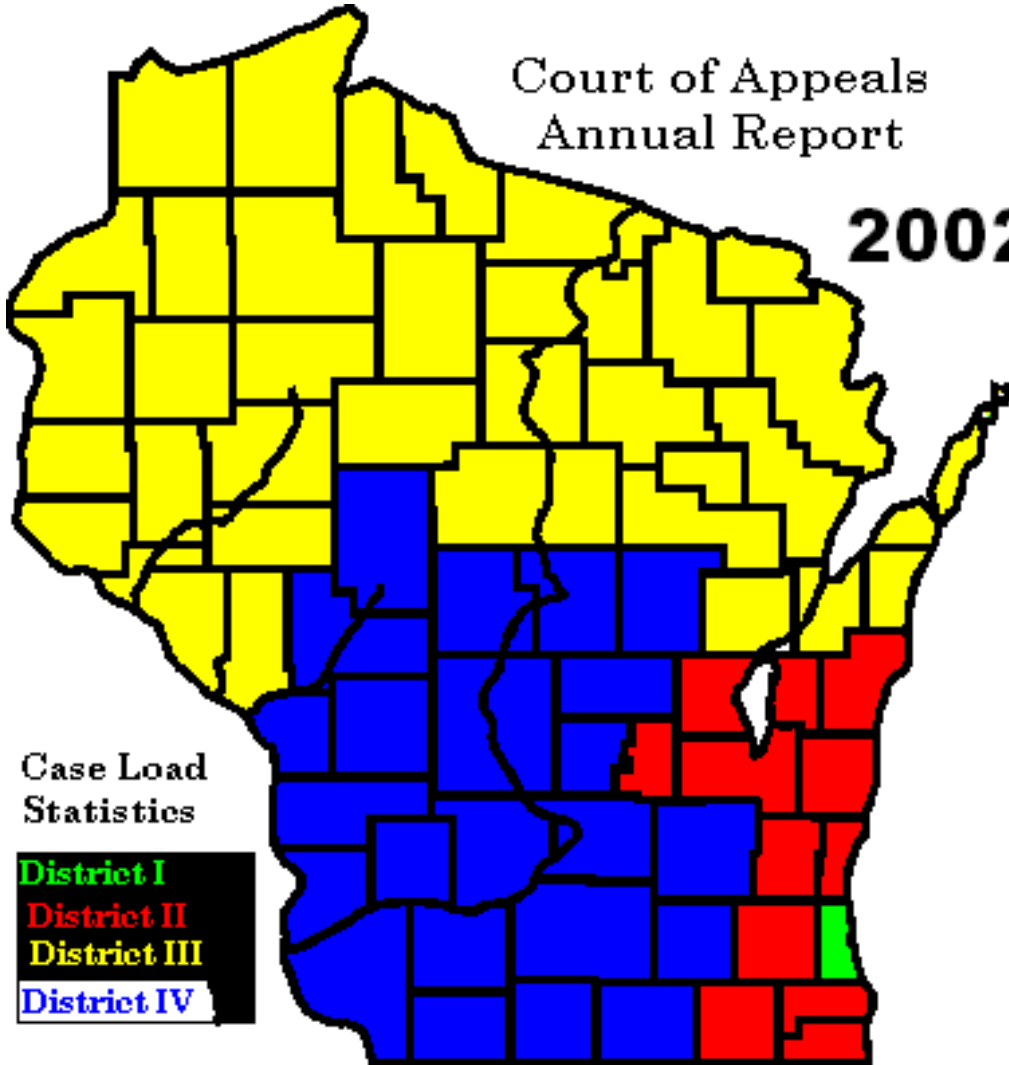


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COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS

| District | <u>I</u> | <u>II</u> | <u>III</u> | <u>IV</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Filings</u> | <u>928</u> | <u>836</u> | <u>649</u> | <u>929</u> | <u>3342</u> |
| Civil | 433 | 480 | 374 | 567 | 1854 |
| Criminal | 495 | 356 | 275 | 362 | 1488 |
| Adjusted Caseload* | -88 | -16 | +21 | +83 | --- |
| Three-Judge | 774 | 666 | 494 | 700 | 2634 |
| One-Judge | 154 | 170 | 155 | 229 | 708 |
| Average filings per judge | 232 | 209 | 216 | 186 | 209 |
| *Adjusted average/judge | 210 | 205 | 223 | 202 | 209 |
| No Merits | 226 | 132 | 97 | 130 | 585 |
| <u>Writs</u> | <u>42</u> | <u>41</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>84</u> | <u>190</u> |
| Granted | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| <u>Leaves to Appeal</u> | <u>60</u> | <u>65</u> | <u>58</u> | <u>74</u> | <u>257</u> |
| Granted | 7 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 44 |
| Matter of Right | 600 | 598 | 471 | 641 | 2310 |

