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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

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This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of September 2008 and to date for the year that began on January 1, 2008.

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 92 opinions, 72 summary dispositions, and 78 other written decisions in September. 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>September 2008</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated	<u>57</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>242</u>
Opinion - Civil	13	14	13	13	53
Opinion - Criminal	20	3	8	8	39
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	1	4	4	4	13
Sum. Disp. - Criminal	11	12	23	13	59
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	8	12	17	10	47
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	2	3	3	8	16
Other - Civil	1	4	2	4	11
Other - Criminal	1	1	0	2	4

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 840 opinions, 664 summary dispositions, and 795 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>619</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>2299</u>
Opinion - Civil	134	118	98	159	509
Opinion - Criminal	114	81	60	76	331
Sum. Disp. – Civil.....	27	42	39	44	154
Sum. Disp. - Criminal	156	106	106	142	510
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	107	96	102	124	429
Memo Opinion - Criminal	50	63	58	52	223
Other - Civil	22	32	22	37	113
Other - Criminal	9	7	5	9	30

Appeals Filed

A total of 235 appeals were filed during the month. An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court.

<u>September 2008</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed	<u>70</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>235</u>
Civil.....	29	27	32	32	120
Criminal	41	32	19	23	115

So far this year, a total of 2300 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>654</u>	<u>605</u>	<u>485</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>2300</u>
Civil.....	291	285	252	332	1160
Criminal	363	320	233	224	1140

Appeals Pending

As of the end of the month, a total of 1968 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>636</u>	<u>541</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>1968</u>
Civil.....	239	250	163	278	930
Criminal	397	291	140	210	1038

Petitions for Supervisory Writ

The Court of Appeals received 22 and disposed of 15 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.....	5	3	5	9	22
Sup. Writs Terminated	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>
Granted.....	0	0	0	1	1
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	2	1	5	6	14
Sup. Writs Pending.....	26	10	3	15	54

Petitions for Leave to Appeal

The Court of Appeals received 12 and disposed of 20 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	2	4	5	1	12
Leave to Appeal Petitions Terminated	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>
Granted.....	1	2	1	0	4
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	2	7	6	1	16
Leave to Appeal Petitions Pending.....	20	4	1	6	31

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

The Supreme Court received 62 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>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>62</u>
Civil.....	6	6	3	10	25
Criminal	15	9	5	8	37
Petitions for Bypass Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil.....	0	0	1	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