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TABLE 10: Reported National Caseloads for State Appellate Courts, 2006Reported Caseload

Courts of last resort:	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>
I. Mandatory jurisdiction appeals:		
A. Number of reported complete cases	25,856	23,877
Number of courts reporting complete data	44	40
B. Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions	3,343	3,906
Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions	5	6
C. Number of reported cases that are incomplete	379	370
Number of courts reporting incomplete data	1	1
D. Number of reported cases that are incomplete and include some discretionary petitions	0	0
Number of courts reporting incomplete data that include some discretionary petitions	0	0
II. Discretionary jurisdiction petitions:		
A. Number of reported complete petitions	60,157	58,747
Number of courts reporting complete petitions	44	42
B. Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	1865	2,156
Number of courts reporting complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	3	5
C. Number of reported petitions that are incomplete	135	124
Number of courts reporting incomplete petitions	1	1
Intermediate appellate courts:		
I. Mandatory jurisdiction appeals:		
A. Number of reported complete cases	125,371	126,948
Number of courts reporting complete data	36	36
B. Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions	33,979	42,081
Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions	10	10
C. Number of reported cases that are incomplete	0	0
Number of courts reporting incomplete data	0	0
D. Number of reported cases that are incomplete and include some discretionary petitions	0	0
Number of courts reporting incomplete data that include some discretionary petitions	0	0
II. Discretionary jurisdiction petitions:		
A. Number of reported complete petitions	32,257	31,985
Number of courts reporting complete petitions	20	20
B. Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	0
Number of courts reporting complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	0
C. Number of reported petitions that are incomplete	101	0
Number of courts reporting incomplete petitions	1	0

TABLE 10: Reported National Caseloads for State Appellate Courts, 2006 (continued)

Summary section for all appellate courts:

	Reported Filings		
	<u>COLR</u>	<u>IAC</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Number of reported complete cases/petitions	86,013	157,628	243,641
B. Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types	5,208	33,979	39,187
C. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete	514	101	615
D. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete and include other case types	0	0	0
Total	91,735	191,708	283,443

	Reported Dispositions		
	<u>COLR</u>	<u>IAC</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Number of reported complete cases/petitions	82,624	158,933	241,557
B. Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types	6,062	42,081	48,143
C. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete	494	0	494
D. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete and include other case types	0	0	0
Total	89,180	201,014	290,194

TABLE 11: Reported Total Caseloads for All State Appellate Courts, 2006

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	227	137	NA	364	73		
Court of Appeals	336	38	2	374	125	338	113
State Total	563	175		738	92		
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	201	1,056	NA	1,257	251		
Court of Appeals	3,562	154	NA	3,716	169		
State Total	3,763	1,210		4,973	184		
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	379 A	464	106	843	120	485	69
Court of Appeals	1,335	144	19	1,479	123	1,354	113
State Total	1,714 *	608	125	2,322	122	1,839	97
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	22	9,239	85 A	9,261	1,323	107	15
Courts of Appeal	13,539	8,611	NA	22,150	211		
State Total	13,561	17,850		31,411	280		
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	90	1,303	NA	1,393	199		
Court of Appeals	2,748	NJ	NJ	2,748	172	2,748	172
State Total	2,838	1,303		4,141	180		
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	43	507 B	61	550	79	104	15
Appellate Court	1,134 B	(B)	NA	1,134	113		
State Total	1,177 *			1,684	99		
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	170	2,384	NA	2,554	365		
District Courts of Appeal	19,123	5,704	NA	24,827	400		
State Total	19,293	8,088		27,381	397		
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	756	1,243	134	1,999	286	890	127
Court of Appeals	2,505	798	NA	3,303	275		
State Total	3,261	2,041		5,302	279		
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	639	104	NA	743	149		
Intermediate Court of Appeals	319	NJ	NJ	319	53	319	53
State Total	958	104		1,062	97		
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	525	260	0	785	157	525	105
Court of Appeals	572	NJ	NJ	572	191	572	191
State Total	1,097	260	0	1,357	170	1,097	137

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TOTAL CASES DISPOSED							
State/Court name:	Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	241	153	NA	394		COLR	1
Court of Appeals	191	41	NA	232		IAC	1
State Total	432	194		626			
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	203	1,047	NA	1,250		COLR	6
Court of Appeals	3,829	166	NA	3,995		IAC	6
State Total	4,032	1,213		5,245			
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	370 A	449	106	819	476	COLR	2
Court of Appeals	1,384	139	19	1,523	1,403	IAC	2
State Total	1,754 *	588	125	2,342	1,879		
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	37	9,841	60 A	9,878	97	COLR	6
Courts of Appeal	13,868	8,391	NA	22,259		IAC	2
State Total	13,905	18,232		32,137			
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	80	1,320	NA	1,400		COLR	1
Court of Appeals	2,662	NJ	NJ	2,662	2,662	IAC	1
State Total	2,742	1,320		4,062			
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	(B)	517 B	NA	517		COLR	1
Appellate Court	1,097 B	(B)	NA	1,097		IAC	1
State Total				1,614			
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	176	2,517	NA	2,693		COLR	1
District Courts of Appeal	19,197	5,546	NA	24,743		IAC	1
State Total	19,373	8,063		27,436			
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	570	1,301	54 A	1,871	624	COLR	2
Court of Appeals	2,458	757	NA	3,215		IAC	2
State Total	3,028	2,058		5,086			
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	772	103	NA	875		COLR	2
Intermediate Court of Appeals	317	NJ	NJ	317	317	IAC	2
State Total	1,089	103		1,192			
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	561	279	0	840	561	COLR	1
Court of Appeals	564	NJ	NJ	564	564	IAC	4
State Total	1,125	279	0	1,404	1,125		

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State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
ILLINOIS							
Supreme Court	720	2,272	76 A	2,992	427	796	114
Appellate Court	8,143 B	(B)	NA	8,143	151		
State Total	8,863 *			11,135	183		
IOWA							
Supreme Court	1,028 B	(B)	NA	1,028	147		
Court of Appeals	984	NJ	NJ	984	109	984	109
State Total	2,012 *			2,012	126		
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	108	877	NA	985	141		
Court of Appeals	2,037 B	(B)	NA	2,037	185		
State Total	2,145 *			3,022	168		
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	375	660	NA	1,035	148		
Court of Appeals	2,588	71	NA	2,659	190		
State Total	2,963	731		3,694	176		
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	175	2,867	224	3,042	435	399	57
Courts of Appeal	2,346	5,258	1098	7,604	143	3,444	65
State Total	2,521	8,125	1322	10,646	177	3,843	64
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	260	651	109	911	130	369	53
Court of Special Appeals	2,080	532	5	2,612	201	2,085	160
State Total	2,340	1,183	114	3,523	176	2,454	123
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	225	777	NA	1,002	143		
Appeals Court	1,936	697	NA	2,633	105		
State Total	2,161	1,474		3,635	114		
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	1	2,517	NA	2,518	360		
Court of Appeals	3,969	3,982	NA	7,951	284		
State Total	3,970	6,499		10,469	299		
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	132	701	73	833	119	205	29
Court of Appeals	2,297	97	NA	2,394	150		
State Total	2,429	798		3,227	140		
MISSISSIPPI							
Supreme Court	1,065	394	59	1,459	162	1,124	125
Court of Appeals	363	229	7	592	59	370	37
State Total	1,428	623	66	2,051	108	1,494	79

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State/Court name:	Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
ILLINOIS							
Supreme Court	714	2,334	NA	3,048		COLR	1
Appellate Court	8,251 B	(B)	NA	8,251		IAC	1
State Total	8,965 *			11,299			
IOWA							
Supreme Court	132	1,100	NA	1,232		COLR	1
Court of Appeals	1,057	NJ	NJ	1,057	1,057	IAC	4
State Total	1,189	1,100		2,289			
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	1,025 B	(B)	NA	1,025		COLR	5
Court of Appeals	1,930 B	(B)	NA	1,930		IAC	5
State Total	2,955 *			2,955			
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	409	714	NA	1,123		COLR	6
Court of Appeals	2,530	76	NA	2,606		IAC	3
State Total	2,939	790		3,729			
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	213	3,111	258	3,324	471	COLR	2
Courts of Appeal	2,999	5,287	NA	8,286		IAC	2
State Total	3,212	8,398		11,610			
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	255	628	NA	883		COLR	2
Court of Special Appeals	1,875	532	NA	2,407		IAC	2
State Total	2,130	1,160		3,290			
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	182	757	NA	939		COLR	2
Appeals Court	1,879	697	NA	2,576		IAC	2
State Total	2,061	1,454		3,515			
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	1	2,543	NA	2,544		COLR	1
Court of Appeals	4,322	3,961	NA	8,283		IAC	1
State Total	4,323	6,504		10,827			
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	149	131	62	280	211	COLR	1
Court of Appeals	2,196	92	NA	2,288		IAC	1
State Total	2,345	223		2,568			
MISSISSIPPI							
Supreme Court	838	381	NA	1,219		COLR	2
Court of Appeals	410	279	NA	689		IAC	2
State Total	1,248	660		1,908			

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	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	319	557	42	876	125	361	52
Court of Appeals	3,988	NJ	NJ	3,988	125	3,988	125
State Total	4,307	557	42	4,864	125	4,349	112
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	63	341	31	404	58	94	13
Court of Appeals	1,311	NJ	NJ	1,311	219	1,311	219
State Total	1,374	341	31	1,715	132	1,405	108
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	404	2,954	NA	3,358	480		
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	7,043	0	NA	7,043	207		
State Total	7,447	2,954		10,401	254		
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	81	548	NA	629	126		
Court of Appeals	930	46	NA	976	98		
State Total	1,011	594		1,605	107		
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	193	539	12	732	105	205	29
Court of Appeals	1,718	894	150	2,612	174	1,868	125
State Total	1,911	1,433	162	3,344	152	2,073	94
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	383 B	(B)	NA	383	77		
Court of Appeals	0 B	NJ	NJ	0	0	0	0
State Total	383 *			383	48		
OHIO							
Supreme Court	594	1,865	NA	2,459	351		
Courts of Appeals	11,322	NJ	NJ	11,322	167	11,322	167
State Total	11,916	1,865		13,781	184		
OKLAHOMA							
Supreme Court	1,354	502	NA	1,856	206		
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,365	NJ	NJ	1,365	273	1,365	273
Court of Civil Appeals	869	NJ	NJ	869	72	869	72
State Total	3,588	502		4,090	157		
OREGON							
Supreme Court	214	1,098	NA	1,312	187		
Court of Appeals	3,518	NJ	NJ	3,518	352	3,518	352
State Total	3,732	1,098		4,830	284		
PUERTO RICO							
Supreme Court	179	1,280	NA	1,459	208		
Circuit Court of Appeals	2,825	1,856	NA	4,681	120		
State Total	3,004	3,136		6,140	133		

