



SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

QUICK REFERENCE FACTS

Source: Supreme Court of West Virginia Clerk's Office (February 2021)

2019 Year in Review

APPEALS by RIGHT	New Filings	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Administrative	17	18	106%
Administrative - Tax	1	11	1100%
Workers' Compensation	172	83	48%
Subtotal Administrative	190	112	59%
Abuse & Neglect	277	226	82%
Family	26	37	142%
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	57	34	60%
Subtotal Civil	217	158	73%
TOTAL APPEALS BY RIGHT	931	704	76%

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	1163	938	81%

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

2020 Year in Review

APPEALS by RIGHT	New Filings	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Administrative	53	17	32%
Administrative - Tax	6	2	33%
Workers' Compensation	126	118	94%
Subtotal Administrative	185	137	74%
Abuse & Neglect	303	288	95%
Family	33	29	88%
Domestic Violence	6	3	50%
Subtotal Domestic	342	320	94%
Criminal - Felony	116	152	131%
Criminal - Misdemeanor	5	4	80%
Criminal - Other	6	8	133%
Post Conviction	50	79	158%
Subtotal Criminal	177	243	137%
Civil - Torts, Contracts, Property	107	168	157%
Civil - Probate	3	2	67%
Civil - Other	26	47	181%
Subtotal Civil	136	217	160%
TOTAL APPEALS BY RIGHT	840	917	109%

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION/OTHER	New Filings	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Lawyer Disciplinary	33	39	118%
Lawyer Admissions	0	0	0%
Judicial Disciplinary	4	5	125%
Subtotal Disc./Admissions	37	44	119%
Certified Question	5	8	160%
Subtotal Certified Question	5	8	160%
Habeas Corpus	30	20	67%
Certiorari	0	0	0%
Mandamus	45	47	104%
Mandamus/Prohibition	7	4	57%
Prohibition	65	69	106%
Subtotal Extraordinary Remedies	147	140	95%
TOTAL OJ/OTHER	189	192	102%
2020 TOTAL FILINGS	1029	1109	108%

January 2020 Term	
Memo Decisions	500
Signed Opinions	49
Subtotal	549

September 2020 Term	
Memo Decisions	291
Signed Opinions	55
Subtotal	346

2020 Yearly Total	
Memo Decisions	791
Signed Opinions	104
2020 TOTAL MERITS DECISIONS	895

Appeals by Right Distribution

