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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2024

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of December 2024 and to-date for the year that began on January 1, 2024.

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 53 opinions, 59 summary dispositions, and 95 other written decisions this month. Opinions include three-judge and one-judge authored opinions and per curiam opinions. Summary dispositions include opinions issued in the form of a court order after the court has reviewed the briefs and the record and, generally, following a screening and decision conference. Other written decisions include memorandum opinions, issued before a screening and decision conference, and miscellaneous orders terminating cases (e.g., voluntary dismissals and stipulations to dismiss). The breakdown by district and type of disposition is as follows:

DECEMBER 2024	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	45	55	44	63	207
<i>By Opinion - Civil</i>	7	12	4	9	32
<i>By Opinion - Criminal</i>	3	8	6	4	21
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	1	4	1	5	11
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Criminal</i>	6	8	9	25	48
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	15	12	8	7	42
<i>By Memo Opinion - Criminal</i>	6	2	9	4	21
<i>By Other - Civil</i>	6	7	4	7	24
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	1	2	3	2	8

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 662 opinions, 614 summary dispositions, and 1,197 other written decisions.

<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	574	741	499	662	2,476
<i>By Opinion -Civil</i>	90	101	68	122	381
<i>By Opinion -Criminal</i>	68	85	61	67	281
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	29	53	37	65	184
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Criminal</i>	129	152	63	86	430
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	113	137	105	140	495
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	48	78	66	67	259
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	74	102	79	99	354
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	23	33	20	16	92

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 201 appeals were filed during the month.

DECEMBER 2024	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	59	47	43	52	201
<i>Civil</i>	33	25	23	37	118
<i>Criminal</i>	26	22	20	15	83

So far this year, a total of 2,529 appeals have been filed.

<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	647	676	545	661	2,529
<i>Civil</i>	344	349	311	414	1,418
<i>Criminal</i>	303	327	234	247	1,111

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,167 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

DECEMBER 2024	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Pending	596	542	517	512	2,167
<i>Civil</i>	275	228	256	272	1,031
<i>Criminal</i>	321	314	261	240	1,136

Petitions for Supervisory Writ

A petition for supervisory writ asks the Court of Appeals to order the circuit court to take a certain action in a case. The Court of Appeals received 26 and disposed of 20 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

DECEMBER 2024	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	10	5	0	11	26
Supervisory Writs Terminated	10	5	2	3	20
<i>Granted</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>19</i>
Supervisory Writs Pending	23	12	4	16	55

Petitions for Leave to Appeal

A petition for leave to appeal asks the Court of Appeals to invoke its discretionary jurisdiction and accept the appeal of a case in which a final order has not been issued. The Court of Appeals received eight and disposed of 12 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

DECEMBER 2024	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	5	0	2	1	8
Petitions Terminated	4	4	4	0	12
<i>Granted</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>12</i>
Petitions Pending	3	0	4	3	10

Petitions for Review, Petitions for Bypass, and Certifications to the Supreme Court

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. 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. The Supreme Court received 48 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, one petition to bypass the Court of Appeals, and no requests for certification this month.

DECEMBER 2024	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review Filed	17	12	7	12	48
<i>Civil</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Criminal</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>27</i>
Petitions for Bypass Filed	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Civil</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Criminal</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Certification Requests Filed	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Civil</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Criminal</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>