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## WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### SEPTEMBER 2009

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of September 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 83 opinions, 65 summary dispositions, and 86 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 2009</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated .....	<u>65</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>234</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	13	13	7	9	42
Opinion - Criminal .....	16	15	7	3	41
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	13	4	5	6	28
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	9	14	8	6	37
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	6	9	17	20	52
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	4	7	7	4	22
Other - Civil .....	4	2	3	3	12
Other - Criminal .....	0	0	0	0	0

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 807 opinions, 631 summary dispositions, and 843 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>604</u>	<u>592</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>629</u>	<u>2281</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	117	118	88	134	457
Opinion - Criminal .....	114	104	49	83	350
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	43	43	36	46	168
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	111	136	90	126	463
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	119	94	110	163	486
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	60	57	55	41	213
Other - Civil .....	25	28	24	27	104
Other - Criminal .....	15	12	4	9	40

#### Appeals Filed

A total of 219 appeals were filed during the month. An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court.

<u>September 2009</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed .....	<u>48</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>219</u>
Civil.....	22	35	32	38	127
Criminal .....	26	34	16	16	92

So far this year, a total of 2394 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>726</u>	<u>563</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>2394</u>
Civil.....	322	291	317	356	1286
Criminal .....	404	272	233	199	1108

#### Appeals Pending

As of the end of the month, a total of 2168 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>698</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>2168</u>
Civil.....	273	259	257	302	1091
Criminal .....	425	246	177	229	1077

### Petitions for Supervisory Writ

The Court of Appeals received 12 and disposed of 12 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	3	0	3	12
Sup. Writs Terminated .....	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>
Granted.....	0	0	0	0	0
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	3	3	0	6	12
Sup. Writs Pending.....	30	8	1	14	53

### Petitions for Leave to Appeal

The Court of Appeals received 18 and disposed of 8 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	9	3	4	18
Leave to Appeal Petitions Terminated	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
Granted.....	0	0	0	0	0
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	2	3	3	0	8
Leave to Appeal Petitions Pending.....	14	7	1	6	28

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

The Supreme Court received 66 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, 1 petition to bypass the Court of Appeals, and 3 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>23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>66</u>
Civil.....	8	7	7	11	33
Criminal .....	15	10	4	4	33
Petitions for Bypass 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
Certifications Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Civil.....	0	0	1	1	2
Criminal .....	0	1	0	0	1