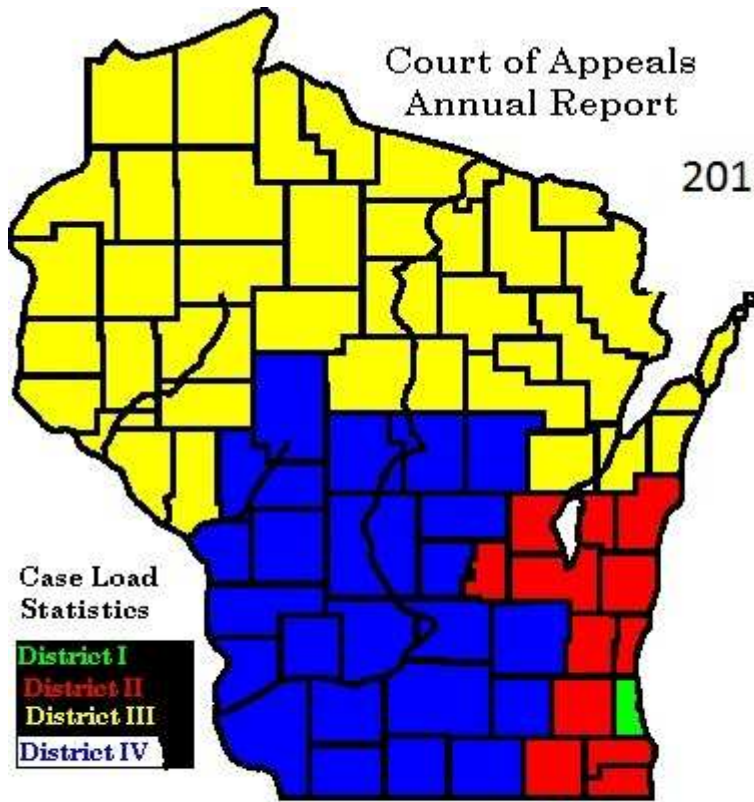


Court of Appeals
Annual Report

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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>
<u>Filings</u>	<u>675</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>537</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>2377</u>
Civil	267	268	276	306	1117
Criminal	408	364	261	227	1260
Average filings per judge	169	158	179	107	149
Three-Judge	570	515	442	411	1938
One-Judge	105	117	95	122	439
No Merit Filings	195	150	117	91	553
Writs Filed	41	21	16	37	115
<i>Granted</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>
Leaves to Appeal Filed	29	41	42	17	129
<i>Granted</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>16</i>
Matter of Right	410	420	362	388	1580

Adjusted No-Merits*	-17	+16	-6	+7
Adjusted Caseload*	-43	-29	+20	+52

* These figures reflect consolidated cases as one.

<u>Submission*</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>952</u>
Cases on Briefs	242	236	186	279	943
Civil	84	114	99	148	445
Criminal	158	122	87	131	498
Percentage on briefs	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
Cases Orally Argued	2	2	1	4	9
Civil	1	1	1	4	7
Criminal	1	1	0	0	2
Percentage Orally Argued	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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Total Terminations	663	640	516	661	2480
Average terminations per judge	166	160	172	132	155

District I II III IV Total

Percentages of Total Terminations:

Opinion	40%	24%	34%	32%	32%
Summary Disposition	33%	45%	26%	37%	36%
Memo Opinion	20%	25%	33%	23%	25%
Other	7%	6%	7%	9%	7%

Percentages of Civil/Criminal Affirmances:

Civil: % Affirmed	93%	86%	85%	85%	88%
Criminal: % Affirmed	88%	88%	82%	82%	85%

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 Decision:

Notice of Appeal to Decision	311	262	286	291	289
Three-Judge Opinions	411	465	428	368	415
One-Judge Opinions	247	224	355	222	252
Per Curiam Opinions	499	449	438	403	442
Summary Dispositions					
without No Merits	386	352	456	395	384
No Merit SMDs	323	282	336	404	333
Memo Opinions	164	86	110	111	116
Orders**	54	39	33	63	51
Fast Tracks	N/A	167	168	186	170

* For all categories: from Notice of Appeal to Decision

**Does not include voluntary dismissals.

Terminations by Opinion:

<u>Opinions</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>803</u>
Civil	124	82	95	116	417
Percentage	47%	53%	54%	55%	52%
Criminal	138	72	82	94	386
Percentage	53%	47%	46%	45%	48%
%s of Disposition:					
Affirmed	89%	79%	81%	78%	83%
Reversed	5%	13%	11%	14%	10%
Other	5%	8%	8%	9%	7%
Per Curiams	81	79	114	114	388
Signed Opinions	181	75	63	97	416
1-Judge Opinions	90	45	33	59	227
3-Judge Opinions	91	30	30	38	189

Publication Data:

All Opinions**†	208	155	177	208	748
Percentage Published	7%	10%	9%	7%	8%
Considered**	68	34	33	36	171
<u>Published</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>60</u>
Civil	10	6	14	12	42
Criminal	4	10	2	2	18
Percentage	21%	47%	48%	39%	35%

* This figure reflects Dec 2017 and YTD Nov 2018 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

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

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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):

<u>Summary Dispositions</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>882</u>
Affirmance	72	116	28	110	326
Reversals	1	7	1	6	15
No Merits	142	163	101	124	530
Rejected No Merits	11	7	6	14	38
Dismissals	2	1	2	2	7
Other	1	1	2	0	4
<u>Memo Opinions</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>612</u>
Jurisdiction	18	28	22	24	92
Dismissals	10	14	33	13	70
Other	54	58	60	60	232
Writs Denied, etc.	29	24	16	38	107
Writs Granted	6	1	2	0	9
Leaves Denied, etc.	18	34	36	14	102
<u>Other</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>181</u>
Voluntary Dismissals	30	21	17	22	90
Dismissals	10	2	0	2	14
Stipulations	0	0	0	4	4
Other	8	17	17	31	73

Motions and Petitions:

Motions Filed	5679	4002	2986	3209	15,876
Writs Terminated	35	25	18	38	116
Writs Granted	6	1	2	0	9
Leaves Terminated	21	39	41	17	118

Pending Cases (current assigned panel):

12-31-18	612	482	453	476	2023
12-31-17	651	487	405	543	2086

SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY
Consolidated Cases Counted as One

Certifications Filed	0	1	3	3	7
Certifications Granted	0	1	2	1	4
Bypasses Granted	2	0	0	0	2

Ct. App. Opinions Released	212	147	169	201	729
Petitions filed on Opns.	135	58	74	92	359
Percentage Filed	64%	39%	44%	46%	49%
<u>Petitions Filed*</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>747</u>
Civil*	101	54	47	78	280
Criminal*	153	116	85	113	467
<u>Petitions Acted Upon*</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>729</u>
<u>Granted*</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>57</u>
Civil*	7	8	12	14	41
Criminal*	5	3	2	6	16
SC Opinions on Petitions	7	19	9	18	53
<u>Affirmed</u>	3	13	3	10	29 55%
Civil	2	4	2	5	13 25%
Criminal	1	9	1	5	16 30%
<u>Reversed</u>	3	5	5	7	20 38%
Civil	3	4	4	5	16 30%
Criminal	0	1	1	2	4 8%
<u>Other**</u>	1	1	1	1	4 8%
Civil	0	0	1	0	1 2%
Criminal	1	1	0	1	3 6%

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

**Affirmed in part, reversed in part.