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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 April 2009 and to date for the year that began on January 1, 2009.

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 96 opinions, 85 summary dispositions, and 105 other written decisions in April. 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>April 2009</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated	<u>77</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>286</u>
Opinion - Civil	11	19	8	23	61
Opinion - Criminal	7	12	4	12	35
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	4	4	6	3	17
Sum. Disp. - Criminal	17	26	10	15	68
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	24	11	14	16	65
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	10	6	7	2	25
Other - Civil	3	2	3	3	11
Other - Criminal	1	2	0	1	4

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 352 opinions, 316 summary dispositions, and 372 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>287</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>1040</u>
Opinion - Civil	52	65	48	62	227
Opinion - Criminal	44	29	20	32	125
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	21	16	19	16	72
Sum. Disp. - Criminal	75	72	50	47	244
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	49	42	57	58	206
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	26	23	25	22	96
Other - Civil	12	12	14	11	49
Other - Criminal	8	8	2	3	21

Appeals Filed

A total of 247 appeals were filed during the month. An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court.

<u>April 2009</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed	<u>74</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>247</u>
Civil.....	39	27	32	40	138
Criminal	35	36	25	13	109

So far this year, a total of 1052 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>312</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>1052</u>
Civil.....	135	124	144	166	569
Criminal	177	127	96	83	483

Appeals Pending

As of the end of the month, a total of 2052 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>635</u>	<u>537</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>2052</u>
Civil.....	266	246	192	312	1016
Criminal	369	291	146	230	1036

Petitions for Supervisory Writ

The Court of Appeals received 18 and disposed of 25 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.....	6	5	1	6	18
Sup. Writs Terminated	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>25</u>
Granted.....	0	0	0	0	0
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	13	3	2	7	25
Sup. Writs Pending.....	32	10	2	15	59

Petitions for Leave to Appeal

The Court of Appeals received 20 and disposed of 24 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	5	5	2	8	20
Leave to Appeal Petitions Terminated	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>24</u>
Granted.....	5	2	3	0	10
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	3	3	7	1	14
Leave to Appeal Petitions Pending.....	23	7	0	8	38

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

The Supreme Court received 70 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, no petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and three requests 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>22</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>70</u>
Civil.....	7	11	7	7	32
Criminal	15	9	3	11	38
Petitions for Bypass Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Civil.....	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0
Certifications Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Civil.....	0	0	0	3	3
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0