



Wisconsin Court of Appeals 2024 Annual Report



2024

COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS

District	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Filings</u>	<u>647</u>	<u>676</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>661</u>	<u>2529</u>
Civil	344	349	311	414	1418
Criminal	303	327	234	247	1111
Average filings per judge	162	169	182	132	158
Three-Judge	504	536	422	497	1959
One-Judge	143	140	123	164	570
No Merit Filings	90	88	46	45	269
Writs Filed	70	49	48	43	210
<i>Granted</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>18</i>
Leaves to Appeal Filed	36	37	53	44	170
<i>Granted</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>30</i>
Matter of Right	451	502	398	529	1880

<u>Submission*</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>874</u>
Cases on Briefs	233	236	176	221	866
Civil	104	97	106	134	441
Criminal	129	139	70	87	425
Percentage on briefs	99%	100%	98%	99%	99%
Oral Argument Scheduled	2	1	3	2	8
Civil	1	1	2	2	6
Criminal	1	0	1	0	2
Percentage of Oral Argument Scheduled	.9%	.4%	1.7%	.9%	.9%

* These figures reflect consolidated cases as one.

Total Terminations	574	741	499	662	2476
Average terminations per judge	144	185	166	132	155

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Percentages of Total Terminations:

Opinion	28%	25%	26%	29%	27%
Summary Disposition	28%	28%	21%	23%	25%
Memo Opinion	28%	29%	34%	31%	30%
Other	16%	18%	19%	17%	17%

Percentages of Civil/Criminal Affirmances:

Civil: % Affirmed	91%	82%	78%	69%	79%
Criminal: % Affirmed	80%	84%	71%	70%	77%

Please note that the remaining percentage of dispositions include reversals and dispositions categorized as other (affirmed in part, reversed in part, affirmed and remanded, dismissed, modified and as modified affirmed, etc.)

Average* Days to Decision:

Notice of Appeal to Decision	299	268	338	267	289
Three-Judge Opinions	583	521	651	387	505
One-Judge Opinions	229	222	475	242	260
Per Curiam Opinions	567	526	604	471	540
Summary Dispositions					
without No Merits	562	490	659	422	512
No Merit SMDs	401	376	462	512	425
Memo Opinions	113	96	100	95	101
Orders**	49	32	46	66	47
Fast Tracks	N/A	219	236	116	190

* For all categories: from Notice of Appeal to Decision

**Does not include voluntary dismissals.

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Terminations by Opinion:

<u>Opinions</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>662</u>
Civil	91	116	77	124	408
Percentage	58%	62%	60%	66%	62%
Criminal	67	70	52	65	254
Percentage	42%	38%	40%	34%	38%
%s of Disposition:					
Affirmed	87%	76%	74%	68%	76%
Reversed	10%	16%	18%	21%	16%
Other	3%	8%	9%	12%	8%
Per Curiams	84	88	79	91	342
Signed Opinions	74	98	50	98	320
1-Judge Opinions	62	75	24	47	208
3-Judge Opinions	12	23	26	51	112

Publication Data:

All Opinions*†	106	144	107	137	494
Percentage Published	7%	13%	15%	15%	13%
Considered**	11	19	26	39	95
<u>Published</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>63</u>
Civil	3	13	11	16	43
Criminal	4	6	5	5	20
Percentage of Considered Published	64%	100%	62%	54%	66%

* This figure reflects Dec 2023 and YTD Nov 2024 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

† These figures reflect consolidated cases as one.

** Three-judge opinions only; deferrals are counted only when decided.

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Termination by Other Means (Orders):

<u>Summary Dispositions</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>619</u>
Affirmance	68	96	31	69	264
Reversals	0	9	5	7	21
No Merits	86	95	53	60	294
Rejected No Merits	13	7	8	18	46
Dismissals	1	0	4	3	8
Other	5	5	10	12	32
<u>Memo Opinions</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>750</u>
Jurisdiction	41	31	13	31	116
Dismissals	13	91	65	94	263
Other	26	2	5	8	41
Writs Denied, etc.	42	48	43	34	167
Writs Granted	11	4	2	1	18
Leaves Denied, etc.	28	37	42	38	145
<u>Other</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>433</u>
Voluntary Dismissals	31	57	55	71	214
Dismissals	1	5	0	5	11
Stipulations	0	0	2	0	2
Other	60	68	40	38	206

Motions and Petitions:

Motions Filed	5604	5420	3920	4519	19463
Writs Terminated	53	52	45	35	185
Writs Granted	11	4	2	1	18
Leaves Terminated	34	44	52	45	175

Pending Cases (current assigned panel):

12-31-2024	578	533	506	507	2124
12-31-2023	492	566	440	493	1991

District**I****II****III****IV****Total****SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY****Consolidated Cases Counted as One**

Certifications Filed	0	0	0	0	0
Certifications Granted	0	0	0	0	0
Bypasses Granted	0	1	0	5	6

Ct. App. Opinions Released	113	149	103	137	502
Petitions filed on Opns.	57	68	39	42	206
Percentage Filed	50%	46%	38%	31%	41%
<u>Petitions Filed*</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>561</u>
Civil*	71	87	52	64	274
Criminal*	86	99	46	56	287
Petitions Acted Upon*	156	181	102	114	553
<u>Granted*</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>17</u>
Civil*	4	7	0	1	12
Criminal*	0	1	2	2	5
SC Opinions on Petitions	3	3	3	2	11
<u>Affirmed</u>	3	0	1	1	5
Civil	3	0	1	0	4
Criminal	0	0	0	1	1
<u>Reversed</u>	0	2	2	0	4
Civil	0	1	2	0	3
Criminal	0	1	0	0	1
<u>Other**</u>	0	1	0	1	2
Civil	0	1	0	1	2
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0

*Consolidated NOT counted as one in Petitions Filed, Petitions Acted Upon and Petitions Granted.

**Affirmed in part, reversed in part.