

SUPREME COURT
State of Delaware

2019 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Filings				
	2018	2019	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	338	275	-63	-18.6%
Civil Appeals	272	271	-1	-0.4%
Certifications	0	1	1	0%
Original Applications	20	14	-6	-30.0%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	14	10	-4	-28.6%
Bd. of Bar Exam	0	0	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0	0	0%
Other	2	1	-1	-50.0%
Total	646	572	-74	-11.5%

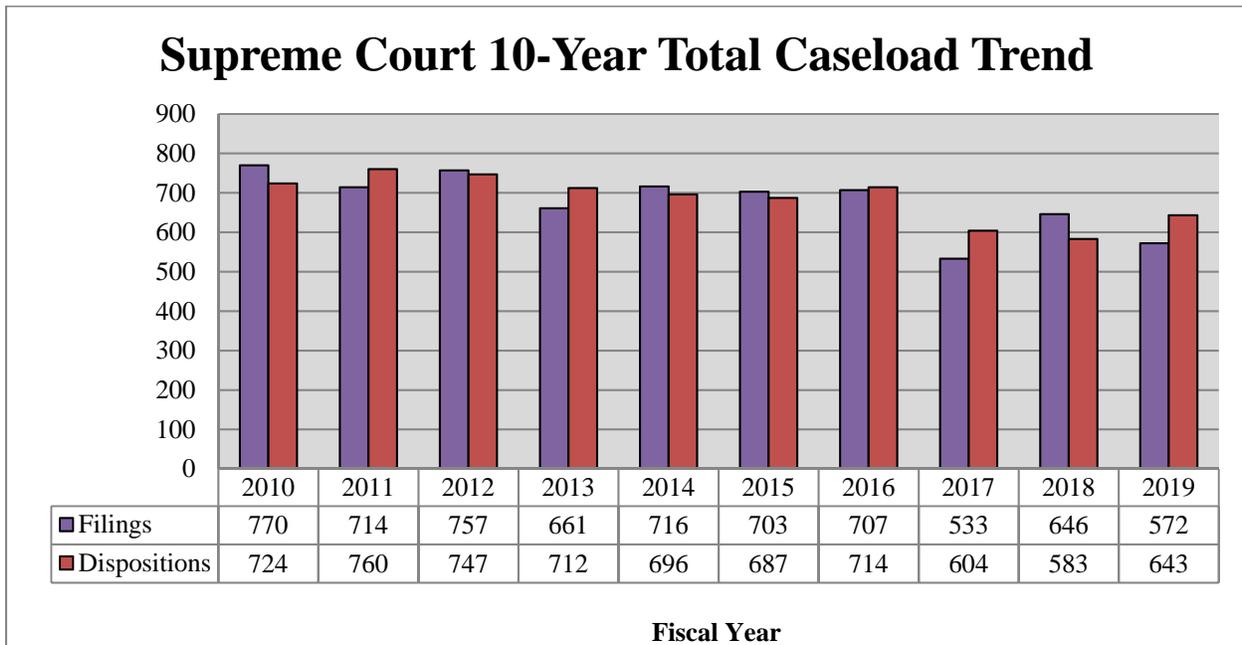
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Dispositions				
	2018	2019	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	313	332	19	6.1%
Civil Appeals	231	291	60	26.0%
Certifications	1	0	-1	-100%
Original Applications	20	11	-9	-45.0%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	16	8	-8	-50%
Bd. of Bar Exam	0	0	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0	0	0%
Other	2	1	-1	-50%
Total	583	643	60	10.3%

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.

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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2019 - Filings

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	275	100%	0	0%	0	0%	275	100%
Civil Appeals	66	24.4%	104	38.4%	101	37.3%	0	0%	271	100%
Other*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	26	100%	26	100%
Total	66	11.5%	379	66.3%	101	17.7%	26	4.5%	572	100%

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2019- Dispositions

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	332	100%	0	0%	0	0%	332	100%
Civil Appeals	62	21.3%	128	44.0%	101	34.7%	0	0%	291	100%
Other*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	20	100%	20	100%
Total	62	9.6%	460	71.5%	101	15.7%	20	3.1%	643	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 2019						
	Affirmed	Affirmed Part/Reverse d Part	Reversed	Remanded	Voluntary Dismissal	
Criminal Appeals	238 71.5%	2 0.6%	7 2.1%	7 2.1%	14 4.2%	
Civil Appeals & Other	154 49.7%	6 1.9%	22 7.1%	2 0.6%	31 10.0%	
Total	392 61.0%	8 1.2%	29 4.5%	9 1.4%	45 7.0%	
	Court Dismissal	Leave to Appeal Denied	Other*			Total
Criminal Appeals	65 19.5%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%			333 100%
Civil Appeals & Other	66 21.3%	21 6.8%	8 2.6%			310 100%
Total	131 20.4%	21 3.3%	8 1.2%			643 100%

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Methods of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2019						
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Written Order	
Criminal Appeals	16	4.8%	0	0%	303	91.3%
Civil Appeals	30	10.3%	3	1%	227	78.0%
Certifications	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Original Applications	0	0%	0	0%	10	91%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0	0%	4	50%	4	50.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Total	46	7.2%	7	1%	545	84.8%

	Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	13	3.9%	0	0%	332	100%
Civil Appeals	31	10.7%	0	0%	291	100%
Certifications	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Original Applications	1	9.1%	0	0%	11	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0	0.0%	0	0%	8	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Other	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Total	45	7.0%	0	0%	643	100%

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Performance Summary - Fiscal Year 2019 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition

	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Criminal Appeals	332	173.1 days	33.7 days
Civil Appeals	291	183.0 days	74.1 days
Certifications	0	- days	- days
Original Applications	11	52.0 days	24.2 days
BPR	8	67.0 days	9.1 days
BBE	0	- days	- days
Advisory Opinions	0	- days	- days
Other	1	25.0 days	8.0 days
Total	643	172.9 days	37.8 days

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	2018	2019	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	186.4 days	173.1 days	-13.4 days	-7.2%
Civil Appeals	256.3 days	183.0 days	-73.3 days	-28.6%
Certifications	- days	- days	- days	-
Original Applications	50.4 days	52.0 days	1.6 days	3.2%
BPR	46.1 days	67.0 days	20.9 days	45.3%
BBE	- days	- days	- days	-
Advisory Opinions	- days	- days	- days	-
Other	43.0 days	25.0 days	-18.0 days	-41.9%
Total	167.4 days	172.9 days	5.5 days	3.3%

*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 2019 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Affirmed	392	215.9	days	44.9	days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	8	213.9	days	35.9	days
Reversed	29	286.3	days	118.3	days
Remanded	9	118.9	days	31.3	days
Voluntary Dismissal	45	71.2	days	4.4	days
Court Dismissal	131	80.5	days	14.6	days
Leave to Appeal					
Denied	21	51.0	days	23.2	days
Other	8	64.8	days	9.1	days
Total	643	172.9	days	37.8	days

Performance Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2019- Elapsed Time by Disposition Method					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Assigned Opinion	46	286.3	days	97.3	days
Per Curiam Opinion	7	-	days	-	days
Written Order	545	171.4	days	35.9	Days
Voluntary Dismissal	45	73.7	days	4.3	Days
Other	0	-	days	-	Days
Total	643	172.9	days	37.8	days

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