

SUPERIOR COURT CASE ACTIVITY FOR 2007

DIVISION/OPERATION OF SUPERIOR COURT	Cases Pending Jan 1.	Cases Filed	Cases Reactivated/ Reopened	Total Cases Available for Resolution	Cases Resolved	Cases Pending Dec. 31	% Change in Pending 2006 - 2007	Clearance Rate ^a
Civil Division^b								
Civil Actions	7,427	8,662	813	16,902	10,331	6,571	-11.5%	109%
Landlord & Tenant	18,119	46,082	467	64,668	52,942	11,726	-35.3%	na
Small Claims	13,090	12,087	248	25,425	21,466	3,959	-69.8%	na
Total	38,636	66,831	1,528	106,995	84,739	22,256	-42.4%	na
Criminal Division^c								
D.C. Misdemeanors	968	3,115	-	4,083	3,231	805	-16.8%	na
Felony	1,840	5,256	-	7,096	5,534	1,716	-6.7%	na
Traffic	2,494	8,845	-	11,339	7,761	2,476	-0.7%	na
U.S. Misdemeanors	2,672	10,687	-	13,359	10,523	2,738	2.5%	na
Total	7,974	27,903	-	35,877	27,049	7,735	-3.0%	na
Domestic Violence Unit^d								
Intrafamily	249	3,863	281	4,393	4,182	211	-15.3%	101%
Misdemeanors	477	2,880	543	3,900	3,066	834	74.8%	90%
Total	726	6,743	824	8,293	7,248	1,045	43.9%	96%
Family Court Operations								
Abuse & Neglect	2,721 ^e	532	26	3,279	760	2,519	-7.4%	136%
Adoption	279	250	-	529	251	278	-0.4%	100%
Divorce/Custody/Miscellaneous	2,202	3,641	-	5,843	3,310	2,533	15.0%	91%
Juvenile	912 ^e	3,123	17	4,052	3,315	737	-19.2%	106%
Mental Health	486	1,250	68	1,804	1,363	441	-9.3%	103%
Mental Retardation	1,244	26	-	1,270	16	1,254	0.8%	62%
Paternity & Child Support	6,608	3,917	568	11,093	4,061	7,032	6.4%	91%
Total	14,452	12,739	679	27,870	13,076	14,794	2.4%	97%
Probate Division								
Conservatorships	195	-	-	195	63	132	-32.3%	na
Foreign Proceedings	-	118	-	118	107	11	-	91%
Formal Probate	1,115	1,381	100	2,596	1,916	680	-39.0%	129%
Guardianships	126	29	-	155	104	51	-59.5%	359%
Interventions	2,264	425	-	2,689	217	2,472	9.2%	51%
Small Estates	45	615	29	689	644	45	-	100%
Trusts	319	38	-	357	13	344	7.8%	34%
Total	4,064	2,606	129	6,799	3,064	3,735	-8.1%	na
Tax Division								
Civil Cases	423 ^e	227	-	650	297	353	-16.5%	131%
Criminal Cases	6 ^e	7	-	13	5	8	33.3%	71%
Total	429	234	-	663	302	361	-15.9%	129%
Grand Total	66,281	117,056	3,160	186,497	135,478	49,926	-24.7%	na

^aThe clearance rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added (i.e., new filings/reactivated/reopened) during a given time period. Rates of over 100% indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thus reducing the pending caseload.

^bThe case resolution figures for the Civil Division's Landlord & Tenant and Small Claims & Conciliation Branches include cases administratively closed as a result of data verification activities due to the conversion to the Court's integrated justice information system. Accordingly, the calculation of clearance rates for these caseloads and the Division's overall caseload would not be appropriate. Clearance rates will be provided beginning in CY 2008.

^cBeginning pending figures were adjusted after an audit of the caseload. Cases available for resolution for the Criminal Division may be subject to adjustment in the future as a result of ongoing data verification activities due to the conversion to the Court's integrated justice information system. Accordingly, the calculation of clearance rates for these caseloads and the Division's overall caseload would not be appropriate. Also, as a result of the conversion, the number of reactivated/reopened cases cannot be reported separately, but are included in the number of cases available for resolution.

^dThe Domestic Violence Unit receives Intrafamily (Civil Protection Order) and U.S. Misdemeanor cases as direct filings.

