



SUPREME COURT
State of Delaware

2008 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Filings				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	340	344	4	1.2%
Civil Appeals	264	268	4	1.5%
Certifications	0	5	-	-
Original Applications	41	37	-4	-9.8%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	15	14	-1	-6.7%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	1	1	0	0.0%
Un. Prac. Law	1	0	-	-
Advisory Opinions	0	1	-	-
Other	4	0	-	-
Total	666	670	4	0.6%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Dispositions				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	338	339	1	0.3%
Civil Appeals	267	271	4	1.5%
Certifications	0	3	-	-
Original Applications	39	31	-8	-20.5%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	17	14	-3	-17.6%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	2	1	-1	-50.0%
Un. Prac. Law	1	1	0	0.0%
Advisory Opinions	1	1	0	0.0%
Other	3	0	-	-
Total	668	661	- 7	- 1.0%

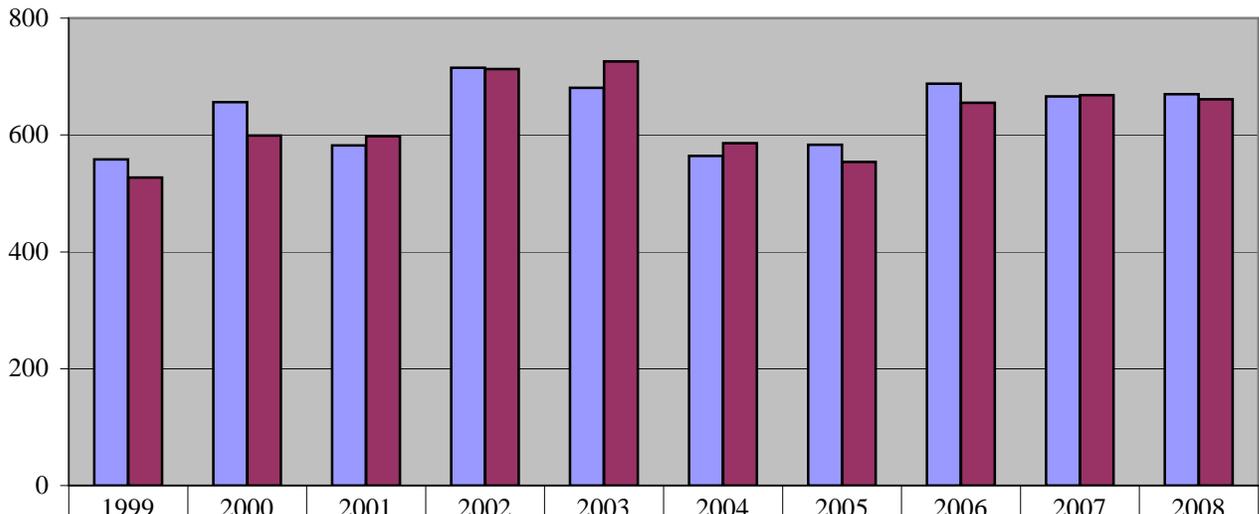
Bd. on Prof. Resp. = Board on Professional Responsibility

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



■ Filings	558	656	582	715	681	564	583	688	666	670
■ Dispositions	527	599	598	713	726	586	554	655	668	661

Fiscal Year

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Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Filings

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		344	100.0%	-		-		344	100%
Civil Appeals	45	16.8%	163	60.8%	60	22.4%	-		268	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		58	100.0%	58	100%
Total	45	6.7%	507	75.7%	60	9.0%	58	8.7%	670	100%

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Dispositions

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		339	100.0%	-		-		339	100%
Civil Appeals	46	17.0%	169	62.4%	56	20.7%	-		271	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		51	100.0%	51	100%
Total	46	7.0%	508	76.9%	56	8.5%	51	7.7%	661	100%

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

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Appeals																		
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/ Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	256	75.5%	4	1.2%	10	2.9%	6	1.8%	13	3.8%	46	13.6%	0	0.0%	4	1.2%	339	100.0%
Civil Appeals	145	45.0%	6	1.9%	23	7.1%	4	1.2%	48	14.9%	62	19.3%	18	5.6%	16	5.0%	322	100.0%
Total	401	60.7%	10	1.5%	33	5.0%	10	1.5%	61	9.2%	108	16.3%	18	2.7%	20	3.0%	661	100.0%

Methods of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008												
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Written Order		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	33	9.7%	0		292	86.1%	13	3.8%	1	0.3%	339	100%
Civil Appeals	38	14.0%	0		186	68.6%	47	17.3%	0		271	100%
Certifications	0		0		3	100.0%	0		0		3	100%
Original Applications	0		0		30	96.8%	1	3.2%	0		31	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0		0		14	100.0%	0		0		14	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0		0		1	100.0%	0		0		1	100%
Un. Prac. Law	0		1	100.0%	0		0		0		1	100%
Advisory Opinions	1	100.0%	0		0		0		0		1	100%
Other	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Total	72	10.9%	1	0.2%	526	79.6%	61	9.2%	1	0.2%	661	100%

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Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2008 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition			
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Criminal Appeals	339	214.2 days	47.0 days
Civil Appeals	271	190.6 days	32.4 days
Certifications	3	7.3 days	5.7 days
Original Applications	31	49.4 days	27.8 days
BPR&BBE	15	83.7 days	17.2 days
Un. Prac. Law	1	247.0 days	8.0 days
Advisory Opinions	1	4.0 days	1.0 days
Other	0	-	-
Total	661	193.4 days	39.6 days

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Average Time From Filing to Disposition				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	202.8 days	214.2 days	11.4 days	5.6%
Civil Appeals	182.9 days	190.6 days	7.7 days	4.2%
Certifications	-	7.3 days	-	-
Original Applications	59.8 days	49.4 days	-10.4 days	-17.4%
BPR&BBE	141.1 days	83.7 days	-57.3 days	-40.6%
Un. Prac. Law	77.0 days	247.0 days	170.0 days	220.8%
Advisory Opinions	56.0 days	4.0 days	-52.0 days	-92.9%
Other	45.3 days	-	-	-
Total	183.8 days	193.4 days	9.6 days	5.2%

*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 2008 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type			
Type of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Affirmed	401	232.7 days	49.7 days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	10	463.7 days	79.7 days
Reversed	33	266.9 days	59.5 days
Remanded	10	298.7 days	45.3 days
Voluntary Dismissal	61	109.4 days	0.0 days
Court Dismissal	108	83.2 days	22.8 days
Leave to Appeal Denied	18	11.9 days	7.4 days
Other	20	111.9 days	20.4 days
Total	661	193.4 days	39.6 days

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - 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	72	317.3 days	71.1 days
Per Curium Opinion	1	247.0 days	8.0 days
Written Order	526	186.5 days	40.0 days
Voluntary Dismissal	61	109.4 days	0.00 days
Other	1	3.0 days	0.00 days
Total	661	193.4 days	39.6 days

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