



SUPREME COURT  
State of Delaware

2011 Annual Report Statistical Information

## SUPREME COURT

### Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2011 - Filings

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		386	100.0%	-		-		386	100%
Civil Appeals	54	18.8%	155	54.0%	78	27.2%	-		287	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		41	100.0%	41	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2011 - Dispositions

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		399	100.0%	-		-		399	100%
Civil Appeals	59	18.7%	157	49.8%	99	31.4%	-		315	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		46	100.0%	46	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>73.2%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Original Applications include Certifications, Bd. On Prof. Resp., Bd. Of Bar Exam., Un. Prac. Law, Advisory Opinions, and Other.

Bd. on Prof. Resp. = Board on Professional Responsibility

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Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2011 - Appeals</b>																		
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/ Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other*		Total	
Criminal Appeals	265	66.3%	2	0.5%	15	3.8%	13	3.3%	21	5.3%	84	21.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	400	100.0%
Civil Appeals	176	48.9%	4	1.1%	26	7.2%	4	1.1%	41	11.4%	74	20.6%	22	6.1%	13	3.6%	360	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>58.0%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Methods of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2011</b>												
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Order		Voluntary Dismissal		Other*		Total	
Criminal Appeals	39	9.8%	0		340	85.2%	20	5.0%	0		399	100%
Civil Appeals	54	17.1%	0		219	69.5%	42	13.3%	0		315	100%
Certifications	0		1	100.0%	0		0		0		1	100%
Original Applications	0		0		28	100.0%	0		0		28	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0		1	9.1%	10	90.9%	0		0		11	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Un. Prac. Law	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Advisory Opinions	1	100.0%	0		0		0		0		1	100%
Other	0		0		5	100.0%	0		0		5	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>79.2%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Includes any types or methods of dispositions not further broken down in these categories.

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<b>Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2011 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type</b>			
Type of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Affirmed	441	205.6 days	44.6 days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	6	294.8 days	50.8 days
Reversed	41	322.6 days	47.6 days
Remanded	17	177.9 days	21.7 days
Voluntary Dismissal	62	77.5 days	0.0 days
Court Dismissal	158	92.1 days	16.3 days
Leave to Appeal Denied	22	18.2 days	9.0 days
Other	13	78.4 days	20.0 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>170.4 days</b>	<b>33.3 days</b>

<b>Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2011 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Method</b>			
Method of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Assigned Opinion	94	320.0 days	50.6 days
Per Curiam Opinion	2	106.5 days	32.0 days
Order	602	156.8 days	34.0 days
Voluntary Dismissal	62	77.5 days	0.00 days
Other	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>170.4 days</b>	<b>33.3 days</b>

\*Average time from date submitted for judicial decision to actual date of disposition. The time for a case that is submitted and disposed in the same day is zero. Not all Supreme Court cases require a judicial decision.

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<b>Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2011 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition</b>			
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Criminal Appeals	399	180.9 days	37.2 days
Civil Appeals	315	172.0 days	28.0 days
Certifications	1	170.0 days	51.0 days
Original Applications	28	52.9 days	32.1 days
BPR&BBE	11	73.4 days	18.8 days
Un. Prac. Law	0	-	-
Advisory Opinions	1	42.0 days	2.0 days
Other	5	23.8 days	10.8 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>170.4 days</b>	<b>33.3 days</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2010-2011 - Average Time From Filing to Disposition</b>				
	2010	2011	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	169.5 days	180.9 days	11.5 days	6.8%
Civil Appeals	152.4 days	172.0 days	19.6 days	12.9%
Certifications	197.0 days	170.0 days	-27.0 days	-13.7%
Original Applications	39.9 days	52.9 days	13.0 days	32.6%
BPR&BBE	41.3 days	73.4 days	32.0 days	77.5%
Un. Prac. Law	77.0 days	-	-	-
Advisory Opinions	-	42.0 days	-	-
Other	5.0 days	23.8 days	18.8 days	376.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>153.0 days</b>	<b>170.4 days</b>	<b>17.3 days</b>	<b>11.3%</b>

