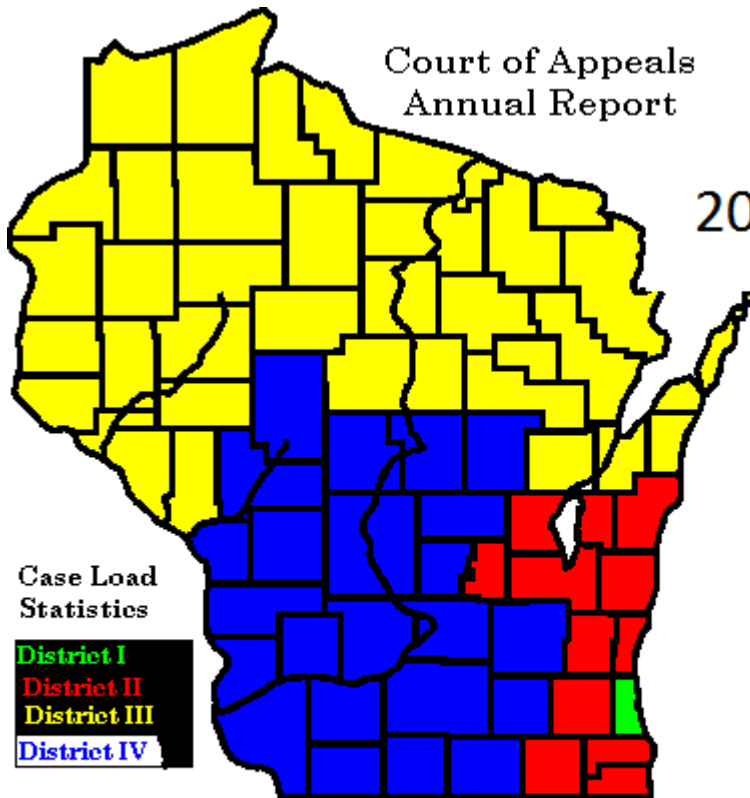


Court of Appeals
Annual Report

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COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS

District	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Filings</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>728</u>	<u>2758</u>
Civil	357	345	325	411	1438
Criminal	394	336	273	317	1320
Adjusted Caseload*	-60	+26	-13	+47	241**
Three-Judge	604	555	486	579	2224
One-Judge	147	126	112	149	534
Average filings per judge	188	170	199	146	172
*Adjusted average/judge	173	177	195	155	168
No Merits/Transfer Adjustment	214/148	137/181	123/118	116/143	590
<u>Writs</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>166</u>
Granted	2	1	2	1	6
<u>Leaves to Appeal</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>128</u>
Granted	2	6	4	3	15
Matter of Right	465	466	409	534	1874

*Numbers reflect cases gained or lost due to workload transfer, panel disqualification and no-merit transfers. These figures do not reflect consolidation. **Total reflects gross number of panels transferred.

<u>Submission</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>387</u>	<u>1229</u>
Civil	144	181	151	260	736
Criminal	166	121	79	127	493
Cases on Briefs	308	299	228	383	1218
Civil	143	179	149	256	727
Criminal	165	120	79	127	491
Percentage on briefs	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
Oral Arguments	2	3	2	4	11
Civil	1	2	2	4	9
Criminal	1	1	0	0	2
Percentage Orally Argued	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Total Terminations	708	769	600	885	2962
Average terminations per judge	177	192	200	177	185

Percentages of Total Terminations:

Opinion	45%	31%	44%	28%	36%
Summary Disposition	23%	36%	19%	38%	30%
Memo Opinion	23%	23%	32%	29%	27%
Other	9%	10%	5%	5%	7%

Percentages of Civil/Criminal Affirmances:

Civil: % Affirmed	92%	93%	78%	86%	88%
Criminal: % Affirmed	79%	84%	80%	85%	82%

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 Opinion:

Notice of Appeal to Opinion	265	233	192	309	256
Three-Judge Opinions	360	373	284	389	366
One-Judge Opinions	177	179	179	218	191
Per Curiam Opinions	381	396	314	426	370
Summary Dispositions					
without No Merits	374	288	315	447	379
No Merit SMDs	253	203	182	443	268
Memo Opinions	136	100	87	114	109
Orders*	33	43	39	29	37
Fast Tracks	NA	160	166	127	161

*Does not include voluntary dismissals.

