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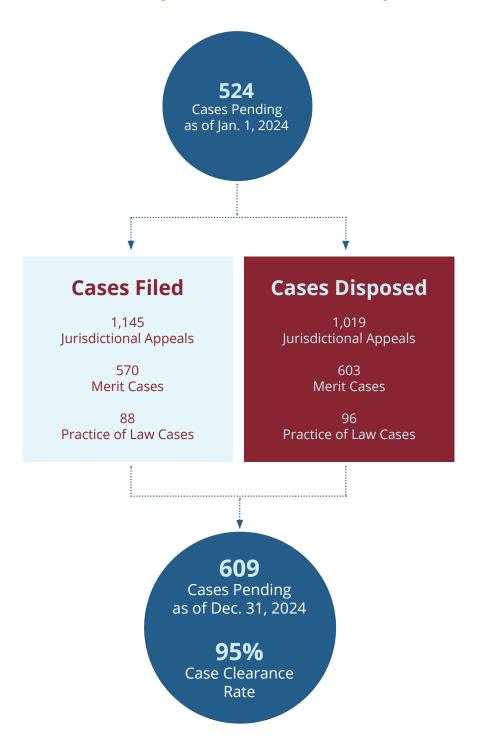
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Section 1 2024 Caseload Activities

The following tables provide a summary of 2024 caseload activity for the Court including a listing of cases filed, final dispositions, and cases pending on December 31, 2024. Also included as a subset is the same information related to Practice of Law cases.

Summary of 2024 Caseload Activity



Cases Filed in 2024

1,145 Discretionary Appeals

- 1,082 Jurisdictional Appeals
 - 6 Death Penalty Postconviction Appeals
 - 14 Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
 - 43 Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Applications

570 Merit Cases

- 391 Original Actions
- 64 Habeas Corpus Cases
- 68 Direct Appeals (Cases Originating in Court of Appeals)
- 1 Direct Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
- 11 Certified Conflicts
- 7 Appeals from Board of Tax Appeals
- 10 Appeals from Public Utilities Commission
- 1 Appeals from Power Siting Board
- 1 Death Penalty Cases
- 16 Cases Purporting to Invoke Unspecified Original Jurisdiction

88 Practice of Law Cases

- 85 Disciplinary Cases
- 3 Bar Admission Cases

1,803 Total Cases Filed

Cases Disposed in 2024

1,019 Discretionary Appeals¹

- 956 Jurisdictional Appeals²
 - 7 Death Penalty Postconviction Appeals
- 15 Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
- 41 Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Applications

603 Merit Cases

- 356 Original Actions
- 65 Habeas Corpus Cases
- 74 Direct Appeals (Cases Originating in Court of Appeals)
- 1 Direct Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
- 13 Certified Conflicts
- 8 Appeals from Board of Tax Appeals
- 2 Appeals from Public Utilities Commission
- 1 Appeals from Power Siting Board
- 3 Death Penalty Cases
- 1 Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Application in Death Penalty Case
- 1 Certified Questions of State Law
- 10 Other Merit Cases
- 68 Jurisdictional Appeals Accepted for Merit Review³

96 Practice of Law Cases

- 93 Disciplinary Cases
- 3 Bar Admission Cases

1,718 Total Cases Disposed

¹ This category includes jurisdictional appeals that were declined and the merits of the case were not reviewed by the Court.

² This category includes jurisdictional appeals that were accepted, held, and later summarily decided without briefing.

³ This category does not include appeals that were accepted, held, and later summarily decided without briefing.

Cases Pending on December 31, 2024

280 Discretionary Appeals

- 271 Jurisdictional Appeals
 - 1 Death Penalty Postconviction Appeals
 - 1 Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
 - 7 Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Application

314 Merit Cases

- 144 Original Actions
 - 8 Habeas Corpus Cases
- 45 Direct Appeals (Cases Originating in Court of Appeals)
- 14 Certified Conflicts
- 7 Appeals from Board of Tax Appeals
- 12 Appeals from Public Utilities Commission
- 5 Appeals from Power Siting Board
- 2 Death Penalty Cases
- 7 Other Merit Cases
- 70 Jurisdictional Appeals Accepted for Merit Review

15 Practice of Law Cases

15 Disciplinary Cases

609 Total Cases Pending

Summary of Practice of Law Cases Filed in 2024

- 23 Cases Pending at Beginning of Year
 - 23 Practice of Law Cases Pending as of December 31, 2023
- 85 Disciplinary Cases
 - 36 Attorney Retirement/Resignation Cases
 - 1 Cases pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(15)/Impairment Suspension
 - 2 Cases upon Felony Conviction
 - 1 Cases upon Default of Child Support Order
 - 2 Cases upon Motion for Interim Remedial Suspension
 - 27 Cases upon Report of Board
 - 6 Consent to Discipline Cases
 - 1 Disciplinary Default Cases pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(14)
 - 3 Judge Disciplinary Cases pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V
 - 1 Judge Disciplinary Cases pursuant to Gov.Jud.R. II(5)
 - 5 Reciprocal Discipline Cases
 - 3 Bar Admission Cases
 - 3 Character and Fitness Cases
 - 0 Unauthorized Practice of Law Cases
- 0 Other Matters Relating to the Practice of Law
- 88 Total Practice of Law Cases

Summary of Practice of Law Cases Disposed in 2024

Disciplinary Cases

29 Cases upon Report of Board

- 1 Public Reprimand
- 21 Definite Suspension
- 5 Indefinite Suspension
- 2 Disbarment

6 Consent to Discipline Cases

- 3 Public Reprimand
- 3 Definite Suspension

34 Attorney Retirement/Resignation Cases

- 23 Retirement Accepted
- 11 Resignation Accepted with Disciplinary Action Pending

5 Reciprocal Discipline Cases

- 2 Public Reprimand
- 1 Definite Suspension
- 1 Indefinite Suspension
- 1 Interim Suspension

1 Cases upon Felony Conviction

1 Interim Suspension

1 Cases upon Default of Child Support Order

1 Interim Suspension

10 Disciplinary Default Cases Pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(14)

- 3 Definite Suspension
- 4 Indefinite Suspension
- 3 Disbarment

1 Cases pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(15)/Impairment Suspension

1 Interim Suspension

2 Cases on Motion for Interim Remedial Suspension

2 Interim Suspension

Summary of Practice of Law Cases Disposed in 2024, Continued...

- 3 Judge Disciplinary Cases under Gov.Bar R. V
 - 1 Public Reprimand
 - 1 Definite Suspension
 - 1 Indefinite Suspension
- 1 Judge Disciplinary Cases pursuant to Gov.Jud.R. II(5)

Bar Admission Cases

- 3 Character and Fitness Cases
 - 1 Applicant Approved
 - 2 Applicant Disapproved; May Reapply

Unauthorized Practice of Law Cases

- 0 Cases on Report of Board
 - * Respondent enjoined from actions constituting the unauthorized practice of law and civil penalty imposed

Other Matters Related to the Practice of Law

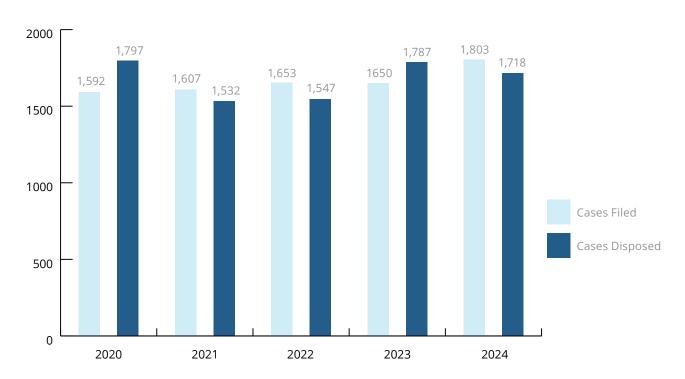
- 0 Other Matters Related to the Practice of Law
- 96 Total Practice of Law Cases Disposed
- 15 Practice of Law Cases Pending as of December 31, 2024
- 109% Practice of Law Clearance Rate

Section 2 2020 – 2024 Caseload

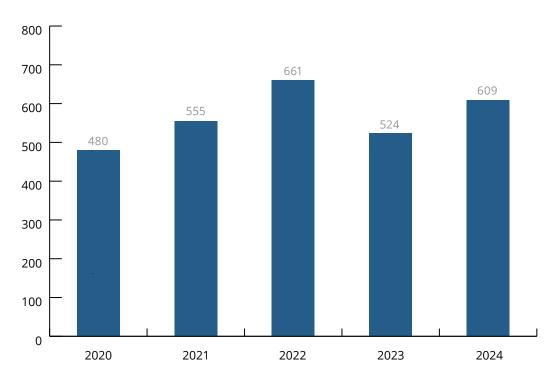
The following charts show the caseload activity of the Court including total cases filed, total cases disposed, total cases pending, and appeals filed by pro se litigants for the years 2020 through 2024.

Also included in this section is a chart reflecting the number and percentage of jurisdictional appeals filed and accepted for review. The charts compare the years 2019 through 2023 because this data is measured by the year in which the appeal was filed. The most recent year for which the data is complete is 2023.

