



SUPREME COURT
State of Delaware

2013 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Filings				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	381	325	-56	-14.7%
Civil Appeals	330	300	-30	-9.1%
Certifications	0	2	2	0%
Original Applications	28	17	-11	-39.3%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	12	15	3	25.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam	0	0	0	0%
Bd. on Un. Prac. Law	0	0	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	1	0	-1	-100%
Other	5	2	-3	-60.0%
Total	757	661	-96	-12.7%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Dispositions				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	385	353	-32	-8.3%
Civil Appeals	314	321	7	2.2%
Certifications	2	1	-1	-50%
Original Applications	31	18	-13	-41.9%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	9	17	8	89%
Bd. of Bar Exam	1	0	-1	-100%
Bd. on Un. Prac. Law	0	0	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	1	0	-1	-100%
Other	4	2	-2	-50%
Total	747	712	-35	-4.7%

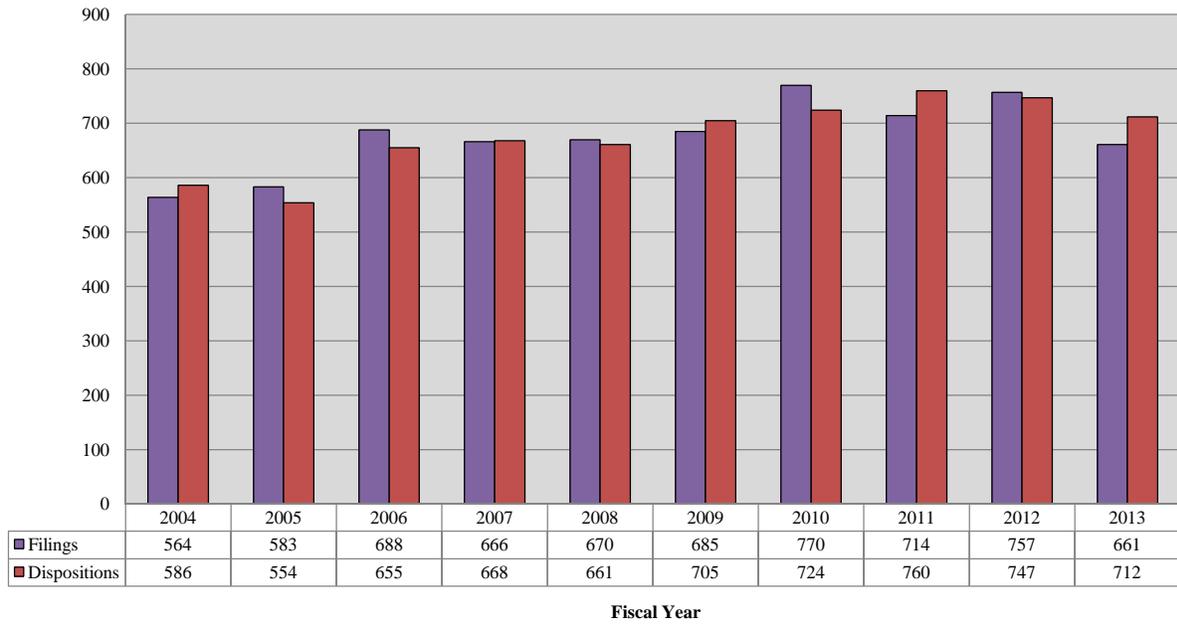
Bd. on Prof. Resp. = Board on Professional Responsibility.

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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 2013 - Filings										
	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	325	100%	0	0%	0	0%	325	100%
Civil Appeals	62	20.7%	172	57.3%	66	22.0%	0	0%	300	100%
Original Applications*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	36	100%	36	100%
Total	62	9.4%	497	75.2%	66	10.0%	36	5.4%	661	100%

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2013 - Dispositions										
	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	0	0%	353	100%	0	0%	0	0%	353	100%
Civil Appeals	66	20.6%	181	56.4%	74	23.1%	0	0%	321	100%
Original Applications*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	38	100%	38	100%
Total	66	9.3%	534	75.0%	74	10.4%	38	5.3%	712	100%

*Original Applications include Certifications, Bd. On Prof. Resp., Bd. Of Bar Exam., Bd. on Un. Prac. Law, Advisory Opinions, and Other.

