

JUDICIAL
WORKLOAD
STATISTICS

*UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FIFTH CIRCUIT*

CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 2007 - JUNE 2008

P R E F A C E

This report provides information on the judicial business of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Our statistics refer to both “appeals” and “cases.” The term “appeals” refers to all filings reported to the Administrative Office. This includes additional appeals, cross appeals, consolidated appeals, successive habeas corpus, paid and in forma pauperis mandamus applications, and petitions for review. The term “cases” refers to actual workload credit. An example would be a main appeal with a cross appeal. We count this as two “appeals,” but only one “case” because the court works on the main and the cross appeal together. Statistics counting “cases” provide a more accurate and realistic picture of the actual workload of our judges.

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT

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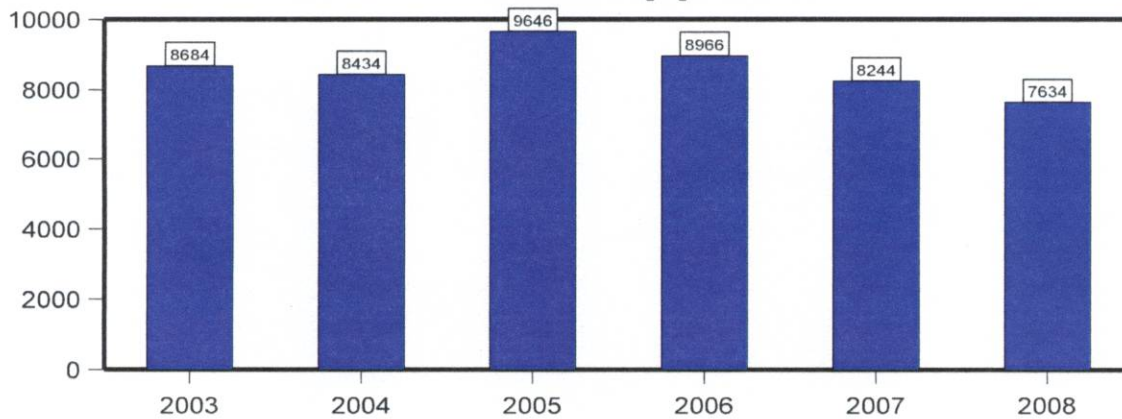
| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| New Appeals | 8684 | 8434 | 9646 | 8966 | 8244 | 7634 |
| Terminations | 9114 | 8384 | 7772 | 8164 | 8797 | 7925 |
| By Judges | 6010 | 5525 | 4898 | 5539 | 6525 | 5827 |
| By Clerk | 2267 | 2093 | 2251 | 2048 | 2272 | 2098 |
| By Consolidation | 837 | 766 | 623 | 577 | 762 | 669 |
| Pending Appeals | 4434 | 4484 | 6361 | 7167 | 5845 | 4883 |
| Total Cases Screened for Decision as to Oral Argument | 3469 | 3445 | 2852 | 3328 | 4199 | 3548 |
| Cases Sent to: | | | | | | |
| Summary Calendar | 1652 | 1492 | 1343 | 1572 | 1662 | 1627 |
| Conference Calendar | 1084 | 1222 | 762 | 1045 | 1569 | 1054 |
| Oral Argument Calendar | 733 | 731 | 749 | 711 | 968 | 867 |
| Summary Calendar Rate | 69.3% | 67.1% | 64.3% | 68.9% | 63.2% | 65.2% |
| Conference & Summary Calendar Rate | 78.9% | 78.8% | 73.8% | 78.6% | 77.0% | 75.6% |
| Cases Ready for Argument | 23 | 130 | 93 | 179 | 206 | 174 |
| Cases Pending Under Submission | 160 | 150 | 157 | 175 | 156 | 165 |
| 90-day Cases | 52 | 52 | 46 | 73 | 53 | 76 |
| Total Opinions | 3721 | 3576 | 3032 | 3712 | 4288 | 3778 |
| Published Opinions | 518 | 405 | 445 | 468 | 483 | 481 |
| Unpublished Opinions | 3203 | 3171 | 2587 | 3244 | 3805 | 3297 |
| Opinions per Active Judge | 229 | 217 | 182 | 215 | 249 | 210 |
| Publication Rate | 13.9% | 11.3% | 14.7% | 12.6% | 11.3% | 12.7% |
| Page Length of Published Opinions | 8.0 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 8.1 |
| Participations per Active Judge in Opinions | 687 | 651 | 546 | 645 | 747 | 630 |
| En Banc Cases | 8 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Motions per Active Judge | 1117 | 1067 | 1194 | 1086 | 1265 | 1124 |

A. NEW FILINGS

1. New Appeals Filed

The chart below shows the “new appeals” filing trends. We experienced a 610 appeal decrease (7.4%), to 7634 appeals. Direct criminal appeals dropped by 279, (10.3%), prisoner appeals dropped by 127 (5.0%), successive habeas petitions dropped by 62 (14.4%), civil rights cases dropped by 60 (9.6%), and U.S. civil appeals declined by 25 (16.1%). The largest percentage gainers were in forma pauperis mandamus petitions, 21 (45.6%), tax, 7 (30.4%), and tax court, 6 (27.3%).

TABLE 1 - New Appeals Filed



2. Source of New Appeals by Type

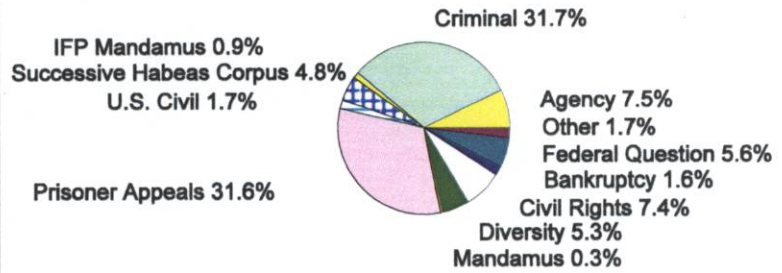
The source of appeals by type is found in the following tables, the first shows the six year trend; the second graphically displays the 2008 data. (See also column (d) of the monthly cumulative reports of new appeals by type at **Enclosure A**, page 21.)

