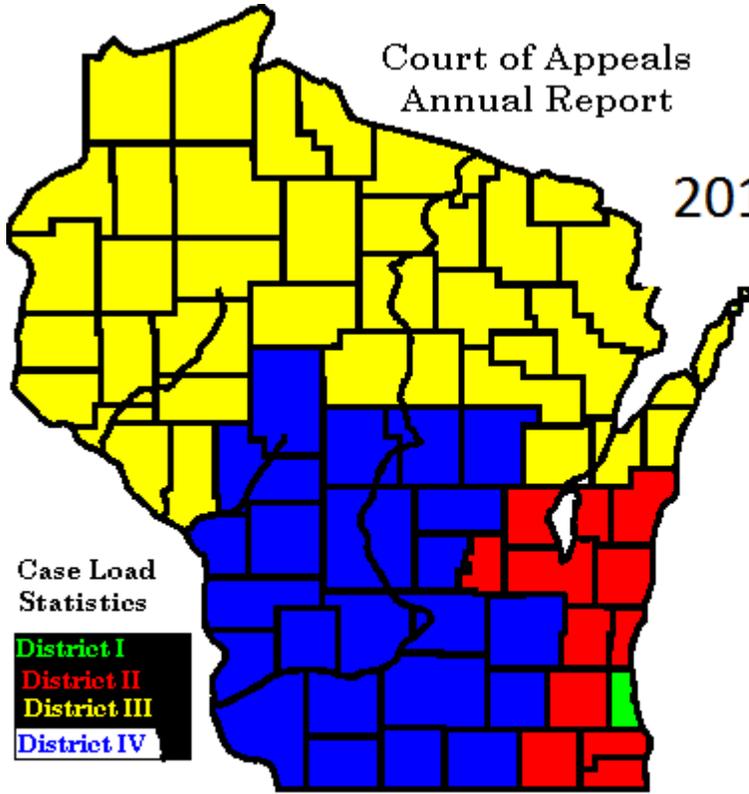


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**COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS**

District	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Filings</b>	<u>731</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>641</u>	<u>2560</u>
Civil	345	296	302	372	1315
Criminal	386	337	253	269	1245
Average filings per judge	183	158	185	128	160
Three-Judge	582	508	442	488	2020
One-Judge	149	125	113	153	540
No Merit Filings	199	150	104	86	539
Writs Filed	47	21	27	27	122
<i>Granted</i>	0	3	2	2	7
Leaves to Appeal Filed	25	44	26	28	123
<i>Granted</i>	3	12	4	4	23
Matter of Right	460	418	398	500	1776

Adjusted No-Merit Transfer	-42	+9	-20	+53
Adjusted Caseload	-74	-18	-15	+107
*Adjusted average/judge	154	156	173	160

\*Adjusted averages reflect cases gained or lost due to workload, panel disqualification and no-merit transfers. These figures do not reflect consolidation.

<b>Submission</b>	<u>221</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>972</u>
Cases on Briefs	217	223	197	325	962
Civil	102	133	129	186	550
Criminal	115	90	68	139	412
Percentage on briefs	98%	99.1%	99%	99%	99%
Cases Orally Argued	4	1	1	4	10
Civil	3	1	1	4	9
Criminal	1	0	0	0	1
Percentage Orally Argued	2%	.9%	1%	1%	1%

Total Terminations	636	650	520	977	2783
Average terminations per judge	159	163	173	195	174

**Percentages of Total Terminations:**

<b>Opinion</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Summary Disposition</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Memo Opinion</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>*19%</b>	<b>11%</b>

\*Capitol Protest cases

**Percentages of Civil/Criminal Affirmances:**

<b>Civil: % Affirmed</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Criminal: % Affirmed</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>81%</b>

Please note that the remaining percentage of dispositions include reversals and dispositions categorized as other (affirmed in part, reversed in part, affirmed and remanded, dismissed, modified and as modified affirmed, etc.)

