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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2023

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of December 2023 and to date for the year that began on January 1, 2023.

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 45 opinions, 59 summary dispositions, and 73 other written decisions in December. Opinions include three-judge and one-judge authored opinions and per curiam opinions. Summary dispositions include opinions issued in the form of a court order after the court has reviewed the briefs and the record and, generally, following a screening and decision conference. Other written decisions include memorandum opinions, which are issued in the form of a court order prior to a screening and decision conference, and miscellaneous orders terminating cases (e.g., voluntary dismissals and stipulations to dismiss). The breakdown by district and type of disposition is as follows:

| DECEMBER 2023 | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cases Terminated | 43 | 48 | 38 | 48 | 177 |
| <i>By Opinion - Civil</i> | 7 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 32 |
| <i>By Opinion - Criminal</i> | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 13 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i> | 2 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 17 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. - Criminal</i> | 14 | 11 | 13 | 4 | 42 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i> | 9 | 10 | 5 | 16 | 40 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion - Criminal</i> | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 12 |
| <i>By Other - Civil</i> | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 16 |
| <i>By Other - Criminal</i> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 695 opinions, 801 summary dispositions, and 1041 other written decisions.

| <i>Year to Date</i> | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cases Terminated | 635 | 686 | 592 | 624 | 2537 |
| <i>By Opinion - Civil</i> | 89 | 84 | 91 | 109 | 373 |
| <i>By Opinion - Criminal</i> | 83 | 89 | 86 | 64 | 322 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i> | 63 | 65 | 32 | 59 | 219 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. - Criminal</i> | 182 | 188 | 146 | 66 | 582 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i> | 97 | 125 | 91 | 155 | 468 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion - Criminal</i> | 37 | 41 | 56 | 69 | 203 |
| <i>By Other - Civil</i> | 65 | 67 | 73 | 87 | 292 |
| <i>By Other - Criminal</i> | 19 | 27 | 17 | 15 | 78 |

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 184 appeals were filed during the month.

| DECEMBER 2023 | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cases Filed | 39 | 61 | 34 | 50 | 184 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 23 | 28 | 19 | 28 | 98 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 16 | 33 | 15 | 22 | 86 |

So far this year, a total of 2360 appeals have been filed.

| <i>Year to Date</i> | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cases Filed | 564 | 673 | 453 | 670 | 2360 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 326 | 345 | 265 | 415 | 1351 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 238 | 328 | 188 | 255 | 1009 |

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 1991 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

| DECEMBER 2023 | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cases Pending | 492 | 566 | 440 | 493 | 1991 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 215 | 234 | 211 | 273 | 933 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 277 | 332 | 229 | 220 | 1058 |

Petitions for Supervisory Writ

A petition for supervisory writ asks the Court of Appeals to order the circuit court to take a certain action in a case. The Court of Appeals received 10 and disposed of 12 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

| DECEMBER 2023 | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Supervisory Writs Filed | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 10 |
| Supervisory Writs Terminated | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| <i>Granted</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i> | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| Supervisory Writs Pending | 5 | 17 | 2 | 5 | 29 |

Petitions for Leave to Appeal

A petition for leave to appeal asks the Court of Appeals to invoke its discretionary jurisdiction and accept the appeal of a case in which a final order has not been issued. The Court of Appeals received 8 and disposed of 11 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

| DECEMBER 2023 | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Petitions Terminated | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| <i>Granted</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i> | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Petitions Pending | 1 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 14 |

Petitions for Review, Petitions for Bypass, and Certifications to the Supreme Court

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. 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. The Supreme Court received 50 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, 2 petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and no requests for certification in December.

| DECEMBER 2023 | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Petitions for Review Filed | 18 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 50 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 28 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 4 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 22 |
| Petitions for Bypass Filed | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Certification Requests Filed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |