



SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

QUICK REFERENCE FACTS

Source: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia Clerk's Office (January 2020)

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

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

2019 Year in Review

APPEALS by RIGHT	New Filings	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Administrative	17	18	106%
Administrative - Tax	1	11	1100%
Workers' Compensation	171	107	63%
Subtotal Administrative	189	136	72%
Abuse & Neglect	278	226	81%
Family	25	37	148%
Domestic Violence	1	2	200%
Subtotal Domestic	304	265	87%
Criminal - Felony	138	81	59%
Criminal - Misdemeanor	3	1	33%
Criminal - Other	12	12	100%
Post Conviction	67	75	112%
Subtotal Criminal	220	169	77%
Civil - Torts, Contracts, Property	159	121	76%
Civil - Probate	1	3	300%
Civil - Other	56	34	61%
Subtotal Civil	216	158	73%
TOTAL APPEALS BY RIGHT	929	728	78%

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION/OTHER	New Filings	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Lawyer Disciplinary	22	38	173%
Lawyer Admissions	0	2	200%
Judicial Disciplinary	12	12	100%
Subtotal Disc./Admissions	34	52	153%
Certified Question	7	8	114%
Subtotal Certified Question	7	8	114%
Habeas Corpus	26	38	146%
Certiorari	0	1	100%
Mandamus	77	68	88%
Mandamus/Prohibition	11	8	73%
Prohibition	77	59	77%
Subtotal Extraordinary Remedies	191	174	91%
TOTAL OJ/OTHER	232	234	101%
2019 TOTAL FILINGS	1161	962	83%

January 2019 Term	
Memo Decisions	261
Signed Opinions	61
Subtotal	322

September 2019 Term	
Memo Decisions	206
Signed Opinions	39
Subtotal	245

2019 Yearly Total	
Memo Decisions	467
Signed Opinions	100
2019 TOTAL MERITS DECISIONS	567

Appeal by Right Distribution

