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## WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### JANUARY 2012

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Supreme Court during the month of January 2012 and to date for the term that began on September 1, 2011.

#### Opinions Issued by the Court

The Supreme Court issued an opinion resolving 1 case in January. Information about this opinion, including the Court's disposition and the name of the authoring justice, can be found on the attached table.

	<u>January 2012</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Total number of cases resolved by opinion .....	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
Attorney disciplinary cases .....	0	9
Judicial disciplinary cases .....	0	0
Civil cases .....	1	2
Criminal cases .....	0	3

#### Petitions for Review

A total of 65 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 January, the Supreme Court disposed of 93 petitions for review, of which 2 were granted. The Supreme Court currently has 224 petitions for review pending.

	<u>January 2012</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Review filed .....	<u>65</u>	<u>333</u>
Civil cases .....	27	157
Criminal cases .....	38	176

Petition for Review dispositions .....	<u>93</u>	<u>433</u>
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	36 (1)	209 (18)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	57 (1)	224 (9)

Petitions for Bypass

In January, the Supreme Court received 1 petition for bypass and disposed of none. 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 1 petition for bypass pending.

	<u>January 2012</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Bypass filed .....	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Civil cases .....	0	2
Criminal cases .....	1	1
Petition for Bypass dispositions.....	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	0 (0)	4 (1)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	0 (0)	0 (0)

Requests for Certification

During January 2012, the Supreme Court received 0 requests for certification and disposed of none. 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>January 2012</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Requests for Certification filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
Civil cases .....	0	2
Criminal cases .....	0	1
Request for Certification dispositions.....	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
Civil cases (requests granted) .....	0 (0)	3 (2)
Criminal cases (requests granted) .....	0 (0)	2 (2)

Regulatory Matters, Supervisory Writs, and Original Actions

During the month, 5 matters within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Court (bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline) were filed and 0 cases (disciplinary) were reopened. The Supreme Court also received 11 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 38 regulatory matters and 18 writs pending.

January 2012    Term to Date

Filings

Attorney discipline (including reopened cases).....	5	31
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ (other writs) .....	11	31
Other (including Original Actions).....	0	3

Dispositions by Order

Attorney discipline.....	0	10
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ (other writs) .....	5	27
Other (including Original Actions).....	1	4

**DECISIONS BY THE  
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT**

**OPINIONS ISSUED DURING JANUARY 2012**

**CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES**

<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
2009AP2385	Todd Olson v. Robert Farrar and Mt. Morris Mut. Ins. Co. Court of Appeals decision affirmed and cause remanded to the circuit court for further proceedings. <u>Majority Opinion:</u> Bradley, J.	1/31/2012