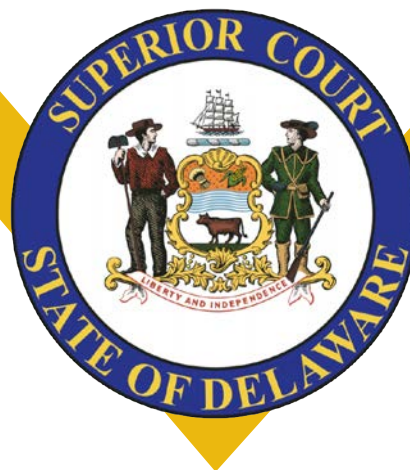




The **Superior Court**, the State's court of general jurisdiction, has original jurisdiction over criminal and civil cases except equity cases. The Court has exclusive jurisdiction over felonies and almost all drug offenses. In civil matters, the Court's authority to award damages is not subject to a monetary maximum. The Superior Court also serves as an intermediate appellate court by hearing appeals on the record from the Court of Common Pleas, the Family Court (in criminal cases), and a number of administrative agencies. Appeals from the Superior Court may be taken to the Supreme Court.



Superior Court

President Judge Jan R. Jurden

By the Numbers



SUPERIOR COURT

- Judges - 21
- Commissioners - 5
- Court Staff - 302

TOTAL: 328

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Superior Court Judges

Seated, Front Row (left to right):

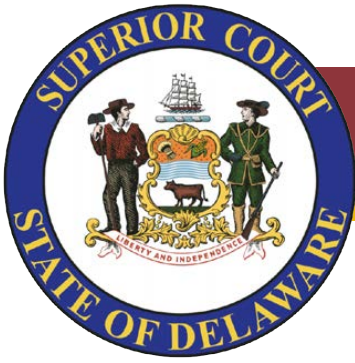
Judge Vivian L. Medinilla • Judge Eric M. Davis • Judge Calvin L. Scott, Jr. •
President Judge Jan R. Jurden • Resident Judge Charles E. Butler • Judge Paul R. Wallace •
Judge Ferris W. Wharton

Standing, Second Row (left to right):

Judge Francis J. Jones, Jr. • Resident Judge Craig A. Karshitz • Judge Noel Eason Primos •
Resident Judge Jeffrey J. Clark • Judge Sheldon K. Rennie • Judge Meghan A. Adams •
Judge Mark H. Conner

Standing, Third Row (left to right):

Judge Kathleen M. Miller • Judge Patricia A. Winston • Judge Reneta L. Green-Streett •
Judge Robert H. Robinson, Jr. • Judge Danielle J. Brennan • Judge Sean P. Lugg •
Judge Kathleen M. Vavala



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Superior Court Commissioners

Left to Right:

Commissioner Janine M. Salomone • Commissioner Alicia B. Howard •
Commissioner Martin B. O'Connor • Commissioner Andrea M. Freud •
Commissioner Lynne M. Parker

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2024 Highlights



FLii Intern Orientation

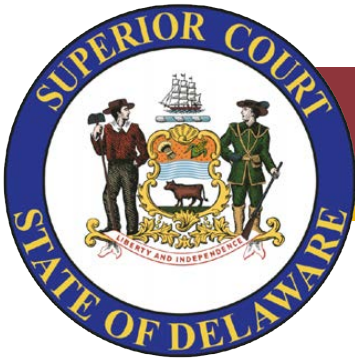


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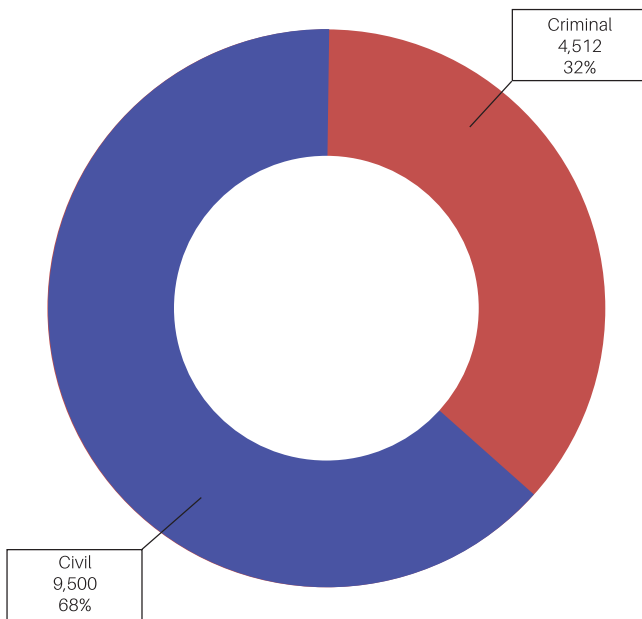
Officer Vinn

