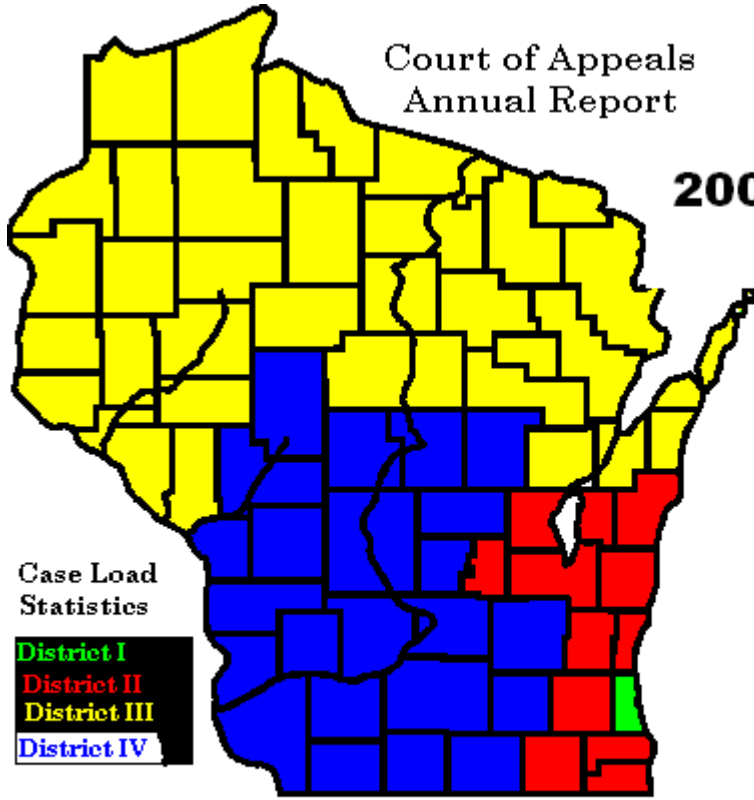


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**COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS**

<b>District</b>	<b><u>I</u></b>	<b><u>II</u></b>	<b><u>III</u></b>	<b><u>IV</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b><u>Filings</u></b>	<b><u>794</u></b>	<b><u>687</u></b>	<b><u>619</u></b>	<b><u>741</u></b>	<b><u>2841</u></b>
Civil	336	328	344	446	1454
Criminal	458	359	275	295	1387
<b>Adjusted Caseload*</b>	<b>-79</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>+119</b>	
<b>Three-Judge</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>2338</b>
<b>One-Judge</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>503</b>
<b>Average filings per judge</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>*Adjusted average/judge</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>No Merits</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>619</b>
<b><u>Writs</u></b>	<b><u>47</u></b>	<b><u>21</u></b>	<b><u>22</u></b>	<b><u>45</u></b>	<b><u>135</u></b>
Granted	4	4	1	5	14
<b><u>Leaves to Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>41</u></b>	<b><u>46</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>68</u></b>	<b><u>205</u></b>
Granted	11	5	3	11	30
<b>Matter of Right</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>1882</b>

<b><u>Submission</u></b>	<b><u>319</u></b>	<b><u>284</u></b>	<b><u>226</u></b>	<b><u>402</u></b>	<b><u>1231</u></b>
Civil	192	177	147	249	765
Criminal	127	107	79	153	466
<b>Cases on Briefs</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>1210</b>
Civil	183	172	146	246	747
Criminal	126	106	79	152	463
<b>Percentage on briefs</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>99.6%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Oral Arguments</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>
Civil	9	5	1	3	18
Criminal	1	1	0	1	3
<b>Percentage Orally Argued</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>.4%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>

<b>Total Terminations</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>3029</b>
<b>Average terminations per judge</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>189</b>



**Terminations by Opinion:**

<b><u>Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>384</u></b>	<b><u>249</u></b>	<b><u>219</u></b>	<b><u>330</u></b>	<b><u>1182</u></b>
Civil	223	153	142	215	733
Percentage	58%	61%	65%	65%	62%
Criminal	161	96	77	115	449
Percentage	42%	39%	35%	35%	38%
<b>%s of Disposition:</b>					
Affirmed	81%	77%	72%	74%	77%
Reversed	13%	16%	22%	18%	17%
Other	5%	7%	6%	8%	6%
<b>Per Curiams</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>538</b>
<b>Signed Opinions</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>643</b>
<b>1-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>3-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>428</b>

**Publication Data (amended 4/7/08):**

<b>All Opinions*</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1109</b>
<b>Percentage Published</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Considered**</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Published</b>	<b><u>56</u></b>	<b><u>58</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>	<b><u>57</u></b>	<b><u>202</u></b>
Civil	37	36	22	41	136
Criminal	19	22	9	16	66
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>49%</b>

\* This figure reflects Dec 2006 and YTD Nov 2007 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

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

**Termination by Other Means (Orders):**

<b><u>Summary Dispositions</u></b>	<b><u>159</u></b>	<b><u>251</u></b>	<b><u>197</u></b>	<b><u>214</u></b>	<b><u>821</u></b>
Affirmance	1	81	33	98	213
Reversals	5	11	11	8	35
No Merits	148	151	149	103	551
Other	5	8	4	5	22
<b><u>Memo Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>202</u></b>	<b><u>179</u></b>	<b><u>213</u></b>	<b><u>246</u></b>	<b><u>840</u></b>
Jurisdiction	24	32	30	20	106
Other	105	82	96	120	403
Writs Denied, etc.	39	23	28	46	136
Writs Granted	4	4	1	5	14
Leaves Denied, etc.	30	38	58	55	181
<b><u>Other</u></b>	<b><u>32</u></b>	<b><u>46</u></b>	<b><u>45</u></b>	<b><u>63</u></b>	<b><u>186</u></b>
Voluntary Dismissals	16	27	32	57	132
Stipulations	0	1	3	1	5
Other	16	18	10	5	49

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

Motions	3496	2629	1918	2746	10,789
Writs Terminated	43	27	29	51	150
Writs Granted	4	4	1	5	14
Leaves Terminated	41	43	61	66	211

**Pending Cases:**

12-31-07	654	459	313	480	1906
12-31-06	702	453	376	476	2007

### SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY

Certifications Filed*	0	6	0	13	19
Certifications Granted	1	2	0	7	10
Bypasses Granted	0	0	0	0	0

\*Consolidated cases counted as one.

Ct. App. Opinions Released	384	249	219	330	1182
Petitions filed on Opns.	183	101	75	121	480
Percentage Filed	48%	41%	34%	37%	41%
<u>Petitions Filed</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>822</u>
Civil	148	104	75	142	469
Criminal	110	80	66	97	353
Petitions Acted Upon	264	192	158	244	858
<u>Granted</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>84</u>
Civil	13	19	10	15	57
Criminal	6	5	5	11	27
SC Opinions on Petitions	14	11	11	16	52
<u>Affirmed</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u> <u>52%</u>
Civil	3	6	3	7	19 37%
Criminal	0	3	2	3	8 15%
<u>Reversed</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u> <u>38%</u>
Civil	6	2	4	3	15 28%
Criminal	2	0	1	2	5 10%
<u>Other*</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u> <u>10%</u>
Civil	3	0	1	1	5 10%
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0 0%

\*Affirmed/remanded; affirmed/reversed in part; modified/affirmed dispositions.

### Supreme Court Disposition of Reviews (8/1/78 - 12/31/07)

Filed	6531	5469	4774	6413	23187
Acted Upon	6552	4532	4764	6261	23009
Granted	602	489	457	673	2221