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## WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### October 2014

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Supreme Court during the month of October 2014 and to date for the term that began on September 1, 2014.

#### Opinions Issued by the Court

The Supreme Court issued opinions resolving 9 cases in October. Information about these opinions, including the Court's dispositions and the names of the authoring justices, can be found on the attached table.

	<u>October 2014</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Total number of cases resolved by opinion .....	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
Attorney disciplinary cases .....	8	8
Judicial disciplinary cases.....	0	0
Civil cases .....	1	1
Criminal cases .....	0	0

#### Petitions for Review

A total of 79 petitions for review were filed during the month. A petition for review asks the Supreme Court to review the decision of the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court's jurisdiction is discretionary, meaning that review is granted in selected cases only. In October, the Supreme Court disposed of 49 petitions for review, of which 4 petitions were granted. The Supreme Court currently has 249 petitions for review pending.

	<u>October 2014</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Review filed .....	<u>79</u>	<u>131</u>
Civil cases .....	35	55
Criminal cases.....	44	76

Petition for Review dispositions .....	49	178
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	29 (2)	90 (9)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	20 (2)	88 (8)

Petitions for Bypass

In October, the Supreme Court received 0 petitions for bypass and disposed of 1 petition for bypass. 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. A matter appropriate for bypass is usually one which meets one or more of the criteria for review by the Supreme Court and one the Supreme Court concludes it will ultimately choose to consider regardless of how the Court of Appeals might decide the issues. A petition for bypass may also be granted where there is a clear need to hasten the ultimate appellate decision. The Supreme Court currently has 16 petitions for bypass pending.

	<u>October 2014</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Bypass filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil cases .....	0	1
Criminal cases.....	0	0
Petition for Bypass dispositions.....	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	1 (0)	1 (0)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	0 (0)	0 (0)

Requests for Certification

During October 2014, the Supreme Court received 0 requests for certification and disposed of 0 requests for certification. 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. A request for certification is decided on the basis of the same criteria as a petition to bypass. The Supreme Court currently has 0 requests for certification pending.

	<u>October 2014</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Requests for Certification filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Civil cases .....	0	0
Criminal cases.....	0	0
Request for Certification dispositions.....	0	<u>0</u>
Civil cases (requests granted) .....	0 (0)	0 (0)
Criminal cases (requests granted) .....	0 (0)	0 (0)

Regulatory Matters, Supervisory Writs, and Original Actions

During the month, a total of 7 matters within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Court (bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline) were filed and 1 such case was reopened. The Supreme Court also received 4 petitions for supervisory writ, which ask the Supreme Court to order the Court of Appeals or a circuit court to take a certain action in a case. One original action was filed. An original action is a petition asking the Supreme Court to take jurisdiction over a particular matter. When an opinion is issued in these cases, the disposition is included in “Opinions Issued by the Court” above; otherwise, the case is disposed of by order and is included in the totals below. The Supreme Court currently has 38 regulatory matters and 12 petitions for supervisory writ pending.

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Filings

Attorney discipline (including reopened cases).....	8	15
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....	4	11
Other (including Original Actions).....	1	2

Dispositions by Order

Attorney discipline.....	0	0
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....	7	17
Other (including Original Actions).....	0	1

**DECISIONS BY THE  
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT**

**OPINIONS ISSUED DURING October 2014**

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
2003AP2039-D	Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) v. Jevon Jones Jaconi Reinstatement Denied Per Curiam <sup>1</sup>	10/07/2014
2012AP1949-D	OLR v. Michael G. Trewin License Revoked Per Curiam	10/07/2014
2014AP516-D	OLR v. Louis Andrew Stockman License Suspension Per Curiam	10/07/2014
2013AP1439-D	OLR v. Carl H. Creedy Public Reprimand Per Curiam	10/14/2014
2014AP1622-D	OLR v. Joshua F. Stubbins License Revoked Per Curiam	10/14/2014
2013AP1791-D	OLR v. Everett E. Wood License Suspended Per Curiam	10/21/2014
2013AP2230-D	OLR v. Mark S. Tishberg Public Reprimand Per Curiam	10/28/2014
2014AP1443-D	OLR v. Michael J. Briggs License Suspension Per Curiam	10/28/2014

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<sup>1</sup> “Per Curiam” means “by the Court.” Opinions issued *per curiam* are handed down by the Court as a whole.

**CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES**

<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
2012AP2566	Sohn Manufacturing Inc. v. LIRC Court of Appeals Decision Affirmed Per Curiam Prosser, J. did not participate.	10/07/2014