

SUPREME COURT
State of Delaware

2023 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2022-2023 - Filings				
	2022	2023	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	213	234	21	9.9%
Civil Appeals	202	239	37	18.3%
Certifications	0	1	1	—
Original Applications	7	12	5	71.4%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	5	3	-2	-40.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam	3	1	-2	-66.7%
Advisory Opinions	1	0	-1	-100%
Other	1	1	0	0.0%
Total	432	491	59	13.7%

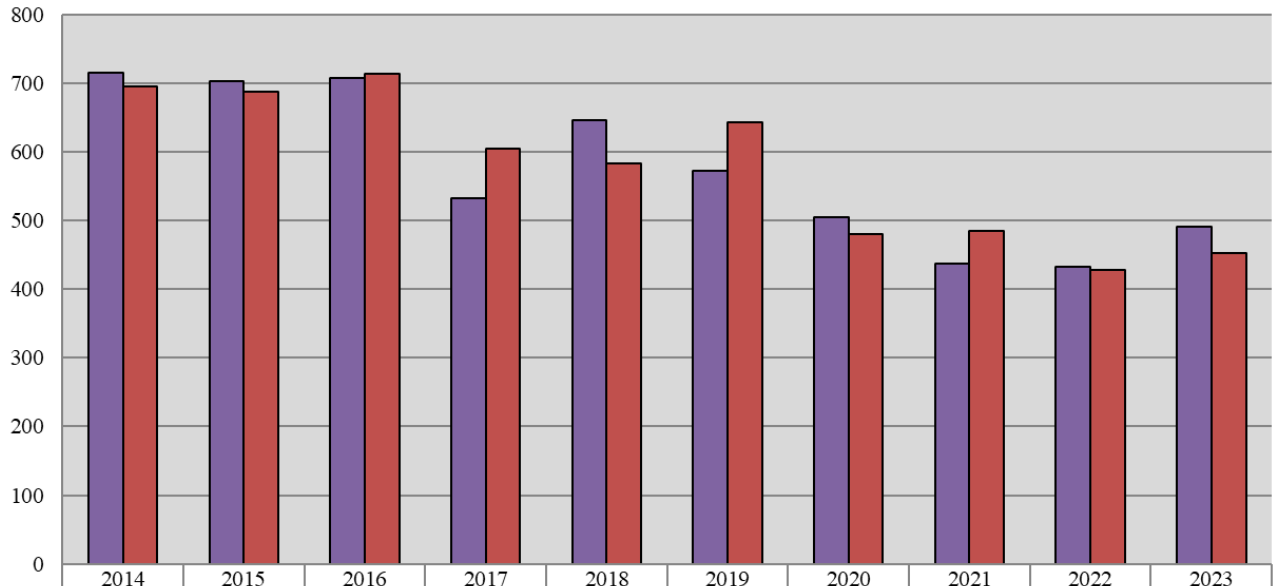
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2022-2023 - Dispositions				
	2022	2023	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	175	223	48	27.4%
Civil Appeals	240	211	-29	-12.1%
Certifications	2	0	-2	-100%
Original Applications	6	11	5	83.3%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	3	4	1	33%
Bd. of Bar Exam	1	2	1	100%
Advisory Opinions	0	0	0	0%
Other	1	2	1	100%
Total	428	453	25	5.8%

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



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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2023 - Filings

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	234	100%	0	0%	0	0%	234	100%
Civil Appeals	70	29.3%	108	45.2%	61	25.5%	0	0%	239	100%
Other*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	18	100%	18	100%
Total	70	14.3%	342	69.7%	61	12.4%	18	3.7%	491	100%

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2023 - Dispositions

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	223	100%	0	0%	0	0%	223	100%
Civil Appeals	77	36.5%	79	37.4%	55	26.1%	0	0%	211	100%
Other*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	19	100%	19	100%
Total	77	17.0%	302	66.7%	55	12.1%	19	4.2%	453	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.
Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

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Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2023										
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal	
Criminal Appeals	164	73.5%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	8	3.6%	8	3.6%
Civil Appeals & Other	108	47.0%	6	2.6%	8	3.5%	2	0.9%	40	17.4%
Total	272	60.0%	7	1.5%	8	1.8%	10	2.2%	48	10.6%
	Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other*				Total	
Criminal Appeals	42	18.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			223	100%
Civil Appeals & Other	48	20.9%	13	5.7%	5	2.2%			230	100%
Total	90	19.9%	13	2.9%	5	1.1%			453	100%

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Methods of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2023

	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Written Order	
Criminal Appeals	18	8.1%	0	0%	197	88.3%
Civil Appeals	24	11.4%	1	0%	147	69.7%
Certifications	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Original Applications	0	0%	0	0%	10	90.9%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0	0%	1	25%	3	75.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0.0%	2	100%	0	0.0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Total	42	9.3%	4	0.9%	359	79.2%

	Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	8	3.6%	0	0%	223	100%
Civil Appeals	39	18.5%	0	0%	211	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%	4	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0.0%	0	0%	2	100%
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Other	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Total	48	10.6%	0	0.0%	453	100%

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Performance Summary - Fiscal Year 2023 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Criminal Appeals	223	165.0	days	37.5	days
Civil Appeals	211	165.6	days	32.4	days
Certifications	0	-	days	-	days
Original Applications	11	52.9	days	18.7	days
BPR	4	122.8	days	37.5	days
BBE	2	252.0	days	49.0	days
Advisory Opinions	0	-	days	-	days
Other	2	28.0	days	17.5	days
Total	453	164.3	days	33.5	days

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2022-2023 - Average Time from Filing to Disposition							
	2022		2023		Change		% Change
Criminal Appeals	171.1	days	165.0	days	-6.1	days	-3.6%
Civil Appeals	181.7	days	165.6	days	-16.0	days	-8.8%
Certifications	307.5	days	-	days	-	days	-
Original Applications	64.5	days	52.9	days	-11.6	days	-18.0%
BPR	4.0	days	122.8	days	118.8	days	2968.8%
BBE	48.0	days	252.0	days	204.0	days	425.0%
Advisory Opinions	-	days	-	days	-	days	-
Other	42.0	days	28.0	days	-14.0	days	-33.3%
Total	176.3	days	164.3	days	-12.0	days	-6.8%

*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 2023 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Affirmed	272	209.7	days	43.5	days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	7	295.6	days	77.1	days
Reversed	8	302.4	days	75.8	days
Remanded	10	127.7	days	18.6	days
Voluntary Dismissal	48	80.6	days	0.0	days
Court Dismissal	90	73.7	days	17.2	days
Leave to Appeal Denied	13	24.1	days	19.5	days
Other	5	166.8	days	43.6	days
Total	453	164.3	days	33.5	days

Performance Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2023 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Method					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Assigned Opinion	42	318.5	days	69.6	days
Per Curiam Opinion	4	245.8	days	53.0	days
Written Order	359	156.6	days	33.5	days
Voluntary Dismissal	48	80.6	days	0.0	days
Other	0	-	days	-	days
Total	453	164.3	days	33.5	days

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