



SUPREME COURT
State of Delaware

2012 Annual Report Statistical Information

SUPREME COURT**Caseload Summary - Fiscal Year 2012**

	Filings	Dispositions
Criminal Appeals	381	385
Civil Appeals	330	314
Original Applications	46	48
Total	757	747

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Filings

	2011	2012	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	386	381	-5	-1.3%
Civil Appeals	287	330	43	15.0%
Certifications	2	0	-2	-100.0%
Original Applications	25	28	3	12.0%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	9	12	3	33.3%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0	-	-
Un. Prac. Law	0	0	-	-
Advisory Opinions	0	1	1	100.0%
Other	5	5	0	0.0%
Total	714	757	43	6.0%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Dispositions

	2011	2012	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	399	385	-14	-3.5%
Civil Appeals	315	314	-1	-0.3%
Certifications	1	2	1	100.0%
Original Applications	28	31	3	10.7%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	11	9	-2	-18.2%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	1	1	100.0%
Un. Prac. Law	0	0	-	-
Advisory Opinions	1	1	0	0.0%
Other	5	4	-1	-20.0%
Total	760	747	- 13	- 1.7%

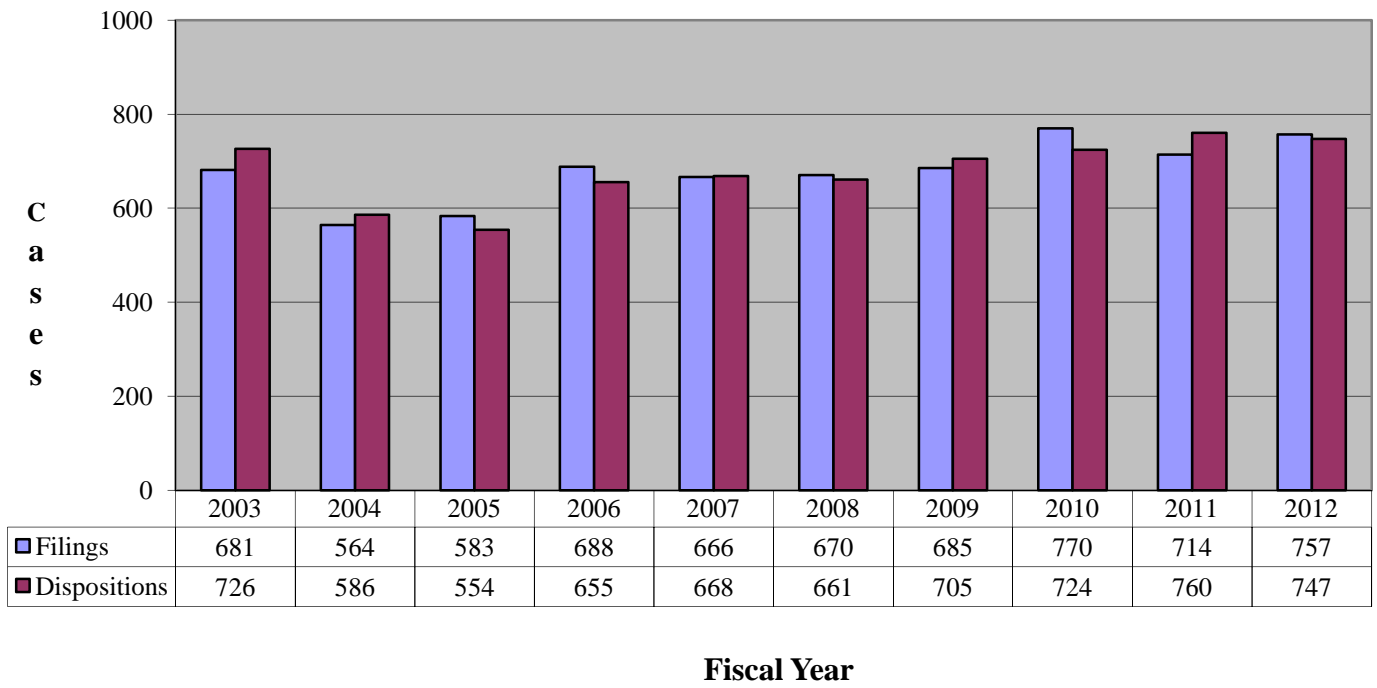
Bd. on Prof. Resp. = Board on Professional Responsibility

