234
<i>Civil</i>	33	48	28	48	157
<i>Criminal</i>	20	22	18	17	77

So far this year, a total 493 appeals have been filed.

<i>Year-to-Date</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	105	142	115	131	493
<i>Civil</i>	65	98	80	91	334
<i>Criminal</i>	40	44	35	40	159

The table below presents total number of appeals filed in the Court of Appeals for year-to-date (*ie. January to February only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>
Cases Filed	284	345	366	359	493
<i>Civil</i>	148	206	187	207	334
<i>Criminal</i>	136	139	179	152	159

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,500 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

<i>FEBRUARY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Pending	688	558	639	615	2,500
<i>Civil</i>	334	269	334	350	1,287
<i>Criminal</i>	354	289	305	265	1,213

Petitions for Supervisory Writ

A petition for supervisory writ asks the Court of Appeals to order the circuit court to take a certain action in a case. The Court of Appeals received 28 and disposed of 16 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

<i>FEBRUARY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	10	7	6	5	28
Supervisory Writs Terminated	3	5	2	6	16
<i>Granted</i>	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	3	4	2	6	15
Supervisory Writs Pending	25	15	13	8	61

The table below presents total number of Petitions for Supervisory Writ filed and terminated in the Court of Appeals year-to-date (*ie. January to February only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	18	20	24	22	55
Supervisory Writs Terminated	25	21	23	37	50

Petitions for Leave to Appeal

A petition for leave to appeal asks the Court of Appeals to invoke its discretionary jurisdiction and accept the appeal of a case in which a final order has not been issued. The Court of Appeals received 16 and disposed of 19 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

<i>FEBRUARY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	6	3	2	5	16
Petitions Terminated	4	4	4	7	19
<i>Granted</i>	3	0	0	0	3
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	1	4	4	7	16
Petitions Pending	7	5	2	7	21

The table below presents total number of Petitions for Leave filed and terminated in the Court of Appeals for year-to-date (*i.e. January to February only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	17	24	28	37	49
Petitions Terminated	22	20	26	23	49

Petitions for Review, Petitions for Bypass, and Certifications to the Supreme Court

In a petition for bypass, a party requests that the Supreme Court take jurisdiction of an appeal or other proceeding pending in the Court of Appeals. In a request for certification, the Court of Appeals asks the Supreme Court to exercise its appellate jurisdiction before the Court of Appeals hears the matter. The Supreme Court received 42 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, two petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and no requests for certification this month.

<i>FEBRUARY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review Filed	11	8	13	10	42
<i>Civil</i>	8	4	3	7	22
<i>Criminal</i>	3	4	10	3	20
Petitions for Bypass Filed	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Civil</i>	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Certification Requests Filed	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Civil</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	0	0	0