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## WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### MARCH 2026

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of March. The statistical year began on January 1, 2026.

### Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 79 opinions, 84 summary dispositions, and 118 other written decisions this month. 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, issued before 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:

<b>MARCH 2026</b>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	98	64	65	54	281
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	22	5	10	7	44
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	22	5	5	3	35
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	11	10	3	3	27
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	14	16	12	15	57
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	18	17	8	12	55
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	6	4	1	6	17
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	5	5	23	6	39
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	0	2	3	2	7

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 174 opinions, 207 summary dispositions, and 357 other written decisions.

<i>Year-to-Date</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	215	200	183	163	761
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	32	11	29	23	95
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	30	18	19	12	79
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	29	32	11	13	85
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	35	33	25	29	122
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	32	54	36	42	164
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	13	14	12	17	56
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	19	29	43	25	116
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	25	9	8	2	44

The table below presents the total number of Court of Appeals dispositions for year-to-date (*i.e. January to March only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026. The figures reflect opinions and orders issued by the court and how cases were terminated.

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Cases Terminated	534	595	596	628	761
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	74	84	96	81	95
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	63	91	78	88	79
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	42	45	40	58	85
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	144	147	116	108	122
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	106	104	98	134	164
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	37	29	74	74	56
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	44	72	75	63	116
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	24	23	19	22	44

### Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 250 appeals were filed during the month.

<b>MARCH 2026</b>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	43	68	55	84	250
<i>Civil</i>	26	41	41	44	152
<i>Criminal</i>	17	27	14	40	98

So far this year, a total 746 appeals have been filed.

<b><i>Year-to-Date</i></b>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	148	210	172	216	746
<i>Civil</i>	91	137	123	136	487
<i>Criminal</i>	57	73	49	80	259

The table below presents total number of appeals filed in the Court of Appeals for year-to-date (*ie. January to March only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

<b><i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i></b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Cases Filed	511	548	597	613	746
<i>Civil</i>	274	329	320	351	487
<i>Criminal</i>	237	219	277	262	259

### **Appeals Pending**

At the end of the month, a total of 2,470 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

<b><i>MARCH 2026</i></b>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Pending	639	565	635	631	2,470
<i>Civil</i>	308	276	337	357	1,278
<i>Criminal</i>	331	289	298	274	1,192

### **Petitions for Supervisory Writ**

A petition for supervisory writ asks the Court of Appeals to order the circuit court to take a certain action in a case. The Court of Appeals received 19 and disposed of 23 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

<b><i>MARCH 2026</i></b>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	3	4	9	3	19
Supervisory Writs Terminated	11	6	4	2	23
<i>Granted</i>	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	9	6	4	2	21
Supervisory Writs Pending	17	15	18	10	60

The table below presents total number of Petitions for Supervisory Writ filed and terminated in the Court of Appeals year-to-date (*ie. January to March only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

<b><i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i></b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Supervisory Writs Filed	34	37	32	46	75
Supervisory Writs Terminated	44	33	30	61	73

## Petitions for Leave to Appeal

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. The Court of Appeals received 9 and disposed of 21 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

<b>MARCH 2026</b>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	1	2	3	3	9
Petitions Terminated	6	5	3	7	21
<i>Granted</i>	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	6	5	3	6	20
Petitions Pending	2	2	2	3	9

The table below presents total number of Petitions for Leave filed and terminated in the Court of Appeals for year-to-date (*i.e. January to March only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

<b>Year-to-Date Comparison</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	30	33	54	59	58
Petitions Terminated	31	33	44	47	70

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

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. The Supreme Court received 60 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, one petition to bypass the Court of Appeals, and no requests for certification this month.

<b>MARCH 2026</b>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review Filed	17	18	18	7	60
<i>Civil</i>	7	6	13	3	29
<i>Criminal</i>	10	12	5	4	31
Petitions for Bypass Filed	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Civil</i>	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Certification Requests Filed	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Civil</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	0	0	0