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Submission</u> | <u>387</u> | <u>371</u> | <u>291</u> | <u>418</u> | <u>1467</u> |
| Civil | 197 | 226 | 208 | 270 | 901 |
| Criminal | 190 | 145 | 83 | 148 | 566 |
| Cases on Briefs | 377 | 361 | 288 | 405 | 1431 |
| Civil | 189 | 219 | 205 | 261 | 874 |
| Criminal | 188 | 142 | 83 | 144 | 557 |
| Percentage on briefs | 97% | 97% | 99% | 97% | 98% |
| Oral Arguments | 10 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 36 |
| Civil | 8 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 27 |
| Criminal | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 9 |
| Percentage Orally Argued | 3% | 3% | 1% | 3% | 2% |

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|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Total Terminations | 886 | 881 | 720 | 999 | 3486 |
| Average terminations per judge | 222 | 220 | 240 | 200 | 218 |

Terminations by Opinion:

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Opinions | 239 | 313 | 337 | 395 | 1284 |
| Civil | 144 | 177 | 233 | 267 | 821 |
| Percentage | 60% | 57% | 69% | 68% | 64% |
| Criminal | 95 | 136 | 104 | 128 | 463 |
| Percentage | 40% | 43% | 31% | 32% | 36% |
| %s of Disposition: | | | | | |
| Affirmed | 76% | 79% | 78% | 69% | 75% |
| Reversed | 16% | 11% | 15% | 19% | 16% |
| Other | 8% | 10% | 7% | 11% | 9% |
| Per Curiams | 105 | 117 | 159 | 142 | 523 |
| No Merit Per Curiams | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Signed Opinions | 134 | 196 | 178 | 253 | 761 |
| 1-Judge Opinions* | 86 | 82 | 84* | 101 | 353 |
| 3-Judge Opinions | 48 | 114 | 94 | 152 | 408 |

* 4 one-judge opinions were no merits in District III.

Publication Data:

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|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| All Opinions* | 223 | 285 | 309 | 378 | 1195 |
| Percentage Published | 23% | 32% | 19% | 28% | 26% |
| Considered** | 57 | 106 | 93 | 142 | 398 |
| Published | 51 | 92 | 59 | 104 | 306 |
| Percentage | 89% | 87% | 63% | 73% | 77% |

* This figure reflects Dec '01 and YTD Nov '02 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

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

Termination by Other Means (Orders):

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Summary Dispositions</u> | <u>370</u> | <u>254</u> | <u>185</u> | <u>278</u> | <u>1087</u> |
| Affirmance | 174 | 110 | 40 | 115 | 439 |
| Reversals | 15 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 37 |
| No Merits | 171 | 125 | 133 | 154 | 583 |
| Other | 10 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 28 |
| <u>Memo Opinions</u> | <u>218</u> | <u>241</u> | <u>161</u> | <u>247</u> | <u>867</u> |
| Jurisdiction | 34 | 21 | 26 | 28 | 109 |
| Other | 87 | 128 | 68 | 106 | 389 |
| Writs Denied, etc. | 47 | 38 | 22 | 52 | 159 |
| Writs Granted | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Leaves Denied, etc. | 50 | 50 | 44 | 60 | 204 |
| <u>Other</u> | <u>59</u> | <u>73</u> | <u>37</u> | <u>79</u> | <u>248</u> |
| Voluntary Dismissals | 26 | 41 | 28 | 64 | 159 |
| Stipulations | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 18 |
| Other | 25 | 27 | 5 | 14 | 71 |

Motions (not including Leaves to Appeal and Writs Terminated):

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|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Motions | 3174 | 2678 | 1462 | 2536 | 9850 |
| Writs Terminated | 47 | 42 | 23 | 53 | 165 |
| Writs Granted | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Leaves Terminated | 57 | 61 | 55 | 75 | 248 |

Pending Cases:

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| 12-31-02 | 654 | 442 | 320 | 519 | 1935 |
| 12-31-01 | 656 | 478 | 372 | 507 | 2013 |