TABLE 2

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Change</u> <u>from '07</u> | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | | | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> |
| Criminal | 2382 | 2445 | 3634 | 3121 | 2698 | 2419 | -279 | -10.3 |
| Prisoner Appeals | 3125 | 2916 | 2805 | 2741 | 2538 | 2411 | -127 | -5.0 |
| Successive Habeas Corpus | 363 | 361 | 560 | 562 | 429 | 367 | -62 | -14.4 |
| IFP Mandamus | 195 | 213 | 143 | 87 | 46 | 67 | +21 | +45.6 |
| Federal Question | 514 | 436 | 429 | 406 | 455 | 426 | -29 | -6.4 |
| Diversity | 470 | 416 | 396 | 387 | 466 | 402 | -64 | -13.7 |
| U.S. Civil | 143 | 104 | 101 | 140 | 155 | 130 | -25 | -16.1 |
| Tax | 23 | 15 | 16 | 9 | 23 | 30 | +7 | +30.4 |
| Tax Court | 26 | 18 | 27 | 17 | 22 | 28 | +6 | +27.3 |
| Civil Rights | 688 | 729 | 711 | 583 | 624 | 564 | -60 | -9.6 |
| Bankruptcy | 128 | 123 | 118 | 103 | 130 | 122 | -8 | -6.1 |
| Social Security | 77 | 72 | 74 | 53 | 64 | 66 | +2 | +3.1 |
| N.L.R.B. | 15 | 17 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 9 | -2 | -18.2 |
| Mandamus | 75 | 70 | 39 | 38 | 34 | 23 | -11 | -32.3 |
| Agency | <u>460</u> | <u>499</u> | <u>586</u> | <u>708</u> | <u>549</u> | <u>570</u> | <u>+21</u> | <u>+3.8</u> |
| | 8684 | 8434 | 9646 | 8966 | 8244 | 7634 | -610 | -7.4 |

Our biggest increases in filings were in IFP mandamus petitions, and agency appeals. Criminal, prisoner, and diversity appeals dropped.

TABLE 3
2008 New Appeals by Case Type



3. Source of New Appeals by Districts

Three of the nine districts showed an increase in appeals filed. Eastern Texas and Western Louisiana increased the most. Southern, Northern, and Western Texas had significant decreases.

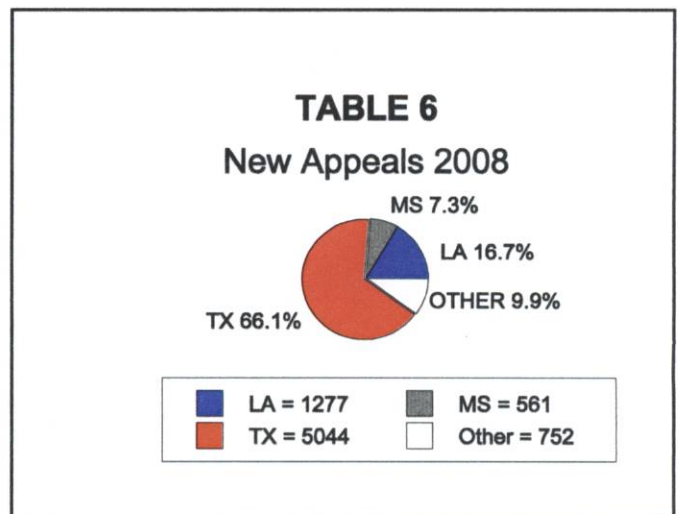
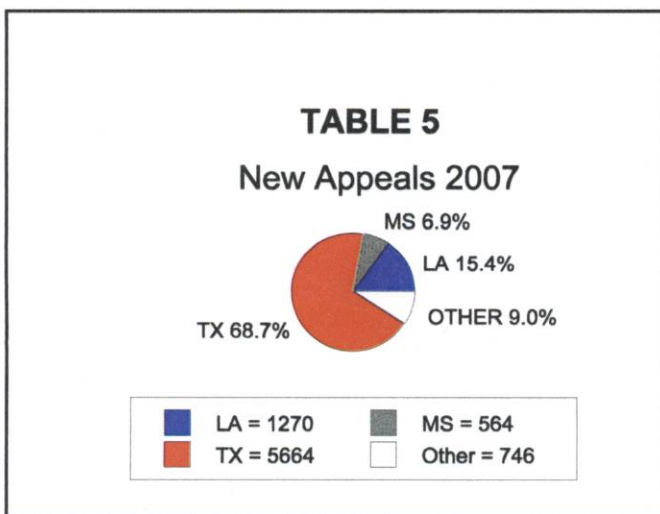
TABLE 4

New Appeals by Districts
(All Appeals)

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Change from '07</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Louisiana Eastern | 582 | 603 | 622 | 494 | 625 | 598 | -27 |
| Louisiana Middle | 186 | 190 | 212 | 215 | 214 | 186 | -28 |
| Louisiana Western | 527 | 488 | 527 | 527 | 431 | 493 | +62 |
| Subtotal | 1295 | 1281 | 1361 | 1236 | 1270 | 1277 | 7 |

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Change from '07</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Mississippi Northern | 249 | 255 | 249 | 219 | 203 | 191 | - 12 |
| Mississippi Southern | <u>437</u> | <u>354</u> | <u>405</u> | <u>280</u> | <u>361</u> | <u>370</u> | <u>+ 9</u> |
| Subtotal | 686 | 609 | 654 | 499 | 564 | 561 | - 3 |
| Texas Northern | 1343 | 1482 | 1716 | 1416 | 1486 | 1273 | -213 |
| Texas Southern | 2282 | 2133 | 2474 | 2512 | 1904 | 1710 | -194 |
| Texas Eastern | 838 | 778 | 724 | 754 | 534 | 630 | + 96 |
| Texas Western | <u>1536</u> | <u>1424</u> | <u>1939</u> | <u>1672</u> | <u>1740</u> | <u>1431</u> | <u>-309</u> |
| Subtotal | 5999 | 5817 | 6853 | 6354 | 5664 | 5044 | -620 |
| Agency | 460 | 499 | 586 | 708 | 549 | 570 | +21 |
| Bankruptcy | 128 | 123 | 119 | 103 | 130 | 122 | -8 |
| U.S. Tax Court | 26 | 18 | 27 | 17 | 22 | 28 | +6 |
| NLRB | 15 | 17 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 9 | -2 |
| Mandamus | 75 | 70 | 39 | 38 | 34 | 23 | -11 |
| Subtotal | 704 | 727 | 778 | 877 | 746 | 752 | +6 |
| Total | 8684 | 8434 | 9646 | 8966 | 8244 | 7634 | -610 |

A comparison of the percentage of appeals by states for 2007 and 2008 is shown on the following charts:



B. CLOSED APPEALS

1. Yearly Comparison

The court disposed of 965 fewer **appeals** this year, a decrease of 10.1%. Likewise, there was a 9.9% decrease in **case** disposals.