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

Supreme Court 10 Year Total Caseload Trend



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Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2012 - Filings

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		381	100.0%	-		-		381	100%
Civil Appeals	53	16.1%	171	51.8%	106	32.1%	-		330	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		46	100.0%	46	100%
Total	53	7.0%	552	72.9%	106	14.0%	46	6.1%	757	100%

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2012 - Dispositions

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		385	100.0%	-		-		385	100%
Civil Appeals	52	16.6%	168	53.5%	94	29.9%	-		314	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		48	100.0%	48	100%
Total	52	7.0%	553	74.0%	94	12.6%	48	6.4%	747	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 2012 - Appeals																		
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/ Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other*		Total	
Criminal Appeals	258	67.0%	2	0.5%	14	3.6%	5	1.3%	7	1.8%	98	25.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	385	100.0%
Civil Appeals	177	48.9%	4	1.1%	24	6.6%	2	0.6%	42	11.6%	73	20.2%	25	6.9%	15	4.1%	362	100.0%
Total	435	58.2%	6	0.8%	38	5.1%	7	0.9%	49	6.6%	171	22.9%	25	3.3%	16	2.1%	747	100.0%

METHODS OF DISPOSITIONS																	
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Written Order		Voluntary Dismissal		Other*		Total						
Criminal Appeals	33	8.6%	0		345	89.6%	7	1.8%	0		385	100%					
Civil Appeals	53	16.88%	0		220	70.1%	41	13.1%	0		314	100%					
Certifications	2	100.0%	0		0		0		0		2	100%					
Original Applications	0		0		31	100.0%	0		0		31	100%					
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0		3	33.3%	5	55.6%	1	11.1%	0		9	100%					
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0		0		1	100.0%	0		0		1	100%					
Un. Prac. Law	0		0		0		0		0		0						
Advisory Opinions	1	100.0%	0		0		0		0		1	100%					
Other	0		0		4	100.0%	0		0		4	100%					
Total	89	11.9%	3	0.4%	606	81.1%	49	6.6%	0	0.0%	747	100%					

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

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Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2012 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition			
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Criminal Appeals	385	181.8 days	33.4 days
Civil Appeals	314	164.5 days	25.7 days
Certifications	2	163.5 days	34.0 days
Original Applications	31	53.8 days	27.2 days
BPR&BBE	10	64.2 days	21.9 days
Un. Prac. Law	1	0.0 days	0.0 days
Advisory Opinions	0	-	-
Other	4	26.8 days	8.3 days
Total	747	166.3 days	29.9 days

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Average Time From Filing to Disposition				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	180.9 days	181.8 days	0.9 days	0.5%
Civil Appeals	172.0 days	164.5 days	-7.5 days	-4.4%
Certifications	170.0 days	163.5 days	-6.5 days	-3.8%
Original Applications	52.9 days	53.8 days	0.9 days	1.7%
BPR&BBE	73.4 days	64.2 days	-9.2 days	-12.5%
Un. Prac. Law	-	0.0 days	-	-
Advisory Opinions	42.0 days	-	-	-
Other	23.8 days	26.8 days	3.0 days	12.4%
Total	170.4 days	166.3 days	-4.1 days	-2.4%

*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 2012 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type			
Type of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Affirmed	435	196.6 days	38.7 days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	6	508.3 days	69.8 days
Reversed	38	347.7 days	51.7 days
Remanded	7	143.2 days	18.5 days
Voluntary Dismissal	49	110.8 days	0.0 days
Court Dismissal	171	80.8 days	13.3 days
Leave to Appeal Denied	25	23.9 days	8.6 days
Other	16	97.5 days	27.9 days
Total	747	166.0 days	29.9 days

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2012 - 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	89	326.7 days	47.2 days
Per Curiam Opinion	3	82.7 days	33.3 days
Order	606	147.3 days	29.7 days
Voluntary Dismissal	49	110.8 days	0.00 days
Other	0	-	-
Total	747	166.0 days	29.9 days

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