- Welcomed DELREC interns through the Delaware Department of State's Future Leaders Internship Initiative ("FLii").
- Celebrated our 3rd year hosting summer law clerks from the Judicial Clerkship Program sponsored by the Delaware State Bar's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee.
- Participated with Widener Law School and Wilmington University Law School internship programs to work with our judges in all 3 counties.
- Enacted cross-designation of Section 111 of the Delaware General Corporation Law that now includes Superior Court Complex Commercial Litigation (CCLD) Judges. This change increased the caseload for CCLD judges. Superior Court has now assigned 5 judges to CCLD.
- Expanded the use of digital recording for making the court's record by enacting Administrative Order 2024-3.
- Welcomed Officer Vinn, the courthouse facility dog, whose presence helps ease stress for adults and children during legal proceedings.
- Started work on moving the tradename registration process from the Judicial Branch to the Executive Branch as required by SB 291.

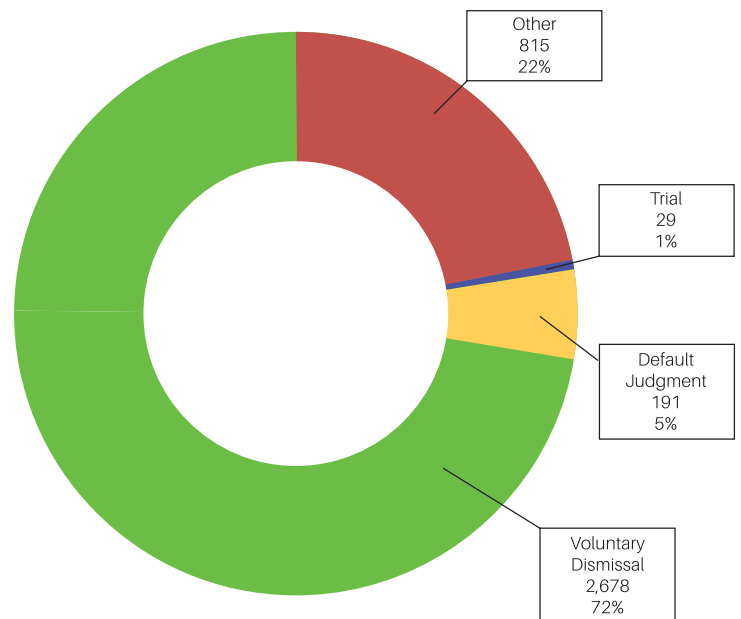


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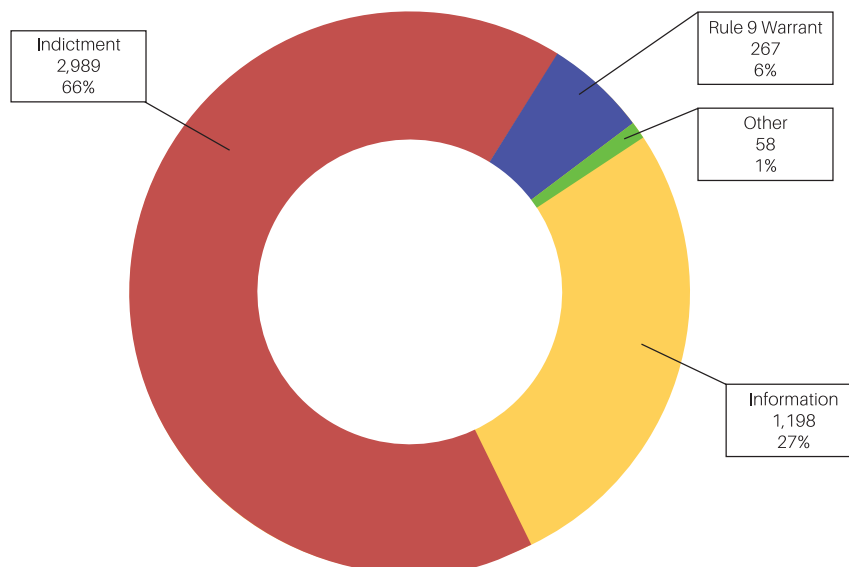
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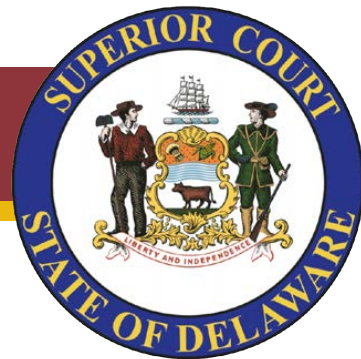
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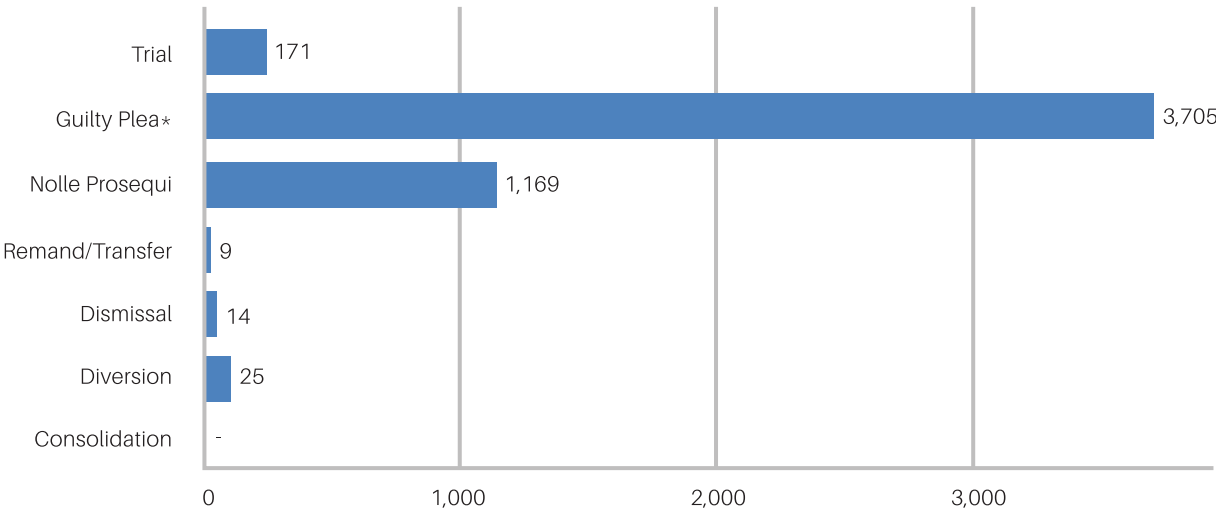
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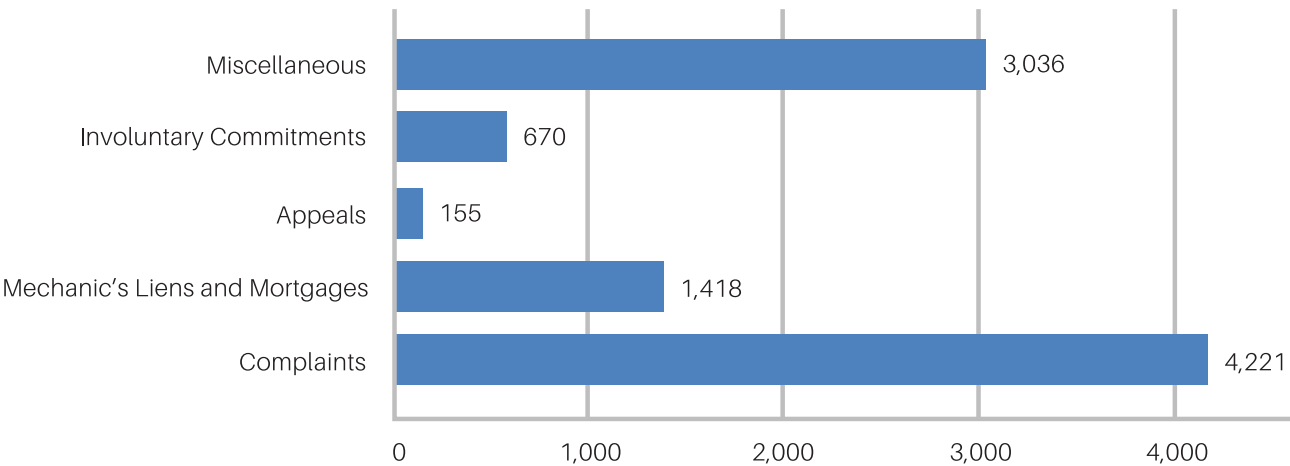


