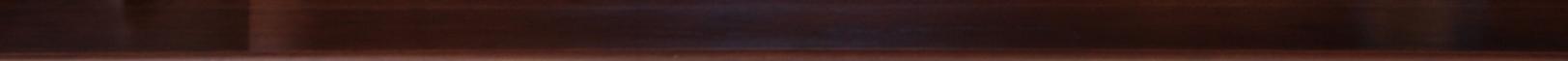
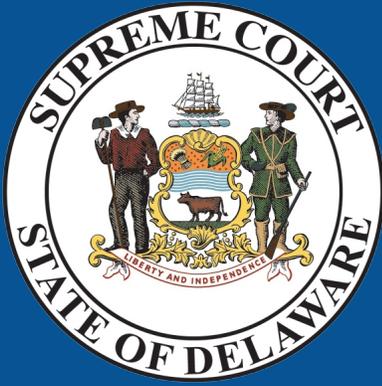


THE COURTS





Supreme Court

The Supreme Court is the State's appellate court which receives direct appeals from the Court of Chancery, the Superior Court, and the Family Court. As administrative head of the courts, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in consultation with the other justices, sets administrative policy for the court system. The Supreme Court was created by the Constitution of Delaware, Article IV, Section 1. The Supreme Court sits in Dover.



**Chief Justice
Collins J. Seitz, Jr.**

By the Numbers



SUPREME COURT

- Justices - 5
- Court Staff - 28

TOTAL: 33



ARMS OF THE COURT

- Staff - 10

TOTAL: 10



Supreme Court Justices

Left to Right
Justice Abigail M. LeGrow • Justice Karen L. Valihura
Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr.
Justice Gary F. Traynor • Justice N. Christopher Griffiths



2025 Highlights



- On 1/30/25, Jessica L. Tyler was appointed Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, an Arm of the Delaware Supreme Court. Prior to this post, Tyler served as Deputy Disciplinary Counsel for three years.

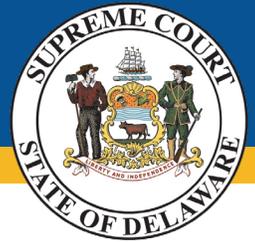
- On 4/7/25, the Delaware Board of Bar Examiners announced it will begin using the new NextGen Bar Exam in Feb. 2028, becoming the 39th state to announce it would adopt the new test.

- On 5/22/25, the court created a task force to assess alternative pathways to admission to the Delaware Bar. The task force, headed by Justice Gary F. Traynor, broadly represents Delaware's legal community including representatives from both the public and private bar, legal aid groups and local law schools. The group's report is due to the Chief Justice in June 2026.

- On 9/30/2025, Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr., along with Vice Chancellor Paul Fioravanti and Senior Magistrate in Chancery Selena Molina, spoke to a class of about 20 students from the University of Delaware's Biden School of Public Policy, about the importance of public service and working for the courts.



- After nearly 30 years of dedicated service to the State of Delaware and the Delaware Judiciary, Patricia Bartley Schwartz retired from her position as Executive Director of the Board of Bar Examiners at the end of 2025.

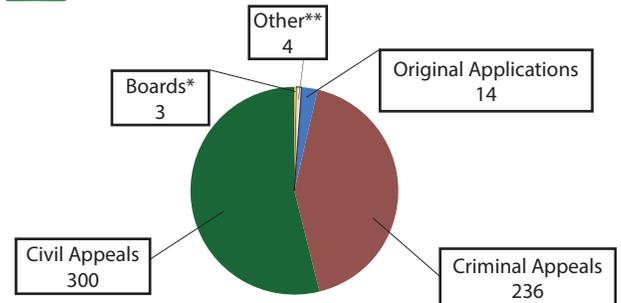


Number of Supreme Court Filings by Court of Origination Fiscal Year 2025

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| 21 Non-court Originated | 66 Family Court | 111 Court of Chancery | 359 Superior Court |
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Number of Supreme Court Filings by Type Fiscal Year 2025



* Includes the Board on Professional Responsibility and the Board of Bar Examiners.
** Includes four certifications and one other.

