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MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 52 opinions, 72 summary dispositions, and 120 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:

SEPTEMBER 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	53	78	65	48	244
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	3	10	13	7	33
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	2	10	5	2	19
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	6	9	8	7	30
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	18	17	5	2	42
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	12	17	7	21	57
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	2	7	13	3	25
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	9	8	13	6	36
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	1	0	1	0	2

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 569 opinions, 587 summary dispositions, and 1,013 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	486	625	491	567	2,169
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	87	62	94	100	343
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	49	62	57	58	226
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	55	73	42	63	233
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	98	130	59	67	354
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	98	119	85	139	441
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	39	31	40	57	167
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	47	114	84	73	318
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	13	34	30	10	87

The table below presents the total number of Court of Appeals dispositions for year-to-date (*i.e. January to September 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>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>
Cases Terminated	1,654	1,926	1,818	1,948	2,169
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	253	275	286	266	343
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	185	262	209	245	226
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	135	169	137	179	233
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	414	442	305	284	354
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	299	341	376	443	441
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	140	151	196	230	167
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	158	223	251	232	318
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	70	63	58	69	87

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 265 appeals were filed during the month.

<i>SEPTEMBER 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	56	73	53	83	265
<i>Civil</i>	29	44	45	63	181
<i>Criminal</i>	27	29	8	20	84

So far this year, a total 2,209 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	453	604	518	634	2,209
<i>Civil</i>	252	384	337	421	1,394
<i>Criminal</i>	201	220	181	213	815

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

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cases Filed	1,596	1,764	1,893	2,055	2,209
<i>Civil</i>	878	1,020	1,045	1,176	1,394
<i>Criminal</i>	718	744	848	879	815

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,567 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

<i>SEPTEMBER 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Pending	665	547	694	661	2,567
<i>Civil</i>	307	283	382	383	1,355
<i>Criminal</i>	358	264	312	278	1,212

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 24 and disposed of 30 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

<i>SEPTEMBER 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	5	3	6	10	24
Supervisory Writs Terminated	7	7	3	13	30
<i>Granted</i>	1	0	0	3	4
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	6	7	3	10	26
Supervisory Writs Pending	11	15	23	28	77

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 September only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Supervisory Writs Filed	83	111	141	196	213
Supervisory Writs Terminated	120	113	130	202	203

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 10 and disposed of 18 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

SEPTEMBER 2026	<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	1	1	3	5	10
Petitions Terminated	1	5	7	5	18
<i>Granted</i>	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	1	5	6	5	17
Petitions Pending	1	3	3	6	13

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 September only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

Year-to-Date Comparison	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	118	87	138	150	144
Petitions Terminated	123	87	133	144	152

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 55 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, two petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and one request for certification this month.

SEPTEMBER 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review Filed	17	12	13	13	55
<i>Civil</i>	12	7	5	5	29
<i>Criminal</i>	5	5	8	8	26
Petitions for Bypass Filed	0	0	1	1	2
<i>Civil</i>	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	1	0	1
Certification Requests Filed	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Civil</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	0	1	1