TABLE 7

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Change from '07</u> | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|--------|
| All Appeals | 9114 | 8384 | 7772 | 8164 | 9559 | 8594 | -965 | -10.1% |
| Cases | 8277 | 7618 | 7149 | 7587 | 8797 | 7925 | -872 | -9.9% |

2. Method of Disposition

Overall, the court disposed of 872 fewer cases than last year. There were 521 fewer opinions, and other judicial dispositions decreased by 177. Clerk dispositions decreased by 174.

TABLE 8

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Change from '07</u> | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|--|
| By Opinion* | 3707 | 3549 | 3004 | 3690 | 4270 | 3749 | -521 | |
| Other Judicial Dispositions | <u>2303</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1894</u> | <u>1849</u> | <u>2255</u> | <u>2078</u> | <u>-177</u> | |
| Total Judicial Disposition | 6010 | 5525 | 4898 | 5539 | 6525 | 5827 | -698 | |
| By Clerk | <u>2267</u> | <u>2093</u> | <u>2251</u> | <u>2048</u> | <u>2272</u> | <u>2098</u> | <u>-174</u> | |
| Closed Cases | 8277 | 7618 | 7149 | 7587 | 8797 | 7925 | -872 | |

* Does not include 29 opinions which were non-dispositive.

C. UNDISPOSED OF (PENDING) APPEALS

The court disposed of 8594 **appeals** compared to 7634 filed. There are 4351 cases pending this year compared with 5223 last year.

TABLE 9

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>% Change from '07</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| All Appeals Pending | 4434 | 4484 | 6361 | 7167 | 5845 | 4885 | -16.4 |
| Cases | 3895 | 3967 | 5742 | 6467 | 5223 | 4351 | -16.7 |

The 4351 pending cases are broken down into two sub-categories:

1. Cases Under Submission

Excluding cases consolidated for argument and decision (2), and held in abeyance by the judges (11), the pending cases argued and awaiting decision decreased from last year.

TABLE 10

| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Active Judges | 135 | 134 | 330 | 181 | 143 | 142 |
| Senior & Visiting Judges | <u>27</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> |
| Total | 162 | 151 | 341 | 192 | 169 | 169 |

2. Unassigned Carry-Over

All cases briefed but not yet argued or decided and all unbriefed cases are reported as “Unassigned Carry-Over” (see Table 12 for details). Unassigned cases decreased significantly, 871 fewer than last year. This leaves 4171 cases which are the immediate future workload of the court. The following chart gives the six year trend:

TABLE 11

| | <u>Unassigned Cases</u> | <u>New Appeals</u> | <u>% Unassigned Cases to New Appeals</u> |
|------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 2003 | 3714 | 8684 | 42.8 |
| 2004 | 3787 | 8434 | 44.9 |
| 2005 | 5381 | 9646 | 55.8 |
| 2006 | 6259 | 8966 | 69.8 |
| 2007 | 5042 | 8244 | 61.2 |
| 2008 | 4171 | 7634 | 54.6 |

The 4171 unassigned cases fall into the following categories:

