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## WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

**December 2014**

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of December 2014 and to date for the year that began on January 1, 2014.

### Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 92 opinions, 65 summary dispositions, and 69 other written decisions in December. 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, which are issued in the form of a court order prior to 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:

<u>December 2014</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated .....	<u>49</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>226</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	13	13	13	6	45
Opinion - Criminal .....	16	13	8	10	47
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	2	3	1	13	19
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	8	15	9	14	46
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	8	3	16	12	39
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	1	2	7	5	15
Other - Civil .....	1	0	3	9	13
Other - Criminal .....	0	0	1	1	2

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 1064 opinions, 718 summary dispositions, and 907 other written decisions.

<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated .....	<u>646</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>562</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>2689</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	146	111	161	160	578
Opinion - Criminal .....	164	121	100	101	486
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	24	67	20	115	226
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	114	177	58	143	492
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	83	100	113	175	471
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	55	60	74	48	237
Other - Civil .....	46	42	29	31	148
Other - Criminal .....	14	15	7	15	51

### Appeals Filed

A total of 248 appeals were filed during the month. An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court.

<u>December 2014</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed .....	<u>69</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>248</u>
Civil.....	27	31	40	35	133
Criminal .....	42	34	21	18	115

So far this year, a total of 2849 appeals have been filed.

<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed .....	<u>755</u>	<u>724</u>	<u>605</u>	<u>765</u>	<u>2849</u>
Civil.....	359	356	314	546	1575
Criminal .....	396	368	291	219	1274

### Appeals Pending

As of the end of the month, a total of 2108 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Pending .....	<u>558</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>2108</u>
Civil.....	234	231	200	411	1076
Criminal .....	324	251	218	239	1032

### Petitions for Supervisory Writ

The Court of Appeals received 20 and disposed of 13 petitions for supervisory writ during the month. A petition for supervisory writ asks the Court of Appeals to order the circuit court to take a certain action in a case.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sup. Writs Filed.....	7	2	5	6	20
Sup. Writs Terminated .....	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>
Granted.....	0	0	0	0	0
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	5	1	4	3	13
Sup. Writs Pending.....	28	7	5	23	63

### Petitions for Leave to Appeal

The Court of Appeals received 9 and disposed of 7 petitions for leave to appeal during the month. 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.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leave to Appeal Petitions Filed .....	0	4	3	2	9
Leave to Appeal Petitions Terminated .....	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
Granted.....	2	0	0	0	2
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	0	0	3	2	5
Leave to Appeal Petitions Pending.....	1	6	4	4	15

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

The Supreme Court received 53 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, 1 petition to bypass the Court of Appeals, and 1 request for certification. 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.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Petitions for Review Filed .....	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>53</u>
Civil.....	9	3	4	10	26
Criminal .....	8	8	3	8	27
Petitions for Bypass Filed.....	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil.....	1	0	0	0	1
Criminal .....	0	0	0	0	0
Certifications Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil.....	0	0	0	1	1
Criminal .....	0	0	0	0	0