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MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	296	561	42	857	338	COLR	1
Court of Appeals	3,882	NJ	NJ	3,882	3,882	IAC	1
State Total	4,178	561	42	4,739	4,220		
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	(B)	252 B	NA	252		COLR	1
Court of Appeals	1,313	NJ	NJ	1,313	1,313	IAC	1
State Total		252 *		1,565			
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	416	2,930	NA	3,346		COLR	1
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	7,142	0	NA	7,142		IAC	1
State Total	7,558	2,930		10,488			
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	84	529	NA	613		COLR	5
Court of Appeals	748 B	11	NA	759		IAC	5
State Total	832 *	540		1,372			
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	162	530	52	692	214	COLR	2
Court of Appeals	1,979	894	NA	2,873		IAC	2
State Total	2,141	1,424		3,565			
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	455 B	(B)	NA	455		COLR	1
Court of Appeals	0 B	NJ	NJ	0	0	IAC	1
State Total	455 *			455			
OHIO							
Supreme Court	598	1,788	NA	2,386		COLR	1
Courts of Appeals	11,208	NJ	NJ	11,208	11,208	IAC	1
State Total	11,806	1,788		13,594			
OKLAHOMA**							
Supreme Court	NA	502	NA			COLR	1
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,215	NJ	NJ	1,215	1,215	COLR	2
Court of Civil Appeals	895	NJ	NJ	895	895	IAC	4
State Total		502					
OREGON							
Supreme Court	155	959	NA	1,114		COLR	1
Court of Appeals	3,502	NJ	NJ	3,502	3,502	IAC	1
State Total	3,657	959		4,616			
PUERTO RICO							
Supreme Court	150	1,379	NA	1,529		COLR	1
Circuit Court of Appeals	2,822	1,930	NA	4,752		IAC	1
State Total	2,972	3,309		6,281			

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State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	373	952	NA	1,325	265		
Court of Appeals	1,729	NJ	NJ	1,729	192	1,729	192
State Total	2,102	952		3,054	218		
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	NJ	1,207	139	1,207	134	139	15
Court of Criminal Appeals	7,039	1,842	175	8,881	987	7,214	802
Courts of Appeals	11,237	NJ	NJ	11,237	140	11,237	140
State Total	18,276	3,049	314	21,325	218	18,590	190
UTAH							
Supreme Court	670 B	(B)	NA	670	134		
Court of Appeals	949 B	25	NJ	974	139	949	136
State Total	1,619 *			1,644	137		
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	14	2,742	249	2,756	394	263	38
Court of Appeals	670	2,541	271	3,211	292	941	86
State Total	684	5,283	520	5,967	332	1,204	67
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	56	1,629	NA	1,685	187		
Court of Appeals	3,783	407	NA	4,190	175		
State Total	3,839	2,036		5,875	178		
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	NJ	1,049	78	1,049	150		
Court of Appeals	3,078 B	(B)	NA	3,078	192		
State Total	3,078 *			4,127	179		
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	688 B	(B)	NA	688	138		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	1,670	17	NA	1,687	187		
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	574 B	135 A	NA	709	101		
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	696	125	NA	821	117		
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	2,185	NJ	NJ	2,185	312	2,185	312

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SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	361	1,041	NA	1,402		COLR	2
Court of Appeals	1,524	NJ	NJ	1,524	1,524	IAC	4
State Total	1,885	1,041		2,926			
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	NJ	1,138	101	1,138	101	COLR	1
Court of Criminal Appeals	7,462	1,894	115	9,356	7,577	COLR	5
Courts of Appeals	11,784	NJ	NJ	11,784	11,784	IAC	1
State Total	19,246	3,032	216	22,278	19,462		
UTAH							
Supreme Court	697 B	(B)	NA	697		COLR	1
Court of Appeals	974 B	(B)	NA	974		IAC	1
State Total	1,671 *			1,671			
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	0	2,561	NA	2,561		COLR	1
Court of Appeals	645	2,591	NA	3,236		IAC	1
State Total	645	5,152		5,797			
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	48	1,392	NA	1,440		COLR	6
Court of Appeals	3,806	383	NA	4,189		IAC	6
State Total	3,854	1,775		5,629			
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	NJ	1,105	NA	1,105		COLR	6
Court of Appeals	3,132 B	(B)	NA	3,132		IAC	6
State Total	3,132 *			4,237			
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	655 B	(B)	NA	655		COLR	1
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	1,605	14	NA	1,619		COLR	1
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	459 B	124 A	NA	583		COLR	1
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	615 B	121	NA	736		COLR	1
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	2,387	NJ	NJ	2,387	2,387	COLR	2

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				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	(B)	964 B	NA	964	193		
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	228	113	NA	341	68		
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	384	67	NA	451	90		
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	522	26	NA	548	110		
WEST VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court of Appeals	NJ	3,631	346	3,631	726	346	69
WYOMING							
Supreme Court	319	NJ	NJ	319	64	319	64
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts							
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	677	1,151	NA	1,828	203		
Court of Civil Appeals	1,080	NJ	NJ	1,080	216	1,080	216
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,420	NJ	NJ	2,420	484	2,420	484
State Total	4,177	1,151		5,328	280		
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	153	912	NA	1,065	213		
Court of Appeals	2,501 B	(B)	NA	2,501	167		
Tax Court	114	NJ	NJ	114	114	114	114
State Total	2,768 *			3,680	175		
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	295	3,859	NA	4,154	593		
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	9,981 B	(B)	NA	9,981	178		
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	2,361 B	(B)	NA	2,361	157		
State Total	12,637 *			16,496	211		
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	439	2,698	NA	3,137	448		
Superior Court	8,201	NA	NA				
Commonwealth Court	3,795 B	101 A	NA	3,896	433		
State Total	12,435 *						
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	306	946	68	1,252	250	374	75
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,153	91	23	1,244	104	1,176	98
Court of Appeals	858	120	16	978	82	874	73
State Total	2,317	1,157	107	3,474	120	2,424	84

TABLE 11: Reported Total Caseloads for All State Appellate Courts, 2006. (continued)

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

State/Court name:	Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	(B)	882 B	NA	882		COLR	1
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	238	82	NA	320		COLR	1
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	344	53	NA	397		COLR	2
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	514	20	NA	534		COLR	1
WEST VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court of Appeals	NJ	2,636	NA	2,636		COLR	1
WYOMING***							
Supreme Court	299	NJ	NJ	299	299	COLR	1
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts							
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	659	1,146	NA	1,805		COLR	1
Court of Civil Appeals	1,149	NJ	NJ	1,149	1,149	IAC	1
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,466	NJ	NJ	2,466	2,466	IAC	1
State Total	4,274	1,146		5,420			
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	158	938	NA	1,096		COLR	6
Court of Appeals	2,523 B	(B)	NA	2,523		IAC	6
Tax Court	100	NJ	NJ	100	100	IAC	6
State Total	2,781 *			3,719			
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	191	3,855	NA	4,046		COLR	1
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	17,992 B	(B)	NA	17,992		IAC	2
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	2,019 B	(B)	NA	2,019		IAC	2
State Total	20,202 *			24,057			
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	626	2,482	NA	3,108		COLR	6
Superior Court	7,898	NA	NA			IAC	1
Commonwealth Court	4,163 B	(B)	NA	4,163		IAC	1
State Total	12,687 *						
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	376	889	11	1,265	387	COLR	1
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,190	95	0	1,285	1,190	IAC	1
Court of Appeals	1,155	117	22	1,272	1,177	IAC	1
State Total	2,721	1,101	33	3,822	2,754		

TABLE 11: Reported Total Caseloads for All State Appellate Courts, 2006. (continued)

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of last resort

IAC = Intermediate appellate court

POINTS AT WHICH CASES ARE COUNTED:

1 = At the notice of appeal

2 = At the filing of trial record

3 = At the filing of trial record and complete briefs

4 = At transfer

5 = Other

6 = Varies

NOTE:

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

(B) = Mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction cases cannot be separately identified. Data are reported within the jurisdiction where the court has the majority of its caseload.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data do not include mandatory attorney disciplinary cases and certified questions from the federal courts.

California—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions granted filed and disposed data do not include original proceedings.

Georgia—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions granted disposed data do not include some unclassified petitions and original proceedings.

Illinois—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions granted filed data do not include other discretionary petitions.

Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data do not include some discretionary petitions.

Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total discretionary filed data do not include some discretionary petitions.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.

—Appellate Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include discretionary petitions.

Delaware—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary jurisdiction cases.

Illinois—Appellate Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

Indiana—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

Iowa—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data include all discretionary petitions.

Kansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include discretionary petitions that were disposed.

—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include some discretionary jurisdiction cases.

Montana—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include all discretionary jurisdiction cases.

Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions disposed data include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.

New Hampshire—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.

New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory disposed data include all discretionary jurisdiction cases.

New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

—Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include discretionary petitions.

Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data

Utah—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

**TABLE 12: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases
in State Appellate Courts, 2006**

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	227	241	106	5	45	34
Court of Appeals	IAC	336	191	57	3	112	50
State Total		563	432	77	8	70	83
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	COLR	201	203	101	5	40	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,562	3,829	107	22	162	58
State Total		3,763	4,032	107	27	139	61
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	379 A	370 A	98	7	54	13
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,335	1,384	104	12	111	48
State Total		1,714 *	1,754 *	102	19	90	61
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	22	37	168	7	3	0
Courts of Appeal	IAC	13,539	13,868	102	105	129	37
State Total		13,561	13,905	103	112	121	37
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	COLR	90	80	89	7	13	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,748	2,662	97	16	172	58
State Total		2,838	2,742	97	23	123	60
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	COLR	43	(B)		7	6	1
Appellate Court	IAC	1,134 B	1,097 B	97	10	113	32
State Total		1,177 *			17	69	34
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	COLR	170	176	104	7	24	1
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	19,123	19,197	100	62	308	106
State Total		19,293	19,373	100	69	280	107
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	756	570	75	7	108	8
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,505	2,458	98	12	209	27
State Total		3,261	3,028	93	19	172	35
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	COLR	639	772	121	5	128	50
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	319	317	99	6	53	25
State Total		958	1,089	114	11	87	75
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	COLR	525	561	107	5	105	36
Court of Appeals	IAC	572	564	99	3	191	39
State Total		1,097	1,125	103	8	137	75