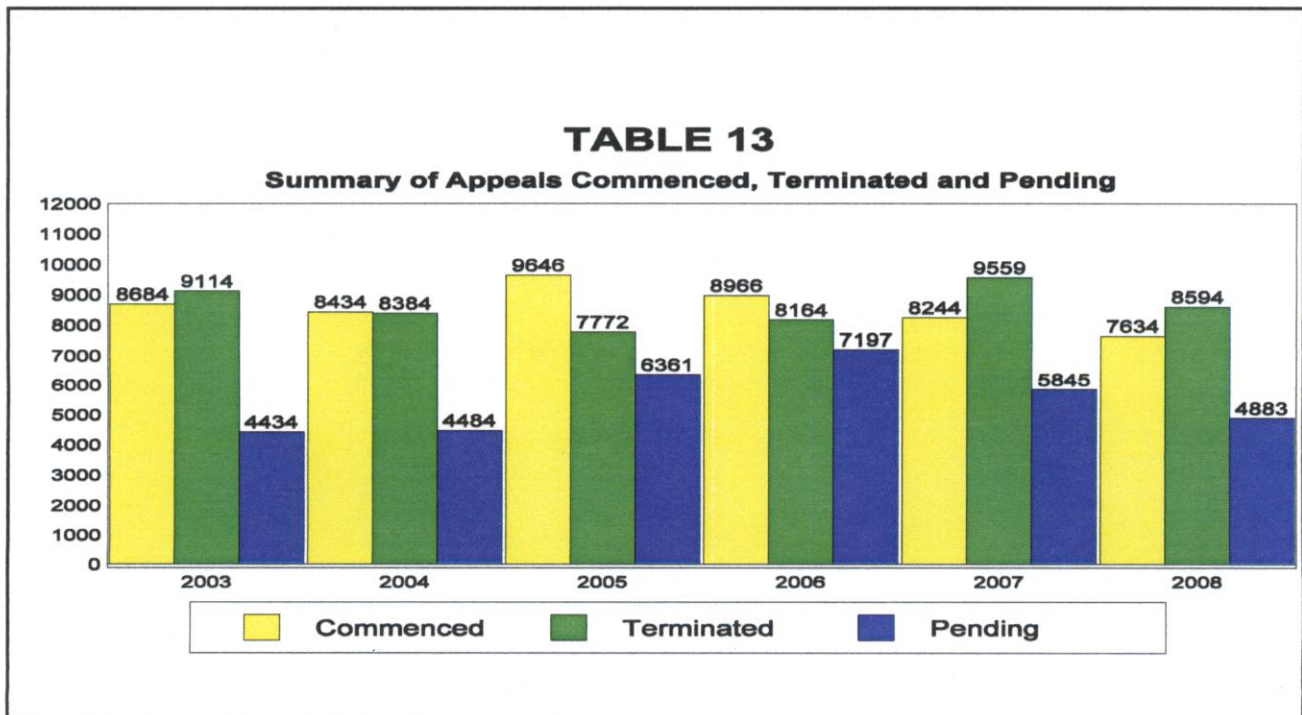
TABLE 12

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| (a) <u>Already Briefed</u> | | |
| Calendared for Oral Argument | 121 | 115 |
| Briefed but Held in Abeyance | 120 | 59 |
| Awaiting Assignment to Oral Argument Calender | 206 | 174 |
| Being Screened | 785 | 661 |

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Awaiting Assignment to Augean Conference | 136 | 93 |
| Awaiting Assignment to Conference Calendar | <u>168</u> | <u>119</u> |
| Sub Total | 1536 | 1221 |
| (b) <u>Unbriefed Cases</u> | | |
| Pre-Briefing | 1654 | 1191 |
| Records Due | 285 | 219 |
| Being Briefed | 1354 | 1316 |
| Stayed/Held in Abeyance | 84 | 62 |
| Awaiting DC Action* | 129 | 162 |
| Sub Total | <u>3506</u> | <u>2950</u> |
| Total | 5042 | 4171 |

* Cases "Awaiting DC Action" capture those cases unable to proceed because of pending motions with the district courts.

D. SUMMARY OF APPEALS COMMENCED, TERMINATED AND PENDING



E. OPINIONS

1. Number of Opinions, Published and Unpublished

The total number of opinions decreased by 510. The figures for the total opinions, including the numbers published and unpublished for the last six years are:

TABLE 14

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Total Opinions</u> | <u>Published</u> | <u>Unpublished</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2003 | 3721 | 518 | 3203 |
| 2004 | 3576 | 405 | 3171 |
| 2005 | 3032 | 445 | 2587 |
| 2006 | 3712 | 468 | 3244 |
| 2007 | 4288 | 483 | 3805 |
| 2008 | 3778 | 481 | 3297 |

2. Types of Opinions

The percentage of signed opinions increased by .5% this year, while the percentage of per curiam opinions decreased by .6%.

TABLE 15

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Signed</u> | <u>Per Curiam</u> | <u>Rule 47.6</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2003 | 14.6% | 84.8% | .6% |
| 2004 | 13.8% | 85.8% | .4% |
| 2005 | 15.9% | 83.6% | .5% |
| 2006 | 12.6% | 86.8% | .6% |
| 2007 | 11.7% | 87.7% | .6% |
| 2008 | 12.2% | 87.1% | .7% |

3. Breakdown of Types of Opinions by Summary, Oral Argument and Conference Calendars

The types of opinions on the summary, oral argument and conference calendars, are as follows:

(a) Summary Calendar

The number of summary calendar decisions decreased by 25 from 1679 to 1654. The percentage of signed opinions on the summary calendar increased by .3% while per curiam opinions decreased by .5%.

TABLE 16

| | <u>Signed</u> | <u>Per Curiam</u> | <u>Rule 47.6</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2003 | 4.2% | 95.8% | 0 | 100.0% |
| 2004 | 4.7% | 95.2% | .1% | 100.0% |
| 2005 | 2.9% | 96.9% | .2% | 100.0% |
| 2006 | 2.2% | 97.4% | .4% | 100.0% |
| 2007 | 1.6% | 98.2% | .2% | 100.0% |
| 2008 | 1.9% | 97.7% | .4% | 100.0% |

(b) Oral Argument Calendar

The percentage of signed opinions on the oral argument calendar decreased this year by 6.6%. The percentage of per curiam opinions increased by 7.1%.

TABLE 17

| | <u>Signed</u> | <u>Per Curiam</u> | <u>Rule 47.6</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2003 | 50.5% | 46.8% | 2.7% | 100.0% |
| 2004 | 51.4% | 47.0% | 1.6% | 100.0% |
| 2005 | 51.2% | 47.2% | 1.6% | 100.0% |
| 2006 | 51.6% | 46.5% | 1.9% | 100.0% |
| 2007 | 48.0% | 49.7% | 2.3% | 100.0% |
| 2008 | 41.4% | 56.8% | 1.8% | 100.0% |

(c) Conference Calendar

There were 1086 conference calendar opinions this year compared to 1621 last year.

4. Published and Unpublished Opinions

Of the 3778 opinions, 481 (12.7%) were published. The number of published opinions decreased by 2 from the preceding year.

(a) Number and Percentage - 2008

TABLE 18

| | <u>Published</u> | | <u>Unpublished</u> | | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | |
| Signed Opinions | 404 | 87.3 | 59 | 12.7 | 463 |
| Per Curiam Opinions | 77 | 2.3 | 3213 | 97.7 | 3290 |
| Rule 47.6 Opinions | -- | -- | <u>25</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>25</u> |
| Total | 481 | 12.7 | 3297 | 87.3 | 3778 |

(b) Percentage Comparison (Published) - 2003 - 2008

TABLE 19

| | <u>% Published</u> | | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
| Signed Opinions | 80.6 | 71.3 | 76.7 | 84.2 | 83.9 | 87.3 |
| Per Curiam Opinions | 2.6 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 2.3 |
| All Opinions | 13.9 | 11.3 | 14.7 | 12.6 | 11.3 | 12.7 |

(c) Length of Published Opinions

The average page length of opinions is up 9% from 2007.

