

SUPREME COURT  
State of Delaware

2007 Annual Report Statistical Information

## SUPREME COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	339	340	1	0.3%
Civil Appeals	289	264	-25	-8.7%
Certifications	1	0	-	-
Original Applications	38	41	3	7.9%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	17	15	-2	-11.8%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	1	1	0	0.0%
Un. Prac. Law	0	1	-	-
Advisory Opinions	1	0	-	-
Other	2	4	2	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>- 3.2%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	321	338	17	5.3%
Civil Appeals	275	267	-8	-2.9%
Certifications	1	0	-	-
Original Applications	39	39	0	0.0%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	17	17	0	0.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	2	-	-
Un. Prac. Law	0	1	-	-
Advisory Opinions	0	1	-	-
Other	2	3	1	50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

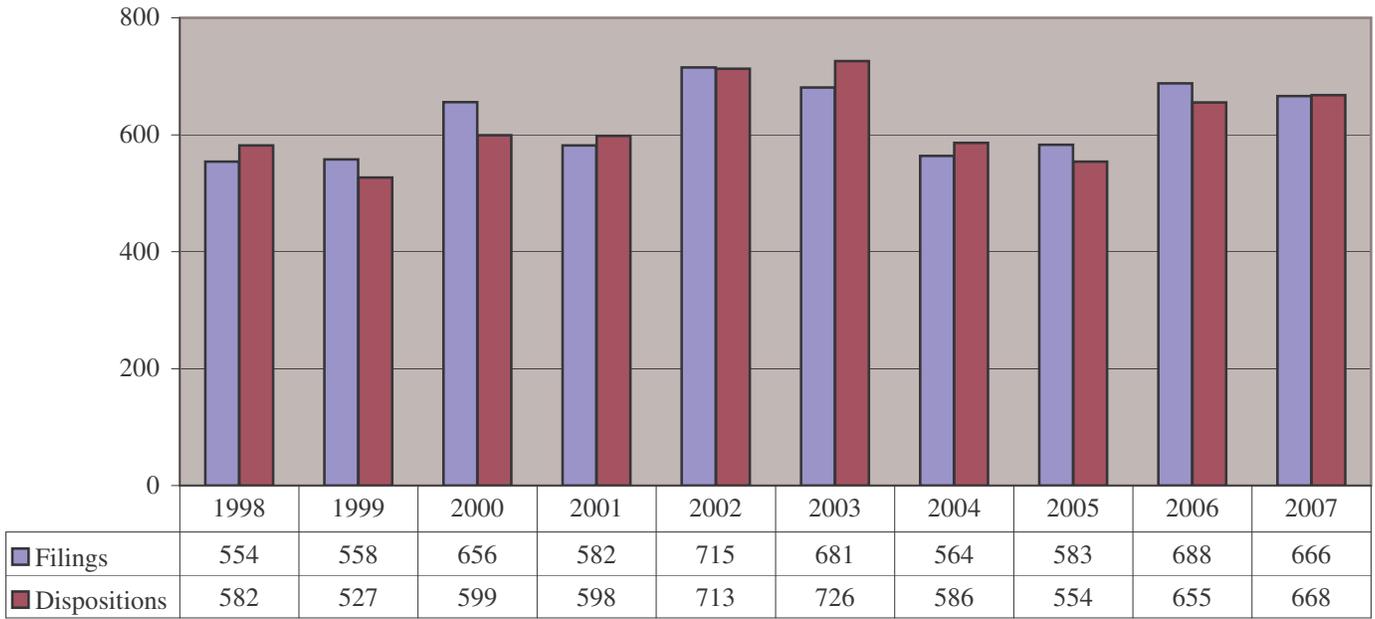
Bd. on Prof. Resp. = Board on Professional Responsibility

Bd. of Bar Exam. = Board of Bar Examiners

Un. Prac. Law = Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law

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

### Supreme Court 10 Year Total Caseload Trend



**Fiscal Year**

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### Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Filings

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		340	100.0%	-		-		340	100%
Civil Appeals	43	16.3%	150	56.8%	71	26.9%	-		264	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		62	100.0%	62	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Dispositions

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		338	100.0%	-		-		338	100%
Civil Appeals	49	18.4%	145	54.3%	73	27.3%	-		267	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		63	100.0%	63	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>72.3%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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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 2007 - Appeals</b>																		
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/ Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	245	72.5%	0	0.0%	10	3.0%	4	1.2%	27	8.0%	49	14.5%	0	0.0%	3	0.9%	338	100.0%
Civil Appeals	128	38.8%	9	2.7%	19	5.8%	3	0.9%	51	15.5%	85	25.8%	13	3.9%	22	6.7%	330	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>20.1%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Methods of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007</b>												
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Written Order		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	34	10.1%	0		277	82.0%	27	8.0%	0		338	100%
Civil Appeals	43	16.1%	0		177	66.3%	47	17.6%	0		267	100%
Certifications	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Original Applications	1	2.6%	0		36	92.3%	2	5.1%	0		39	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0		6	35.3%	10	58.8%	1	5.9%	0		17	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0.0%	0		1	50.0%	1	50.0%	0		2	100%
Un. Prac. Law	0		0		1	100.0%	0		0		1	100%
Advisory Opinions	1	100.0%	0		0		0		0		1	100%
Other	0		0		3	100.0%	0		0		3	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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<b>Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2007 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition</b>			
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Criminal Appeals	338	202.8 days	43.8 days
Civil Appeals	267	182.9 days	30.0 days
Certifications	0	-	-
Original Applications	39	59.8 days	37.3 days
BPR&BBE	19	141.1 days	34.4 days
Un. Prac. Law	1	77.0 days	12.0 days
Advisory Opinions	1	56.0 days	10.0 days
Other	3	45.3 days	23.7 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>183.8 days</b>	<b>37.8 days</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Average Time From Filing to Disposition</b>				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	200.7 days	202.8 days	2.1 days	1.0%
Civil Appeals	168.0 days	182.9 days	14.9 days	8.9%
Certifications	13.0 days	-	-	-
Original Applications	68.3 days	59.8 days	-8.5 days	-12.5%
BPR&BBE	44.1 days	141.1 days	97.0 days	220.1%
Un. Prac. Law	-	77.0 days	-	-
Advisory Opinions	-	56.0 days	-	-
Other	44.5 days	45.3 days	0.8 days	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>175.3 days</b>	<b>183.8 days</b>	<b>8.5 days</b>	<b>4.8%</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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Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type			
Type of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Affirmed	373	221.3 days	46.6 days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	9	219.7 days	47.4 days
Reversed	29	310.5 days	69.0 days
Remanded	7	346.9 days	34.1 days
Voluntary Dismissal	78	110.9 days	0.0 days
Court Dismissal	134	106.0 days	31.3 days
Leave to Appeal Denied	13	28.5 days	16.2 days
Other	25	144.0 days	30.6 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>183.8 days</b>	<b>37.8 days</b>

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Method			
Method of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Assigned Opinion	79	308.6 days	61.7 days
Per Curium Opinion	6	120.0 days	48.7 days
Written Order	505	176.3 days	39.7 days
Voluntary Dismissal	78	110.9 days	0.00 days
Other	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>183.8 days</b>	<b>37.8 days</b>

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