^eFigure adjusted after an audit of the caseload.

NEW CASE FILINGS, 2003-2007

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	% Change 2006 - 2007
Civil Division						
Civil Actions	10,277	10,553	10,162	9,540	8,662	-9.2%
Landlord & Tenant	47,951	48,999	45,346	46,050	46,082	0.1%
Small Claims	17,891	15,756	14,622	15,488	12,087	-22.0%
Total	76,119	75,308	70,130	71,078	66,831	-6.0%
Criminal Division^a						
D.C. Misdemeanors	2,709	3,242	3,625	3,119	3,115	-0.1%
Felony	8,016	8,013	7,535	5,889	5,256	-10.7%
Special Proceedings	3,297	3,197	3,489	na	na	na
Traffic	6,745	7,128	7,657	9,317	8,845	-5.1%
U.S. Misdemeanors	11,540	13,571	13,371	10,878	10,687	-1.8%
Total	32,307	35,151	35,677	29,203	27,903	-4.5%
Domestic Violence Unit						
Intrafamily	4,194	3,845	3,748	3,960	3,863	-2.4%
U.S. Misdemeanors	4,392	4,244	4,426	2,783	2,880	3.5%
Total	8,586	8,089	8,174	6,743	6,743	0.0%
Family Court Operations						
Abuse & Neglect	853	802	933	652	532	-18.4%
Adoption	504	467	324	299	250	-16.4%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	3,589	3,507	3,659	4,131	3,641	-11.9%
Juvenile	2,412	2,783	2,772	2,978	3,123	4.9%
Mental Health	1,958	1,623	1,155	1,136	1,250	10.0%
Mental Retardation	25	16	49	26	26	0.0%
Paternity & Child Support	2,468	2,595	3,192	4,603	3,917	-14.9%
Total	11,809	11,793	12,084	13,825	12,739	-7.9%
Probate Division						
Conservatorships	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign Proceedings	109	132	153	128	118	-7.8%
Formal Probate	1,431	1,515	1,429	1,492	1,381	-7.4%
Guardianships	64	38	29	45	29	-35.6%
Interventions	281	326	316	399	425	6.5%
Small Estates	646	642	747	689	615	-10.7%
Trusts	8	13	23	15	38	153.3%
Total	2,539	2,666	2,697	2,768	2,606	-5.9%
Tax Division						
Civil Cases	172	189	166	184	227	23.4%
Criminal Cases	7	12	14	11	7	-36.4%
Total	179	201	180	195	234	20.0%
Grand Total	131,539	133,208	128,942	123,812	117,056	-5.5%
Monthly Average	10,962	11,101	10,745	10,318	9,755	-5.5%

^aBeginning in CY 2006, cases that are "not papered" (where no formal charges were filed by the prosecutor) are no longer included in filings and resolutions.

CASE RESOLUTIONS, 2003-2007

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	% Change 2006 - 2007
Civil Division						
Civil Actions	12,296	11,325	10,094	13,311	10,331	-22.4%
Landlord & Tenant	48,387	46,087	43,720	47,121	52,942	12.4%
Small Claims	18,493	16,485	14,209	17,238	21,466	24.5%
Total	79,176	73,897	68,023	77,670	84,739	9.1%
Criminal Division						
D.C. Misdemeanors	3,106	4,591	4,736	2,543	3,231	27.1%
Felony	10,206	10,216	10,011	5,833	5,534	-5.1%
Special Proceedings	3,379	3,233	3,497	na	na	na
Traffic	8,334	10,884	11,402	6,684	7,761	16.1%
U.S. Misdemeanors	14,935	20,426	20,574	10,035	10,523	4.9%
Total	39,960	49,350	50,220	25,095	27,049	7.8%
Domestic Violence Unit^a						
Intrafamily	4,779	5,074	4,545	4,175	4,182	0.2%
Paternity & Child Support	471	348	405	271	na	na
U.S. Misdemeanors	4,742	4,876	4,799	3,473	3,066	-11.7%
Total	9,992	10,298	9,749	7,919	7,248	-8.5%
Family Court Operations^a						
Abuse & Neglect	1,387	1,565	1,197	1,071	760	-29.0%
Adoption	579	802	495	356	251	-29.5%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	4,678	3,576	3,499	4,079	3,310	-18.9%
Juvenile	2,247	2,469	2,526	2,689	3,315	23.3%
Mental Health	3,760	1,590	1,073	1,121	1,363	21.6%
Mental Retardation	49	11	6	14	16	14.3%
Paternity & Child Support	5,893	4,218	1,900	3,608	4,061	12.6%
Total	18,593	14,231	10,696	12,938	13,076	1.1%
Probate Division						
Conservatorships	25	48	29	20	63	215.0%
Foreign Proceedings	109	132	153	128	107	-16.4%
Formal Probate	1,426	2,025	2,743	2,921	1,916	-34.4%
Guardianships	102	157	91	88	104	18.2%
Interventions	227	280	187	171	217	26.9%
Small Estates	719	717	800	768	644	-16.1%
Trusts	2	4	2	4	13	225.0%
Total	2,610	3,363	4,005	4,100	3,064	-25.3%
Tax Division						
Civil Cases	111	161	160	209	297	42.1%
Criminal Cases	5	5	-	17	5	-70.6%
Total	116	166	160	226	302	33.6%
Grand Total	150,447	151,305	142,853	127,948	135,478	5.9%
Monthly Average	12,537	12,609	11,904	10,662	11,290	5.9%