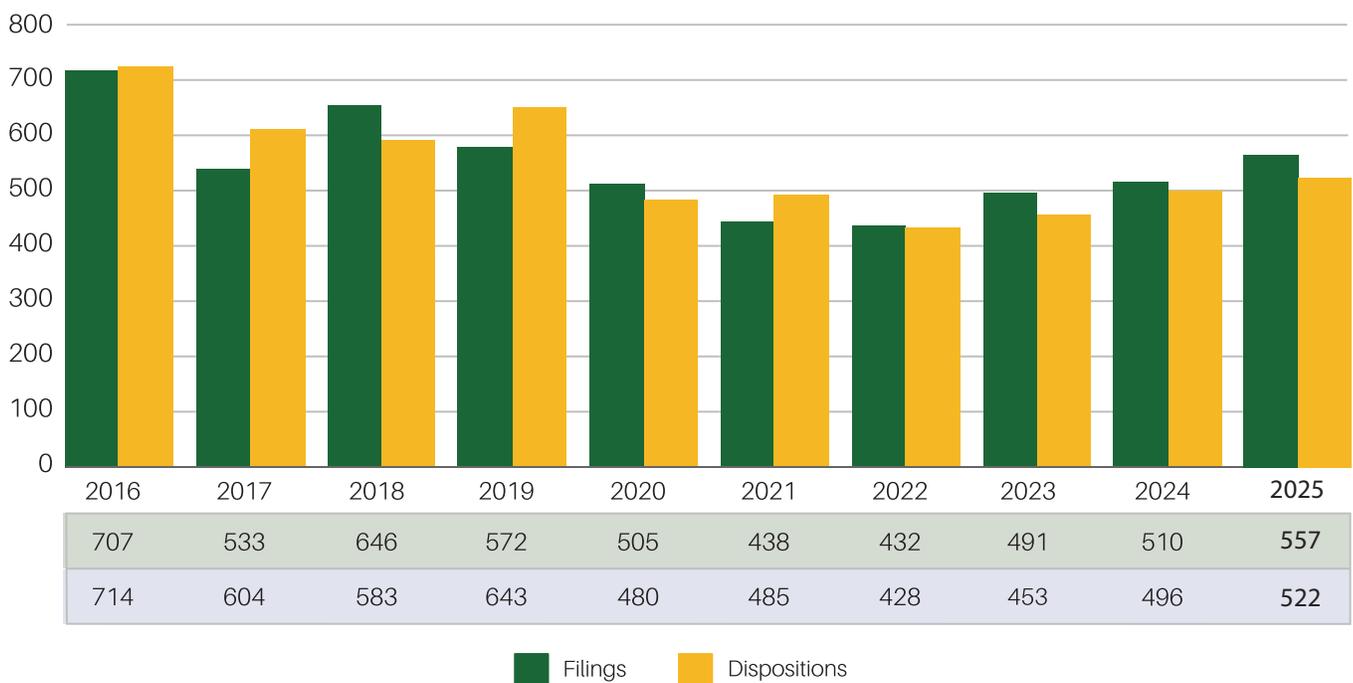


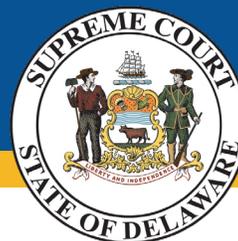
Average Number of Days from Filing to Disposition by Case Type

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| 0 Advisory Opinions | 23 Boards* | 82 Original Applications | 115 Certifications | 152 Civil Appeals | 209 Criminal Appeals | 243 Other |
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* Includes the Board on Professional Responsibility and the Board of Bar Examiners.

Filings and Dispositions by Fiscal Year





Court on the Judiciary

Delaware judges are governed by the highest standards of conduct in both their professional and personal capacities. The Court on the Judiciary is responsible for the receipt, investigation, prosecution, adjudication, and resolution of complaints alleging the ethical misconduct or disability of state judicial officers in Delaware. The judicial disciplinary process safeguards the integrity of, and thereby promotes public confidence in, the Judiciary and the judicial process.

Docketed Complaints FY 25

43



Complaints Dismissed FY 25

42



Complaints Referred for Investigation FY 25

0



Arms of the Supreme Court

Commission on Law and Technology

The commission develops and publishes guidelines and best practices regarding the use of technology and the practice of law. The commission was created by order of the Supreme Court on July 1, 2013, and became effective on Sept. 15, 2013. The Delaware Supreme Court then re-established and re-focused the commission by order on Nov. 27, 2023. The commission is composed of members who are appointed by the Court and serve three-year terms.



Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection

The Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection is a fund created by the Delaware Supreme Court to provide monetary relief to clients who have suffered financial losses as a result of the dishonest conduct of lawyers. While acts of attorney dishonesty are the exceptions and not the rule, the fund was established to show the good faith of all members of the Delaware Bar.



Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

The commission regulates legal education compliance for members of the Delaware State Bar. In addition, the commission reviews and processes CLE providers' applications for program approval.



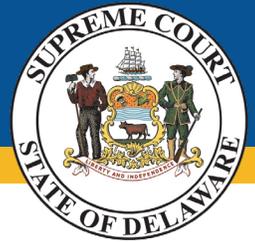
CLE Transcripts Processed FY 25

6,867



CLE Programs Evaluated FY 25

7,280



Arms of the Supreme Court

Board of Bar Examiners

The board considers applications for admission and results of examinations for admissions to the Delaware State Bar. The Delaware Bar Examination consists of the Multistate Bar Examination, two Multistate Performance Tests and four essay questions. In addition, applicants must also pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.



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| 199 Bar Exam Applicants July 2024 | 92 Bar Exam Applicants February 2025 | 204 Admitted to the Bar in Fiscal Year 2025* |
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* Does not reflect number who passed the Bar Exam

Office of Disciplinary Counsel

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) assists the Supreme Court in regulating the practice of law. In this capacity, the ODC is charged with evaluating, investigating, and, if warranted, prosecuting lawyer misconduct. All complaints regarding a Delaware lawyer's conduct should be directed to the ODC.



Disciplinary Complaints & Other Matters Opened
FY 25

264 

Disciplinary Complaints & Other Matters Resolved
FY 25

178 

CLE Presentations by ODC FY 25

22 

Ethics Hotline Inquiries FY 25

144 

Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaints Opened FY 25

17 

Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaints Resolved FY 25

11 

The Delaware Bar as of March 2025

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| Active Lawyers | 3,991 |
| Inactive Lawyers | 792 |
| Emeritus Lawyers | 159 |
| Total Lawyers | 4,942 |