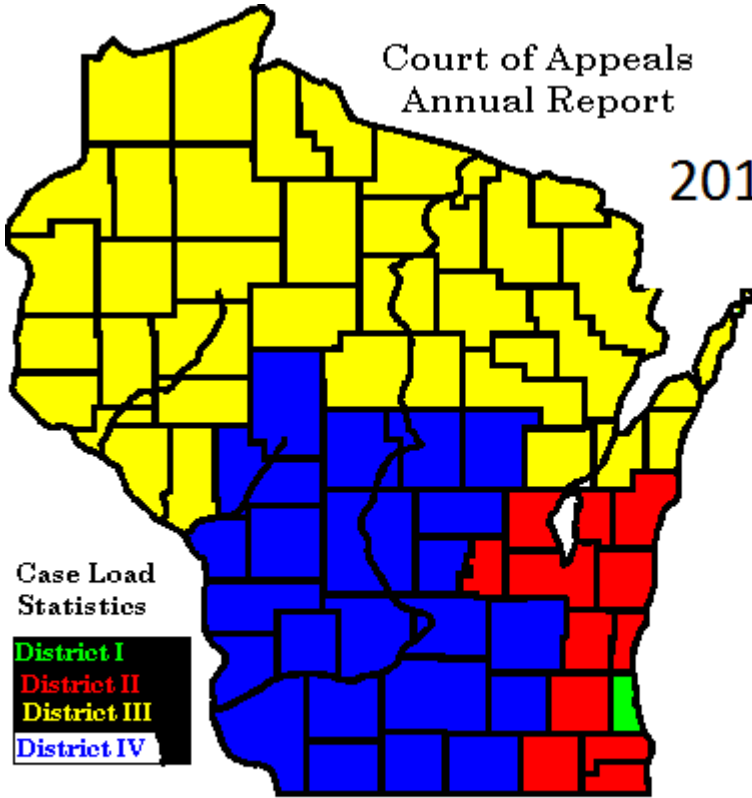


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**COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS**

District	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Filings</b>	<b><u>749</u></b>	<b><u>611</u></b>	<b><u>504</u></b>	<b><u>562</u></b>	<b><u>2426</u></b>
Civil	331	307	254	309	1201
Criminal	418	304	250	253	1225
Average filings per judge	187	153	168	112	152
Three-Judge	627	485	393	425	1930
One-Judge	122	126	111	137	496
No Merit Filings	202	123	130	97	552
Writs Filed	43	37	15	35	130
<i>Granted</i>	0	3	0	0	3
Leaves to Appeal Filed	24	49	21	39	133
<i>Granted</i>	8	14	3	5	30
Matter of Right	480	402	338	391	1611

Adjusted No-Merit Transfer	-53	+15	+6	+32	
Adjusted Caseload	-55	+27	-2	+30	
*Adjusted average/judge	160	163	169	125	152

\*Adjusted averages reflect cases gained or lost due to workload, panel disqualification and no-merit transfers. These figures do not reflect consolidation.

<b><u>Submission</u></b>	<b><u>211</u></b>	<b><u>255</u></b>	<b><u>168</u></b>	<b><u>265</u></b>	<b><u>899</u></b>
Cases on Briefs	204	254	165	261	884
Civil	88	134	103	154	479
Criminal	116	120	62	107	405
Percentage on briefs	97%	100%	98%	98%	98%
Cases Orally Argued	7	1	3	4	15
Civil	7	1	1	2	11
Criminal	0	0	2	2	4
Percentage Orally Argued	3%	0%	2%	2%	2%

Total Terminations	545	625	535	716	2421
Average terminations per judge	136	156	178	143	151



**Terminations by Opinion:**

<b><u>Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>208</u></b>	<b><u>184</u></b>	<b><u>203</u></b>	<b><u>238</u></b>	<b><u>833</u></b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>478</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>%s of Disposition:</b>					
<b>Affirmed</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Reversed</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Per Curiams</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>471</b>
<b>Signed Opinions</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>1-Judge Opinions*</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>3-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>183</b>

**Publication Data:**

<b>All Opinions*</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>747</b>
<b>Percentage Published</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Considered**</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>171</b>
<b><u>Published</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>82</u></b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>48%</b>

\* This figure reflects Dec 2015 and YTD Nov 2016 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>136</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>	<b><u>141</u></b>	<b><u>273</u></b>	<b><u>750</u></b>
Affirmance	30	73	15	143	261
Reversals	2	13	0	8	23
No Merits	101	109	120	115	445
Rejected No Merits	41	24	11	18	94
Dismissals	3	2	3	6	14
Other	0	3	3	1	7
<b><u>Memo Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>167</u></b>	<b><u>194</u></b>	<b><u>141</u></b>	<b><u>150</u></b>	<b><u>652</u></b>
Jurisdiction	28	17	18	15	78
Dismissals	23	26	42	6	97
Other	51	88	46	71	256
Writs Denied, etc.	41	32	20	29	122
Writs Granted	0	3	0	0	3
Leaves Denied, etc.	24	28	15	29	96
<b><u>Other</u></b>	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>47</u></b>	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>55</u></b>	<b><u>192</u></b>
Voluntary Dismissals	29	22	24	30	105
Dismissals	0	0	5	0	5
Stipulations	1	2	0	1	4
Other	10	23	21	24	78

**Motions and Petitions:**

<b>Motions Filed</b>	<b>5726</b>	<b>3684</b>	<b>2577</b>	<b>2965</b>	<b>14,952</b>
<b>Writs Terminated</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Writs Granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Leaves Terminated</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>126</b>

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

<b>12-31-16</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>2032</b>
<b>12-31-15</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>1965</b>

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

<b>Certifications Filed</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Certifications Granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Bypasses Granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Ct. App. Opinions Released</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>747</b>
<b>Petitions filed on Opns.</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>Percentage Filed</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b><u>Petitions Filed*</u></b>	<b><u>192</u></b>	<b><u>159</u></b>	<b><u>109</u></b>	<b><u>203</u></b>	<b><u>663</u></b>
<b>Civil*</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>Criminal*</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>344</b>
<b>Petitions Acted Upon*</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>642</b>
<b><u>Granted*</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>	<b><u>47</u></b>
<b>Civil*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Criminal*</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>SC Opinions on Petitions</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>36</b>
<b><u>Affirmed</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>14</u> <u>39%</u></b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7 19%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7 19%</b>
<b><u>Reversed</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>10</u> <u>28%</u></b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5 14%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5 14%</b>
<b><u>Other**</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>12</u> <u>33%</u></b>
<b>Civil</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9 25%</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 8%</b>

\*Consolidated NOT counted as one.

\*\*Affirmed and remanded; affirmed in part, reversed in part; reversed and remanded; SC divided so no opinion.