^aBeginning CY 2007, Paternity and Child Support case activity, formerly reported in the Domestic Violence Unit, is reported in Family Court Operations.

PENDING CASELOADS, 2003-2007

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	% Change 2006 - 2007
Civil Division						
Civil Actions	10,216	10,063	10,364 ^a	7,427	6,571	-11.5%
Landlord & Tenant	3,803	6,888	18,863 ^a	18,119	11,726	-35.3%
Small Claims	2,115	4,687	14,689 ^a	13,090	3,959	-69.8%
Total	16,134	21,638	43,916	38,636	22,256	-42.4%
Criminal Division^b						
D.C. Misdemeanors	296	311	504	968 ^a	805	-16.8%
Felony	2,556	2,482	2,480	1,840 ^a	1,716	-6.7%
Special Proceedings	142	133	174	na	na	na
Traffic	1,075	820	1,013	2,494 ^a	2,476	-0.7%
U.S. Misdemeanors	2,265	2,422	1,993	2,672 ^a	2,738	2.5%
Total	6,334	6,168	6,164	7,974	7,735	-3.0%
Domestic Violence Unit^c						
Intrafamily	265	187	177	249	211	-15.3%
Paternity & Child Support	70	80	55	81	na	na
U.S. Misdemeanors	838	745	803	477	834	74.8%
Total	1,173	1,012	1,035	807	1,045	na
Family Court Operations^c						
Abuse & Neglect	4,184	3,414	3,189 ^a	2,714 ^a	2,519	-7.2%
Adoption	842	507	336	279 ^a	278	-0.4%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	2,256	2,187	2,134 ^a	2,202 ^a	2,533	15.0%
Juvenile	670	1,015	572 ^a	878 ^a	737	-16.1%
Mental Health	112	228	397 ^a	486 ^a	441	-9.3%
Mental Retardation	1,184	1,189	1,232	1,244 ^a	1,254	0.8%
Paternity & Child Support	6,497	3,863	5,231 ^a	6,608 ^a	7,032	6.4%
Total	15,745	12,403	13,091	14,411	14,794	2.7%
Probate Division						
Conservatorships	292	244	215	195	132	-32.3%
Foreign Proceedings	-	-	-	-	11	-
Formal Probate	4,289	3,784	2,498	1,115	680	-39.0%
Guardianships	350	231	169	126	51	-59.5%
Interventions	1,861	1,907	2,036	2,264	2,472	9.2%
Small Estates	138	107	86	45	45	-
Trusts	278	287	308	319	344	7.8%
Total	7,208	6,560	5,312	4,064	3,735	-8.1%
Tax Division						
Civil Cases	397	431	437	423 ^a	353	-16.5%
Criminal Cases	15	22	36	6 ^a	8	33.3%
Total	412	453	473	429	361	-15.9%
Grand Total	47,006	48,234 ^a	69,991	66,321 ^a	49,926	-24.7%
Monthly Average	3,917	4,020	5,833	5,527 ^a	4,161	-24.7%

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