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## WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### March 2015

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Supreme Court during the month of March 2015 and to date for the term that began on September 1, 2014.

#### Opinions Issued by the Court

The Supreme Court issued opinions resolving 12 cases in March. Information about these opinions, including the Court's dispositions and the names of the authoring justices, can be found on the attached table.

	<u>March 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Total number of cases resolved by opinion .....	<u>12</u>	<u>56</u>
Attorney disciplinary cases .....	5	28
Judicial disciplinary cases.....	0	0
Civil cases .....	3	13
Criminal cases .....	4	15

#### Petitions for Review

A total of 58 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 March, the Supreme Court disposed of 67 petitions for review, of which 4 petitions were granted. The Supreme Court currently has 194 petitions for review pending.

	<u>March 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Review filed .....	<u>58</u>	<u>434</u>
Civil cases .....	30	204
Criminal cases.....	28	230

Petition for Review dispositions .....	<u>67</u>	<u>536</u>
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	31 (1)	259 (22)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	36 (3)	277 (19)

### Petitions for Bypass

In March, the Supreme Court received 1 petition 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 3 petitions for bypass pending.

	<u>March 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Bypass filed.....	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
Civil cases .....	1	4
Criminal cases .....	0	2
Petition for Bypass dispositions.....	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	1 (0)	12 (5)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	0 (0)	2 (0)

### Requests for Certification

During March 2015, the Supreme Court received 0 requests for certification and disposed of 3 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 1 request for certification pending.

	<u>March 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Requests for Certification filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
Civil cases .....	0	4
Criminal cases .....	0	1
Request for Certification dispositions.....	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Civil cases (requests granted) .....	3 (3)	3 (3)
Criminal cases (requests granted) .....	0 (0)	1 (1)

Regulatory Matters, Supervisory Writs, and Original Actions

During the month, a total of 4 matters within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Court (bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline) were filed and 0 such case was reopened. The Supreme Court also received 5 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. No original actions were 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 35 regulatory matters and 7 petitions for supervisory writ pending.

	<u>March 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
<u>Filings</u>		
Attorney discipline (including reopened cases).....	4	40
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....	5	25
Other (including Original Actions).....	0	5
<u>Dispositions by Order</u>		
Attorney discipline.....	0	3
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....	2	38
Other (including Original Actions).....	0	6

**DECISIONS BY THE  
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT**

**OPINIONS ISSUED DURING March 2015**

<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
2013AP2140-D	Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) v. Thomas J. McClure License Suspended Per Curiam <sup>1</sup>	03/10/2015
2014AP2732-D	OLR v. Christopher S. Carson License Suspended Per Curiam	03/10/2015
2013AP1137-D	OLR v. Tina M. Dahle License Suspended Per Curiam	03/18/2015
2013AP2780-D	OLR v. Jolie M. Semancik License Revoked Per Curiam	03/18/2015
2014AP495-D	OLR v. Naomi Dawn Isaacson License Suspended Per Curiam	03/20/2015

**CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES**

<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
2013AP467-CR	State v. Eddie Lee Anthony Court of Appeals Decision Affirmed <u>Majority Opinion:</u> Crooks, J. <u>Concur:</u> Bradley, J. <u>Dissent:</u> Abrahamson, C.J.	03/03/2015
2011AP2956-CR	State v. Gary Monroe Scull Court of Appeals Decision Affirmed <u>Majority Opinion:</u> Bradley, J. <u>Concur:</u> Roggensack, J. joined by Crooks, J. Ziegler, J. and Gableman, J. <u>Concur:</u> Ziegler, J. joined by Crooks, J. and Gableman, J.	03/05/2015

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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.

2013AP2207	Milwaukee City Housing Authority v. Felton Cobb Court of Appeals Decision Reversed <u>Majority Opinion:</u> Ziegler, J. <u>Dissent:</u> Abrahamson, C.J.	03/12/2015
2013AP1303	Acuity v. Chartis Specialty Insurance Company Court of Appeals Decision Reversed <u>Majority Opinion:</u> Abrahamson, C.J.	03/17/2015
2013AP1531-CR	State v. Brian S. Kempainen Court of Appeals Decision is Affirmed <u>Majority Opinion:</u> Gableman, J.	03/19/2015
2013AP1205	First Weber Group, Inc. v. Synergy Real Estate Group, LLC Court of Appeals Decision is Reversed and Remanded to Circuit Court <u>Majority Opinion:</u> Ziegler, J.	03/24/2015
2013AP558-CR	State v. Joel M. Hurley Court of Appeals Decision is Reversed and Remanded to Circuit Court <u>Majority Opinion:</u> Gableman, J. <u>Dissent:</u> Abrahamson, C.J. joined by Bradley, J.	03/31/2015