Terminations by Opinion:

<u>Opinions</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>1066</u>
Civil	156	128	165	173	622
Percentage	49%	54%	63%	69%	58%
Criminal	162	109	96	77	444
Percentage	51%	46%	37%	31%	42%
%s of Disposition:					
Affirmed	90%	86%	74%	79%	82%
Reversed	7%	9%	18%	17%	13%
Other	3%	5%	8%	4%	5%
Per Curiams	163	118	179	84	544
Signed Opinions	155	119	82	166	522
1-Judge Opinions	39	53	50	62	204
3-Judge Opinions	116	66	32	104	318

Writs by opinion: 1 out of District II

Publication Data:

All Opinions*	292	226	228	249	995
Percentage Published	16%	23%	8%	10%	14%
Considered**	102	59	24	103	288
<u>Published</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>141</u>
Civil	29	36	14	19	98
Criminal	17	16	4	6	43
Percentage	45%	88%	75%	24%	49%

* This figure reflects Dec 2012 and YTD Nov 2013 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

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

District	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Termination by Other Means (Orders):

<u>Summary Dispositions</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>900</u>
Affirmance	18	114	6	203	341
Reversals	6	8	1	9	24
No Merits	134	154	107	121	516
Rejected No Merits	24	8	5	10	47
Dismissals	2	1	2	1	6
Other	2	3	1	7	13
<u>Memo Opinions</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>787</u>
Jurisdiction	24	32	25	33	114
Dismissals	39	24	42	55	160
Other	23	54	61	90	228
Writs Denied, etc.	49	34	30	48	161
Writs Granted	2	1	2	1	6
Leaves Denied, etc.	28	31	33	26	118
<u>Other</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>209</u>
Voluntary Dismissals	40	47	13	28	128
Dismissals	1	0	0	1	2
Stipulations	0	3	2	0	5
Other	23	26	14	11	74

Motions and Petitions:

Motions	4437	3227	2452	3689	13,805
Writs Terminated	51	35	32	49	167
Writs Granted	2	1	2	1	6
Leaves Terminated	30	37	37	29	133

***Pending Cases:**

12-31-13	491	422	344	625	1882
12-31-12	492	453	342	713	2000

***Beginning 2013, these numbers reflect pending cases by district of panel assigned, not by district in which appeal was filed. Total corresponds to Monthly Statistical Report for December.**

SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY

Certifications Filed*	1	4	0	3	8
Certifications Granted	1	5	0	2	8
Bypasses Granted	0	1	0	0	1

*Consolidated cases counted as one.

Ct. App. Opinions Released	288	223	232	237	980
Petitions filed on Opns.	172	94	78	91	435
Percentage Filed	60%	42%	34%	38%	44%
<u>Petitions Filed</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>824</u>
Civil	127	103	76	113	419
Criminal	128	95	64	118	405
Petitions Acted Upon	242	194	144	235	815
<u>Granted</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>63</u>
Civil	9	8	5	13	35
Criminal	11	5	3	9	28
SC Opinions on Petitions	15	16	6	10	47
<u>Affirmed</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>24</u> <u>51%</u>
Civil	7	2	0	2	11 23%
Criminal	4	6	1	2	13 28%
<u>Reversed</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u> <u>36%</u>
Civil	1	6	4	5	16 34%
Criminal	1	0	0	0	1 2%
<u>Other*</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u> <u>13%</u>
Civil	2	1	1	1	5 11%
Criminal	0	1	0	0	1 2%

*Affirmed/reversed/remanded; dismissed as improvidently granted; modified and affirmed dispositions.