TABLE 20

| | |
|------|-----|
| 2003 | 8.0 |
| 2004 | 8.5 |
| 2005 | 8.2 |
| 2006 | 7.3 |
| 2007 | 7.4 |
| 2008 | 8.1 |

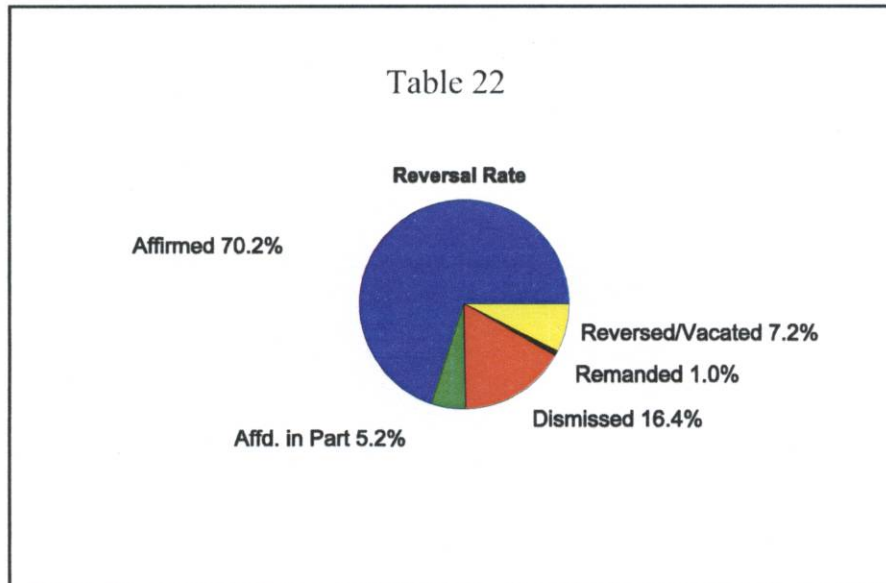
5. Reversal Rate

The 2008 reversed/vacated rate of 7.2% is higher than the 6.5% reversed/vacated rate in 2007.

TABLE 21

| | 2008 | | | | | | | | 2007 |
|------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| | <u>Summary</u> | | <u>Hearing</u> | | <u>Conference Calendar</u> | | <u>Overall</u> | | <u>%</u> |
| | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | |
| Affirmed | 1303 | 78.8 | 646 | 62.2 | 705 | 64.9 | 2654 | 70.2 | 73.5 |
| Affd. in Part | 85 | 5.1 | 102 | 9.8 | 9 | .8 | 196 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| Dismissed | 175 | 10.6 | 71 | 6.9 | 372 | 34.3 | 618 | 16.4 | 14.0 |
| Remanded | 10 | .6 | 27 | 2.6 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 1.0 | .7 |
| Transferred | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reversed/Vacated | 81 | 4.9 | 192 | 18.5 | 0 | 0 | 273 | 7.2 | 6.5 |
| Total | 1654 | 100.0 | 1038 | 100.0 | 1086 | 100.0 | 3778 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* The reversed and vacated categories are being reported together to make our reporting more consistent with the Administrative Office scheme.



F. WORKLOAD PER ACTIVE JUDGE

1. Opinion Output - Per Active Judge

The average opinion output for each of the active judges who participated in disposing of cases on the merits on the summary, oral argument and conference calendars for the reporting year from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The opinion output per active judge decreased by 39 cases over last year.

2. Opinion Output - Overall - 2003 - 2008

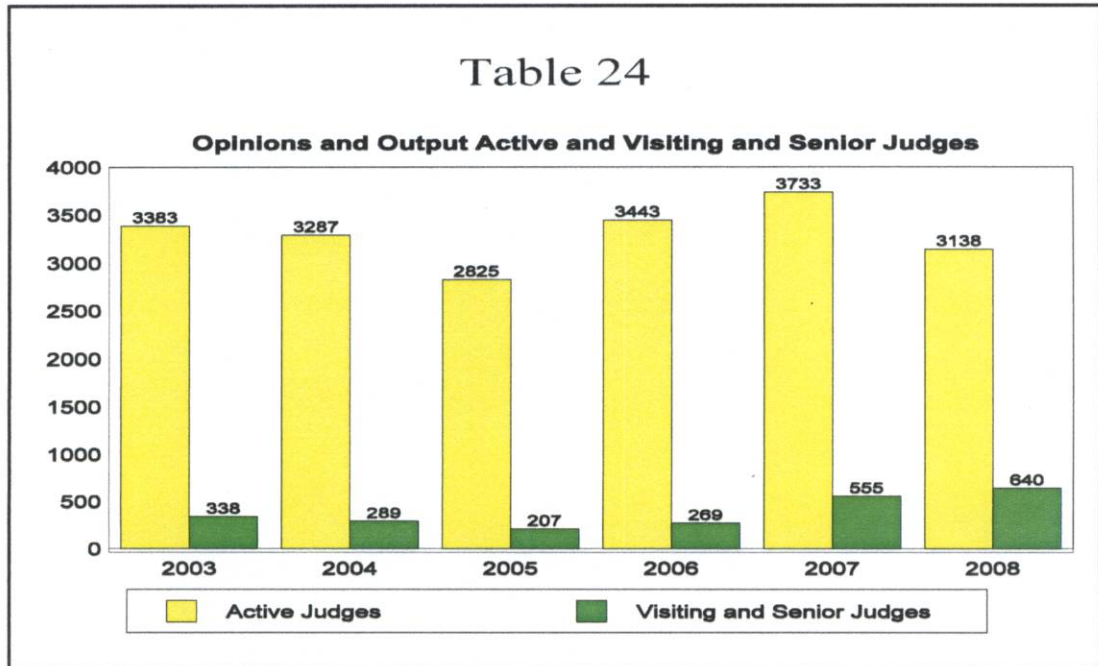
The opinion workload for the entire court as well as for the active judges alone is shown in the following table:

TABLE 23

| <u>Year</u> | (a)* <u>Opinions by Active Judges</u> | (b)* <u>Opinions by Non-Active Judges</u> | (c) <u>Total Opinion Output</u> | (d) <u>Opinions per Active Judge</u> |
|-------------|--|--|--|---|
| 2003 | 3383 | 338 | 3721 | 229 |
| 2004 | 3287 | 289 | 3576 | 217 |
| 2005 | 2825 | 207 | 3032 | 182 |
| 2006 | 3443 | 269 | 3712 | 215 |
| 2007 | 3733 | 555 | 4288 | 249 |
| 2008 | 3138 | 640 | 3778 | 210 |

* Includes Augean conference.