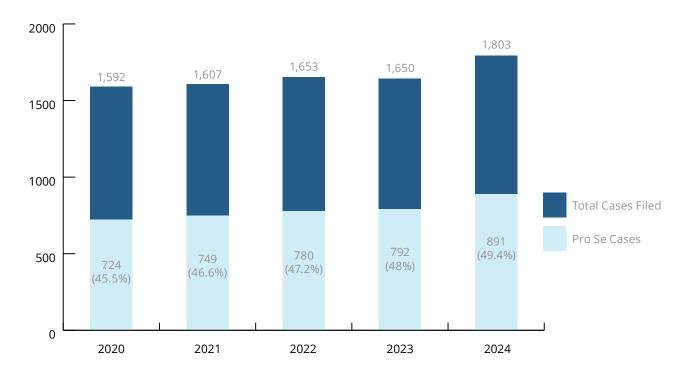
Total Cases Filed and Disposed, 2020 – 2024

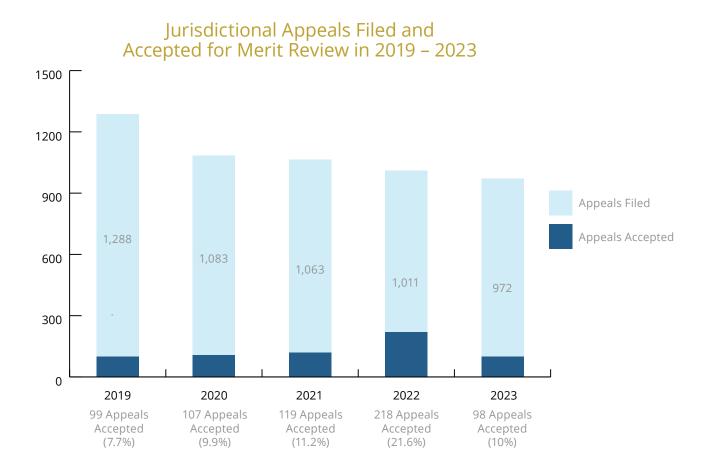


Total Cases Pending as of December 31, 2020 – 2024



Cases Filed by Pro Se Litigants, 2020 – 2024





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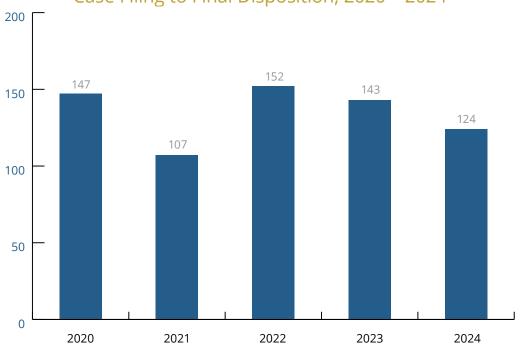
Time to Disposition, 2020 – 2024

The following charts reflect the length of time from the origination of an action to final disposition in broad categories of case types, including:

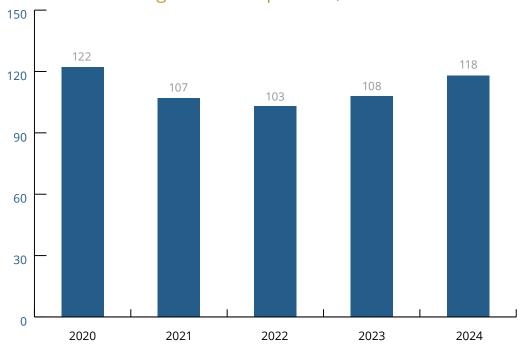
- All cases
- Jurisdictional appeals accepted for merit review
- Original actions
- Disciplinary cases
- Unauthorized practice of law cases
- Bar admission cases
- All cases decided with an opinion.

The charts provide data for the years 2020 through 2024 for purposes of comparison.

