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## WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### AUGUST 2008

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Supreme Court during the month of August 2008 and to date for the term that began on September 1, 2007.

#### Opinions Issued by the Court

The Supreme Court issued one opinion in August. Information about this opinion, including the Court's disposition, can be found on the attached table.

	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Total number of cases resolved by opinion .....	<u>1</u>	<u>109</u>
Attorney disciplinary cases .....	1	34
Judicial disciplinary cases .....	0	1
Civil cases .....	0	49
Criminal cases .....	0	25

#### Petitions for Review

A total of 69 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 August, the Supreme Court disposed of 62 petitions for review, of which 4 petitions were granted. The Supreme Court currently has 191 petitions for review pending.

	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Review filed .....	<u>69</u>	<u>824</u>
Civil cases .....	34	470
Criminal cases .....	35	354

Petition for Review dispositions .....	<u>62</u>	<u>812</u>
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	41 (4)	456 (45)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	21 (0)	356 (26)

Petitions for Bypass

The Supreme Court received 3 petitions for bypass and disposed of 3 petitions for bypass this month. 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 4 petitions for bypass pending.

	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Bypass filed .....	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>
Civil cases .....	3	11
Criminal cases .....	1	5
Petition for Bypass dispositions.....	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	3 (0)	11 (0)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	0 (0)	3 (0)

Requests for Certification

During August 2008, the Supreme Court received 1 request 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 2 requests for certification pending.

	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Requests for Certification filed.....	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
Civil cases .....	0	7
Criminal cases .....	1	7
Request for Certification dispositions.....	<u>3</u>	<u>23</u>
Civil cases (requests granted) .....	2 (2)	12 (6)
Criminal cases (requests granted) .....	1 (1)	11 (7)

Regulatory Matters, Supervisory Writs, and Original Actions

During the month, a total of 5 matters within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Court (bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline) were filed. The Supreme Court also received 3 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. In addition, one certified question was received from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. 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 42 regulatory matters and 7 petitions for supervisory writ pending.

August 2008 Term to Date

Filings

Attorney discipline.....	5	73
Judicial discipline.....	0	1
Bar admission.....	0	1
Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....	3	53
Other (including Original Actions).....	2	4

Dispositions by Order

Attorney discipline.....	0	19
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	1
Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....	4	48
Other (including Original Actions).....	1	15

**DECISIONS BY THE  
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT**

**OPINIONS ISSUED DURING AUGUST 2008**

**ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE CASES**

<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
2004AP001930-D	Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) v. John F. Scanlan License Reinstated Per Curiam <sup>1</sup> Gableman, Michael J., J. did not participate.	08/19/2008

**CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES**

<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
None issued.		

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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.