Table 24



3. Overall Workload

The average number of opinions per active judge does not give a complete measure of the active judges' overall workload. Participation in other panel members' opinions in fully briefed cases, conference calendar panels, Augean conference panels, as well as consideration of petitions for rehearing en banc and administrative-interim motions are also other important work factors. Overall, the judges handled 205 fewer matters per judge than last year. **Enclosure B**, page 22, shows the total average annual workload per active judge, based on the court's summary calendar rate of approximately 65.2% of the caseload; seven sessions of court per active judge, and other workload figures as follows:

TABLE 25

| | <u>Per Active Judge</u> | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
| Opinions and Participations in Opinions* | 687 | 651 | 546 | 645 | 747 | 630 |
| Suggestions for Rehearing En Banc | 230 | 193 | 176 | 172 | 160 | 213 |
| Administrative-Interim Motions | <u>1117</u> | <u>1067</u> | <u>1194</u> | <u>1086</u> | <u>1265</u> | <u>1124</u> |
| Total Workload | 2034 | 1911 | 1916 | 1903 | 2172 | 1967 |

* Based on figures of judges who participated in summary, hearing and conference calendars for the full year. The number of opinions for all other judges are contained in Enclosure B.

G. SCREENING CLASSIFICATIONS

1. Cases Screened by Judges

The following table demonstrates the number and percentages of the cases disposed of by the oral argument calendar. There was an increase in percentage of cases sent to the oral argument calendar, although the overall number fell by 97. Actual argument was held in about 60% of the 867 cases assigned to Class III and IV.

TABLE 26

| Statistical <u>Year</u> | Class | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| | <u>I and II</u> | | <u>III</u> | | <u>IV</u> | | Total | |
| | (No Argument) | | (Limited Argument) | | (Full Argument) | | No. | % |
| | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> |
| 2003 | 2736 ¹ | 78.9 | 726 | 20.9 | 7 | 0.2 | 3469 ¹ | 100.0 |
| 2004 | 2714 ² | 78.8 | 728 | 21.1 | 3 | 0.1 | 3445 ² | 100.0 |
| 2005 | 2105 ³ | 73.8 | 745 | 26.1 | 2 | 0.1 | 2852 ³ | 100.0 |
| 2006 | 2617 ⁴ | 78.6 | 710 | 21.3 | 1 | 0.1 | 3328 ⁴ | 100.0 |
| 2007 | 3235 ⁵ | 77.0 | 961 | 22.9 | 3 | 0.1 | 4199 ⁵ | 100.0 |
| 2008 | 2681 ⁶ | 75.6 | 863 | 24.3 | 4 | 0.1 | 3548 ⁶ | 100.0 |
| Total | 16,088 ⁷ | 77.2 | 4733 | 22.7 | 20 | 0.1 | 20,841 ⁷ | 100.0 |

Several additional screening tables follow:

(a) Screening Classifications by Case Type

Enclosure C, page 23, shows the number of cases classified and the summary calendar percentage by case type. Extracting only the summary calendar percentages for comparison with prior years, we see:

¹Includes 1084 conference calendar cases.

²Includes 1222 conference calendar cases.

³Includes 762 conference calendar cases.

⁴Includes 1045 conference calendar cases.

⁵Includes 1569 conference calendar cases.

⁶Includes 1054 conference calendar cases.

⁷Includes 6736 conference calendar cases.

TABLE 27

| <u>Case Type</u> | <u>Summary Calendar Percentage (%)</u> | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
| DIRECT CRIMINAL | 89.0 | 91.2 | 87.7 | 89.5 | 87.1 | 87.9 |
| CRIMINAL NON-DIRECT | 89.2 | 83.7 | 81.0 | 90.7 | 64.6 | 72.1 |
| PRISONER CASES | | | | | | |
| W/cnsl. | 50.0 | 51.4 | 44.2 | 46.9 | 65.4 | 44.1 |
| W/O cnsl. | 96.7 | 96.5 | 98.4 | 95.4 | 92.3 | 89.4 |
| 2255 | | | | | | |
| W/cnsl. | 68.4 | 60.0 | 42.9 | 66.7 | 80.0 | 75.0 |
| W/O cnsl. | 92.3 | 53.8 | 66.7 | 86.7 | 44.4 | 68.4 |
| CIVIL | | | | | | |
| Diversity | 36.8 | 28.4 | 30.5 | 28.8 | 34.1 | 33.6 |
| Federal Question | 43.8 | 39.5 | 29.6 | 27.8 | 31.8 | 36.2 |
| U.S. Civil | 51.8 | 59.0 | 36.8 | 59.3 | 48.6 | 41.8 |
| Tax | 50.0 | 42.9 | 57.1 | 54.5 | 75.0 | 41.7 |
| Bankruptcy | 40.0 | 36.5 | 30.6 | 25.5 | 43.5 | 33.8 |
| Civil Rights | 67.3 | 63.2 | 58.5 | 60.8 | 57.1 | 62.3 |
| NLRB | 12.5 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 54.5 | 20.0 | 33.3 |
| Tax Court | 43.7 | 70.0 | 30.8 | 60.0 | 55.6 | 77.8 |
| Other Agency | 78.2 | 84.6 | 79.5 | 78.7 | 79.6 | 81.5 |
| Social Security | 94.6 | 91.1 | 86.3 | 86.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mandamus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-paid Mandamus | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL | 78.9 | 78.8 | 73.8 | 78.6 | 77.0 | 75.6 |

H. EN BANC PETITIONS

The number of petitions for rehearing en banc increased by 53, (160 to 213). This amounts to en banc petitions being filed in 5.6% of the cases decided by opinion.

Of the 212 petitions acted upon, 3 were granted. This is a decrease from 2007. Of the 202 petitions denied, 1 was denied after a poll. Seven were disposed of by other means. See **Enclosure D**, page 24, for other details.

