



SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

QUICK REFERENCE FACTS

Source: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia Clerk's Office (January 2019)

NOTES: These are **preliminary numbers**, and may be subject to change after the yearly statistical audit.

2017 Year in Review

| APPEALS by RIGHT | New Filings | Disposed Cases | Clearance Rate |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Administrative | 19 | 27 | 142% |
| Administrative - Tax | 0 | 8 | 800% |
| Workers' Compensation | 157 | 236 | 150% |
| Subtotal Administrative | 176 | 271 | 154% |
| Abuse & Neglect | 265 | 197 | 74% |
| Family | 39 | 40 | 103% |
| Domestic Violence | 3 | 4 | 133% |
| Subtotal Domestic | 307 | 241 | 79% |
| Criminal - Felony | 137 | 146 | 107% |
| Criminal - Misdemeanor | 2 | 9 | 450% |
| Criminal - Other | 15 | 13 | 87% |
| Post Conviction | 96 | 90 | 94% |
| Subtotal Criminal | 250 | 258 | 103% |
| Civil - Torts, Contracts, Property | 152 | 174 | 114% |
| Civil - Probate | 5 | 0 | 0% |
| Civil - Other | 56 | 47 | 84% |
| Subtotal Civil | 213 | 221 | 104% |
| TOTAL APPEALS BY RIGHT | 946 | 991 | 105% |

| ORIGINAL JURISDICTION/OTHER | New Filings | Disposed Cases | Clearance Rate |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Lawyer Disciplinary | 26 | 27 | 104% |
| Lawyer Admissions | 0 | 1 | 100% |
| Judicial Disciplinary | 5 | 3 | 60% |
| Subtotal Disc./Admissions | 31 | 31 | 100% |
| Certified Question | 9 | 14 | 156% |
| Subtotal Certified Question | 9 | 14 | 156% |
| Habeas Corpus | 28 | 39 | 139% |
| Certiorari | 0 | 1 | 100% |
| Mandamus | 83 | 84 | 101% |
| Mandamus/Prohibition | 12 | 9 | 75% |
| Prohibition | 42 | 46 | 110% |
| Subtotal Extraordinary Remedies | 165 | 179 | 108% |
| TOTAL OJ/OTHER | 205 | 224 | 109% |
| 2017 TOTAL FILINGS | 1151 | 1215 | 106% |

| January 2017 Term | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Memo Decisions | 479 |
| Signed Opinions | 70 |
| Subtotal | 549 |

| September 2017 Term | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Memo Decisions | 349 |
| Signed Opinions | 45 |
| Subtotal | 394 |

| 2017 Yearly Total | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Memo Decisions | 828 |
| Signed Opinions | 115 |
| 2017 TOTAL MERITS DECISIONS | 943 |

2018 Year in Review

| APPEALS by RIGHT | New Filings | Disposed Cases | Clearance Rate |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Administrative | 22 | 20 | 91% |
| Administrative - Tax | 12 | 3 | 25% |
| Workers' Compensation | 155 | 201 | 130% |
| Subtotal Administrative | 189 | 224 | 119% |
| Abuse & Neglect | 284 | 306 | 108% |
| Family | 45 | 31 | 69% |
| Domestic Violence | 3 | 1 | 33% |
| Subtotal Domestic | 332 | 338 | 102% |
| Criminal - Felony | 137 | 133 | 97% |
| Criminal - Misdemeanor | 5 | 2 | 40% |
| Criminal - Other | 9 | 16 | 178% |
| Post Conviction | 77 | 75 | 97% |
| Subtotal Criminal | 228 | 226 | 99% |
| Civil - Torts, Contracts, Property | 155 | 146 | 94% |
| Civil - Probate | 2 | 3 | 150% |
| Civil - Other | 31 | 37 | 119% |
| Subtotal Civil | 188 | 186 | 99% |
| TOTAL APPEALS BY RIGHT | 937 | 974 | 104% |

| ORIGINAL JURISDICTION/OTHER | New Filings | Disposed Cases | Clearance Rate |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Lawyer Disciplinary | 47 | 30 | 64% |
| Lawyer Admissions | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Judicial Disciplinary | 5 | 3 | 60% |
| Subtotal Disc./Admissions | 54 | 33 | 61% |
| Certified Question | 6 | 5 | 83% |
| Subtotal Certified Question | 6 | 5 | 83% |
| Habeas Corpus | 37 | 21 | 57% |
| Certiorari | 2 | 1 | 50% |
| Mandamus | 54 | 59 | 109% |
| Mandamus/Prohibition | 8 | 13 | 163% |
| Prohibition | 41 | 37 | 90% |
| Subtotal Extraordinary Remedies | 142 | 131 | 92% |
| TOTAL OJ/OTHER | 202 | 169 | 84% |
| 2018 TOTAL FILINGS | 1139 | 1143 | 100% |

| January 2018 Term | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Memo Decisions | 443 |
| Signed Opinions | 57 |
| Subtotal | 500 |

| September 2018 Term | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Memo Decisions | 244 |
| Signed Opinions | 10 |
| Subtotal | 254 |

| 2018 Yearly Total | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Memo Decisions | 687 |
| Signed Opinions | 67 |
| 2018 TOTAL MERITS DECISIONS | 754 |

Appeal by Right Distribution

