

2020 COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS

District	I	II	<u>III</u>	IV	<u>Total</u>
<u>Filings</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>2059</u>
Civil	195	262	297	252	1006
Criminal	320	305	231	197	1053
Average filings per judge†	129	142	176	90	129
Three-Judge	445	461	372	368	1646
One-Judge	70	106	156	81	413
No Merit Filings	157	123	96	68	444
Writs Filed	33	26	29	27	115
Granted	2	2	0	1	5
Leaves to Appeal Filed	18	38	34	37	127
Granted	3	6	4	4	17
Matter of Right	307	380	369	317	1373

<sup>†</sup> These figures do not reflect that District IV Judges were assigned to cases in other districts.

Submission*	<u>270</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>897</u>
Cases on Briefs	269	237	182	203	891
Civil	112	102	95	122	431
Criminal	157	135	87	81	460
Percentage on briefs	99.6%	99.6%	99.5%	98.5%	99.3%
Cases Orally Argued	1	1	1	3	6
Civil	1	0	0	3	4
Criminal	0	1	1	0	2
Percentage Orally Argued	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	1.5%	0.7%

\* These figures reflect consolidated cases as one.

Total Terminations	527	530	503	550	2110
Average terminations per judge†	132	133	168	110	132

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Opinion	31%	27%	33%	33%	31%		
Summary Disposition	43%	36%	22%	28%	32%		
Memo Opinion	19%	23%	35%	27%	26%		
Other	6%	13%	11%	11%	10%		

#### **Percentages of Total Terminations:**

#### **Percentages of Civil/Criminal Affirmances:**

Civil: % Affirmed	84%	93%	85%	77%	85%
Criminal: % Affirmed	86%	84%	84%	82%	84%

Please note that the remaining percentage of dispositions include reversals and dispositions categorized as other (affirmed in part, reversed in part, affirmed and remanded, dismissed, modified and as modified affirmed, etc.)

#### **Average\* Days to Decision:**

Notice of Appeal to Decision	394	316	344	345	354
Three-Judge Opinions	462	502	475	414	460
One-Judge Opinions	261	227	397	268	274
Per Curiam Opinions	480	566	524	446	497
Summary Dispositions					
without No Merits	486	447	533	461	470
No Merit SMDs	427	376	569	530	465
Memo Opinions	268	110	105	173	153
Orders**	77	47	95	98	80
Fast Tracks	N/A	238	165	100	168

\* For all categories: from Notice of Appeal to Decision

\*\*Does not include voluntary dismissals.

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## **Terminations by Opinion:**

<b>Opinions</b>	<u>164</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>648</u>
Civil	74	89	97	103	363
Percentage	45%	63%	59%	58%	56%
Criminal	90	52	67	76	285
Percentage	55%	37%	41%	42%	44%
%s of Disposition:					
Affirmed	76%	82%	80%	74%	78%
Reversed	18%	16%	12%	18%	16%
Other	6%	3%	8%	7%	6%
Per Curiams	87	48	99	86	320
Signed Opinions	77	93	67	93	330
1-Judge Opinions	35	61	27	50	173
3-Judge Opinions	42	32	40	43	157

## **Publication Data:**

All Opinions*†	136	117	155	168	576
Percentage Published	7%	21%	11%	11%	12%
Considered**	38	27	40	37	142
<u>Published</u> Civil Criminal	$\frac{9}{6}$	24 17 7	<u>17</u> 10 7	<u>19</u> 11 8	<u>69</u> 44 25
Percentage	24%	89%	43%	51%	49%

\* This figure reflects Dec 2019 and YTD Nov 2020 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

\*\* Three-judge opinions only; deferrals are counted only when decided.

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Termination by Other Mean	· /	1	1	1	
Summary Dispositions	<u>229</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>683</u>
Affirmance	55	102	34	58	249
Reversals	0	9	4	6	19
No Merits	172	79	70	89	410
<b>Rejected No Merits</b>	17	6	5	7	35
Dismissals	2	0	2	1	5
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Memo Opinions	<u>100</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>546</u>
Jurisdiction	21	18	83	24	146
Dismissals	7	18	19	56	100
Other	22	27	18	7	74
Writs Denied, etc.	32	19	24	25	100
Writs Granted	2	2	0	1	5
Leaves Denied, etc.	16	39	31	35	121
<u>Other</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>213</u>
Voluntary Dismissals	23	49	31	35	138
Dismissals	3	0	3	2	8
Stipulations	0	1	1	0	2
Other	5	20	19	21	65

## **Termination by Other Means (Orders):**

## **Motions and Petitions:**

Motions Filed	4816	3585	2994	2989	14384
Writs Terminated	34	21	24	26	105
Writs Granted	2	2	0	1	5
Leaves Terminated	19	45	35	39	138

### Pending Cases (current assigned panel):

12-31-2020	643	546	557	394	2140
12-31-2019	647	507	516	480	2150

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# SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY

**Consolidated Cases Counted as One** 

Certifications Filed	0	1	1	3	5
<b>Certifications Granted</b>	0	1	1	2	4
Bypasses Granted	1	1	0	0	2

Ct. App. Opinions Released	142	123	154	169	588
Petitions filed on Opns.	75	49	44	66	234
Percentage Filed	53%	40%	29%	39%	40%
Petitions Filed*	<u>182</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>567</u>
Civil*	73	46	35	53	207
Criminal*	109	<b>98</b>	64	89	360
Petitions Acted Upon*	187	118	101	130	536
<u>Granted*</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>45</u>
Civil*	5	5	7	5	22
Criminal*	6	4	3	10	23
SC Opinions on Petitions	10	14	8	5	37
Affirmed	3	7	5	2	17 46%
Civil	2	4	2	1	9 24%
Criminal	1	3	3	1	8 22%
Reversed	6	3	1	3	13 35%
Civil	3	2	0	1	6 16%
Criminal	3	1	1	2	7 19%
Other**	1	4	2	0	7 19%
Civil	1	1	0	0	2 5%
Criminal	0	3	2	0	5 14%

\*Consolidated NOT counted as one in Petitions Filed, Petitions Acted Upon and Petitions Granted. \*\*Affirmed in part, reversed in part.