**Average Days to Opinion:**

<b>Notice of Appeal to Opinion</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>339</b>
<b>Three-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>344</b>
<b>One-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>Per Curiam Opinions</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>383</b>
<b>Summary Dispositions</b>					
<b>without No Merits</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>358</b>
<b>No Merit SMDs</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>318</b>
<b>Memo Opinions</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Orders*</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Fast Tracks</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>176</b>

\*Does not include voluntary dismissals.

**Terminations by Opinion:**

<b><u>Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>252</u></b>	<b><u>208</u></b>	<b><u>212</u></b>	<b><u>266</u></b>	<b><u>938</u></b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>548</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>390</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>%s of Disposition:</b>					
<b>Affirmed</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>Reversed</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Per Curiams</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>506</b>
<b>Signed Opinions</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>1-Judge Opinions*</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>3-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>210</b>

**Publication Data:**

<b>All Opinions*</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>859</b>
<b>Percentage Published</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Considered**</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>203</b>
<b><u>Published</u></b>	<b><u>22</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>87</u></b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>43%</b>

\* This figure reflects Dec 2014 and YTD Nov 2015 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

\*\* Three-judge opinions only; deferrals are counted only when decided.

**Termination by Other Means (Orders):**

<b><u>Summary Dispositions</u></b>	<b><u>168</u></b>	<b><u>238</u></b>	<b><u>99</u></b>	<b><u>309</u></b>	<b><u>814</u></b>
Affirmance	23	71	3	154	251
Reversals	1	8	2	12	23
No Merits	143	156	92	137	528
Rejected No Merits	25	11	12	16	64
Dismissals	0	2	1	0	3
Other	1	1	1	6	9
<b><u>Memo Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>157</u></b>	<b><u>157</u></b>	<b><u>178</u></b>	<b><u>220</u></b>	<b><u>712</u></b>
Jurisdiction	27	21	26	25	99
Dismissals	20	25	46	37	128
Other	46	58	50	91	245
Writs Denied, etc.	48	20	27	40	135
Writs Granted	0	3	2	2	7
Leaves Denied, etc.	16	30	27	25	98
<b><u>Other</u></b>	<b><u>59</u></b>	<b><u>47</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>	<b><u>182</u></b>	<b><u>319</u></b>
Voluntary Dismissals	39	29	13	*159	240
Dismissals	1	3	1	1	6
Stipulations	2	2	0	0	4
Other	17	13	17	22	69

\*Capitol Protests

**Motions and Petitions:**

<b>Motions</b>	<b>5082</b>	<b>3229</b>	<b>2584</b>	<b>3262</b>	<b>14,157</b>
Writs Terminated	48	23	29	42	142
Writs Granted	0	3	2	2	7
Leaves Terminated	19	42	31	29	121

**Pending Cases (current assigned panel):**

<b>12-31-15</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>1965</b>
<b>12-31-14</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>2108</b>

**SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY**

Certifications Filed*	1	2	0	2	5
Certifications Granted	1	2	0	1	4
Bypasses Granted	0	0	2	0	2

\*Consolidated cases counted as one.

Ct. App. Opinions Released	224	190	187	248	849
Petitions filed on Opns.	129	81	61	95	366
Percentage Filed	58%	43%	33%	38%	43%
<u>Petitions Filed</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>695</u>
Civil	97	72	54	120	343
Criminal	117	91	46	98	352
Petitions Acted Upon	233	177	116	190	716
<u>Granted</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>43</u>
Civil	3	5	5	14	27
Criminal	2	3	7	4	16
SC Opinions on Petitions	13	9	8	12	42
<u>Affirmed</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>22</u> <u>52%</u>
Civil	0	2	5	3	10 24%
Criminal	4	2	2	4	12 29%
<u>Reversed</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u> <u>40%</u>
Civil	3	3	0	2	8 19%
Criminal	4	1	1	3	9 21%
<u>Other*</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u> <u>7%</u>
Civil	2	0	0	0	2 5%
Criminal	0	1	0	0	1 2%

\*Affirmed and remanded dispositions.