TABLE 12: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2006. (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
ILLINOIS							
Supreme Court	COLR	720	714	99	7	103	6
Appellate Court	IAC	8,143 B	8,251 B	101	54	151	64
State Total		8,863 *	8,965 *	101	61	145	69
IOWA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,028 B	132		7	147	35
Court of Appeals	IAC	984	1,057	107	9	109	33
State Total		2,012 *	1,189		16	126	68
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	108	1,025 B		7	15	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,037 B	1,930 B	95	11	185	74
State Total		2,145 *	2,955 *		18	119	78
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	COLR	375	409	109	7	54	9
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,588	2,530	98	14	185	62
State Total		2,963	2,939	99	21	141	70
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	175	213	122	7	25	4
Courts of Appeal	IAC	2,346	2,999	128	53	44	55
State Total		2,521	3,212	127	60	42	59
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	COLR	260	255	98	7	37	5
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	2,080	1,875	90	13	160	37
State Total		2,340	2,130	91	20	117	42
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	225	182	81	7	32	3
Appeals Court	IAC	1,936	1,879	97	25	77	30
State Total		2,161	2,061	95	32	68	34
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	COLR	1	1	100	7	0	0
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,969	4,322	109	28	142	39
State Total		3,970	4,323	109	35	113	39
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	132	149	113	7	19	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,297	2,196	96	16	144	45
State Total		2,429	2,345	97	23	106	47
MISSISSIPPI							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,065	838	79	9	118	37
Court of Appeals	IAC	363	410	113	10	36	13
State Total		1,428	1,248	87	19	75	49

TABLE 12: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2006. (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	COLR	319	296	93	7	46	5
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,988	3,882	97	32	125	68
State Total		4,307	4,178	97	39	110	74
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	63	(B)		7	9	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,311	1,313	100	7	187	74
State Total		1,374			14	98	78
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	COLR	404	416	103	7	58	5
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	7,043	7,142	101	34	207	81
State Total		7,447	7,558	101	41	182	86
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	81	84	104	5	16	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	930	748 B		10	93	48
State Total		1,011	832 *		15	67	52
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	193	162	84	7	28	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,718	1,979	115	15	115	19
State Total		1,911	2,141	112	22	87	22
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	383	455	119	5	77	60
Court of Appeals	IAC	0	0		3		
State Total		383	455	119	8	48	60
OHIO							
Supreme Court	COLR	594	598	101	7	85	5
Courts of Appeals	IAC	11,322	11,208	99	68	167	99
State Total		11,916	11,806	99	75	159	104
OKLAHOMA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,354	NA		9	150	38
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	1,365	1,215	89	5	273	38
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	869	895	103	12	72	24
State Total		3,588			26	138	100
OREGON							
Supreme Court	COLR	214	155	72	7	31	6
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,518	3,502	100	10	352	95
State Total		3,732	3,657	98	17	220	101
PUERTO RICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	179	150	84	7	26	5
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	2,825	2,822	100	39	72	72
State Total		3,004	2,972	99	46	65	77

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<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	373	361	97	5	75	9
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,729	1,524	88	9	192	40
State Total		2,102	1,885	90	14	150	49
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		9		
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	7,039	7,462	106	9	782	30
Courts of Appeals	IAC	11,237	11,784	105	80	140	48
State Total		18,276	19,246	105	98	186	78
UTAH							
Supreme Court	COLR	670 B	697 B	104	5	134	26
Court of Appeals	IAC	949 B	974 B	103	7	136	37
State Total		1,619 *	1,671 *	103	12	135	63
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	14	0		7	2	0
Court of Appeals	IAC	670	645	96	11	61	9
State Total		684	645	94	18	38	9
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	COLR	56	48	86	9	6	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,783	3,806	101	24	158	59
State Total		3,839	3,854	100	33	116	60
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		7		
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,078 B	3,132 B	102	16	192	55
State Total		3,078 *	3,132 *	102	23	134	55
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	COLR	688 B	655 B	95	5	138	81
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	COLR	1,670	1,605	96	9	186	285
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	574 B	459 B	80	7	82	44
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	696	615 B		7	99	74
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,185	2,387	109	7	312	88
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	(B)		5		

TABLE 12: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2006. (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	COLR	228	238	104	5	46	21
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	384	344	90	5	77	49
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	COLR	522	514	98	5	104	84
WEST VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
WYOMING							
Supreme Court	COLR	319	299	94	5	64	62
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts							
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	COLR	677	659	97	9	75	15
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	1,080	1,149	106	5	216	24
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	2,420	2,466	102	5	484	53
State Total		4,177	4,274	102	19	220	91
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	153	158	103	5	31	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,501 B	2,523 B	101	15	167	40
Tax Court	IAC	114	100	88	1	114	2
State Total		2,768 *	2,781 *	100	21	132	44
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	COLR	295	191	65	7	42	2
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	9,981 B	17,992 B	180	56	178	52
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	2,361 B	2,019 B	86	15	157	12
State Total		12,637 *	20,202 *	160	78	162	66
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	439	626	143	7	63	4
Superior Court	IAC	8,201	7,898	96	15	547	66
Commonwealth Court	IAC	3,795 B	4,163 B	110	9	422	31
State Total		12,435 *	12,687 *	102	31	401	100
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	COLR	306	376	123	5	61	5
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	1,153	1,190	103	12	96	19
Court of Appeals	IAC	858	1,155	135	12	72	14
State Total		2,317	2,721	117	29	80	38

TABLE 12: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2006. (continued)

Court Type
COLR = Court of Last Resort
IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

NOTE:

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(B) = Mandatory jurisdiction cases cannot be separately identified and are reported with discretionary petitions. (See Table 4.)

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Delaware—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary jurisdiction cases.
Illinois—Appellate Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.
Indiana—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.
Iowa—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data include all discretionary petitions.
Kansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include discretionary petitions that were disposed.
—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.
Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include some discretionary jurisdiction cases.
Montana—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include all discretionary jurisdiction cases.
New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory disposed data include all discretionary jurisdiction cases.
New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.
—Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include discretionary petitions.
Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include some discretionary jurisdiction cases.
Utah—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.
—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.
Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseloads in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court										
ALASKA										
Supreme Court	286	297	285	335	294	258	270	256	272	227
Court of Appeals	327	336	301	295	272	286	202	189	424	336
ARIZONA										
Supreme Court	161	92	73	58	207	177	178	169	185	201
Court of Appeals	3,607	3,710	3,553	3,354	3,367	3,608	3,644	3,398	3,819	3,562
ARKANSAS										
Supreme Court	562 C	413 C	370 C	418 C	401 C	320 A	385 A	351 A	358 A	379 A
Court of Appeals	1,121	1,485	1,300	1,355	1,158	1,345	1,381	1,313	1,322	1,335
CALIFORNIA										
Supreme Court	38	33	45	32	31	23	20	14	18	22
Courts of Appeal	16,881	15,931	16,186	16,143	14,728	13,925	13,437	14,340	13,227	13,539
COLORADO										
Supreme Court	179	205	147	132	89	111	101	113	97	90
Court of Appeals	2,245	2,410	2,647	2,502	2,335	2,673	2,589	2,556	2,766	2,748
CONNECTICUT										
Supreme Court	67	30	29	54	63	46	43	64	64	43
Appellate Court	1,267 B	1,223 B	1,182 B	1,204 B	1,109 B	1,148 B	1,163 B	1,195 B	1,137 B	1,134 B
FLORIDA										
Supreme Court	100	98	117	109	110	143	113	163	170	170
District Courts of Appeal	18,932	17,599	17,424	18,983	19,183	19,369	19,729	19,440	19,516	19,123
GEORGIA										
Supreme Court	757	681	586	633	642	682	610	605	756	756
Court of Appeals	3,034	2,910	2,916	2,974	2,900	2,825	2,991	2,394	2,353	2,505
HAWAII										
Supreme Court	695	713	730	646	829	819	731	736	721	639
Intermediate Court of Appeals	132	148	229	239	225	260	231	298	311	319
IDAHO										
Supreme Court	559	500	424	494	460	573	568	555	496	525
Court of Appeals	338	300	345	427	561	491	602	547	577	572
ILLINOIS										
Supreme Court	1,297	1,258	1,026	877	820	730	663	743	760	720
Appellate Court	9,301 B	9,481 B	9,212 B	8,856 B	9,266 B	8,676 B	8,633 B	8,355 B	8,484 B	8,143 B
IOWA										
Supreme Court	1,574 B	1,548 B	1,194 B	1,260 B	1,006 B	1,076 B	1,113 B	1,192 B	1,159 B	1,028 B
Court of Appeals	797	753	873	855	1,068	1,061	1,008	896	988	984
KANSAS										
Supreme Court	224	230	198	164	154	160	124	122	121	108
Court of Appeals	2,075 B	1,884 B	1,899 B	1,820 B	1,745 B	1,635 B	1,598 B	1,711 B	2,000 B	2,037 B
KENTUCKY										
Supreme Court	436	444	434	401	379	413	396	443	385	375
Court of Appeals	3,242	3,080	3,064	2,882	2,690	2,553	2,690	2,605	2,605	2,588
LOUISIANA										
Supreme Court	153	185	195	187	228	227	238	254	203	175
Courts of Appeal	3,964	4,140	4,220	4,557	3,733	3,494	3,141	3,002	2,546	2,346
MARYLAND										
Court of Appeals	254	255	280	270	255	238	285	265	277	260
Court of Special Appeals	1,913	1,951	1,962	1,998	1,893	1,926	1,978	1,884	1,972	2,080

TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseloads in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court										
ALASKA										
Supreme Court	350	299	260	320	325	339	307	238	256	241
Court of Appeals	353	358	317	285	303	266	255	257	222	191
ARIZONA										
Supreme Court	92	92	74	51	189	173	183	178	190	203
Court of Appeals	3,908	3,618	3,416	3,998	3,593	3,444	3,313	3,334	3,646	3,829
ARKANSAS										
Supreme Court	544 C	475 C	380 C	411 C	428 C	348 A	366 A	356 A	360 A	370 A
Court of Appeals	1,315	1,524	1,354	1,327	1,275	1,062	1,440	1,340	1,353	1,384
CALIFORNIA										
Supreme Court	13	16	9	9	11	21	27	22	29	37
Courts of Appeal	12,600	19,254	18,941	18,737	18,280	17,711	16,768	16,639	25,865	13,868
COLORADO										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	108	85	94	80
Court of Appeals	2,274	2,231	2,443	2,613	2,414	2,463	2,511	2,513	2,542	2,662
CONNECTICUT										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-5
Appellate Court	1,275 B	1,189 B	1,091 B	1,120 B	1,199 B	1,271 B	1,199 B	1,150 B	1,136 B	1,097 B
FLORIDA										
Supreme Court	135	87	94	116	123	139	123	140	156	176
District Courts of Appeal	19,021	18,078	18,227	18,466	19,204	19,153	19,486	19,844	19,551	19,197
GEORGIA										
Supreme Court	402	808	631	560	618	514	NA	567	570	570
Court of Appeals	3,028	3,425	2,906	3,000	2,864	3,487	2,980	2,527	2,068	2,458
HAWAII										
Supreme Court	822	856	763	540	688	778	710	880	778	772
Intermediate Court of Appeals	411	315	200	198	198	204	224	232	284	317
IDAHO										
Supreme Court	598	481	417	495	461	612	570	534	499	561
Court of Appeals	337	336	276	389	588	507	609	552	512	564
ILLINOIS										
Supreme Court	1,230	1,160	1,255	938	655	682	812	786	865	714
Appellate Court	9,578 B	9,162 B	9,113 B	8,909 B	8,570 B	9,419 B	9,037 B	8,356 B	7,884 B	8,251 B
IOWA										
Supreme Court	1,073 B	NA	327 *	249	203	191	176	169	150	132
Court of Appeals	801	833	766	912	874	1,231	1,097	938	960	1,057
KANSAS										
Supreme Court	989 B	1,228 B	1,114 B	1,281 B	1,094 B	1,059 B	889 B	861 B	791 B	1,025 B
Court of Appeals	1,961 B	2,023 B	2,067 B	2,240 B	1,868 B	1,742 B	1,592 B	1,621 B	1,728 B	1,930 B
KENTUCKY										
Supreme Court	457	465	394	378	405	398	397	424	427	409
Court of Appeals	3,201	3,408	3,162	3,122	2,880	2,790	2,700	2,612	2,612	2,530
LOUISIANA										
Supreme Court	157	162	159	186	186	218	182	279	180	213
Courts of Appeal	3,872	4,093	4,291	4,455	4,583	4,319	3,530	3,071	2,748	2,999
MARYLAND										
Court of Appeals	190	251	235	267	247	230	258	256	265	255
Court of Special Appeals	1,891	1,980	1,863	2,060	1,825	1,813	1,901	1,935	1,935	1,875

TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseloads in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
MASSACHUSETTS										
Supreme Judicial Court	152 A	152 A	282 A	267	264	290	290 *	237	244	225
Appeals Court	2,235	2,329	2,298	2,164	1,731	1,911	1,630	1,653	1,826	1,936
MICHIGAN										
Supreme Court	3	10	4	5	2	2	5	5	3	1
Court of Appeals	5,006 B	4,503 B	4,214 B	4,093 B	4,074	4,109	4,345	3,855	4,097	3,969
MINNESOTA										
Supreme Court	171	106	120	125	113	112	121	138	147	132
Court of Appeals	2,177	2,174	1,895	1,999	2,145	2,065	2,250	2,256	2,331	2,297
MISSISSIPPI										
Supreme Court	1,210 B	1,071 B	1,065 B	1,142 B	1,189 B	1,099	1,163	1,178	1,040	1,065
Court of Appeals	719	719	719	NA	36 A	NA	NA	1,178	1,040	363
MISSOURI										
Supreme Court	273	220	223	252	250	182	242	238	295	319
Court of Appeals	4,168	3,842	3,678	3,724	3,611	3,714	3,776	3,535	3,829	3,988
NEBRASKA										
Supreme Court	44	52	52	80	77	75	65	81	77	63
Court of Appeals	1,322 B	1,335 B	1,414 B	1,260 B	1,347 B	1,427 B	1,401	1,406	1,496	1,311
NEW JERSEY										
Supreme Court	546	450	522	488	515	528	411	499	404	404
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	7,509	7,788	7,361	7,286	7,182	7,069	7,120	7,366	6,986	7,043
NEW MEXICO										
Supreme Court	102	64	59	62	54	59	59	62	69	81
Court of Appeals	965	966	906	862	833	781	780	823	836	930
NORTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	81	84	78	61	94	107	114	149	199	193
Court of Appeals	1,565	1,553	1,719	1,592	1,618	1,620	1,747	1,734	1,707	1,718
NORTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	387 B	360 B	370 B	334 B	285 B	340 B	364 B	364 B	459 B	383 B
Courts of Appeals	NA	NA	0	3	0	0	0	0	11	0 B
OHIO										
Supreme Court	891	880	674	620	675	678	636	611	624	594
Courts of Appeals	12,488	11,713	11,079	10,394	10,760	10,745	11,202	10,995	11,676	11,322
OKLAHOMA										
Supreme Court	1,514	1,339	1,339 *	1,339 *	1,339 *	1,339 *	1,339 *	1,339 *	1,339 *	1,856
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,742	1,581	1,581 *	1,620	1,519	1,462	1,462 *	1,462 *	1,462 *	1,365
Court of Civil Appeals	581	499	499 *	499 *	499 *	499 *	499 *	499 *	499 *	869
OREGON										
Supreme Court	326	271	248	248	279	231	223	226	225	214
Court of Appeals	4,631	4,319	4,024	3,977	4,084	3,277	3,314	3,677	3,801	3,518
PUERTO RICO										
Supreme Court	95	54	129	140	104	125	104	124	159	179
Circuit Court of Appeals	1,739	1,553	1,410	1,550	1,382	1,576	1,634	2,611	2,640	2,825
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	355	2,033 *	258	140	329	213	262	320	329	373
Court of Appeals	907	965	925	900	1,413	1,458	1,414	1,414	1,447	1,729
TEXAS										
Supreme Court	5	14	4	4	11	6	0	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Criminal Appeals	6,287	7,910	8,769	8,714	6,822	7,177	7,726	7,421	6,868	7,039
Courts of Appeals	10,754	11,566	12,291	12,343	11,700	11,984	10,559	10,443	10,394	11,237

TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseloads in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of dispositions and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
MASSACHUSETTS										
Supreme Judicial Court	127 A	122 A	144 A	463	297	204	204 *	214	194	182
Appeals Court	2,115	2,097	2,800	2,145	1,703	2,128	2,020	2,013	1,232	1,879
MICHIGAN										
Supreme Court	NA	5	3	2	NA	2	4	3	3	1
Court of Appeals	10,233 B	8,682 B	4,239 B	4,100 B	4,149	4,633	4,574	4,312	4,384	4,322
MINNESOTA										
Supreme Court	163	115	113	121	111	121	98	105	138	149
Court of Appeals	2,211	1,991	1,649	1,961	2,145	1,909	2,133	2,152	2,127	2,196
MISSISSIPPI										
Supreme Court	894	641	738	598	648	653	540	285	259	838
Court of Appeals	719	776	635	595	567	610	543	585	641	410
MISSOURI										
Supreme Court	255	216	215	222	254	193	291	231	278	296
Court of Appeals	4,515	4,281	3,927	3,781	3,790	3,661	3,660	3,763	3,712	3,882
NEBRASKA										
Supreme Court	305 B	309 B	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Court of Appeals	1,111 B	1,146 B	1,205 B	1,224 B	1,077 B	1,311	1,269	1,338	1,330	1,313
NEW JERSEY										
Supreme Court	493	547	478	481	508	536	416	416	416	416
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	7,842	7,647	7,483	7,217	7,354	7,280	7,213	7,324	6,821	7,142
NEW MEXICO										
Supreme Court	66	53	49	51	48	45	64	67	67	84
Court of Appeals	925 B	925 B	939 B	946 B	893 B	855 B	830 B	884 B	804 B	748 B
NORTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	129	98	91	90	65	131	118	161	203	162
Court of Appeals	1,559	1,585	1,631	1,460	1,465	1,726	1,748	1,748	1,719	1,979
NORTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	389 B	356 B	380 B	347 B	318 B	319 B	333 B	382 B	379 B	455 B
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	3	1	2	0	0	0	11	0 B
OHIO										
Supreme Court	827	1,045	722	642	674	752	636	622	583	598
Courts of Appeals	12,440	12,239	11,509	11,621	11,150	10,627	10,652	10,939	11,340	11,208
OKLAHOMA										
Supreme Court	1,494	1,625	1,625 *	1,625 *	1,625 *	1,625 *	1,625 *	1,625 *	1,625 *	NA
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,670	1,674	1,674 *	1,604	1,606	1,424	1,424 *	1,424 *	1,424 *	1,215
Court of Civil Appeals	679	737	737 *	737 *	737 *	737 *	737 *	737 *	737 *	895
OREGON										
Supreme Court	263 B	278 B	290 B	290 B	290	276	170	140	133	155
Court of Appeals	4,474	4,790	4,107	4,107	3,840	3,844	3,891	3,295	2,897	3,502
PUERTO RICO										
Supreme Court	183	91	144	174	130	156	101	113	113	150
Circuit Court of Appeals	1,442	1,615	1,551	1,670	1,486	1,538	1,460	2,354	2,354	2,822
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	NA	2,159 *	2,159 *	271 B	422	240	267	309	348	361
Court of Appeals	886	895	1,062	813	1,547	1,438	1,494	1,494	1,367	1,524
TEXAS										
Supreme Court	5	10	4	4	15	6	0	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Criminal Appeals	6,156	6,488	7,914	7,764	6,979	6,965	7,638	6,462	7,550	7,462
Courts of Appeals	11,249	11,736	13,150	13,429	13,129	12,399	12,420	11,830	12,058	11,784

TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseloads in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
UTAH										
Supreme Court	616 B	577 B	662 B	604 B	530 B	529 B	594 B	597 B	614 B	670 B
Court of Appeals	741 B	711 B	748 B	796 B	732 B	735 B	830 B	934 B	892 B	949 B
VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court	58	127	150	201	NA	0	12	15	28	14
Court of Appeals	712	640	695	623	733	737	701	694	679	670
WASHINGTON										
Supreme Court	94	75	73	63	73	72	59	58	54	56
Court of Appeals	3,618	3,974	3,613	3,797	3,756	3,927	3,975	3,952	4,190	3,783
WISCONSIN										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Appeals	3,763 B	3,577 B	3,279 B	3,472 B	3,421 B	3,342 B	3,452 B	3,296 B	3,056 B	3,078 B
States with no intermediate appellate court										
DELAWARE										
Supreme Court	551 B	554 B	558 B	656 B	582 B	715 B	681 B	564 B	581 B	688 B
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA										
Court of Appeals	2,076	1,943	1,757	1,698	1,604	1,466	1,644	1,738	1,627	1,670
MAINE										
Supreme Judicial Court	724 B	778 B	752 B	442 B	529 B	560 B	515 B	521 B	497 B	574 B
MONTANA										
Supreme Court	729 A	587 A	653	580	562	584	560	695	565	696
NEVADA										
Supreme Court	1,835	1,943	1,894	1,803	1,803	1,723	1,841	1,896	2,058	2,185
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
RHODE ISLAND										
Supreme Court	476	411	383	396	342	339	281	268	241	228
SOUTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	367	403	436	396	436	383	398	357	311	384
VERMONT										
Supreme Court	558	557	555	545	592	514	553	526	513	522
WEST VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
WYOMING										
Supreme Court	380	381	355	364	283	283 *	272	272 *	272 *	319
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts										
ALABAMA										
Supreme Court	811	889	784	1,174	NA	1,254	1,151	1,072	1,107	677
Court of Civil Appeals	1,447	1,437	1,437	1,404	1,301	1,293	1,182	1,182	1,126	1,080
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,472	2,573	2,513	2,630	2,704	2,648	2,291	2,178	2,597	2,420
INDIANA										
Supreme Court	287	279	314	285	318	241	183	187	189	153
Court of Appeals	2,071	2,140	2,053	2,160	1,938	2,055	2,299 B	2,268 B	2,476 B	2,501 B
Tax Court	205	207	240	131	106	141	60	60	97	114

TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseloads in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of dispositions and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
UTAH										
Supreme Court	632 B	561 B	622 B	587 B	548 B	NA	598 B	629 B	683 B	697 B
Court of Appeals	805 B	805 B	711 B	755 B	762 B	NA	717 B	818 B	1,028 B	974 B
VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court	70	87	113	193	NA	0	0	11	11	0
Court of Appeals	886	616	656	678	704	768	747	591	726	645
WASHINGTON										
Supreme Court	100	107	76	85	59	75	55	64	52	48
Court of Appeals	4,364	3,687	4,079	3,898	3,879	3,893	3,742	3,701	4,112	3,806
WISCONSIN										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Appeals	3,679 B	3,777 B	3,409 B	3,574 B	3,519 B	3,486 B	3,452 B	3,215 B	3,241 B	3,132 B
States with no intermediate appellate court										
DELAWARE										
Supreme Court	537 B	582 B	527 B	599 B	598 B	713 B	726 B	586 B	552 B	655 B
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA										
Court of Appeals	2,129	1,901	1,793	1,906	1,768	1,779	1,786	1,731	1,514	1,605
MAINE										
Supreme Judicial Court	769 B	833 B	719 B	542 B	469 B	600 B	536 B	497 B	548 B	459 B
MONTANA										
Supreme Court	673 A	505 A	564	591	588	594	608	800 B	815 B	615 B
NEVADA										
Supreme Court	1,471	2,299	2,073	1,932	2,001	1,866	1,889	1,949	2,001	2,387
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
RHODE ISLAND										
Supreme Court	488	448	369	378	396	396	311	268	228	238
SOUTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	504	397	482	407	480	428	417	409	257	344
VERMONT										
Supreme Court	619	563	612	529	580	590	533	548	548	514
WEST VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
WYOMING										
Supreme Court	344	359	372	389	271	271 *	299	299 *	299 *	299
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts										
ALABAMA										
Supreme Court	819	840	701	851	2,220 B	1,334	1,186	1,079	1,066	659
Court of Civil Appeals	1,572	1,458	1,458	1,538	1,286	1,306	1,225	1,225	2,207	1,149
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,323	2,701	2,469	2,676	2,688	2,748	2,586	2,184	2,470	2,466
INDIANA										
Supreme Court	289	273	295	356	323	307	179	197	178	158
Court of Appeals	1,763	2,246	2,216	2,157	2,024	1,980	2,242 B	2,302 B	2,372 B	2,523 B
Tax Court	152	155	134	132	300	132	165	88	127	100

TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseloads in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
NEW YORK										
Court of Appeals	432	350	350	300	287	292	288	297	285	295
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	11,676 B	11,761 B	11,745 B	11,110 B	10,023 B	10,109 B	9,967 B	10,371 B	10,129 B	9,981 B
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	2,136 B	2,121 B	2,250 B	2,078 B	1,843 B	2,089 B	2,017 B	1,972 B	2,300 B	2,361 B
PENNSYLVANIA										
Supreme Court	429	547	507	327	419	532	551	597	538	439
Superior Court	9,001	8,000 A	7,299	8,131	7,839	8,160	8,195	7,773	7,946	8,201
Commonwealth Court	4,453 B	5,603 B	4,490 B	4,210 B	4,447 B	4,722 B	4,540 B	4,552 B	4,008 B	3,795 B
TENNESSEE										
Supreme Court	400 B	349 B	264 B	330 B	200	173	161	153	204	306
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,117 B	1,087 B	1,278 B	1,161 B	1,119	1,111	1,004	1,158	1,213	1,153
Court of Appeals	1,374 B	1,165 B	1,182 B	1,143	1,167	1,042	1,114	968	934	858

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of last resort
 IAC = Intermediate appellate court

NOTE:

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable.

NC = Indicates that the court did not exist during that year.

NJ = Indicates that the court does not have jurisdiction.

* Iowa—Supreme Court—Mandatory cases disposed were counted differently starting in 1999.

* Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court—2003 data not available. The 2002 numbers are repeated in 2003.

* Oklahoma—Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Court of Appeals 1995-2005 data not available. The 1998 numbers are repeated in 1999-2005 for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. The 1998 numbers are repeated for 1999, and the 2002 numbers are repeated for 2003-2005 for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

* South Carolina—Supreme Court—Mandatory filings and dispositions were counted differently in 1998. Disposed data were not available in 1999. The 1998 numbers were repeated for 1999.

* Wyoming—Supreme Court—2004-2005 data not available. The 2001 numbers are repeated in 2002, and the 2003 numbers are repeated for 2004 and 2005.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 2002-2006 do not include attorney disciplinary cases and certified questions from the federal courts.

Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-1999 do not include attorney disciplinary and other cases filed in the "Single Justice" side of the court.

Mississippi—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed data for 2001 do not include some civil, criminal, and original proceedings, and interlocutory decisions.

Montana—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-1998 do not include administrative agency, advisory opinions, and original proceedings.

TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseloads in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of dispositions and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
NEW YORK										
Court of Appeals	260	198	208	170	176	176	176	243	261	191
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	18,874 B	19,227 B	19,074 B	20,063 B	17,660 B	19,109 B	17,939 B	17,498 B	17,832 B	17,992 B
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	2,367 B	2,064 B	2,050 B	2,238 B	2,131 B	1,928 B	1,838 B	1,907 B	2,059 B	2,019 B
PENNSYLVANIA										
Supreme Court	676	802	1,016	548	658	742	612	906	822	626
Superior Court	7,825	8,168	8,597	7,165	7,944	8,150	8,081	8,103	7,770	7,898
Commonwealth Court	4,996 B	5,491 B	5,964 B	4,341 B	4,611 B	4,753 B	4,635 B	4,508 B	4,450 B	4,163 B
TENNESSEE										
Supreme Court	397 B	392 B	NA	344 B	340	255	208	192	284	376
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,108 B	1,102 B	1,144 B	1,055 B	1,187	1,178	1,266	1,218	1,313	1,190
Court of Appeals	1,164 B	1,542 B	1,372 B	1,289	1,218	1,265	1,227	1,185	1,194	1,155

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Alabama—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data for 2001 include discretionary petitions.
 Connecticut—Appellate Court—Total mandatory filed data for 1997-2006 include discretionary jurisdiction. Disposed data for 1997-2006 include discretionary dispositions.
 Delaware—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 Illinois—Appellate Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 Indiana—Court of Appelas—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 2003-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 Iowa—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data for 1997-2006 include all discretionary petirions. Total mandatory disposed data for 1997 include some discretionary petitions.
 Kansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data for 1997-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 —Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed data for 1997-2002 include a few discretionary petitions that were granted. Filed data for 2003 include all discretionary petitions. Disposed data for 1997-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2006 include discretionary petitions.
 Michigan—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2000 include discretionary petitions.
 Mississippi—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data for 1997-2001 include all discretionary petitions.
 Montana—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data for 2004-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data for 1997-1998 include discretionary petitions.
 —Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed data for 1997-2002 include discretionary petitions. Disposed data for 1997-2001 data include discretionary petitions.
 New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory disposed data for 1997-2006 include discretionary interlocutory decisions.
 New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 —Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 North Dakota—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2006 include some discretionary petitions.
 Oregon—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data for 1997-2000 include all discretionary petitions that were granted.
 Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total mandatory filed data for 1997 and 2002-2004 include some discretionary petitions. 1998-2001 include all discretionary petitions. Disposed data for 1997-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 South Carolina—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data for 1997 and 2000 include discretionary petitions.
 Tennessee—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data for 1997-2000 include discretionary petitions that were granted. Disposed data for 1997-1998 and 2000 include discretionary petitions that were granted.
 —Court of Appeals— Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2000 include discretionary petitions that were granted.
 —Court of Criminal Appeals— Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-1999 include discretionary petitions that were granted.
 Utah—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 —Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data in 1997-2006 include all discretionary petitions.
 Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2006 include discretionary interlocutory decisions.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data for 1997-2001 include some discretionary petitions, but do not include mandatory attorney disciplinary cases and mandatory advisory opinions.

**TABLE 14: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions
in State Appellate Courts, 2006**

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	137	153	112	5	27	20
Court of Appeals	IAC	38	41	108	3	13	6
State Total		175	194	111	8	22	26
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,056	1,047	99	5	211	17
Court of Appeals	IAC	154	166	108	22	7	2
State Total		1,210	1,213	100	27	45	20
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	464	449	97	7	66	17
Court of Appeals	IAC	144	139	97	12	12	5
State Total		608	588	97	19	32	22
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	9,239	9,841	107	7	1320	25
Courts of Appeal	IAC	8,611	8,391	97	105	82	24
State Total		17,850	18,232	102	112	159	49
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,303	1,320	101	7	186	27
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		16		
State Total		1,303	1,320	101	23	57	27
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	COLR	507 B	517 B	102	7	72	15
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	(B)		10		
State Total					17		
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,384	2,517	106	7	341	13
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	5,704	5,546	97	62	92	32
State Total		8,088	8,063	100	69	117	45
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,243	1,301	105	7	178	13
Court of Appeals	IAC	798	757	95	12	67	9
State Total		2,041	2,058	101	19	107	22
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	COLR	104	103	99	5	21	8
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		6		
State Total		104	103	99	11	9	8
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	COLR	260	279	107	5	52	18
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		3		
State Total		260	279	107	8	33	18
ILLINOIS							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,272	2,334	103	7	325	18
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	(B)		54		
State Total					61		
IOWA							
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	1,100		7		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		9		
State Total			1,100		16		

