

SUPREME COURT
State of Delaware

2017 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2016-2017 - Filings				
	2016	2017	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	412	283	-129	-31.3%
Civil Appeals	253	215	-38	-15.0%
Certifications	4	2	-2	-50%
Original Applications	23	19	-4	-17.4%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	14	11	-3	-21.4%
Bd. of Bar Exam	0	0	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	1	1	0%
Other	1	2	1	100.0%
Total	707	533	-174	-24.6%

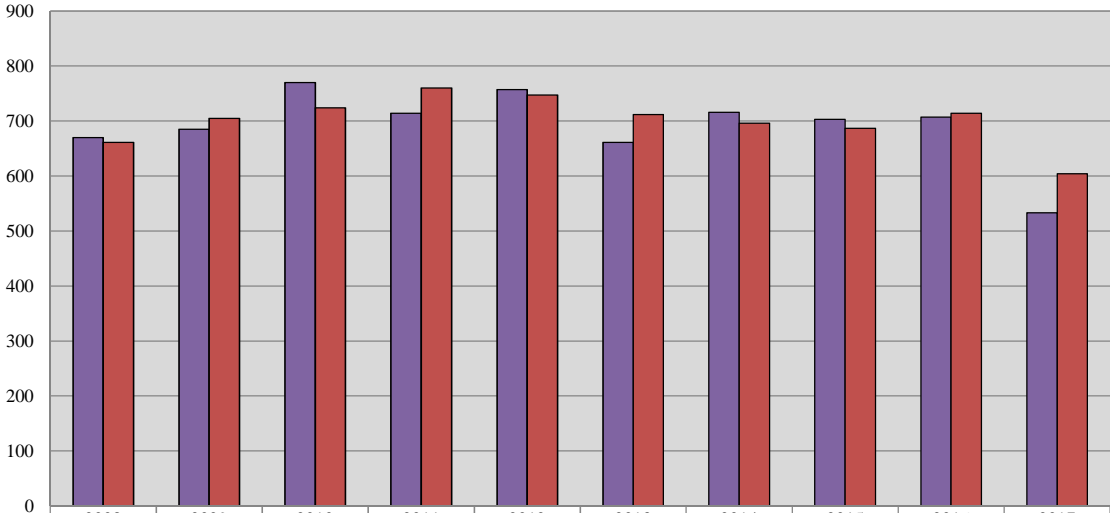
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2016-2017 - Dispositions				
	2016	2017	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	436	334	-102	-23.4%
Civil Appeals	232	236	4	1.7%
Certifications	3	2	-1	-33%
Original Applications	26	20	-6	-23.1%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	16	9	-7	-44%
Bd. of Bar Exam	0	0	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0	0	0%
Other	1	3	2	200%
Total	714	604	-110	-15.4%

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

Bd. of Bar Exam. = Board of Bar Examiners.

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

Supreme Court 10-Year Total Caseload Trend



■ Filings	670	685	770	714	757	661	716	703	707	533
■ Dispositions	661	705	724	760	747	712	696	687	714	604

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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2017 - Filings										
	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	283	100%	0	0%	0	0%	283	100%
Civil Appeals	62	28.8%	93	43.3%	60	27.9%	0	0%	215	100%
Other*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	35	100%	35	100%
Total	62	11.6%	376	70.5%	60	11.3%	35	6.6%	533	100%

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2017- Dispositions										
	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	334	100%	0	0%	0	0%	334	100%
Civil Appeals	63	26.7%	114	48.3%	59	25.0%	0	0%	236	100%
Other*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	34	100%	34	100%
Total	63	10.4%	448	74.2%	59	9.8%	34	5.6%	604	100%

*Includes Original Applications; Certifications; Advisory Opinions; Appeals from the Board on Professional Responsibility and the Board of Bar Examiners; and Other Filing & Disposition Types.

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Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2017										
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal	
Criminal Appeals	238	71.3%	5	1.5%	5	1.5%	2	0.6%	22	6.6%
Civil Appeals & Other	132	48.9%	8	3.0%	19	7.0%	2	0.7%	36	13.3%
Total	370	61.3%	13	2.2%	24	4.0%	4	0.7%	58	9.6%

	Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other*				Total	
Criminal Appeals	62	18.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			334	100%
Civil Appeals & Other	48	17.8%	13	4.8%	12	4.4%			270	100%
Total	110	18.2%	13	2.2%	12	2.0%			604	100%

Methods of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2017						
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Written Order	
Criminal Appeals	16	4.8%	0	0%	296	88.6%
Civil Appeals	30	12.7%	0	0%	173	73.3%
Certifications	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%
Original Applications	0	0%	0	0%	18	90%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0	0%	1	11%	7	77.8%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	2	67%
Total	46	7.6%	2	0%	496	82.1%

	Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	22	6.6%	0	0%	334	100%
Civil Appeals	33	14.0%	0	0%	236	100%
Certifications	1	50.0%	0	0%	2	100%
Original Applications	2	10.0%	0	0%	20	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	1	11.1%	0	0%	9	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Other	0	0%	1	33%	3	100%
Total	59	9.8%	1	0%	604	100%

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Performance Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2017 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Affirmed	370	212.2	days	41.6	days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	13	405.6	days	53.1	days
Reversed	24	257.6	days	66.1	days
Remanded	4	210.8	days	33.8	days
Voluntary Dismissal	58	221.0	days	5.8	days
Court Dismissal	110	86.4	days	24.1	days
Leave to Appeal Denied	13	19.3	days	11.2	days
Other	12	72.2	days	24.9	days
Total	604	188.7	days	35.2	days

Performance Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2017- Elapsed Time by Disposition Method					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Assigned Opinion	46	345.3	days	49.7	days
Per Curiam Opinion	2	-	days	-	days
Written Order	496	171.4	days	37.4	days
Voluntary Dismissal	59	217.3	days	6.0	days
Other	1	6.0	days	0.0	days
Total	604	188.7	days	35.2	days

*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 Summary - Fiscal Year 2017 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Criminal Appeals	334	177.2	days	38.6	days
Civil Appeals	236	203.0	days	31.5	days
Certifications	2	187.5	days	24.0	days
Original Applications	20	61.3	days	33.8	days
BPR	9	27.4	days	8.1	days
BBE	0	-	days	-	days
Advisory Opinions	0	-	days	-	days
Other	3	26.0	days	9.0	days
Total	604	188.7	days	35.2	days

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2016-2017 - Average Time from Filing to Disposition						
	2016		2017		Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	177.0	days	177.2	days	0.2 days	0.1%
Civil Appeals	178.8	days	203.0	days	24.2 days	13.6%
Certifications	138.8	days	187.5	days	48.7 days	35.1%
Original Applications	68.9	days	61.3	days	-7.7 days	-11.1%
BPR	29.8	days	27.4	days	-2.4 days	-7.9%
BBE		days	-	days	- days	-
Advisory Opinions		days	-	days	- days	-
Other	21.0	days	26.0	days	5.0 days	23.8%
Total	167.4	days	188.7	days	21.3 days	12.7%

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