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## WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### AUGUST 2021

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Supreme Court during the month of August 2021 and to date for the term that began on September 1, 2020.

#### Opinions Issued by the Court

The Supreme Court issued opinions resolving 5 cases in August. Information about these opinions, including the Court's dispositions and the names of the authoring justices, can be found on the attached table.

|   | <u>August 2021</u> | <u>Term to Date</u> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Total number of cases resolved by opinion ..... | <u>5</u>           | <u>97</u>           |
| Attorney disciplinary cases .....               | 2                  | 33                  |
| Judicial disciplinary cases.....                | 0                  | 1                   |
| Bar Admissions .....                            | 0                  | 0                   |
| Civil cases .....                               | 3                  | 44                  |
| Criminal cases .....                            | 0                  | 19                  |

#### Petitions for Review

A total of 70 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 73 petitions for review, of which 4 petitions were granted. The Supreme Court currently has 221 petitions for review pending.

|                                  | <u>August 2021</u> | <u>Term to Date</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Petitions for Review filed ..... | 70                 | 651                 |
| Civil cases .....                | 27                 | 244                 |
| Criminal cases .....             | 43                 | 407                 |

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|--|--------|----------|
| Petition for Review dispositions .....   | 73     | 596      |
| Civil cases (petitions granted).....     | 24 (3) | 225 (28) |
| Criminal cases (petitions granted) ..... | 49 (1) | 371 (24) |

### Petitions for Bypass

In August, the Supreme Court received one petition for bypass and disposed of no petitions 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 August 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 2021</u> | <u>Term to Date</u> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Petitions for Bypass filed .....          | 1                  | 16                  |
| Civil cases .....                         | 1                  | 8                   |
| Criminal cases .....                      | 0                  | 8                   |
| <br>Petition for Bypass dispositions..... | <br>0              | <br>13              |
| Civil cases (petitions granted).....      | 0 (0)              | 5 (2)               |
| Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....  | 0 (0)              | 8 (2)               |

### Requests for Certification

During August 2021, 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 one request for certification pending.

|   | <u>August 2021</u> | <u>Term to Date</u> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Requests for Certification filed.....           | 0                  | <u>7</u>            |
| Civil cases .....                               | 0                  | 3                   |
| Criminal cases .....                            | 0                  | 4                   |
| <br>Request for Certification dispositions..... | <br><u>0</u>       | <br><u>9</u>        |
| Civil cases (requests granted) .....            | 0 (0)              | 4 (3)               |
| Criminal cases (requests granted) .....         | 0 (0)              | 5 (3)               |

Regulatory Matters, Supervisory Writs, and Original Actions

During the month, a total of one matter within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Court (bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline) was filed and no such case was reopened. The Supreme Court also received 5 petitions for supervisory writ, which asks the Supreme Court to order the Court of Appeals or a Circuit Court to take a certain action in a case. There were 2 original actions 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 81 regulatory matters and 13 petitions for supervisory writs pending.

|   | <u>August 2021</u> | <u>Term to Date</u> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Filings</u>                                      |                    |                     |
| Attorney discipline (including reopened cases)..... | 1                  | 25                  |
| Judicial discipline.....                            | 0                  | 0                   |
| Bar admission.....                                  | 0                  | 2                   |
| Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....                | 5                  | 41                  |
| Other (including Original Actions).....             | 2                  | 19                  |
| <br><u>Dispositions by Order</u>                    |                    |                     |
| Attorney discipline.....                            | 0                  | 6                   |
| Judicial discipline.....                            | 0                  | 0                   |
| Bar admission.....                                  | 0                  | 0                   |
| Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....                | 0                  | 29                  |
| Other (including Original Actions).....             | 3                  | 20                  |

**DECISIONS BY THE  
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT  
OPINIONS ISSUED DURING AUGUST 2021**

| <u>Docket No.</u> | <u>Title</u>  | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------|---|-------------|
| #2016AP85-D       | <u>Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Daniel Parks:</u> | 08/20/2021  |

**PER CURIAM.**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the petition for reinstatement of Daniel Parks is granted, effective the date of this order, upon the following conditions:

- Daniel Parks shall comply with his agreement to pay L.E. a total of \$4,500 in restitution. Under the terms of his agreement, the remaining \$3,500 is due within one year of Daniel Parks' reinstatement.
- Daniel Parks shall comply with his agreement to pay his former firm a total of \$10,000 in restitution. Under the terms of the agreement, the remaining \$7,000 is due within one year of Daniel Parks' reinstatement.
- Daniel Parks shall comply with his agreement to pay the Office of Lawyer Regulation the costs of his discipline proceeding and his first reinstatement petition proceeding, by continuing to pay the Office of Lawyer Regulation at least \$500 monthly.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Daniel Parks' failure to abide by the aforementioned conditions, absent a showing of inability to pay, may result in the further suspension of Daniel Parks' license to practice law in Wisconsin. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that no costs will be imposed in connection with this reinstatement proceeding.

#2018AP1781-D

**Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Robert B. Moodie:**

08/31/2021

**PER CURIAM.**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Robert B. Moodie's petition for reinstatement of his license to practice law in Wisconsin from the disciplinary suspension is granted, effective the date of this order. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, within 60 days of the date of this order, Robert B. Moodie shall pay to the Office of Lawyer Regulation the costs of this proceeding, which are \$3,594.27 as of June 2, 2021.

**ZIEGLER, C. J., filed a concurring opinion.**

**ANN WALSH BRADLEY, J. did not participate.**