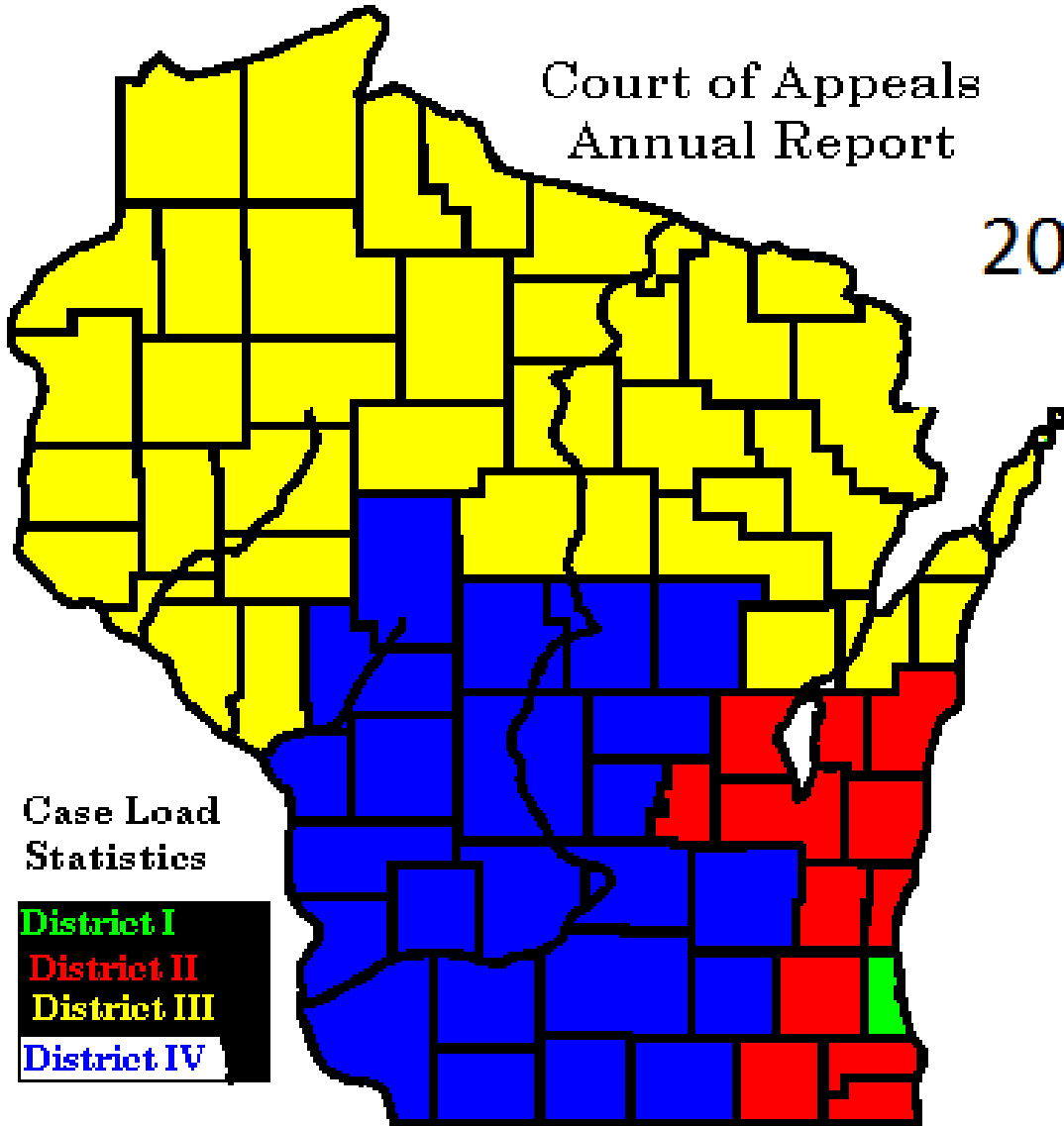


# Court of Appeals Annual Report

2014



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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>
<b><u>Filings</u></b>	<b><u>755</u></b>	<b><u>724</u></b>	<b><u>605</u></b>	<b><u>765</u></b>	<b><u>2849</u></b>
Civil	359	356	314	546	1575
Criminal	396	368	291	219	1274
Adjusted Caseload*	-104	-21	+3	+122	242**
Three-Judge	615	563	488	492	2158
One-Judge	140	161	117	273	691
Average filings per judge	189	181	202	153	178
*Adjusted average/judge	163	176	203	177	178
No Merits/Transfer Adjustment	193/136	156/172	164/167	65/103	578
<b><u>Writs</u></b>	<b><u>54</u></b>	<b><u>32</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>64</u></b>	<b><u>178</u></b>
Granted	0	3	0	3	6
<b><u>Leaves to Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>24</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>29</u></b>	<b><u>118</u></b>
Granted	6	4	2	5	17
<b>Matter of Right</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>1975</b>

\*Numbers reflect cases gained or lost due to workload transfer, panel disqualification and no-merit transfers. These figures do not reflect consolidation. \*\*Total reflects gross number of panels transferred.