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Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2013 - Appeals										
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal	
Criminal Appeals	208	58.9%	1	0.3%	21	5.9%	13	3.7%	25	7.1%
Civil Appeals	164	45.7%	11	3.1%	19	5.3%	5	1.4%	48	13.4%
Total	372	52.2%	12	1.7%	40	5.6%	18	2.5%	73	10.3%
	Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other*				Total	
Criminal Appeals	85	24.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			353	100%
Civil Appeals	58	16.2%	34	9.5%	20	5.6%			359	100%
Total	143	20.1%	34	4.8%	20	2.8%			712	100%

Methods of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2013						
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Order		Written Order	
Criminal Appeals	37	10.5%	0	0%	291	82.4%
Civil Appeals	55	17.1%	3	1%	218	67.9%
Certifications	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%
Original Applications	0	0%	0	0%	16	88.9%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0	0%	2	12%	14	82.4%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bd. on Un. Prac. Law	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Total	93	13.1%	5	1%	541	76.0%
	Voluntary Dismissal		Other*		Total	
Criminal Appeals	25	7.1%	0	0%	353	100%
Civil Appeals	45	14.0%	0	0%	321	100%
Certifications	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	100%
Original Applications	2	11.1%	0	0%	18	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	1	5.9%	0	0%	17	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Bd. on Un. Prac. Law	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Advisory Opinions	0	0%	0	0%	0	-
Other	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%
Total	73	10.3%	0	0%	712	100%

*Includes any types or methods of dispositions not further broken down in these categories.

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Performance Summary - Fiscal Year 2013 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Criminal Appeals	353	172.8	days	31.3	days
Civil Appeals	321	176.7	days	24.4	days
Certifications	1	239.0	days	62.0	days
Original Applications	18	35.2	days	13.8	days
BPR&BBE	17	38.5	days	9.4	days
Bd. on Un. Prac. Law	0	-	days	-	days
Advisory Opinions	0	-	days	-	days
Other	2	40.5	days	11.0	days
Total	712	168.1	days	28.6	days

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Average Time from Filing to Disposition						
	2012		2013		Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	181.8	days	172.8	days	-9.0 days	-5.0%
Civil Appeals	164.5	days	176.7	days	12.2 days	7.4%
Certifications	163.5	days	239.0	days	75.5 days	46.2%
Original Applications	53.8	days	35.2	days	-18.6 days	-34.6%
BPR & BBE	64.2	days	38.5	days	-25.7 days	-40.0%
Bd. on Un. Prac. Law	0.0	days	-	days	- days	-
Advisory Opinions	-	days	-	days	- days	-
Other	26.8	days	40.5	days	13.7 days	51.1%
Total	166.3	days	168.1	days	1.8 days	1.1%

*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 2013 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Affirmed	372	207.4	days	37.9	days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	12	323.2	days	67.4	days
Reversed	40	346.3	days	45.0	days
Remanded	18	180.9	days	34.7	days
Voluntary Dismissal	73	100.0	days	0.0	days
Court Dismissal	143	79.6	days	12.7	days
Leave to Appeal Denied	34	40.8	days	26.9	days
Other	20	97.5	days	20.1	days
Total	712	168.1	days	28.6	days

Performance Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2013 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Method					
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Submission to Disposition*	
Assigned Opinion	93	330.4	days	54.8	days
Per Curiam Opinion	5	209.4	days	36.2	days
Written Order	541	148.9	days	28.0	days
Voluntary Dismissal	73	100.0	days	0.0	days
Other	0	-	days	-	days
Total	712	168.1	days	28.6	days

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