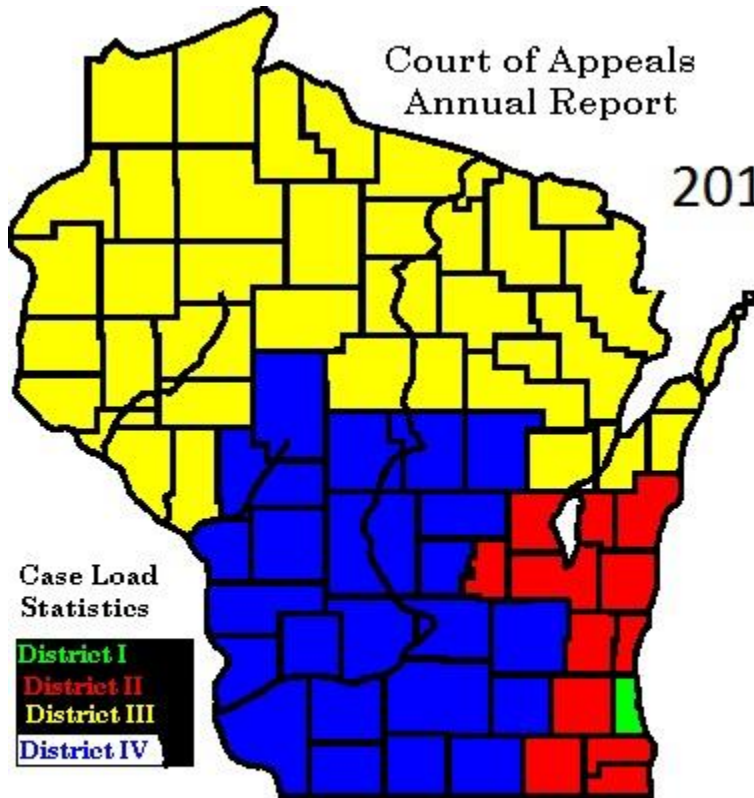


Court of Appeals
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COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS

District	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Filings</u>	<u>737</u>	<u>617</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>2440</u>
Civil	352	267	250	334	1203
Criminal	385	350	254	248	1237
Average filings per judge	184	154	168	116	153
Three-Judge	558	500	408	432	1898
One-Judge	179	117	96	150	542
No Merit Filings	168	145	117	101	531
Writs Filed	39	29	22	32	122
<i>Granted</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>
Leaves to Appeal Filed	20	34	41	29	124
<i>Granted</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>12</i>
Matter of Right	510	409	324	420	1663

Adjusted No-Merit Transfer	-35	+30	-20	+25	
Adjusted Caseload	-105	+36	0	+69	
*Adjusted average/judge	149	171	161	135	153

*Adjusted averages reflect cases gained or lost due to workload, panel disqualification and no-merit transfers. These figures do not reflect consolidation.

<u>Submission</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>1008</u>
Cases on Briefs	263	260	189	280	992
Civil	110	119	105	146	480
Criminal	153	141	84	134	512
Percentage on briefs	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%
Cases Orally Argued	2	4	4	6	16
Civil	2	3	4	4	13
Criminal	0	1	0	2	3
Percentage Orally Argued	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%

Total Terminations	585	696	524	646	2451
Average terminations per judge	146	174	175	129	153

Percentages of Total Terminations:

Opinion	40%	29%	41%	35%	36%
Summary Disposition	27%	39%	19%	32%	30%
Memo Opinion	25%	24%	34%	24%	26%
Other	7%	9%	6%	9%	8%

Percentages of Civil/Criminal Affirmances:

Civil: % Affirmed	91%	88%	81%	97%	90%
Criminal: % Affirmed	81%	83%	86%	83%	83%

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	335	281	282	302	301
Three-Judge Opinions	497	451	446	541	478
One-Judge Opinions	233	255	303	217	248
Per Curiam Opinions	519	448	428	428	454
Summary Dispositions					
without No Merits	441	346	486	394	389
No Merit SMDs	318	296	338	409	333
Memo Opinions	175	130	108	108	130
Orders**	53	70	33	49	55
Fast Tracks	NA	209	165	104	186

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

***Does not include voluntary dismissals.**

Terminations by Opinion:

<u>Opinions</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>883</u>
Civil	118	108	115	124	465
Percentage	50%	53%	53%	54%	53%
Criminal	116	95	101	105	417
Percentage	50%	47%	47%	46%	47%
%s of Disposition:					
Affirmed	88%	83%	84%	86%	85%
Reversed	4%	10%	9%	10%	9%
Other	8%	7%	7%	4%	6%
Per Curiams	111	84	142	141	478
Signed Opinions	123	119	74	88	404
1-Judge Opinions*	56	58	40	63	217
3-Judge Opinions	67	61	34	25	187

Publication Data:

All Opinions*	202	180	200	200	782
Percentage Published	7%	18%	9%	5%	9%
Considered**	62	55	31	26	174
<u>Published</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>72</u>
Civil	11	17	16	7	51
Criminal	3	15	1	2	21
Percentage	23%	58%	55%	35%	41%

* This figure reflects Dec 2016 and YTD Nov 2017 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

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

Termination by Other Means (Orders):

<u>Summary Dispositions</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>736</u>
Affirmance	57	112	12	112	293
Reversals	1	12	3	1	17
No Merits	101	143	79	90	413
Rejected No Merits	23	10	2	5	40
Dismissals	0	1	5	1	7
Other	1	1	0	4	6
<u>Memo Opinions</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>644</u>
Jurisdiction	37	25	20	35	117
Dismissals	12	10	36	15	73
Other	45	63	68	39	215
Writs Denied, etc.	41	30	17	29	117
Writs Granted	1	1	0	5	7
Leaves Denied, etc.	13	35	37	30	115
<u>Other</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>189</u>
Voluntary Dismissals	29	21	14	30	94
Dismissals	5	2	4	2	13
Stipulations	0	6	0	0	6
Other	8	31	13	24	76

Motions and Petitions:

Motions Filed	5754	3766	2500	2757	14,777
Writs Terminated	42	31	17	34	124
Writs Granted	1	1	0	5	7
Leaves Terminated	15	38	40	34	127

Pending Cases (current assigned panel):

12-31-17	651	487	405	543	2086
12-31-16	623	491	423	495	2032

SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY

Consolidated Cases Counted as One

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

(Consolidated cases counted as one except as noted with *)

Ct. App. Opinions Released	205	186	199	203	793
Petitions filed on Opinions	125	101	86	89	401
Percentage Filed	61%	54%	43%	44%	51%
<u>Petitions Filed*</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>714</u>
Civil*	106	89	57	74	326
Criminal*	101	118	74	95	388
<u>Petitions Acted Upon*</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>752</u>
<u>Granted*</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>60</u>
Civil*	7	8	9	8	32
Criminal*	3	13	3	9	28
SC Opinions on Petitions	9	12	7	21	49
<u>Affirmed</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u> <u>51%</u>
Civil	1	2	2	5	10 20%
Criminal	2	6	1	6	15 31%
<u>Reversed</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>19</u> <u>39%</u>
Civil	3	1	2	4	10 20%
Criminal	2	2	1	4	9 18
<u>Other**</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u> <u>10%</u>
Civil	1	1	1	2	5 10%
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0 0%

*Consolidated NOT counted as one in Petitions Filed, Petitions Acted Upon and Petitions Granted.

**Affirmed and remanded; affirmed in part, reversed in part; dismissed as improvidently granted; reversed and remanded to circuit court