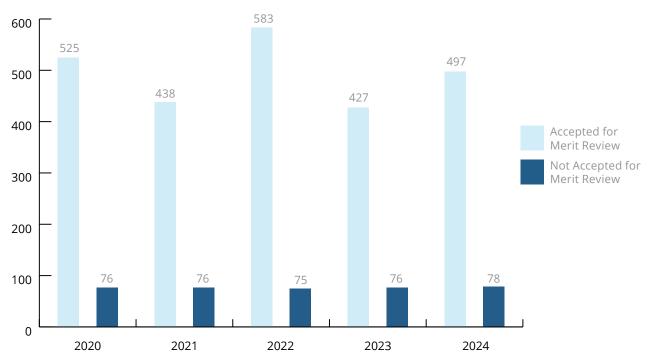




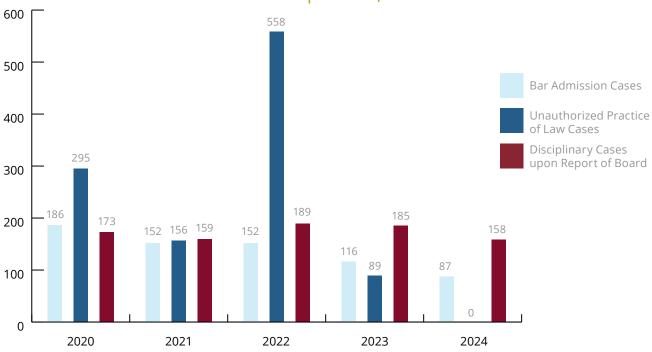
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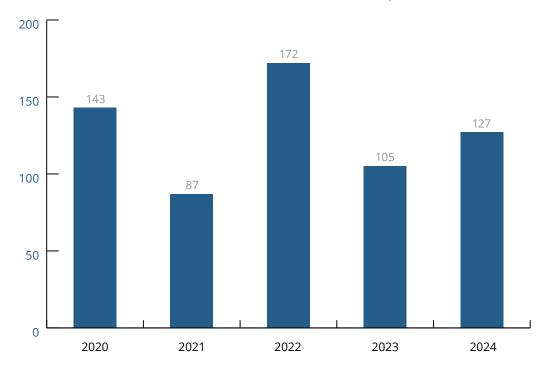
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Practice of Law Cases: Average Number of Days from Case Initiation to Final Disposition, 2020 – 2024



Cases Decided with an Opinion: Average Number of Days from Submission to Court Until Issuance of Opinion, 2020 – 2024



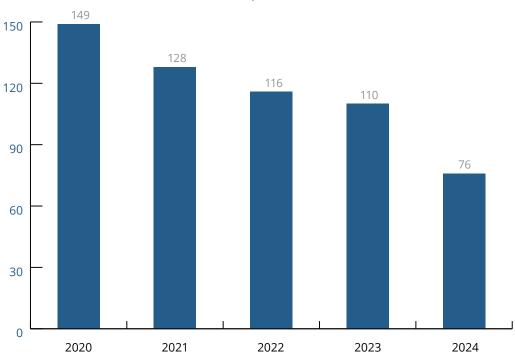
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From Briefing to Oral Argument

The following charts show the time from the completion of briefing on a matter until oral argument is held. The time measured includes the six-week advance notice provided to parties who are scheduled to participate in oral argument. The charts provided include:

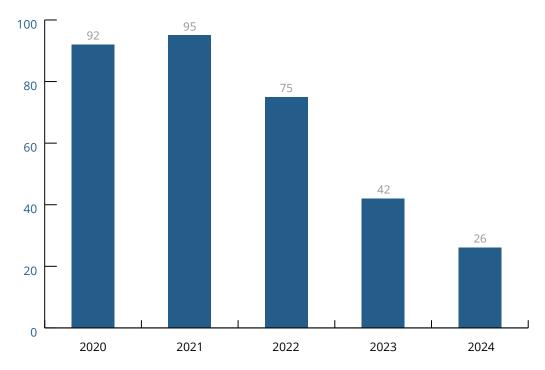
- All cases argued
- Practice of law cases argued (including disciplinary cases, bar admission cases, and unauthorized practice of law cases).

Days from Fully Briefed to Oral Argument for All Cases, 2020 – 2024⁴



The data in this chart may vary when compared to the data presented in prior statistical reports because the Court may initially decline jurisdiction over a case but subsequently grant reconsideration, accept jurisdiction, and hold oral argument.

Days from Fully Briefed Until Oral Argument for Practice of Law Cases, 2020 – 2024



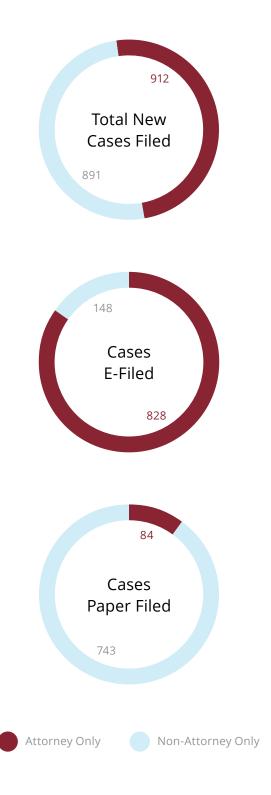


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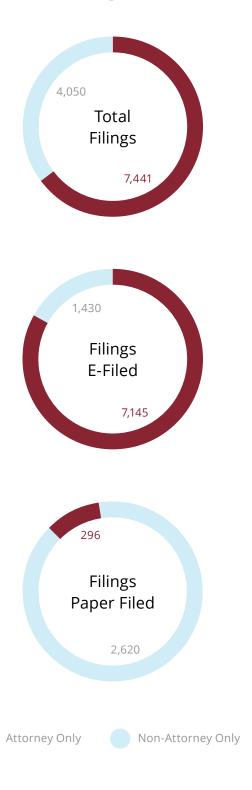
E-Filing

The following charts show a breakdown of the percentage of filings that were filed through the Court's E-Filing Portal.

Total New Cases Filed in 2024



Total Filings in 2024







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