



SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

QUICK REFERENCE FACTS

Source: WV Supreme Court Clerk's Office (August 1, 2017)

2015 Year in Review

APPEALS by RIGHT	New Filings	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Administrative	38	46	121%
Administrative - Tax	12	4	33%
Workers' Compensation	263	362	138%
Subtotal Administrative	313	412	132%
Abuse & Neglect	203	182	90%
Family	40	48	120%
Domestic Violence	3	2	67%
Subtotal Domestic	246	232	94%
Criminal - Felony	139	154	111%
Criminal - Misdemeanor	8	12	150%
Criminal - Other	13	10	77%
Post Conviction	92	11	12%
Subtotal Criminal	252	187	74%
Civil - Torts, Contracts, Property	151	164	109%
Civil - Probate	6	3	50%
Civil - Other	43	122	284%
Subtotal Civil	200	289	145%
TOTAL APPEALS BY RIGHT	1011	1120	111%

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION/OTHER	New Filings	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Lawyer Disciplinary	24	29	121%
Lawyer Admissions	0	1	100%
Judicial Disciplinary	1	1	100%
Subtotal Disc./Admissions	25	31	124%
Certified Question	13	11	85%
Subtotal Certified Question	13	11	85%
Habeas Corpus	37	26	70%
Certiorari	0	0	0%
Mandamus	90	89	99%
Mandamus/Prohibition	5	6	120%
Prohibition	63	64	102%
Subtotal Extraordinary Remedies	195	185	95%
TOTAL OJ/OTHER	233	227	97%
2015 TOTAL FILINGS	1244	1347	108%

January 2015 Term	
Memo Decisions	487
Signed Opinions	68
Subtotal	555
September 2015 Term	
Memo Decisions	353
Signed Opinions	41
Subtotal	394

2015 Yearly Total	
Memo Decisions	840
Signed Opinions	109
2015 TOTAL MERITS DECISIONS	949

2016 Year in Review

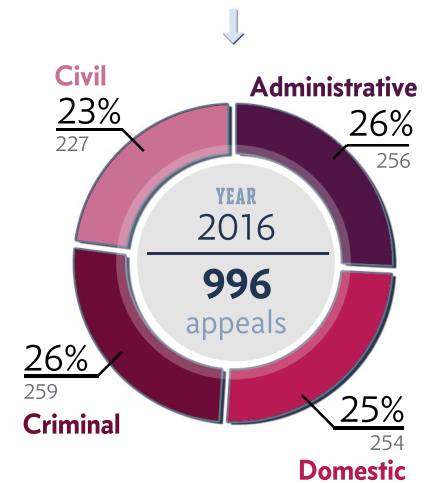
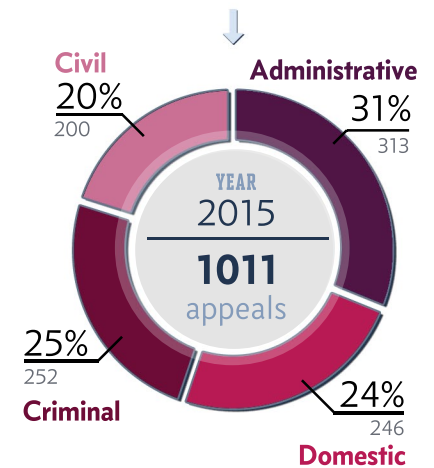
APPEALS by RIGHT	New Filings	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Administrative	28	36	129%
Administrative - Tax	8	8	100%
Workers' Compensation	220	294	134%
Subtotal Administrative	256	338	132%
Abuse & Neglect	212	207	98%
Family	40	43	108%
Domestic Violence	2	2	100%
Subtotal Domestic	254	252	99%
Criminal - Felony	145	135	93%
Criminal - Misdemeanor	9	8	89%
Criminal - Other	16	15	94%
Post Conviction	89	75	84%
Subtotal Criminal	259	233	90%
Civil - Torts, Contracts, Property	184	170	92%
Civil - Probate	0	6	600%
Civil - Other	43	52	121%
Subtotal Civil	227	228	100%
TOTAL APPEALS BY RIGHT	996	1051	106%

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION/OTHER	New Filings	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Lawyer Disciplinary	33	29	88%
Lawyer Admissions	2	1	50%
Judicial Disciplinary	2	2	100%
Subtotal Disc./Admissions	37	32	86%
Certified Question	13	11	85%
Subtotal Certified Question	13	11	85%
Habeas Corpus	32	26	81%
Certiorari	1	1	100%
Mandamus	90	98	109%
Mandamus/Prohibition	8	6	75%
Prohibition	44	53	120%
Subtotal Extraordinary Remedies	175	184	105%
TOTAL OJ/OTHER	225	227	101%
2016 TOTAL FILINGS	1221	1278	105%

January 2016 Term	
Memo Decisions	472
Signed Opinions	70
Subtotal	542
September 2016 Term	
Memo Decisions	274
Signed Opinions	45
Subtotal	319

2016 Yearly Total	
Memo Decisions	746
Signed Opinions	115
2016 TOTAL MERITS DECISIONS	861

Appeal by Right Distribution



NOTES: The Post-Conviction case type was first added in 2015. Before then, these appeals were counted as part of the Civil-Other category. The number of cases disposed in a year always exceeds the number of cases decided, due to settlements, withdrawals, and procedural dismissals.