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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 March 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 114 opinions, 63 summary dispositions, and 98 other written decisions in March. 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>March 2012</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>274</u>
Opinion - Civil	25	11	15	22	73
Opinion - Criminal	11	12	10	8	41
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	0	4	2	15	21
Sum. Disp. - Criminal	21	12	6	3	42
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	15	15	14	16	60
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	2	8	7	8	25
Other - Civil	1	4	3	4	12
Other - Criminal	0	1	0	0	1

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 277 opinions, 167 summary dispositions, and 259 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>168</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>702</u>
Opinion - Civil	49	31	43	50	173
Opinion - Criminal	29	39	24	12	104
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	2	15	14	25	56
Sum. Disp. - Criminal	37	35	14	25	111
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	35	32	25	53	145
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	11	16	22	28	77
Other - Civil	4	9	7	10	30
Other - Criminal	1	2	1	3	7

Appeals Filed

A total of 223 appeals were filed during the month. An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court.

<u>March 2012</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed	<u>56</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>223</u>
Civil.....	19	32	25	36	112
Criminal	37	22	15	37	111

So far this year, a total of 633 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>165</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>633</u>
Civil.....	71	89	77	97	334
Criminal	94	68	61	76	299

Appeals Pending

As of the end of the month, a total of 1947 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>549</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>1947</u>
Civil.....	233	230	226	310	999
Criminal	316	231	155	246	948

Petitions for Supervisory Writ

The Court of Appeals received 13 and disposed of 16 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.....	2	5	2	4	13
Sup. Writs Terminated	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>16</u>
Granted.....	0	0	0	0	0
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	3	6	4	3	16
Sup. Writs Pending.....	23	7	10	13	53

Petitions for Leave to Appeal

The Court of Appeals received 10 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	1	3	0	6	10
Leave to Appeal Petitions Terminated	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>
Granted.....	0	1	2	0	3
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	2	4	1	2	9
Leave to Appeal Petitions Pending.....	7	6	1	9	23

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

The Supreme Court received 54 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, 0 petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and 2 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>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>54</u>
Civil.....	6	5	4	14	29
Criminal	6	12	5	2	25
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>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Civil.....	0	1	0	1	2
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0