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WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

JULY 2026

This statistical report provides an overview of case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Supreme Court for the month of July and for the term that began on September 1, 2025.

OPINIONS ISSUED BY THE COURT

The Supreme Court issued five opinions in July. Information about issued opinions, including the Court's disposition and the names of the authoring justices, can be found in the attached [table](#).

	July 2026	Term to Date
<i>Total number of cases resolved by opinion</i>	5	30
<i>Attorney disciplinary cases</i>	0	11
<i>Judicial disciplinary cases</i>	0	0
<i>Bar Admissions</i>	0	0
<i>Civil Cases</i>	5	12
<i>Criminal Cases</i>	0	7

PETITIONS FOR REVIEW

A petition for review is a request made to the Supreme Court to review the decision made by the Court of Appeals. It is important to note that the Supreme Court has discretionary jurisdiction, which means that it only grants review in selected cases. During July, 51 new petitions for review were filed. In addition, the Supreme Court disposed of 5 petitions for review during the month, none of which were granted. At present, the Supreme Court has 468 petitions for review that are still pending.

	July 2026	Term to Date
<i>Petitions for Review filed</i>	51	632
<i>Civil Cases</i>	23	295
<i>Criminal Cases</i>	28	337
<i>Petitions for Review dispositions</i>	5	420
<i>Civil Cases (petitions granted)</i>	2 (0)	196 (21)
<i>Criminal Cases (petitions granted)</i>	3 (0)	224 (7)

PETITIONS FOR BYPASS

A petition for bypass is a request for the Supreme Court to assume jurisdiction over an appeal other proceeding pending in the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court can grant such a petition if the case meets one or more criteria for review, or if there is a compelling need to expedite the appellate process. When a bypass is granted, the Supreme Court will decide the matter directly, regardless of any potential decision by the Court of Appeals.

In July, the Supreme Court received three petitions for bypass and disposed of no petitions. The Supreme Court currently has six petitions for bypass pending.

	July 2026	Term to Date
<i>Petitions for Bypass filed</i>	3	14
<i>Civil Cases</i>	3	12
<i>Criminal Cases</i>	0	2
<i>Petitions for Bypass dispositions</i>	0	11
<i>Civil Cases (petitions granted)</i>	0 (0)	8 (0)
<i>Criminal Cases (petitions granted)</i>	0 (0)	3 (0)

Requests for Certification

A request for certification arises when the Court of Appeals asks the Supreme Court to hear a case before the Court of Appeals has had the opportunity to do so. This type of request is typically made when the Court of Appeals believes that the case is of such significance that it is essential for the Supreme Court to consider it at the earliest opportunity.

The criteria for evaluating such a request are the same as those used when assessing a petition to bypass. The Supreme Court considers various factors, including the importance of the issues at stake, the likelihood that the case will return to the Supreme Court if it is not heard, and whether the case would benefit from the Supreme Court's guidance.

If the Supreme Court decides to grant the request for certification, it means that it will consider the case first, before the Court of Appeals has had the opportunity to hear it. If the Supreme Court declines the request, the case will proceed to the Court of Appeals in the usual way. During July, the Supreme Court received no requests for certification and disposed of none. The Supreme Court currently has one request for certification pending.

	July 2026	Term to Date
<i>Requests for Certification filed</i>	0	1
<i>Civil Cases</i>	0	0
<i>Criminal Cases</i>	0	1
<i>Requests for Certification dispositions</i>	0	1
<i>Civil Cases (petitions granted)</i>	0 (0)	1 (1)
<i>Criminal Cases (petitions granted)</i>	0 (0)	0 (0)

Regulatory Matters, Supervisory Writs, and Original Actions

During the month, one matter within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Court (bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline) was filed and no cases were reopened. The Supreme Court received six petitions for supervisory writ, which ask the Supreme Court to order a lower court to take a certain action in a case. The Supreme Court currently has 14 regulatory matters and 32 petitions for supervisory writ pending.

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. No original actions were filed in July.

