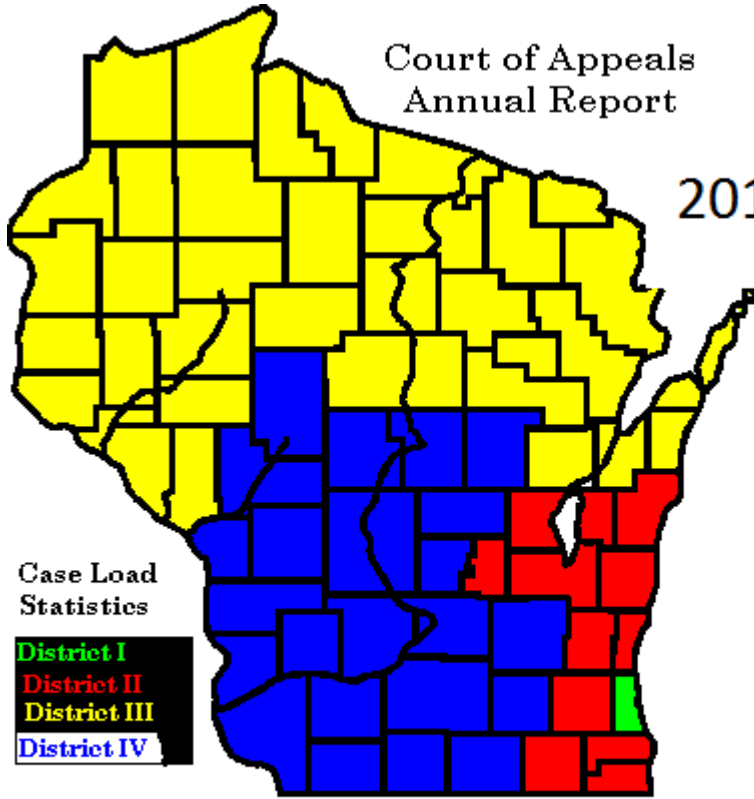


Court of Appeals
Annual Report

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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>
Filings	<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.

Submission	<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:

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

*Capitol Protest cases

Percentages of Civil/Criminal Affirmances:

Civil: % Affirmed	96%	84%	80%	86%	86%
Criminal: % Affirmed	82%	85%	72%	81%	81%

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:

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

*Does not include voluntary dismissals.

Terminations by Opinion:

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

Publication Data:

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

* 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):

<u>Summary Dispositions</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>309</u>	<u>814</u>
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
<u>Memo Opinions</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>712</u>
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
<u>Other</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>319</u>
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:

Motions	5082	3229	2584	3262	14,157
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):

12-31-15	519	439	430	577	1965
12-31-14	510	451	408	739	2108

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.