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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 February 2012 and to date for the year that began on January 1, 2012.

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 78 opinions, 52 summary dispositions, and 77 other written decisions in February. 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>February 2012</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated	<u>38</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>207</u>
Opinion - Civil	11	11	6	18	46
Opinion - Criminal	8	18	4	2	32
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	1	6	2	3	12
Sum. Disp. - Criminal	11	14	2	13	40
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	5	9	6	18	38
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	1	4	7	13	25
Other - Civil	0	3	1	4	8
Other - Criminal	1	1	1	3	6

This year, the Court of Appeals has issued 163 opinions, 103 summary dispositions, and 162 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>93</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>428</u>
Opinion - Civil	24	20	28	28	100
Opinion - Criminal	18	27	14	4	63
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	2	11	12	10	35
Sum. Disp. - Criminal	16	22	8	22	68
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	20	17	11	37	85
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	9	8	15	20	52
Other - Civil	3	5	4	6	18
Other - Criminal	1	2	1	3	7

Appeals Filed

A total of 203 appeals were filed during the month. An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court.

<u>February 2012</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed	<u>50</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>203</u>
Civil.....	21	23	27	31	102
Criminal	29	30	25	17	101

This year, a total of 410 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>108</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>410</u>
Civil.....	51	56	51	61	219
Criminal	57	48	47	39	191

Appeals Pending

As of the end of the month, a total of 1993 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>564</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>1993</u>
Civil.....	258	230	235	324	1047
Criminal	306	244	169	227	946

Petitions for Supervisory Writ

The Court of Appeals received 16 and disposed of 10 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.....	3	3	6	4	16
Sup. Writs Terminated	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
Granted.....	0	0	0	0	0
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	2	3	1	4	10
Sup. Writs Pending.....	24	8	12	12	56

Petitions for Leave to Appeal

The Court of Appeals received 17 and disposed of 16 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	6	6	3	17
Leave to Appeal Petitions Terminated	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>
Granted.....	1	1	1	2	5
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	2	3	4	2	11
Leave to Appeal Petitions Pending.....	8	8	4	5	25

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

The Supreme Court received 56 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>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>56</u>
Civil.....	8	3	9	8	28
Criminal	7	7	10	4	28
Petitions for Bypass Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil.....	0	1	0	0	0
Criminal	1	0	0	0	1
Certifications Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil.....	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal	0	0	0	1	1