	<i>July 2026</i>	<i>Term to Date</i>
<i>Total number of Filings (including reopened cases)</i>	7	113
<i>Attorney disciplinary cases</i>	1	18
<i>Judicial disciplinary cases</i>	0	0
<i>Bar Admission</i>	0	1
<i>Petitions for Supervisory Writ</i>	6	84
<i>Other (including Original Actions)</i>	0	10

	<i>July 2026</i>	<i>Term to Date</i>
<i>Total number of Dispositions by Order (including reopened cases)</i>	5	97
<i>Attorney disciplinary cases</i>	0	6
<i>Judicial disciplinary cases</i>	0	0
<i>Bar Admission</i>	0	1
<i>Petitions for Supervisory Writ</i>	5	77
<i>Other (Including Original Actions)</i>	0	13

DECISIONS BY THE
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT
 OPINIONS ISSUED DURING JULY 2026

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
2022AP431 (2026 WI 28)	<u>Wisconsin State Legislature v. Josh Kaul</u> The decision of the court of appeals was reversed in part. REBECCA FRANK DALLET, J., delivered the majority opinion of the Court, in which JILL J. KAROFISKY, C.J., and JANET C. PROTASIEWICZ and SUSAN M. CRAWFORD, JJ., joined. BRIAN K. HAGEDORN, J., filed an opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part. REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY, J., filed a dissenting opinion in which ANNETTE KINGSLAND ZIEGLER, J., joined with respect to ¶¶30–87.	07/10/2026
2023AP36 (2026 WI 27)	<u>Wisconsin Voter Alliance v. Kristina Secord</u> The judgment of the court of appeal was affirmed. JANET C. PROTASIEWICZ, J., delivered the majority opinion of the Court, in which JILL J. KAROFISKY, C.J., and REBECCA FRANK DALLET, BRIAN K. HAGEDORN, and SUSAN M. CRAWFORD, JJ., joined. ANNETTE KINGSLAND ZIEGLER, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY, J., joined.	07/07/2026
2023AP498 (2026 WI 29)	<u>Charlie May Brekke v. Midwest Medical Ins. Co.</u> The decision of the circuit court was reversed, and the cause was remanded to the circuit court for further proceedings consistent with this opinion. JILL J. KAROFISKY, C.J., delivered the majority opinion of the Court, in which Rebecca Frank Dallet, JANET C. PROTASIEWICZ, and Susan M. Crawford, JJ., joined. BRIAN K. HAGEDORN, J., filed a concurring opinion. SUSAN M. CRAWFORD, J., filed a concurring opinion in which JILL J. KAROFISKY, C.J., joined. ANNETTE KINGSLAND ZIEGLER, J., filed an opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part. REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY, J., filed an opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part.	07/10/2026

2023AP588
([2026 WI 25](#))

Cincinnati Insurance Company v. James Ropicky

07/07/2026

The decision of the court of appeals was affirmed, and the cause was remanded to the circuit court for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.

BRIAN K. HAGEDORN, J., delivered the majority opinion of the Court, in which JILL J. KAROFISKY, C.J., and REBECCA FRANK DALLET and JANET J. PROTASIEWICZ, JJ., joined. ANNETTE KINGSLAND ZIEGLER, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY and SUSAN M. CRAWFORD, JJ., joined.

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([2026 WI 26](#))

Racine County v. R. P. L.

07/07/2026

The decision of the court of appeals was affirmed.

SUSAN M. CRAWFORD, J., delivered the majority opinion of the Court, in which JILL J. KAROFISKY, C.J., and ANNETTE KINGSLAND ZIEGLER and BRIAN K. HAGEDORN, JJ., joined. BRIAN K. HAGEDORN, J., filed a concurring opinion in which SUSAN M. CRAWFORD, J., joined. REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY, J., filed a dissenting opinion. REBECCA FRANK DALLET, J., filed a dissenting opinion. JANET C. PROTASIEWICZ, J., filed a dissenting opinion in which REBECCA FRANK DALLET, J., joined