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## WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### DECEMBER 2009

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of December 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 117 opinions, 98 summary dispositions, and 80 other written decisions in December. 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>December 2009</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated .....	<u>108</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>295</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	20	7	12	30	69
Opinion - Criminal .....	16	5	8	19	48
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	11	5	6	11	33
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	30	8	10	17	65
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	15	7	12	4	38
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	12	4	5	4	25
Other - Civil .....	4	5	2	3	14
Other - Criminal .....	0	0	0	3	3

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 1,097 opinions, 852 summary dispositions, and 1,129 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>856</u>	<u>749</u>	<u>629</u>	<u>844</u>	<u>3078</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	153	150	120	194	617
Opinion - Criminal .....	155	125	74	126	480
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	64	56	49	64	233
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	160	159	135	165	619
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	173	125	140	202	640
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	93	75	76	47	291
Other - Civil .....	36	43	31	34	144
Other - Criminal .....	22	16	4	12	54

#### Appeals Filed

A total of 225 appeals were filed during the month. An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court.

<u>December 2009</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed .....	<u>73</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>225</u>
Civil.....	22	29	25	26	102
Criminal .....	51	30	18	24	123

So far this year, a total of 3,067 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>942</u>	<u>734</u>	<u>677</u>	<u>714</u>	<u>3067</u>
Civil.....	415	378	388	448	1629
Criminal .....	527	356	289	266	1438

#### Appeals Pending

As of the end of the month, a total of 2068 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>649</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>2068</u>
Civil.....	247	252	252	290	1041
Criminal .....	402	264	145	216	1027

### Petitions for Supervisory Writ

The Court of Appeals received 2 and disposed of 7 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.....	1	1	0	0	2
Sup. Writs Terminated .....	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Granted.....	1	0	0	0	1
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	3	2	1	0	6
Sup. Writs Pending.....	11	7	2	8	28

### Petitions for Leave to Appeal

The Court of Appeals received 19 and disposed of 12 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 .....	4	4	6	5	19
Leave to Appeal Petitions Terminated	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>
Granted.....	0	0	1	2	3
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	1	4	4	0	9
Leave to Appeal Petitions Pending.....	8	7	6	6	27

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

The Supreme Court received 50 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, 4 petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and no 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>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>50</u>
Civil.....	7	7	6	11	31
Criminal .....	7	2	5	5	19
Petitions for Bypass Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Civil.....	0	1	0	3	4
Criminal .....	0	0	0	0	0
Certifications 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