I. PETITIONS FOR CERTIORARI

The number of petitions filed is as follows:

TABLE 28

| <u>Petitions Filed</u> | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Criminal | 715 | 779 | 805 | 1340 | 1338 | 957 |
| U.S. Civil | 81 | 90 | 56 | 41 | 78 | 72 |
| Private Civil | 517 | 470 | 363 | 256 | 334 | 409 |
| Administrative Appeals | <u>3</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>7</u> |
| TOTAL | 1316 | 1346 | 1236 | 1643 | 1771 | 1445 |
| <u>Opinions Rendered</u> | 3721 | 3576 | 3032 | 3712 | 4288 | 3778 |
| <u>% of Petitions Filed to Opinions</u> | 35.4 | 37.6 | 40.8 | 44.3 | 41.3 | 38.2 |

There were 1509 actions taken by the Supreme Court compared with 1770 last year. Forty petitions were granted, 31 fewer than last year, or 2.65% granted of the total petitions acted upon. (For additional information, see **Enclosure E**, page 25.)

J. ADMINISTRATIVE-INTERIM MOTIONS

The administrative-interim motions decreased to 3316 from 3584 last year, to an average of 237 initiating actions per active judge, down from 239 the prior year. When panel matters are considered, each judge acted on 1124 such motions, a decrease from 1265 last year. See **Enclosure F**, page 26, for other details.

TABLE OF NEW APPEALS DOCKETED BY CASE TYPE AS OF 6/2008

| Case Type | Mo. % 2007-08 | (b) Cumulative % | | (c) | | (d) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | 06-07 | 07-08 | 2006 2007 | 2007 2008 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| CRIMINAL CASES | 37.29% | 32.71% | 31.69% | 2697 | 2419 | 183 | 186 | 195 | 213 | 244 | 245 | 201 | 178 | 196 | 193 | 208 | 177 |
| <u>PRISONER CASES</u> w/counsel | 1.52% | 1.97% | 2.03% | 162 | 155 | 14 | 8 | 11 | 21 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 20 | 14 | 19 | 11 | 3 |
| w/o counsel | 26.18% | 28.83% | 29.55% | 2377 | 2256 | 225 | 162 | 194 | 171 | 170 | 172 | 206 | 230 | 195 | 240 | 163 | 128 |
| Succ Habeas | 3.96% | 5.20% | 4.81% | 429 | 367 | 26 | 36 | 34 | 26 | 30 | 26 | 44 | 25 | 39 | 29 | 25 | 27 |
| Non-Pd Mandamus | 1.37% | 0.56% | 0.88% | 46 | 67 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| SUB-TOTAL | 70.32% | 69.27% | 68.95% | 5711 | 5264 | 463 | 399 | 441 | 439 | 462 | 462 | 464 | 455 | 446 | 484 | 412 | 337 |
| <u>CIVIL</u> Private Civil | 9.28% | 11.18% | 10.85% | 922 | 828 | 87 | 66 | 73 | 85 | 68 | 61 | 55 | 62 | 74 | 84 | 55 | 58 |
| Diversity | 5.18% | 5.56% | 5.27% | 458 | 402 | 42 | 39 | 44 | 40 | 27 | 34 | 31 | 22 | 36 | 39 | 19 | 29 |
| Fed. Quest. | 4.11% | 5.63% | 5.58% | 464 | 426 | 45 | 27 | 29 | 45 | 41 | 27 | 24 | 40 | 38 | 45 | 36 | 29 |
| U.S. Civil | 1.22% | 1.98% | 1.70% | 163 | 130 | 19 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 15 | 15 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 2 |
| Tax | 0.61% | 0.28% | 0.39% | 23 | 30 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Tax Court | 0.46% | 0.27% | 0.37% | 22 | 28 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 |
| Bankruptcy | 1.22% | 1.58% | 1.60% | 130 | 122 | 12 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 13 | 16 | 10 | 10 | 6 |
| N.L.R.B. | 0.15% | 0.13% | 0.12% | 11 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Agency | 8.68% | 6.66% | 7.47% | 549 | 570 | 52 | 52 | 54 | 48 | 60 | 57 | 37 | 38 | 47 | 40 | 43 | 42 |
| Civil Rights | 7.46% | 7.46% | 7.39% | 615 | 564 | 52 | 33 | 40 | 51 | 62 | 49 | 48 | 62 | 33 | 54 | 52 | 28 |
| Soc. Security | 0.61% | 0.78% | 0.86% | 64 | 66 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 3 | 5 |
| Mandamus | 0.00% | 0.41% | 0.30% | 34 | 23 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| SUB-TOTAL | 29.68% | 30.73% | 31.05% | 2533 | 2370 | 233 | 174 | 197 | 226 | 224 | 195 | 175 | 208 | 195 | 224 | 173 | 146 |
| TOTAL APPEALS | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 8244 | 7634 | 696 | 573 | 638 | 665 | 686 | 657 | 639 | 663 | 641 | 708 | 585 | 483 |

Legend:

- Col: (a): Monthly Percentage Make-Up of the New Filings.
 (b): The Cumulative Percentage for the corresponding months in 06-07 compared with 07-08.
 (c): The Cumulative Total Filings for the corresponding number of months in 06-07.
 (d): The Cumulative Total for 07-08.

ENCLOSURE B
WORKLOAD PER ACTIVE JUDGE 2008*

| | | | |
|---|---|-----|-------------|
| I. <u>SUMMARY CALENDAR CASES</u> | | | |
| (a) | Opinions or dispositions as initiating judge | 91 | |
| (b) | Participations in opinions or dispositions of other panel members | | 182 |
| (c) | Sub-total summary calendar cases | | 273 |
| II. <u>CONFERENCE CALENDAR CASES</u> | | | |
| (a) | Opinions or dispositions as initiating judge | 61 | |
| (b) | Participations in opinions or dispositions of other panel members | | 122 |
| (c) | Sub-total conference calendar cases | | 183 |
| III. <u>HEARING CALENDAR AND OTHER CASES</u> | | | |
| (a) | Opinions or dispositions as writing judge | 58 | |
| (b) | Participations in opinions or dispositions of other panel members | | 116 |
| (c) | Sub-total oral argument cases | — | <u>174</u> |
| IV. | <u>TOTAL OPINIONS (I(a), II(a) and III(a))*</u> | 210 | |
| V. | <u>TOTAL PANEL (NON-OPINION) PARTICIPATIONS (I(b), II(b) and III(b))</u> | | 420 |
| VI. | <u>TOTAL OPINIONS AND PARTICIPATIONS (I(c), II(c) and III(c))</u> | | 630 |
| VII. | <u>PETITIONS FOR REHEARING EN BANC</u> | | 213 |
| VIII. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE-INTERIM MATTERS</u> | | | |
| (a) | Single judge matters | 137 | |
| (b) | Participation in panel matters as initiating judge | 329 | |
| (c) | Participation in panel matters of other panel members | | 658 |
| (d) | Sub-total administrative-interim matters | — | <u>1124</u> |
| IX. | <u>TOTAL MATTERS PARTICIPATED IN PER JUDGE</u> | | 1967 |

* Based on figures of judges who participated in summary, hearing and conference calendar for full year.