TABLE 14: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2006 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	877	(B)		7	125	32
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	(B)		11		
State Total					18		
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	COLR	660	714	108	7	94	16
Court of Appeals	IAC	71	76	107	14	5	2
State Total		731	790	108	21	35	17
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,867	3,111	109	7	410	68
Courts of Appeal	IAC	5,258	5,287	101	53	99	124
State Total		8,125	8,398	103	60	135	191
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	COLR	651	628	96	7	93	12
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	532	532	100	13	41	9
State Total		1,183	1,160	98	20	59	21
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	777	757	97	7	111	12
Appeals Court	IAC	697	697	100	25	28	11
State Total		1,474	1,454	99	32	46	23
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,517	2,543	101	7	360	25
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,982	3,961	99	28	142	39
State Total		6,499	6,504	100	35	186	64
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	701	131	19	7	100	14
Court of Appeals	IAC	97	92	95	16	6	2
State Total		798	223	28	23	35	15
MISSISSIPPI							
Supreme Court	COLR	394	381	97	9	44	14
Court of Appeals	IAC	229	279	122	10	23	8
State Total		623	660	106	19	33	21
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	COLR	557	561	101	7	80	10
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		32		
State Total		557	561	101	39	14	10
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	341	252 B		7	49	19
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		6		
State Total		341	252 *		13	26	19
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,954	2,930	99	7	422	34
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	0	0		34		
State Total		2,954	2,930	99	41	72	34
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	548	529	97	5	110	28
Court of Appeals	IAC	46	11	24	10	5	2
State Total		594	540	91	15	40	31

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<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	539	530	98	7	77	6
Court of Appeals	IAC	894	894	100	15	60	10
State Total		1,433	1,424	99	22	65	16
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		3		
State Total					6		
OHIO							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,865	1,788	96	7	266	16
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		68		
State Total		1,865	1,788	96	75	25	16
OKLAHOMA							
Supreme Court	COLR	502	502	100	9	56	14
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		12		
State Total		502	502	100	26	19	14
OREGON							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,098	959	87	7	157	30
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		10		
State Total		1,098	959	87	17	65	30
PUERTO RICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,280	1,379	108	7	183	33
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	1,856	1,930	104	39	48	47
State Total		3,136	3,309	106	46	68	80
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	952	1,041	109	5	190	22
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		9		
State Total		952	1,041	109	14	68	22
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,207	1,138	94	9	134	5
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	1,842	1,894	103	9	205	8
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		80		
State Total		3,049	3,032	99	98	31	13
UTAH							
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	(B)		5		
Court of Appeals	IAC	25	(B)		7	4	1
State Total					12		
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,742	2,561	93	7	392	36
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,541	2,591	102	11	231	33
State Total		5,283	5,152	98	18	294	69
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,629	1,392	85	9	181	26
Court of Appeals	IAC	407	383	94	24	17	6
State Total		2,036	1,775	87	33	62	32
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,049	1,105	105	7	150	19
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	(B)		16		
State Total					23		

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<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	(B)		5		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Court of Appeals	COLR	17	14	82	9	2	3
MAINE Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	135 A	124 A	92	7	19	10
MONTANA Supreme Court	COLR	125	121	97	7	18	13
NEVADA Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		7		
NEW HAMPSHIRE Supreme Court	COLR	964 B	882 B	91	5	193	73
RHODE ISLAND Supreme Court	COLR	113	82	73	5	23	11
SOUTH DAKOTA Supreme Court	COLR	67	53	79	5	13	8
VERMONT Supreme Court	COLR	26	20	77	5	5	4
WEST VIRGINIA Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	3,631	2,636	73	5	726	201
WYOMING Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts							
ALABAMA Supreme Court	COLR	1,151	1,146	100	9	128	25
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		5		
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		5		
State Total		1,151	1,146	100	19	61	25
INDIANA Supreme Court	COLR	912	938	103	5	182	14
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	(B)		15		
Tax Court	IAC	NJ	NJ		1		
State Total					21		
NEW YORK Court of Appeals	COLR	3,859	3,855	100	7	551	20
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	(B)		56		
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	(B)		15		
State Total					78		
PENNSYLVANIA Supreme Court	COLR	2,698	2,482	92	7	385	22
Superior Court	IAC	NA	NA		15		
Commonwealth Court	IAC	101 A	(B)		9	11	1
State Total					31		

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<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	COLR	946	889	94	5	189	16
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	91	95	104	12	8	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	120	117	98	12	10	2
State Total		1,157	1,101	95	29	40	19

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of Last Resort

IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

NOTE:

NA = Data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

(B) = Discretionary petitions cannot be separately identified and are reported with mandatory cases. (See Table 3).

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data do not include some discretionary petitions.
 Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total discretionary filed data do not include some discretionary petitions.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.

Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions disposed data include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.

New Hampshire—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.

TABLE 15: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court										
ALASKA										
Supreme Court	200	238	187	194	192	157	189	159	170	137
Court of Appeals	59	43	45	34	36	35	40	30	51	38
ARIZONA										
Supreme Court	1,820	1,366	1,209	1,307	1,042	1,050	1,027	1,009	979	1,056
Court of Appeals	218	151	157	159	95	116	173	191	215	154
ARKANSAS										
Supreme Court	877	877	478	453	477	446	467	501	442	464
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	136	164	164	145	134	130	215	144
CALIFORNIA										
Supreme Court	7,563	8,627	8,265	9,039	8,860	8,894	8,842	8,550	8,972	9,239
Courts of Appeal	8,879	9,116	8,915	8,895	8,654	8,454	8,606	8,484	8,674	8,611
COLORADO										
Supreme Court	1,332	1,317	1,378	1,485	1,278	1,257	1,300	1,204	1,369	1,303
Appellate Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
CONNECTICUT										
Supreme Court	453	472	365	394	442	499	484	401	239 B	507 B
Appellate Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FLORIDA										
Supreme Court	2,394	2,404	2,629	2,622	2,785	2,634	2,375	2,335	2,212	2,384
District Courts of Appeal	3,579	4,057	3,788	3,901	1,301	1,376	4,413	4,649	6,782	5,704
GEORGIA										
Supreme Court	1,362	1,226	1,148	1,210	1,214	1,190	1,272	1,366	1,243	1,243
Court of Appeals	479	455	434	420	413	435	453	844	786	798
HAWAII										
Supreme Court	86	92	78	79	70	67	79	70	99	104
Intermediate Ct. of Ap.	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
IDAHO										
Supreme Court	107	90	82	114	187	184	203	207	222	260
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
ILLINOIS										
Supreme Court	2,308	2,309	2,200	2,245	2,325	2,579	2,304	2,465	2,234	2,272
Appellate Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
IOWA										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
KANSAS										
Supreme Court	786	1,019	981	1,087	879	883	748	767	759	877
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
KENTUCKY										
Supreme Court	751	779	803	847	763	742	736	756	710	660
Court of Appeals	105	106	84	76	92	75	101	73	73	71
LOUISIANA										
Supreme Court	3,068	3,038	3,457	3,378	3,230	3,029	3,312	2,974	2,392	2,867
Courts of Appeal	6,134	6,375	6,901	6,127	5,926	5,956	6,257	6,392	5,324	5,258

TABLE 15: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court										
ALASKA										
Supreme Court	206	215	199	179	166	177	177	157	40	153
Court of Appeals	66	48	38	30	38	36	39	28	28	41
ARIZONA										
Supreme Court	1,500	1,175	1,287	1,196	1,170	1,091	1,017	1,032	932	1,047
Court of Appeals	205	172	163	139	101	111	145	190	202	166
ARKANSAS										
Supreme Court	799	424	487	448	475	436	485	487	425	449
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	140	161	164	138	131	142	133	139
CALIFORNIA										
Supreme Court	7,406	8,219	8,599	8,868	9,036	8,781	8,625	8,543	8,506	9,841
Courts of Appeal	NA	9,496	9,422	9,466	9,096	8,348	8,407	8,313	8,519	8,391
COLORADO										
Supreme Court	1,432 B	1,561 B	1,615 B	1,563 B	1,425 B	1,415 B	1,333	1,234	1,357	1,320
Appellate Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
CONNECTICUT										
Supreme Court	NA	260 B	216 B	426 B	475 B	539 B	548 B	543 B	218 B	517 B
Appellate Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FLORIDA										
Supreme Court	2,238	2,365	2,422	2,417	2,809	2,838	2,168	2,439	2,456	2,517
District Courts of Appeal	3,221	3,475	4,402	3,784	NA	1,237	4,394	4,514	6,391	5,546
GEORGIA										
Supreme Court	1,330	1,545	1,066	1,171	1,205	1,479	1,790 B	1,331	1,301	1,301
Court of Appeals	481	455	438	419	451	416	453	788	771	757
HAWAII										
Supreme Court	86	88	82	80	68	69	75	72	97	103
Intermediate Ct. of Ap.	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
IDAHO										
Supreme Court	105	82	86	109	165	198	195	211	205	279
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
ILLINOIS										
Supreme Court	2,247	2,200	2,208	2,238	2,051	2,407	2,516	2,270	2,352	2,334
Appellate Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
IOWA										
Supreme Court	NA	1,810 *	1,694	1,822	2,201	1,989	1,966	1,000	1,100	1,100
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
KANSAS										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
KENTUCKY										
Supreme Court	720	749	746	793	702	725	752	836	869	714
Court of Appeals	101	106	93	74	83	86	80	73	73	76
LOUISIANA										
Supreme Court	3,400	3,230	3,131	2,842	3,144	3,232	3,172	3,191	2,555	3,111
Courts of Appeal	6,351	6,610	6,984	6,325	6,308	6,426	6,678	6,370	5,135	5,287

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State/Court name:	Number of filings and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
MARYLAND										
Court of Appeals	683	707	702	741	700	721	700	651	604	651
Court of Spec. Appeals	436	428	392	324	441	568	423	474	399	532
MASSACHUSETTS										
Supreme Judicial Court	768 A	980 A	781 A	706	750	752	752 *	888	723	777
Appeals Court	NA	944	NA	768	751	741	693	595	620	697
MICHIGAN										
Supreme Court	2,844	2,426	2,242	2,154	2,262	2,271	2,276	2,248	2,480	2,517
Court of Appeals	3,407	3,469	3,517	3,367	3,028	3,047	3,100	3,200	3,532	3,982
MINNESOTA										
Supreme Court	741	680	656	622	691	674	596	701	669	701
Court of Appeals	51	65	35	116	100	91	96	108	101	97
MISSISSIPPI										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	302	344	364	423	394
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NA	269	266	229
MISSOURI										
Supreme Court	645	586	577	786	752	623	563	462	548	557
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEBRASKA										
Supreme Court	282	374	306	247	209	328	356	343	333	341
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEW JERSEY										
Supreme Court	3,340	3,248	2,969	3,111	2,812	2,949	3,108	2,954	2,954	2,954
Appellate Div. of Super.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW MEXICO										
Supreme Court	650	736	513	544	531	515	535	629	518	548
Court of Appeals	48	44	60	86	70	85	76	74	63	46
NORTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	544	547	609	577	634	662	677	678	547	539
Court of Appeals	523	582	633	676	762	768	825	960	1,012	894
NORTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	15 A	20 A	12 A	16 A	22 A	23 A	13 A	15 A	15 A	NA
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OHIO										
Supreme Court	1,839	1,848	1,653	1,735	1,609	1,529	1,601	1,567	1,820	1,865
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OKLAHOMA										
Supreme Court	436	502	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502
Court of Criminal Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Civil Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OREGON										
Supreme Court	918	962	1,037	1,037	735	701	805	773	837	1,098
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
PUERTO RICO										
Supreme Court	627	1,047	1,002	1,120	1,138	1,029	1,012	1,063	1,270	1,280
Circuit Court of Appeals	2,042	2,276	2,121	2,416	3,890	2,349	2,564	1,678	1,639	1,856
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	646 *	977	1,109	1,066	1,042	1,185	1,353	1,286	1,047	952
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

