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WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2019

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Supreme Court during the month of October 2019 and to date for the term that began on September 1, 2019.

Opinions Issued by the Court

The Supreme Court issued opinions resolving 3 cases in October. Information about these opinions, including the Court's dispositions and the names of the authoring justices, can be found on the attached table.

	<u>October 2019</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Total number of cases resolved by opinion	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
Attorney disciplinary cases	3	6
Judicial disciplinary cases.....	0	0
Bar Admissions	0	0
Civil cases	0	0
Criminal cases	0	0

Petitions for Review

A total of 54 petitions for review were filed during the month. A petition for review asks the Supreme Court to review the decision of the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court's jurisdiction is discretionary, meaning that review is granted in selected cases only. In October, the Supreme Court disposed of 47 petitions for review, of which 6 petitions were granted. The Supreme Court currently has 169 petitions for review pending.

	<u>October 2019</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Review filed	54	109
Civil cases	15	34
Criminal cases.....	39	75

Petition for Review dispositions	47	88
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	17 (4)	33 (6)
Criminal cases (petitions granted)	30 (2)	55 (4)

Petitions for Bypass

In October, the Supreme Court received 3 petitions for bypass and disposed of one petition for bypass. 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. A matter appropriate for bypass is usually one which meets one or more of the criteria for review by the Supreme Court and one the Supreme Court concludes it will ultimately choose to consider regardless of how the Court of Appeals might decide the issues. A petition for bypass may also be granted where there is a clear need to hasten the ultimate appellate decision. The Supreme Court currently has 5 petitions for bypass pending.

	<u>October 2019</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Bypass filed	3	3
Civil cases	3	3
Criminal cases	0	0
Petition for Bypass dispositions.....	1	1
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	1 (0)	1 (0)
Criminal cases (petitions granted)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Requests for Certification

During October, 2019, the Supreme Court received no requests for certification and disposed of no requests for certification. 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. A request for certification is decided on the basis of the same criteria as a petition to bypass. The Supreme Court currently has no requests for certification pending.

	<u>October 2019</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Requests for Certification filed.....	0	<u>0</u>
Civil cases	0	0
Criminal cases	0	0
Request for Certification dispositions.....	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil cases (requests granted)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Criminal cases (requests granted)	0 (0)	1 (0)

Regulatory Matters, Supervisory Writs, and Original Actions

During the month, a total of 2 matters within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Court (bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline) were filed and no such cases were reopened. The Supreme Court also received 4 petitions for supervisory writ, which asks the Supreme Court to order the Court of Appeals or a Circuit Court to take a certain action in a case. One original action was filed. An original action is a petition asking the Supreme Court to take jurisdiction over a particular matter. When an opinion is issued in these cases, the disposition is included in “Opinions Issued by the Court” above; otherwise, the case is disposed of by order and is included in the totals below. The Supreme Court currently has 110 regulatory matters and 12 petitions for supervisory writ pending.

	<u>October 2019</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
<u>Filings</u>		
Attorney discipline (including reopened cases).....	1	9
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	1	1
Petitions for Supervisory Writ	4	9
Other (including Original Actions).....	1	1
 <u>Dispositions by Order</u>		
Attorney discipline.....	0	0
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ	7	10
Other (including Original Actions).....	2	3

**DECISIONS BY THE
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT
OPINIONS ISSUED DURING OCTOBER 2019**

Docket No.
#2019AP543-D

Title
In the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings
Against Courtney Kahtleen Kelbel, Attorney
at Law: Office of Lawyer Regulation v.
Courtney Kathleen Kelbel.

Date
10/22/2019

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Courtney Kathleen Kelbel to practice law in Wisconsin is suspended for a period of six months, effective the date of this order. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within 60 days of the date of this order, Courtney Kathleen Kelbel shall pay to the Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection the amount of \$4,625. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within 60 days of the date of this order, Courtney Kathleen Kelbel shall pay to the Office of Lawyer Regulation the costs of this proceeding, which are \$1,037.25 as of July 24, 2019. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, to the extent she has not already done so, Courtney Kathleen Kelbel shall comply with the provisions of SCR 22.26 concerning the duties of an attorney whose license to practice law has been suspended. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the restitution specified above is to be completed prior to paying costs to the Office of Lawyer Regulation. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that compliance with all conditions with this order is required for reinstatement. See SCR 22.29(4). **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the temporary suspension of Courtney Kathleen Kelbel's Wisconsin law license imposed on October 9, 2018, is hereby lifted.

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#2019AP900-D

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceedings
Against Nicholas C. Kefalos, Attorney at
Law: Office of Lawyer Regulation v.
Nicholas C. Kefalos -- **IT IS ORDERED** that
the license of Nicholas C. Kefalos to practice
law in Wisconsin is suspended for a period of
six months, effective December 3, 2019. **IT
IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Nicholas C.
Kefalos shall comply with the provisions of
SCR 22.26 concerning the duties of a person
whose license to practice law in Wisconsin
has been suspended. **IT IS FURTHER
ORDERED** that compliance with all
conditions of this order is required for
reinstatement. See SCR 22.29(4)(c).
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#2019AP1426-D

In the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings
Against Jeffrey P. White, Attorney at Law:
Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Jeffrey P.
White – **IT IS ORDERED** that the license of
Jeffrey P. White to practice law in Wisconsin
is suspended for nine months, effective the
date of this order, as discipline reciprocal to
that imposed by the Maine Supreme Judicial
Court. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that,
to the extent he has not already done so,
Jeffrey P. White shall comply with the
provisions of SCR 22.26 concerning the
duties of a person whose license to practice
law in Wisconsin has been suspended. **IT IS
FURTHER ORDERED** that compliance
with all conditions of this order is required for
reinstatement. See SCR 22.29(4)(c). **IT IS
FURTHER ORDERED** that the
administrative suspension of Jeffrey P. White,
due to his failure to pay State Bar dues and
failure to submit the required trust account
certification to the State Bar, will remain in
effect until each reason for the administrative
suspension has been rectified, pursuant to
SCR 22.28(1).
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