SUMMARY OF SCREENING CLASSIFICATION

BY CASE TYPE

PERIOD: JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

| <u>CASE TYPE</u> | <u>I</u> | <u>II</u> | <u>III</u> | <u>IV</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | % of I and II's |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | <u>to TOTAL CASES</u> |
| <u>CRIMINAL DIRECT</u> | 332 | 1324 | 226 | 1 | 1883 | 87.9 |
| <u>CRIMINAL NON-DIRECT</u> | 22 | 27 | 19 | 0 | 68 | 72.1 |
| <u>PRISONER CASES</u> | | | | | | |
| HC-W | 0 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 22 | 36.4 |
| HC-W/O | 8 | 92 | 21 | 0 | 121 | 82.6 |
| 1983-W | 0 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 58.3 |
| 1983-W/O | 60 | 120 | 14 | 0 | 194 | 92.8 |
| O. Pris.-W | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| O. Pris.-W/O | 10 | 31 | 3 | 0 | 44 | 93.2 |
| 2255-W | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 75.0 |
| 2255-W/O | 0 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 19 | 68.4 |
| <u>CIVIL</u> | | | | | | |
| Diversity | 1 | 77 | 154 | 0 | 232 | 33.6 |
| Fed. Question | 4 | 79 | 143 | 0 | 229 | 36.2 |
| U.S. Civil | 1 | 27 | 39 | 0 | 67 | 41.8 |
| Tax | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 41.7 |
| Bankruptcy | 0 | 25 | 49 | 0 | 74 | 33.8 |
| Civ. Rights | 16 | 191 | 125 | 0 | 332 | 62.3 |
| N.L.R.B. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 33.3 |
| Tax Court | 0 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 77.8 |
| Other Agency | 0 | 145 | 33 | 0 | 178 | 81.5 |
| Social Security | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 100.0 |
| Mandamus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Non-Paid Mandamus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 455 | 2226 | 863 | 4 | 3548* | 75.6 |

*Total includes 1054 conference calendar cases.

**PETITIONS FOR
REHEARING EN BANC**

F.Y. 2008
07/01/07 - 06/30/08

TOTAL

Total Pending as of 06/30/07

15

FILED

Petitions for Rehearing
En Banc Filed

213

DENIED

w/poll vote
w/o poll vote

1
201

202

GRANTED

On Court's own motion with
oral argument
On Court's own motion without
oral argument
On motion of parties with
oral argument
On motion of parties without
oral argument

0
0
3
0

3

OTHER

7

Total Pending as of 06/30/08

16

LIST OF PETITIONS FOR CERTIORARI
FILED, ACTED ON AND PENDING

SUMMARY

PERIOD: July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

| TYPE | PENDING <u>07/01/07</u> | NUMBER <u>FILED</u> | TYPE OF DISPOSITION | | | PENDING <u>6/30/08</u> |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | <u>GRANTED</u> | <u>DENIED</u> | <u>DISMISSED</u> | |
| TOTAL | 259 | 1445 | 40 | 1461 | 8 | 195 |
| CRIM | 159 | 957 | 35 | 999 | 0 | 82 |
| USC | 17 | 72 | 0 | 79 | 2 | 8 |
| PRIV.CIV. | 76 | 409 | 3 | 373 | 6 | 103 |
| ADM* | 7 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 2 |

* Administrative appeals include applications for enforcement or Petitions for Review of orders of an administrative board or agency.

MONTHLY REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE-MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO JUDGES (FY 2008)

| Motions to or for: | Jul. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | TOTALS |
|--|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|--------|
| Dismiss | 31 | 15 | 14 | 30 | 24 | 13 | 24 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 6 | 223 |
| Reinstate Appeal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Appointment of Counsel | 5 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 65 |
| Expedite Hearing, for Continuance, or Special Assignment | 3 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 27 |
| Stay or for Injunction and/or Supersedeas Pending Appeal | 17 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 17 | 29 | 22 | 16 | 19 | 211 |
| Supplement the Record | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 32 |
| Strike Briefs, Designations for Printing, etc | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 25 |
| Excess Pages in Brief | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Bail Pending Appeal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 18 |
| Interlocutory Appeal (Sec. 1292(b)) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 26 |
| Jurisdiction | 65 | 70 | 59 | 58 | 48 | 58 | 51 | 43 | 55 | 32 | 35 | 49 | 623 |
| Withdraw as Counsel | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 38 |
| Extensions of Time | 8 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 76 |
| Certificate of Probable Cause/Certificate of Appealability | 67 | 118 | 43 | 94 | 35 | 111 | 40 | 122 | 45 | 115 | 40 | 135 | 965 |
| Leave to Appeal In Forma Pauperis | 20 | 17 | 13 | 8 | 15 | 18 | 11 | 17 | 16 | 11 | 22 | 23 | 191 |
| Issuance of CPC/COA and Leave to Appeal In Forma Pauperis | 29 | 15 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 161 |
| Mandamus or Prohibition | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 39 |
| Successive Petitions | 26 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 25 | 22 | 21 | 24 | 15 | 24 | 16 | 24 | 261 |
| Miscellaneous Motions | 18 | 31 | 28 | 33 | 28 | 23 | 29 | 22 | 30 | 18 | 22 | 41 | 323 |
| TOTALS | 301 | 333 | 222 | 296 | 226 | 306 | 244 | 304 | 260 | 284 | 207 | 333 | 3316 |