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## WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### JULY 2021

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

#### Opinions Issued by the Court

The Supreme Court issued opinions resolving 4 cases in July. Information about these opinions, including the Court's dispositions and the names of the authoring justices, can be found on the attached table.

	<u>July 2021</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Total number of cases resolved by opinion .....	4	92
Attorney disciplinary cases .....	0	31
Judicial disciplinary cases .....	1	1
Bar Admissions .....	0	0
Civil cases .....	3	41
Criminal cases .....	0	19

#### Petitions for Review

A total of 55 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 July, the Supreme Court disposed of 6 petitions for review, of which no petitions were granted. The Supreme Court currently has 224 petitions for review pending.

	<u>July 2021</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Review filed .....	55	581
Civil cases .....	26	217
Criminal cases .....	29	334

Petition for Review dispositions .....	6	523
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	5 (0)	201 (25)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	1 (0)	322 (23)

### Petitions for Bypass

In July, the Supreme Court received 3 petitions for bypass and disposed of one petition 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 July also be granted where there is a clear need to hasten the ultimate appellate decision. The Supreme Court currently has 3 petitions for bypass pending.

	<u>July 2021</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Bypass filed .....	3	15
Civil cases .....	3	7
Criminal cases .....	0	8
Petition for Bypass dispositions.....	1	13
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	1 (1)	5 (2)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	0 (0)	8 (2)

### Requests for Certification

During July 2021, the Supreme Court received one request 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>July 2021</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Requests for Certification filed.....	1	<u>7</u>
Civil cases .....	1	3
Criminal cases .....	0	4
Request for Certification dispositions.....	<u>0</u>	<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 2 matters 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 3 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 no 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 77 regulatory matters and 11 petitions for supervisory writs pending.

	<u>July 2021</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
<u>Filings</u>		
Attorney discipline (including reopened cases).....	2	24
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	2
Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....	3	36
Other (including Original Actions).....	0	17
 <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 JULY 2021**

<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
#2021AP265-CQ	<p><b><u>St. Augustine School v. Carolyn Stanford Taylor:</u></b> <b>CERTIFIED QUESTION ANSWERED AND CAUSE REMANDED TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT.</b> ANN WALSH BRADLEY, J., delivered the majority opinion of the Court, in which <b>DALLET, HAGEDORN, and KAROFSKY, JJ.,</b> joined. <b>ROGGENSACK, J.,</b> filed a concurring opinion. <b>HAGEDORN, J.,</b> filed a concurring opinion. <b>REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY, J.,</b> filed a dissenting opinion, in which <b>ZIEGLER, C.J.,</b> joined.</p>	07/02/2021
#2018AP59	<p><b><u>Clean Wisconsin, Inc. v. DNR:</u></b> <b>THE JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ARE MODIFIED AND AFFIRMED, AND, AS MODIFIED, THE CAUSE IS REMANDED TO THE CIRCUIT COURT.</b> <b>DALLET, J.,</b> delivered the majority opinion of the Court, in which <b>ZIEGLER, C.J., ANN WALSH BRADLEY,</b> and <b>KAROFSKY, JJ.,</b> joined. <b>REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY, J.,</b> filed a dissenting opinion, in which <b>ROGGENSACK, J.,</b> joined. <b>HAGEDORN, J.,</b> did not participate.</p>	07/08/2021

#2016AP1688

**Clean Wisconsin, Inc. v. DNR:**  
**THE ORDER OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IS AFFIRMED.**

07/08/2021

**KAROFSKY, J., delivered the majority opinion of the Court, in which ZIEGLER, C.J., ANN WALSH BRADLEY, and DALLET, JJ., joined. DALLET, J., filed a concurring opinion, in which ANN WALSH BRADLEY and KAROFSKY, JJ., joined.**

**ROGGENSACK, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY, J., joined. REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY, J., filed a dissenting opinion.**

**HAGEDORN, J., did not participate.**

#2020AP1028-J

**Wisconsin Judicial Commission v. Scott C. Woldt:**

07/13/2021

**PER CURIAM.**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Scott C. Woldt is suspended from the office of circuit judge without compensation and prohibited from exercising any of the powers or duties of a circuit judge in Wisconsin for a period of seven days, commencing August 2, 2021.

**REBECCA GRASSL BRADLEY, J., concurs in part and dissents in part, in which ROGGENSACK, J., joined. ZIEGLER, C. J. and HAGEDORN, J. did not participate**