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2010-2011 - Filings</b>				
	2010	2011	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	410	386	-24	-5.9%
Civil Appeals	304	287	-17	-5.6%
Certifications	2	2	0	0.0%
Original Applications	39	25	-14	-35.9%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	12	9	-3	-25.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0	-	-
Un. Prac. Law	1	0	-	-
Advisory Opinions	1	0	-	-
Other	1	5	4	400.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>- 7.3%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2010-2011 - Dispositions</b>				
	2010	2011	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	401	399	-2	-0.5%
Civil Appeals	273	315	42	15.4%
Certifications	2	1	-1	-50.0%
Original Applications	34	28	-6	-17.6%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	11	11	0	0.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	1	0	-	-
Un. Prac. Law	1	0	-	-
Advisory Opinions	0	1	-	-
Other	1	5	4	400.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

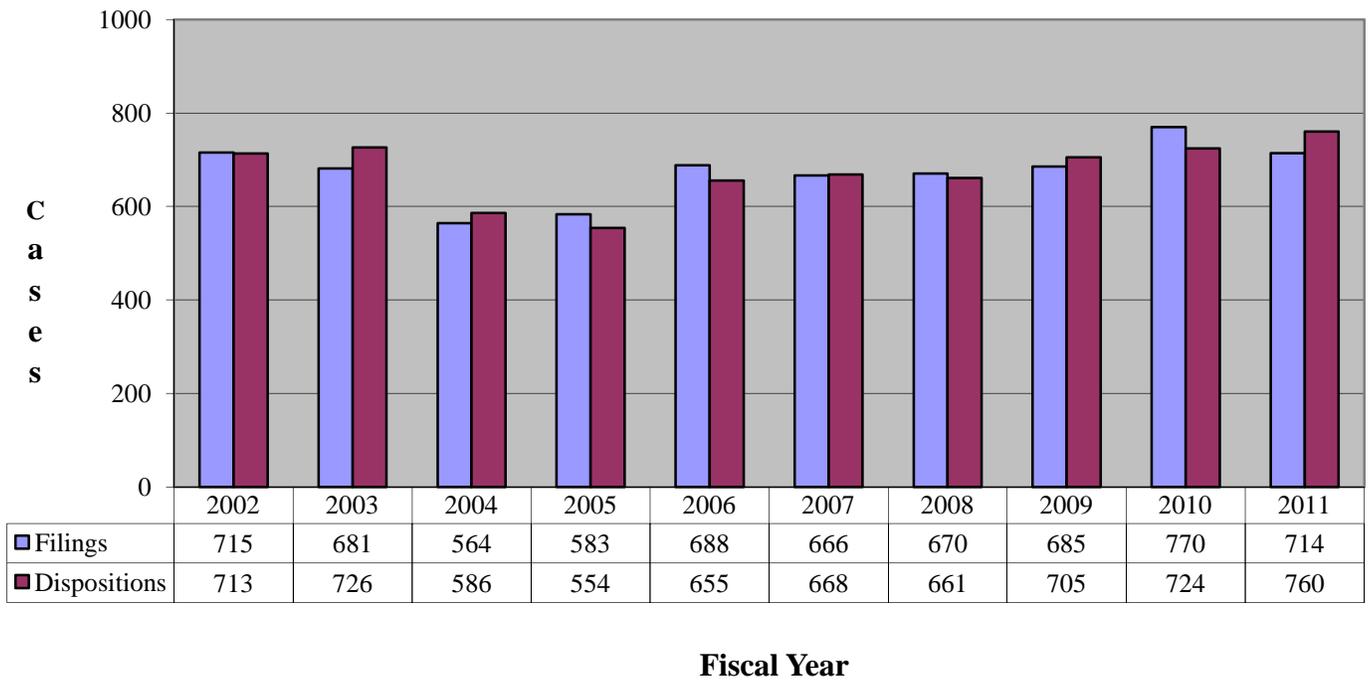
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### Supreme Court 10 Year Total Caseload Trend



**Fiscal Year**