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## WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### DECEMBER 2021

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Supreme Court during the month of December, 2021 and to date for the term that began on September 1, 2021.

#### Opinions Issued by the Court

The Supreme Court issued opinions resolving 2 cases in December. Information about these opinions, including the Court's dispositions and the names of the authoring justices, can be found on the attached table.

	<u>December 2021</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Total number of cases resolved by opinion .....	<u>2</u>	<u>15</u>
Attorney disciplinary cases .....	1	5
Judicial disciplinary cases.....	0	0
Bar Admissions .....	0	0
Civil cases .....	1	7
Criminal cases .....	0	3

#### Petitions for Review

A total of 52 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 December, the Supreme Court disposed of 30 petitions for review, of which 1 petition were granted. The Supreme Court currently has 175 petitions for review pending.

	<u>December 2021</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Review filed .....	52	169
Civil cases .....	20	71
Criminal cases .....	32	98

Petition for Review dispositions .....	30	216
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	9 (1)	89 (13)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	21 (0)	127 (10)

### Petitions for Bypass

In December, the Supreme Court received 3 petitions for bypass and disposed of 2 petitions 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>December 2021</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Petitions for Bypass filed .....	3	8
Civil cases .....	2	7
Criminal cases .....	1	1
Petition for Bypass dispositions.....	2	6
Civil cases (petitions granted).....	2 (2)	6 (4)
Criminal cases (petitions granted) .....	0 (0)	0 (0)

### Requests for Certification

During December 2021, the Supreme Court received 2 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 3 requests for certification pending.

	<u>December 2021</u>	<u>Term to Date</u>
Requests for Certification filed.....	2	3
Civil cases .....	2	2
Criminal cases .....	0	1
Request for Certification dispositions.....	0	1
Civil cases (requests granted) .....	0 (0)	1 (1)
Criminal cases (requests granted) .....	0 (0)	0 (0)

Regulatory Matters, Supervisory Writs, and Original Actions

During the month, a total of no matters within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Court (bar admission, lawyer discipline, and judicial discipline) were filed and no such case was reopened. The Supreme Court also received no 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. There were no original actions 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 98 regulatory matters and 17 petitions for supervisory writs pending.

	<u>December 2021</u> <u>Term to Date</u>	
<u>Filings</u>		
Attorney discipline (including reopened cases).....	0	2
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....	4	16
Other (including Original Actions).....	0	1
 <u>Dispositions by Order</u>		
Attorney discipline.....	0	0
Judicial discipline.....	0	0
Bar admission.....	0	0
Petitions for Supervisory Writ .....	2	11
Other (including Original Actions).....	0	0

**DECISIONS BY THE  
WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT  
OPINIONS ISSUED DURING DECEMBER 2021**

<b><u>Docket No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
#2019AP1479	<b><u>City of Waukesha v. City of Waukesha Board of Review:</u></b> <b>THE DECISION OF THE COURT OF APPEALS IS AFFIRMED.</b> ANN WALSH BRADLEY, J. delivered the majority opinion for a unanimous Court.	12/21/2021
#2019AP1845-D	<b><u>Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Eric L. Crandall:</u></b> <b>PER CURIAM.</b> <b>IT IS ORDERED</b> that the license of Eric L. Crandall to practice law in Wisconsin is suspended for a period of 60 days, effective February 1, 2022. <b>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED</b> that within 60 days of the date of this order, Eric L. Crandall shall pay to the Office of Lawyer Regulation the full costs of this proceeding, which are \$5,824.25 as of October 6, 2021. <b>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED</b> that Eric L. Crandall 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. <b>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED</b> that compliance with all conditions of this order is required for reinstatement. See SCR 22.28(2).	12/21/2021