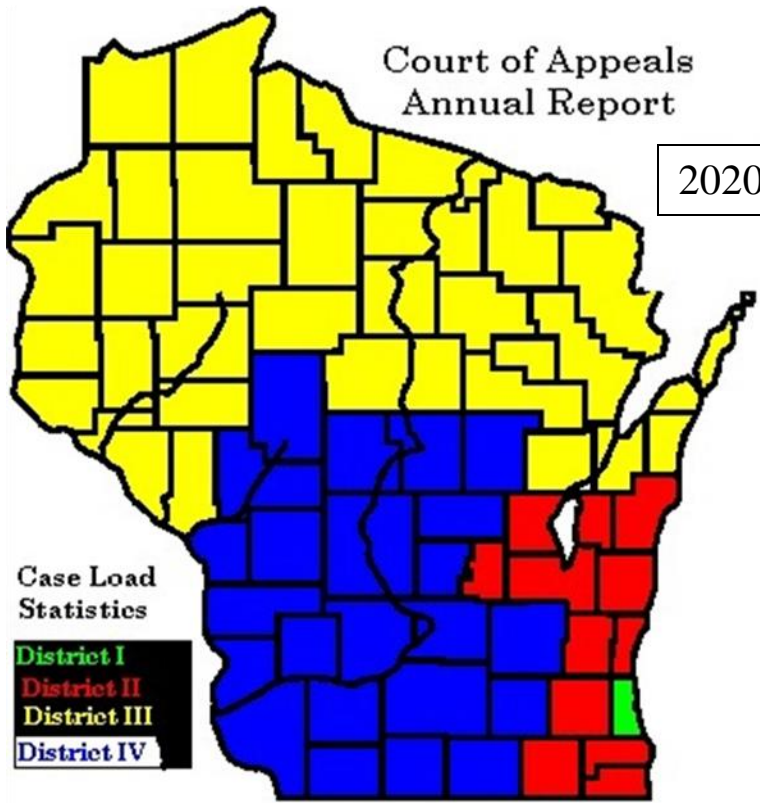


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**2020**  
**COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS**

District	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Filings</u></b>	<b><u>515</u></b>	<b><u>567</u></b>	<b><u>528</u></b>	<b><u>449</u></b>	<b><u>2059</u></b>
Civil	195	262	297	252	1006
Criminal	320	305	231	197	1053
Average filings per judge†	129	142	176	90	129
Three-Judge	445	461	372	368	1646
One-Judge	70	106	156	81	413
No Merit Filings	157	123	96	68	444
Writs Filed	33	26	29	27	115
<i>Granted</i>	2	2	0	1	5
Leaves to Appeal Filed	18	38	34	37	127
<i>Granted</i>	3	6	4	4	17
Matter of Right	307	380	369	317	1373

† These figures do not reflect that District IV Judges were assigned to cases in other districts.

<b><u>Submission*</u></b>	<b><u>270</u></b>	<b><u>238</u></b>	<b><u>183</u></b>	<b><u>206</u></b>	<b><u>897</u></b>
Cases on Briefs	269	237	182	203	891
Civil	112	102	95	122	431
Criminal	157	135	87	81	460
Percentage on briefs	99.6%	99.6%	99.5%	98.5%	99.3%
Cases Orally Argued	1	1	1	3	6
Civil	1	0	0	3	4
Criminal	0	1	1	0	2
Percentage Orally Argued	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	1.5%	0.7%

\* These figures reflect consolidated cases as one.

<b>Total Terminations</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>2110</b>
Average terminations per judge†	132	133	168	110	132

† These figures do not reflect that District IV Judges were assigned to cases in other districts.



**Terminations by Opinion:**

<b><u>Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>164</u></b>	<b><u>141</u></b>	<b><u>164</u></b>	<b><u>179</u></b>	<b><u>648</u></b>
Civil	74	89	97	103	363
Percentage	45%	63%	59%	58%	56%
Criminal	90	52	67	76	285
Percentage	55%	37%	41%	42%	44%
<b>%s of Disposition:</b>					
Affirmed	76%	82%	80%	74%	78%
Reversed	18%	16%	12%	18%	16%
Other	6%	3%	8%	7%	6%
<b>Per Curiams</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>Signed Opinions</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>1-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>3-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>157</b>

**Publication Data:**

<b>All Opinions*†</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>576</b>
<b>Percentage Published</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Considered**</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>142</b>
<b><u>Published</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>24</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>69</u></b>
Civil	6	17	10	11	44
Criminal	3	7	7	8	25
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>49%</b>

\* This figure reflects Dec 2019 and YTD Nov 2020 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

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

† These figures reflect consolidated cases as one.

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):**

<b><u>Summary Dispositions</u></b>	<b><u>229</u></b>	<b><u>190</u></b>	<b><u>110</u></b>	<b><u>154</u></b>	<b><u>683</u></b>
Affirmance	55	102	34	58	249
Reversals	0	9	4	6	19
No Merits	172	79	70	89	410
Rejected No Merits	17	6	5	7	35
Dismissals	2	0	2	1	5
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b><u>Memo Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>123</u></b>	<b><u>175</u></b>	<b><u>148</u></b>	<b><u>546</u></b>
Jurisdiction	21	18	83	24	146
Dismissals	7	18	19	56	100
Other	22	27	18	7	74
Writs Denied, etc.	32	19	24	25	100
Writs Granted	2	2	0	1	5
Leaves Denied, etc.	16	39	31	35	121
<b><u>Other</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>	<b><u>70</u></b>	<b><u>54</u></b>	<b><u>58</u></b>	<b><u>213</u></b>
Voluntary Dismissals	23	49	31	35	138
Dismissals	3	0	3	2	8
Stipulations	0	1	1	0	2
Other	5	20	19	21	65

**Motions and Petitions:**

<b>Motions Filed</b>	<b>4816</b>	<b>3585</b>	<b>2994</b>	<b>2989</b>	<b>14384</b>
<b>Writs Terminated</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Writs Granted</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Leaves Terminated</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>138</b>

**Pending Cases (current assigned panel):**

<b>12-31-2020</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>2140</b>
<b>12-31-2019</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>2150</b>

**SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY**  
Consolidated Cases Counted as One

<b>Certifications Filed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Certifications Granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Bypasses Granted</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Ct. App. Opinions Released</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>Petitions filed on Opns.</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Percentage Filed</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b><u>Petitions Filed*</u></b>	<b><u>182</u></b>	<b><u>144</u></b>	<b><u>99</u></b>	<b><u>142</u></b>	<b><u>567</u></b>
<b>Civil*</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>Criminal*</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Petitions Acted Upon*</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>536</b>
<b><u>Granted*</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>15</u></b>	<b><u>45</u></b>
<b>Civil*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Criminal*</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>SC Opinions on Petitions</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>
<b><u>Affirmed</u></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17 46%</b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9 24%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8 22%</b>
<b><u>Reversed</u></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13 35%</b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6 16%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7 19%</b>
<b><u>Other**</u></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7 19%</b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 5%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5 14%</b>

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

\*\*Affirmed in part, reversed in part.