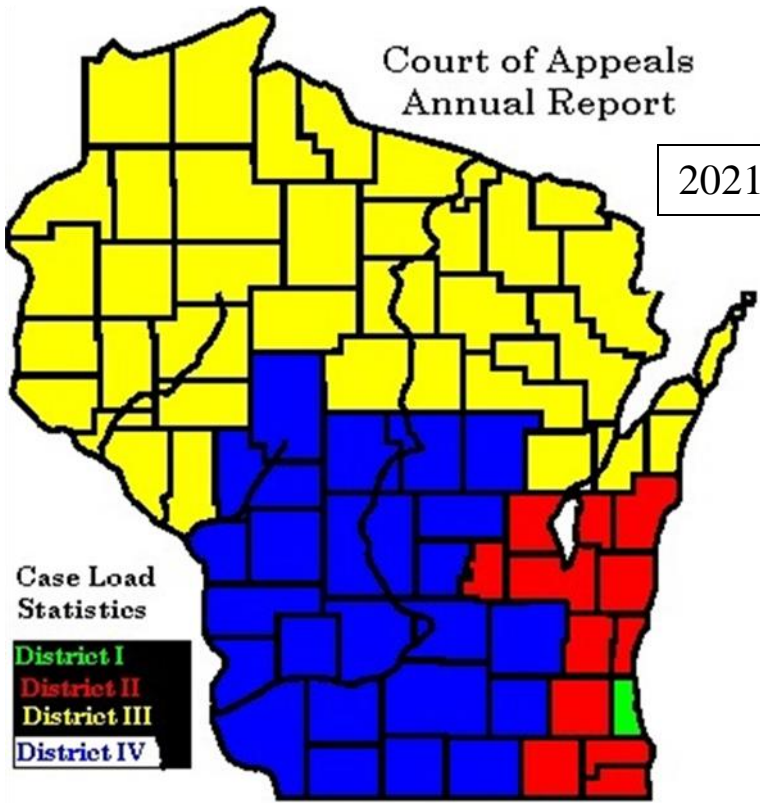


Court of Appeals  
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## 2021 COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS

District	I	II	III	IV	Total
<b>Filings</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>2156</b>
Civil	243	273	232	294	1042
Criminal	330	307	258	219	1114
Average filings per judge†	143	145	163	103	135
Three-Judge	490	453	378	413	1734
One-Judge	83	127	112	100	422
No Merit Filings	140	114	75	73	402
Writs Filed	28	35	8	35	106
<i>Granted</i>	3	1	2	1	7
Leaves to Appeal Filed	28	39	34	31	132
<i>Granted</i>	5	4	7	8	24
Matter of Right	377	392	373	374	1516

† These figures do not reflect that a District IV Judge was assigned to cases in another district.

<b>Submission*</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>815</b>
Cases on Briefs	244	203	187	174	808
Civil	88	97	96	101	382
Criminal	156	106	91	73	426
Percentage on briefs	100%	100%	100%	97%	99%
Cases Orally Argued	0	1	0	6	7
Civil	0	1	0	5	6
Criminal	0	0	0	1	1
Percentage Orally Argued	0%	0.5%	0%	3.3%	0.9%

\* These figures reflect consolidated cases as one.

<b>Total Terminations</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>2206</b>
Average terminations per judge†	148	152	164	104	138

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**Terminations by Opinion:**

<b><u>Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>188</u></b>	<b><u>151</u></b>	<b><u>189</u></b>	<b><u>179</u></b>	<b><u>707</u></b>
Civil	89	87	113	109	398
Percentage	47%	58%	60%	61%	56%
Criminal	99	64	76	70	309
Percentage	53%	42%	40%	39%	44%
<b>%s of Disposition:</b>					
Affirmed	77%	79%	75%	76%	77%
Reversed	13%	16%	18%	13%	15%
Other	11%	5%	7%	11%	8%
<b>Per Curiams</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>386</b>
<b>Signed Opinions</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>321</b>
<b>1-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>3-Judge Opinions</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>160</b>

**Publication Data:**

<b>All Opinions*†</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>610</b>
<b>Percentage Published</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Considered**</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>145</b>
<b><u>Published</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>22</u></b>	<b><u>77</u></b>
Civil	9	17	10	13	49
Criminal	1	10	8	9	28
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>53%</b>

\* This figure reflects Dec 2020 and YTD Nov 2021 three-judge, one-judge and per curiam opinions.

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

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

Certifications Filed	0	3	5	0	8
Certifications Granted	0	2	1	0	3
Bypasses Granted	2	0	2	2	6

Ct. App. Opinions Released	163	126	186	165	640
Petitions filed on Opns.	79	50	56	46	231
Percentage Filed	48%	40%	30%	28%	36%
<u>Petitions Filed*</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>619</u>
Civil*	75	54	48	63	240
Criminal*	144	107	63	65	379
Petitions Acted Upon*	217	175	118	131	641
<u>Granted*</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>62</u>
Civil*	10	10	6	9	35
Criminal*	9	6	4	8	27
SC Opinions on Petitions	11	12	7	14	44
<u>Affirmed</u>	3	6	5	8	22 50%
Civil	2	4	5	4	15 34%
Criminal	1	2	0	4	7 16%
<u>Reversed</u>	7	2	2	4	15 34%
Civil	4	2	2	2	10 23%
Criminal	3	0	0	2	5 11%
<u>Other**</u>	1	4	0	2	7 16%
Civil	1	2	0	2	5 11%
Criminal	0	2	0	0	2 5%

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

\*\*Affirmed in part, reversed in part.