TABLE 15: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of dispositions and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
MARYLAND										
Court of Appeals	784	707	702	712	712	718	707	664	612	628
Court of Special Appeals	436	446	392	324	441	568	423	474	396	532
MASSACHUSETTS										
Supreme Judicial Court	768	794	781	422	667	633	633 *	642	642	757
Appeals Court	NA	944	NA	768	751	741	693	595	620	697
MICHIGAN										
Supreme Court	2,736	2,987	2,568	2,300	2,357	2,052	2,427	2,212	2,561	2,543
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	3,476	3,699	NA	3,014	3,134	2,981	3,469	3,961
MINNESOTA										
Supreme Court	721	NA	573	666	80	83	102	131	123	131
Court of Appeals	51	54	33	118	90	98	53	109	103	92
MISSISSIPPI										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	238	289	334	391	435	381
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	268	259	279
MISSOURI										
Supreme Court	522	581	603	764	760	616	598	512	588	561
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEBRASKA										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	327	377	259	311 B	282 B	259 B	257 B	252 B
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEW JERSEY										
Supreme Court	3,311	3,343	2,808	3,084	2,901	3,009	3,047	2,930	2,930	2,930
Appellate Div. of Super.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW MEXICO										
Supreme Court	650	692	513	528	532	457	509	561	554	529
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11
NORTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	556	500	616	632	635	601	718	664	574	530
Court of Appeals	459	523	563	597	690	715	748	816	1,012	894
NORTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	17 A	17 A	12 A	22 A	30 A	26 A	13 A	15 A	15 A	NA
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OHIO										
Supreme Court	1,759	1,663	1,565	1,603	1,543	1,365	1,569	1,492	1,542	1,788
Courts of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OKLAHOMA										
Supreme Court	431	502	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502
Court of Criminal Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Civil Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OREGON										
Supreme Court	684	929	1,013	1,013	803	808	792	875	875	959
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
PUERTO RICO										
Supreme Court	631	879	1,085	1,136	1,143	1,084	925	1,105	1,162	1,379
Circuit Court of Appeals	1,594	2,524	2,278	2,419	3,954	2,344	2,431	1,550	1,689	1,930
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	1,239	732	732	1,045	1,164	1,322	1,236	1,145	982	1,041
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

TABLE 15: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
TEXAS										
Supreme Court	1,373	1,829	1,818	1,376	1,301	1,295	1,275	1,138	1,124	1,207
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,677	1,983	2,060	2,271	2,036	1,951	1,742	1,637	1,639	1,842
Courts of Appeal	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
UTAH										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court	2,671	2,576	2,881	2,878	2,901	3,026	2,985	2,961	2,679	2,742
Court of Appeals	2,337	2,371	2,415	2,445	2,766	2,677	2,591	2,350	2,505	2,541
WASHINGTON										
Supreme Court	1,268	1,146	1,355	1,458	1,319	1,297	1,422	1,621	1,725	1,629
Court of Appeals	430	442	350	391	433	396	386	434	396	407
WISCONSIN										
Supreme Court	1,124	1,189	1,101	1,185	1,243	1,180	1,260	1,084	1,083	1,049
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
States with no intermediate appellate court										
DELAWARE										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA										
Court of Appeals	23	25	26	45	55	54	52	24	21	17
MAINE										
Supreme Judicial Court	NA	NA	NA	257 A	192 A	178 A	157 A	158 A	132 A	135 A
MONTANA										
Supreme Court	NA	144	53	288	347	214	300	187	173	125
NEVADA										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Supreme Court	915 B	839 B	826 B	834 B	766 B	813 B	842 B	906 B	939 B	964 B
RHODE ISLAND										
Supreme Court	210	212	191	163	312	415	393	126	104	113
SOUTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	56	54	62	42	58	74	49	48	58	67
VERMONT										
Supreme Court	24	25	29	27	26	16	29	28	19	26
WEST VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court of Appeals	3,114	3,415	3,539	3,029	2,650	2,653	2,854	2,433	3,031	3,631
WYOMING										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts										
ALABAMA										
Supreme Court	956	967	1,107	1,224	NA	1,130	1,025	909	867	1,151
Court of Civil Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Criminal Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
INDIANA										
Supreme Court	711	733	815	827	801	748	902	864	928	912
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tax Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

TABLE 15: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of dispositions and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
TEXAS										
Supreme Court	1,308	1,466	1,454	1,381	1,297	1,306	1,274	1,085	1,142	1,138
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,644	1,866	2,319	2,578	2,128	2,017	1,708	1,777	1,635	1,894
Courts of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
UTAH										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court	2,619	2,769	2,810	2,797	3,007	2,992	3,006	2,979	2,979	2,561
Court of Appeals	2,306	2,303	2,458	2,554	2,320	2,691	2,649	2,731	2,210	2,591
WASHINGTON										
Supreme Court	1,180	1,236	1,259	1,332	1,535	1,253	1,336	1,594	1,745	1,392
Court of Appeals	499	464	386	340	458	413	353	350	378	383
WISCONSIN										
Supreme Court	1,142	1,177	1,128	1,170	1,237	1,187	1,039	1,231	1,212	1,105
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
States with no intermediate appellate court										
DELAWARE										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA										
Court of Appeals	26	19	37	44	52	57	53	24	23	14
MAINE										
Supreme Judicial Court	NA	NA	NA	256 A	188 A	259 A	147 A	175 A	137 A	124 A
MONTANA										
Supreme Court	NA	128	106	252	322	198	270	NA	NA	121
NEVADA										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Supreme Court	907 B	767 B	826 B	717 B	1,014 B	939 B	893 B	721 B	886 B	882 B
RHODE ISLAND										
Supreme Court	219	234	208	185	266	422	403	118	95	82
SOUTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	46	58	53
VERMONT										
Supreme Court	23	24	29	28	24	13	29	28	19	20
WEST VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court of Appeals	3,085	3,488	3,089 A	1,412 A	3,703 A	2,666	2,285	2,338	2,396	2,636
WYOMING										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts										
ALABAMA										
Supreme Court	915	918	901	1,386	NA	1,193	1,089	943	830	1,146
Court of Civil Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Criminal Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
INDIANA										
Supreme Court	752	742	805	904	748	796	871	866	947	938
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tax Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

TABLE 15: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and Qualifying footnotes									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
NEW YORK										
Court of Appeals	4,647	4,466	4,320	4,381	4,266	3,986	3,920	3,769	3,817	3,859
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PENNSYLVANIA										
Supreme Court	2,890	3,113	3,496	2,884	2,767	2,701	2,584	2,742	2,831	2,698
Superior Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Commonwealth Court	997 A	NA	NA	NA	NA	63 A	95 A	72 A	48 A	101 A
TENNESSEE										
Supreme Court	954	1,134	1,001	989	980	1,056	1,105	1,079	1,052	946
Court of Criminal Appeals	233	288	260	282	214	269	252	151	169	91
Court of Appeals	136	NA	107	86	126	133	129	223	238	120

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of last resort
 IAC = Intermediate appellate court

NOTE:

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable.
 NC = Indicates that the court did not exist during that year.
 NJ = Indicates that the court does not have jurisdiction.

*Iowa—Supreme Court—Discretionary petitions disposed data were counted differently starting in 1998.

*Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court—2003 data not available. The 2002 numbers are repeated in 2003.

* Oklahoma—Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Court of Appeals —1999-2005 data not available. The 1998 numbers are repeated in 1999-2005 for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

* South Carolina—Supreme Court—Discretionary petitions were counted differently in 1997.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Maine—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data for 2000-2006 do not include some petitions.
 Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court—Total discretionary petitions filed data for 1997-1999 do not include certain cases filed in the "Single Justice" side of the court, in which a single justice was asked to allow a certain type of interlocutory appeal to proceed (which, if allowed, could be sent to either appellate court) or to allow an appeal from the denial of a motion for new trial in certain capital cases.
 North Dakota—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data for 1997-2005 do not include some petitions.
 Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total discretionary petitions filed data for 1997 and 2002-2006 do not include some petitions.
 West Virginia—Supreme Court of Appeals—Total discretionary petitions disposed data for 1999-2001 are not complete.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Colorado—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions disposed data for 1997-2002 include mandatory jurisdiction cases.
 Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions disposed data for 1998-2006 include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.
 Georgia—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions disposed data for 2003 include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.
 Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions disposed data for 2002-2003 include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.
 New Hampshire—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data for 1997-2004 include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.