<b><u>Submission</u></b>	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>258</u></b>	<b><u>229</u></b>	<b><u>340</u></b>	<b><u>1095</u></b>
Civil	124	126	140	207	597
Criminal	144	132	89	133	498
<b>Cases on Briefs</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>1085</b>
Civil	120	126	140	205	591
Criminal	143	131	88	132	494
Percentage on briefs	98%	100%	100%	99%	99%
<b>Oral Arguments</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>
Civil	4	0	0	2	6
Criminal	1	1	1	1	4
Percentage Orally Argued	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%

<b>Total Terminations</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>2689</b>
Average terminations per judge	162	173	187	158	168

**Percentages of Total Terminations:**

<b>Opinion</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Summary Disposition</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Memo Opinion</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>

**Percentages of Civil/Criminal Affirmances:**

<b>Civil: % Affirmed</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Criminal: % Affirmed</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>83%</b>

Please note that the remaining percentage of dispositions include reversals and dispositions categorized as other (affirmed in part, reversed in part, affirmed and remanded, dismissed, modified and as modified affirmed, etc.)

**Average Days to Opinion:**

<b>Notice of Appeal to Opinion</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Three-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>367</b>
<b>One-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Per Curiam Opinions</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>361</b>
<b>Summary Dispositions</b>					
<b>without No Merits</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>379</b>
<b>No Merit SMDs</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>Memo Opinions</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Orders*</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Fast Tracks</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>152</b>

\*Does not include voluntary dismissals.

### Terminations by Opinion:

<b>Opinions</b>	<b><u>310</u></b>	<b><u>232</u></b>	<b><u>261</u></b>	<b><u>261</u></b>	<b><u>1064</u></b>
Civil	146	111	161	160	578
Percentage	47%	48%	62%	61%	54%
Criminal	164	121	100	101	486
Percentage	53%	52%	38%	39%	46%
<b>%s of Disposition:</b>					
Affirmed	87%	80%	77%	80%	81%
Reversed	10%	17%	14%	14%	14%
Other	3%	3%	9%	6%	5%
<b>Per Curiams</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>*184</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>Signed Opinions</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>514</b>
<b>1-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>3-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>287</b>

\* Writs by opinion: 1

### Publication Data:

<b>All Opinions*</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>952</b>
<b>Percentage Published</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Considered**</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>Published</b>	<b><u>32</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>	<b><u>23</u></b>	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>118</u></b>
Civil	21	17	16	18	72
Criminal	11	21	7	7	46
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>44%</b>

\* This figure reflects Dec 2013 and YTD Nov 2014 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>138</u></b>	<b><u>244</u></b>	<b><u>78</u></b>	<b><u>258</u></b>	<b><u>718</u></b>
Affirmance	12	95	12	148	267
Reversals	5	5	1	4	15
No Merits	118	142	65	102	427
Rejected No Merits	25	6	0	11	42
Dismissals	3	0	0	1	4
Other	0	2	0	3	5
<b><u>Memo Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>138</u></b>	<b><u>160</u></b>	<b><u>187</u></b>	<b><u>223</u></b>	<b><u>708</u></b>
Jurisdiction	28	29	36	32	125
Dismissals	24	10	34	27	95
Other	27	54	64	83	228
Writs Denied, etc.	39	31	29	55	154
Writs Granted	0	3	0	3	6
Leaves Denied, etc.	20	33	24	23	100
<b><u>Other</u></b>	<b><u>60</u></b>	<b><u>57</u></b>	<b><u>36</u></b>	<b><u>46</u></b>	<b><u>199</u></b>
Voluntary Dismissals	38	34	22	37	131
Dismissals	0	0	1	0	1
Stipulations	0	2	1	1	4
Other	22	21	12	8	63

**Motions and Petitions:**

<b>Motions</b>	<b>4674</b>	<b>3251</b>	<b>2423</b>	<b>3381</b>	<b>13729</b>
<b>Writs Terminated</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Writs Granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Leaves Terminated</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>117</b>

**Pending Cases by Current Assigned Panel:**

<b>12-31-14</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>2108</b>
<b>12-31-13</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>1882</b>

### SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY

Certifications Filed*	1	0	0	2	3
Certifications Granted	1	0	0	1	2
Bypasses Granted	0	0	0	5	5

\*Consolidated cases counted as one.

Ct. App. Opinions Released	277	217	236	235	965
Petitions filed on Opns.	165	100	98	95	458
Percentage Filed	60%	46%	42%	40%	47%
<b><u>Petitions Filed</u></b>	<b><u>228</u></b>	<b><u>195</u></b>	<b><u>150</u></b>	<b><u>210</u></b>	<b><u>783</u></b>
Civil	101	69	87	102	359
Criminal	127	126	63	108	424
Petitions Acted Upon	250	202	161	233	846
<u>Granted</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>62</u>
Civil	4	10	6	8	28
Criminal	13	6	6	9	34
SC Opinions on Petitions	18	15	10	22	65
<u>Affirmed</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>35</u> <u>54%</u>
Civil	2	6	5	4	17 26%
Criminal	7	3	3	5	18 28%
<u>Reversed</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>25</u> <u>38%</u>
Civil	3	5	0	6	14 22%
Criminal	4	0	1	6	11 17%
<u>Other*</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u> <u>8%</u>
Civil	2	1	1	1	5 8%
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0 0%

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