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WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

June 2015

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

Opinions Issued by the Court

The Supreme Court issued opinions resolving 13 cases in June. Information about these opinions, including the Court's dispositions and the names of the authoring justices, can be found on the attached table.

	<u>June 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Total number of cases resolved by opinion	<u>13</u>	<u>84</u>
Attorney disciplinary cases	7	40
Judicial disciplinary cases	0	0
Civil cases	3	20
Criminal cases	3	24

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 June, the Supreme Court disposed of 88 petitions for review, of which 5 petitions were granted. The Supreme Court currently has 167 petitions for review pending.

	<u>June 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Review filed	<u>58</u>	<u>615</u>
Civil cases	37	300
Criminal cases	21	315

Petition for Review dispositions	<u>88</u>	<u>744</u>
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	40 (3)	362 (28)
Criminal cases (petitions granted)	48 (2)	382 (22)

Petitions for Bypass

In June, the Supreme Court received 2 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 3 petitions for bypass pending.

	<u>June 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Bypass filed	<u>2</u>	9
Civil cases	2	7
Criminal cases	0	2
Petition for Bypass dispositions.....	<u>1</u>	<u>17</u>
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	1 (0)	14 (6)
Criminal cases (petitions granted)	0 (0)	3 (0)

Requests for Certification

During June 2015, the Supreme Court received no requests for certification and disposed of no 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>June 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Requests for Certification filed	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Civil cases	0	4
Criminal cases	0	2
Request for Certification dispositions.....	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Civil cases (requests granted)	0 (0)	4 (4)
Criminal cases (requests granted)	0 (0)	2 (2)

Regulatory Matters, Supervisory Writs, and Original Actions

During the month, a total of 1 matter within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Court (bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline) were filed and 3 such cases were 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 33 regulatory matters and 10 petitions for supervisory writ pending.

	<u>June 2015</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
<u>Filings</u>		
Attorney discipline (including reopened cases).....	4	52
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	1
Petitions for Supervisory Writ	5	41
Other (including Original Actions).....	0	6
 <u>Dispositions by Order</u>		
Attorney discipline.....	0	3
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ	5	48
Other (including Original Actions).....	1	7

**DECISIONS BY THE
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT**

OPINIONS ISSUED DURING June 2015

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
2011AP259-D	Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) v. Matthew C. Siderits Reinstatement Granted Per Curiam ¹ Prosser, J. did not participate	06/04/2015
2012AP486-D	OLR v. William R. Lamb License Revoked Per Curiam	06/09/2015
2014AP175-D	OLR v. Michael Strizic License Suspended Per Curiam	06/19/2015
2014AP974-D	OLR v. Sarah E.K. Laux License Revoked Per Curiam Roggensack, C.J. did not participate.	06/24/2015
2015AP460-D	OLR v. Jenny R. Armstrong License Suspended Per Curiam	06/24/2015
2014AP340-D	OLR v. Robert Paul D'Arruda License Suspended Per Curiam	06/25/2015
2014AP2918-D	OLR v. David J. Bartz License Suspended Per Curiam	06/25/2015

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

CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
2012AP2782-CR	State v. Andre M. Chamblis Court of Appeals decision reversed. <u>Majority Opinion</u> : Crooks, J. <u>Concur</u> : Ziegler, J.	06/12/2015
2013AP127-CR	State v. Raheem Moore Court of Appeals decision affirmed. <u>Majority Opinion</u> : Prosser, J. <u>Concur</u> : Ziegler, J., joined by Roggensack, C.J. <u>Dissent</u> : Abrahamson, J., joined by Bradley, J.	06/16/2015
2013AP1108-CR	State v. Jesse J. Delebrea Court of Appeals decision affirmed. <u>Majority Opinion</u> : Prosser, J. <u>Concur</u> : Roggensack, C.J. <u>Dissent</u> : Abrahamson, J., joined by Bradley, J.	06/16/2015
2013AP001715	The Journal Times v. City of Racine Board of Police and Fire Commissioners Court of Appeals decision reversed. <u>Majority Opinion</u> : Ziegler, J. <u>Concur</u> : Abrahamson, J., joined by Bradley, J. Prosser, J. did not participate	06/18/2015
2012AP1493	Donald Christ v. Exxon Mobil Corporation Court of Appeals affirmed. <u>Majority Opinion</u> : Prosser, J. <u>Dissent</u> : Roggensack, C.J., joined by Ziegler, J.	06/23/2015
2013AP1407	Wisconsin Realtors Association v. Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Court of Appeals affirmed. Majority Opinion: Abrahamson, J. <u>Dissent</u> : Roggensack, C.J., joined by Ziegler, J.	06/30/2015