TABLE 15: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1997-2006 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Number of dispositions and Qualifying footnotes</u>									
	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
NEW YORK										
Court of Appeals	4,572	4,532	4,321	4,256	4,314	4,076	3,978	3,866	3,672	3,855
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PENNSYLVANIA										
Supreme Court	2,943	2,798	3,709	2,996	2,693	2,763	2,353	2,810	3,099	2,482
Superior Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Commonwealth Court	1,065	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TENNESSEE										
Supreme Court	639	921	1,028	817	982	1,014	1,120	1,015	996	889
Court of Criminal Appeals	424	250	131	80	152	239	241	125	129	95
Court of Appeals	104	NA	101	74	88	126	122	161	184	117

TABLE 16: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2006

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	filed granted	granted disposed				
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court								
ALASKA								
Supreme Court	COLR	137	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	38	2	NA	5		3	1
State Total		175						
ARIZONA								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,056	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	154	NA	NA			22	
State Total		1,210						
ARKANSAS								
Supreme Court	COLR	464	106	106	23	100	7	15
Court of Appeals	IAC	144	19	19	13	100	12	2
State Total		608	125	125	21	100	19	7
CALIFORNIA								
Supreme Court	COLR	9,239	85 A	60 A		71	7	12
Courts of Appeal	IAC	8,611	NA	NA			105	
State Total		17,850						
COLORADO								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,303	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			16	
State Total		1,303						
CONNECTICUT								
Supreme Court	COLR	507 B	61	NA			7	9
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			10	
State Total								
FLORIDA								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,384	NA	NA			7	
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	5,704	NA	NA			62	
State Total		8,088						
GEORGIA								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,243	134	54 A	11		7	19
Court of Appeals	IAC	798	NA	NA			12	
State Total		2,041						
HAWAII								
Supreme Court	COLR	104	NA	NA			5	
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			6	
State Total		104						
IDAHO								
Supreme Court	COLR	260	0	0			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			3	
State Total		260	0	0	0			
ILLINOIS								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,272	76 A	NA			7	11
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			54	
State Total								
IOWA								
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			9	
State Total								

TABLE 16: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	granted	granted disposed				
KANSAS								
Supreme Court	COLR	877	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			11	
State Total								
KENTUCKY								
Supreme Court	COLR	660	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	71	NA	NA			14	
State Total		731						
LOUISIANA								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,867	224	258	8	115	7	32
Courts of Appeal	IAC	5,258	1,098	NA	21		53	21
State Total		8,125	1,322		16			
MARYLAND								
Court of Appeals	COLR	651	109	NA	17		7	16
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	532	5	NA	1		13	0
State Total		1,183	114		10			
MASSACHUSETTS								
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	777	NA	NA			7	
Appeals Court	IAC	697	NA	NA			25	
State Total		1,474						
MICHIGAN								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,517	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,982	NA	NA			28	
State Total		6,499						
MINNESOTA								
Supreme Court	COLR	701	73	62	10	85	7	10
Court of Appeals	IAC	97	NA	NA			16	
State Total		798						
MISSISSIPPI								
Supreme Court	COLR	394	59	NA	15		9	7
Court of Appeals	IAC	229	7	NA	3		10	1
State Total		623	66		11			
MISSOURI								
Supreme Court	COLR	557	42	42	8	100	7	6
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			32	
State Total		557	42	42	8	100		
NEBRASKA								
Supreme Court	COLR	341	31	NA	9		7	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			6	
State Total		341	31		9			
NEW JERSEY								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,954	NA	NA			7	
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	0	NA	NA			34	
State Total		2,954						
NEW MEXICO								
Supreme Court	COLR	548	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	46	NA	NA			10	
State Total		594						

TABLE 16: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	granted	granted disposed				
NORTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	COLR	539	12	52	2	433	7	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	894	150	NA	17		15	10
State Total		1,433	162		11			
NORTH DAKOTA								
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			3	
OHIO								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,865	NA	NA			7	
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			68	
State Total		1,865						
OKLAHOMA								
Supreme Court	COLR	502	NA	NA			9	
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			12	
State Total		502						
OREGON								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,098	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			10	
State Total		1,098						
PUERTO RICO								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,280	NA	NA			7	
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	1,856	NA	NA			39	
State Total		3,136						
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	COLR	952	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			9	
State Total		952						
TEXAS								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,207	139	101	12	73	9	15
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	1,842	175	115	10	66	9	19
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			80	
State Total		3,049	314	216	10	69		
UTAH								
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	25	NJ	NA			7	
State Total								
VIRGINIA								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,742	249	NA	9		7	36
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,541	271	NA	11		11	25
State Total		5,283	520		10			
WASHINGTON								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,629	NA	NA			9	
Court of Appeals	IAC	407	NA	NA			24	
State Total		2,036						
WISCONSIN								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,049	78	NA	7		7	11
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			16	
State Total								

TABLE 16: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	granted	granted disposed				
States with no intermediate appellate court								
DELAWARE Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	NA	NA			5	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Court of Appeals	COLR	17	NA	NA			9	
MAINE Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	135 A	NA	NA			7	
MONTANA Supreme Court	COLR	125	NA	NA			7	
NEVADA Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ	NJ			7	
NEW HAMPSHIRE Supreme Court	COLR	964 B	NA	NA			5	
RHODE ISLAND Supreme Court	COLR	113	NA	NA			5	
SOUTH DAKOTA Supreme Court	COLR	67	NA	NA			5	
VERMONT Supreme Court	COLR	26	NA	NA			5	
WEST VIRGINIA Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	3,631	346	NA	10		5	69
WYOMING Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts								
ALABAMA Supreme Court	COLR	1,151	NA	NA			9	
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
State Total		1,151						
INDIANA Supreme Court	COLR	912	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			15	
Tax Court	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			1	
State Total								
NEW YORK Court of Appeals	COLR	3,859	NA	NA			7	
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			56	
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			15	
State Total								
PENNSYLVANIA Supreme Court	COLR	2,698	NA	NA			7	
Superior Court	IAC	NA	NA	NA			15	
Commonwealth Court	IAC	101 A	NA	NA			9	
State Total								

TABLE 16: Selected Caseloads and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2006 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	granted	granted disposed				
TENNESSEE								
Supreme Court	COLR	946	68	11	7	16	5	14
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	91	23	0	25		12	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	120	16	22	13	138	12	1
State Total		1,157	107	11	9	10	17	6

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of Last Resort
 IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

NOTE:

NA = Data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

(B) = Discretionary petitions cannot be separately identified and are reported with mandatory cases. (See Table 3).

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

California—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions granted filed and disposed data do not include original proceedings.
 Georgia—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions granted disposed data do not include some unclassified petitions and original proceedings.
 Illinois—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions granted filed data do not include other discretionary petitions.
 Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Total discretionary petitions filed data do not include some discretionary petitions.
 Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total discretionary filed data do not include some discretionary petitions.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

New Hampshire—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed (no footnote for disposed in table) data include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.

TABLE 17: Opinions Reported by State Appellate Courts, 2006

	Composition of opinion count:				Total dispositions by signed opinions	Number of authorized justices/judges	Number of opinions/judge	Number of lawyer support personnel
	Opinion count:		Per curium opinions	Memos/orders				
	C=case D=written document	Signed opinions						
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court								
ALASKA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	112	5	22	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	59	3	20	8
ARIZONA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	41	5	8	16
Court of Appeals	C	X	O	X	120	22	5	53
ARKANSAS								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	231	7	33	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	775	12	65	16
CALIFORNIA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	125	7	18	81
Courts of Appeal	C	X	X	X	11,615	105	111	359
COLORADO								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	78	7	11	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1620	16	101	32
CONNECTICUT								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	158	7	23	17
Appellate Court	C	X	X	X	523	19	28	27
FLORIDA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	66	7	9	23
District Courts of Appeal	C	X	X	X	NA	62		146
GEORGIA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	400	7	57	17
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,596	12	133	46
HAWAII								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	85	5	17	16
Intermediate Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	58	6	10	8
IDAHO								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	145	5	29	11
Court of Appeals	D	X	X	X	160	3	53	6
ILLINOIS								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	104	7	15	24
Appellate Court	C	X	X	X	756	54	14	123
IOWA								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	131	7	19	16
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	961	9	107	6
KANSAS								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	264	7	38	7
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,296	16	81	25
KENTUCKY								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	7		13
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,517	14	108	34
LOUISIANA								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	67	7	10	40
Courts of Appeal	D	X	X	X	2,538	55	46	158

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	Opinion count:		Per curium opinions	Memos/orders				
	C=case D=written document	Signed opinions						
MARYLAND								
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	7		14
Court of Special Appeals	C	X	X	X	182	13	14	29
MASSACHUSETTS								
Supreme Judicial Court	D	X	X	X	NA	7		20
Appeals Court	D	X	X	X	284	29	10	49
MICHIGAN								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	50	7	7	20
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	128	28	5	100
MINNESOTA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	132	7	19	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,498	16	94	45
MISSISSIPPI								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	208	9	23	26
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	620	10	62	0
MISSOURI								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	7		15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,835	32	57	60
NEBRASKA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	198	7	28	16
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	522	6	87	13
NEW JERSEY								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	1,534	7	219	25
Appellate Div. of Superior Ct.	C	X	X	X	309	34	9	60
NEW MEXICO								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	5		10
Court of Appeals	D	X	X	X	187	10	19	27
NORTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	35	7	5	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,493	15	100	28
NORTH DAKOTA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	321	5	64	10
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	0	3	0	1
OHIO								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	7		20
Courts of Appeals	C	X	X	X	7,562	68	111	NA
OKLAHOMA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	9		16
Court of Criminal Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	5		12
Court of Civil Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	12		12
OREGON								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	96	7	14	14
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	477	10	48	22
PUERTO RICO								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	70	7	10	26
Circuit Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	39		41
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	220	5	44	21
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	625	9	69	27

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TEXAS								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	84	9	9	30
Court of Criminal Appeals	C	X	X	X	243	9	27	34
Courts of Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	80		88
UTAH								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	82	5	16	11
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	128	7	18	19
VIRGINIA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	116	7	17	23
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	498	14	36	15
WASHINGTON								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	124	9	14	25
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,567	24	65	72
WISCONSIN								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	158	7	23	11
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1251	16	78	25
States with no intermediate appellate court								
DELAWARE								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	96	5	19	3
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA								
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	302	9	34	31
MAINE								
Supreme Judicial Court	D	X	X	X	NA	7		11
MONTANA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	353	7	50	17
NEVADA								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	91	7	13	42
NEW HAMPSHIRE								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	158	5	32	15
RHODE ISLAND								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	68	5	14	11
SOUTH DAKOTA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	101	5	20	8
VERMONT								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	53	5	11	9
WEST VIRGINIA								
Supreme Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	60	5	12	29
WYOMING								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	162	5	32	12
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts								
ALABAMA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	208	9	23	18
Court of Civil Appeals	C	X	X	X	206	5	41	6
Court of Criminal Appeals	C	X	X	X	88	5	18	17

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	Opinion count: C=case D=written document	Signed opinions	Per curium opinions	Memos/orders				
INDIANA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	95	5	19	15
Court of Appeals	C,D	X	X	X	2,509	15	167	52
Tax Court	C,D	X	X	X	27	1	27	3
NEW YORK								
Court of Appeals	D	X	X	X	124	7	18	27
Appellate Div. - Supreme Ct.	D	X	X	X	NA	56		25
Appellate Terms - Supreme Ct.	D	X	X	X	NA	15		171
PENNSYLVANIA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	131	7	19	NA
Superior Court	C	X	X	X	4,973	15	332	NA
Commonwealth Court	D	X	X	X	1,649	9	183	66
TENNESSEE								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	148	5	30	12
Court of Criminal Appeals	C	X	X	X	1030	12	86	9
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	815	12	68	12

CODES:

- X - Court follows this method when counting opinions.
- O - Court does not follow this method when counting opinions.
- NA - Data are not available.

Note: Disposition data are from the Manner of Disposition Survey sent to each appellate court.