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MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026

This report summarizes Wisconsin Supreme Court case filings and dispositions for September 2026 and for the court term that began on September 1, 2026.

OPINIONS ISSUED BY THE COURT

The table below shows the number of opinions issued by the Supreme Court for the month. Information about issued opinions, including the Court's disposition and the names of the authoring justices, can be found in the attached [table](#).

	September 2026	Term to Date
Total number of cases resolved by opinion:	2	2
<i>Attorney disciplinary cases</i>	2	2
<i>Judicial disciplinary cases</i>	0	0
<i>Bar Admissions</i>	0	0
<i>Civil Cases</i>	0	0
<i>Criminal Cases</i>	0	0

PETITIONS FOR REVIEW

A petition for review is a request made to the Supreme Court to review the decision made by the Court of Appeals. It is important to note that the Supreme Court has discretionary jurisdiction, which means that it only grants review in selected cases. The table below shows petitions filed, disposed of, granted, and pending.

	September 2026	Term to Date
Petitions for Review Filed:	55	55
<i>Civil Cases</i>	29	29
<i>Criminal Cases</i>	26	26
Petitions for Review Dispositions:	106	106
<i>Civil Cases (petitions granted)</i>	41 (2)	41 (2)
<i>Criminal Cases (petitions granted)</i>	65 (0)	65 (0)
Petitions for Review Pending:	271	

PETITIONS FOR BYPASS

A petition for bypass is a request by a party that asks the Supreme Court to take an appeal or other proceeding directly from the Court of Appeals before that court decides it. The Supreme Court may grant the petition if the case meets its criteria for review or there is a compelling need to move the appeal forward more quickly. If granted the Supreme Court decides the matter. The table below shows petitions filed, dispositions, granted, and pending.

	September 2026	Term to Date
Petitions for Bypass Filed:	2	2
<i>Civil Cases</i>	1	1
<i>Criminal Cases</i>	1	1
Petitions for Bypass Dispositions:	1	1
<i>Civil Cases (petitions granted)</i>	0 (0)	0 (0)
<i>Criminal Cases (petitions granted)</i>	1 (0)	1 (0)
Petitions for Bypass Pending:	6	

REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATION

A request for certification is when the Court of Appeals asks the Supreme Court to take a case before the Court of Appeals decides it. The Court of Appeals may make this request when a case raises an important issue that would benefit from the Supreme Court's review. The Supreme Court uses the same criteria it uses for petitions for bypass. If it accepts the request, the Supreme Court takes the case. If it declines, the case continues in the Court of Appeals. The table below shows requests for certification filed, disposed of, granted, and pending.

	September 2026	Term to Date
Requests for Certification Filed:	1	1
<i>Civil Cases</i>	0	0
<i>Criminal Cases</i>	1	1
Requests for Certification Dispositions:	0	0
<i>Civil Cases (petitions granted)</i>	0 (0)	0 (0)
<i>Criminal Cases (petitions granted)</i>	0 (0)	0 (0)
Request for Certification Pending:	3	

REGULATORY MATTERS, SUPERVISORY WRITS, AND ORIGINAL ACTIONS

The Supreme Court handles regulatory matters involving bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline. A petition for supervisory writ asks the Supreme Court to direct a lower court to take action in a case. An original action asks the Supreme Court to hear a matter directly.

The table below show activity and pending matters in these categories. If the Court resolves an original action by opinion, it appears in the "Opinions Issued by the Court" section above. If the Court resolves it by order, it is included in the totals below.

	September 2026	Term to Date
Total number of Filings: (including reopened cases)	16	16
<i>Attorney disciplinary cases</i>	0	0
<i>Judicial disciplinary cases</i>	0	0
<i>Bar Admission</i>	0	0
<i>Petitions for Supervisory Writ</i>	16	16
<i>Other (including Original Actions)</i>	0	0

	September 2026	Term to Date
Total number of Dispositions by Order: (including reopened cases)	8	8
<i>Attorney disciplinary cases</i>	0	0
<i>Judicial disciplinary cases</i>	0	0
<i>Bar Admission</i>	0	0
<i>Petitions for Supervisory Writ</i>	8	8
<i>Other (Including Original Actions)</i>	0	0
Regulatory Matters Pending:	12	
Petitions for Supervisory Writ Pending:	27	

OPINIONS BY THE
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT
ISSUED DURING SEPTEMBER 2026

CASE No. (PUBLIC DOMAIN CITATION)	CAPTION & SUMMARY	DATE ISSUED
2024AP1452-D (2026 WI 32)	<u>Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Patrick J. Rupich</u> Per Curiam. Attorney's license is suspended. CHRIS TAYLOR, J., did not participate.	09/18/2026
2024AP2265-D (2026 WI 31)	<u>Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Stephanie G. Rapkin</u> Per Curiam. Attorney's license is suspended.	09/17/2026