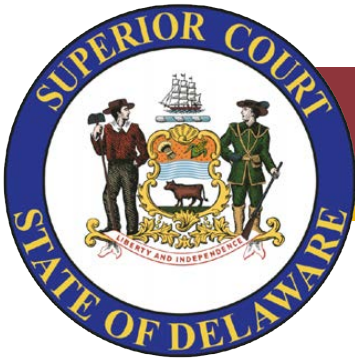
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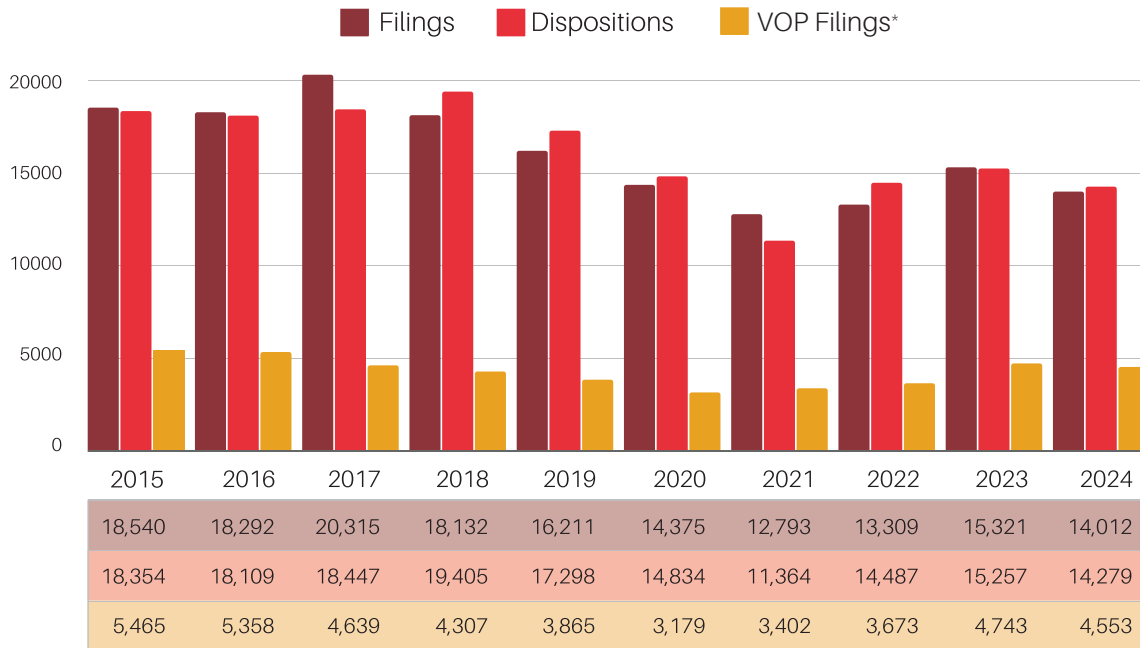
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Superior Court Civil and Criminal Filings and Dispositions by Fiscal Year



* Violation of Probation

JURY SERVICES

The Superior Court supplies jurors for civil and criminal Superior Court trials; for criminal Court of Common Pleas trials; and for landlord tenant trials in the Justice of the Peace Courts. The Superior Court also provides jurors for the Grand Jury process.

Summoned New Castle County	153,032	Jurors Brought In, New Castle County	24,187	New Castle County Jury Trials	152
Summoned Kent County	16,587	Jurors Brought In, Kent County	2,073	Kent County Jury Trials	16
Summoned Sussex County	24,096	Jurors Brought In, Sussex County	2,649	Sussex County Jury Trials	14
Total Summoned FY 24	193,175	Total Jurors FY 24	28,909	Total Jury Trials FY 24	182

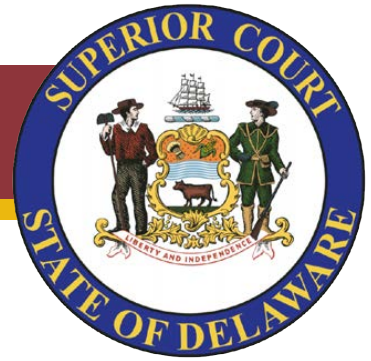
Grand Jury

Served in New Castle County FY 24
289

Served in Kent County FY 24
100

Served in Sussex County FY 24
135

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Thank You

Judge Jurden

Superior Court President Judge Jan R. Jurden retired from the bench effective Feb. 28, 2025. She first joined the court as a Superior Court Judge in May 2001 and was appointed President Judge in January 2015, becoming the first woman to hold that position. In her letter to Governor Carney signaling her intention to step down, President Judge Jurden wrote that it has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Delaware.

"I could not have asked for better colleagues, or more dedicated, hardworking court staff. As much as I love the Court and my Superior Court family, I write to let you know I have decided it is time."

-President Judge Jan R. Jurden



"A skilled leader in normal times, President Judge Jurden led the Superior Court through the COVID 19 pandemic with all the competence, care, and grace one would expect from a person of such great character and wisdom. The Delaware courts will miss her greatly, and we wish her well in her next chapter of life."

Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice

-Collins J. Seitz, Jr.