

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
CASELOAD REPORT
1991-1994

BY FILING	1994	1993	1992	1991
DIRECT APPEALS ¹	531	610	555	562
PETITIONS FOR CERTIORARI	726	721	658	616
CERTIFIED QUESTIONS	7	3	7	5
APPLICATIONS FOR APPEAL				
Habeas corpus	202	122	117	149
Discretionary	244	249	226	238
Interlocutory	51	57	48	52
ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE	169	140	132	120
JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS	1	0	10	2
ORIGINAL PETITIONS	7	7	22	21
EXTRAORDINARY MOTIONS	16	23	7	9
TOTAL	1953	1792	1640	1652

¹ Includes cross-appeals.

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BY DISPOSITION	1994	1993	1992	1991
WRITTEN OPINION	401	344	305	363
AFFIRMED WITHOUT OPINION	43	127	98	134
ALLOWED WITHDRAWN	36	29	30	44
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TRANSFERRED TO COURT OF APPEALS	141	128	77	60
APPEALS DISMISSED	84	72	79	50
PETITIONS FOR CERTIORARI				
Granted	25	99	39	82
Denied	609	634	526	570
Other	25	19	8	6
APPLICATIONS FOR APPEAL				
Habeas corpus:				
Granted	3	1	7	3
Denied	139	93	104	171
Other	4	9	6	1
Discretionary				
Granted	41	46	34	57
Denied	140	175	142	177
Other	45 ¹	30 ²	9	5

¹ Includes 27 applications transferred to the Court of Appeals.

² Includes 16 applications transferred to the Court of Appeals.

	1994	1993	1992	1991
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APPLICATIONS FOR APPEAL (cont.)

Interlocutory:

Granted	8	15	11	20
Denied	26	21	27	24
Other	15 ³	16 ⁴	3	1

EXTRAORDINARY MOTIONS

Granted	6	1	*	*
Denied	15	11	*	*

* no statistics kept

³ Includes 11 applications transferred to the Court of Appeals.

⁴ Includes 8 applications transferred to the Court of Appeals.

**GEORGIA SUPREME COURT
CASELOAD TRENDS**

Supreme Court of Georgia

Year	Graph 1			Graph 2		
	Actual Filings	Projection		Actual Opinions	Projection	
		Low	High		Low	High
1986	1594			308		
1987	1649			377		
1988	1637			348		
1989	1791			370		
1990	1769			355		
1991	1781			364		
1992	1784			305		
1993	1910			344		
1994	1961			401		
1995	2053			411		
1996		2104	2113		422	427
1997		2155	2174		434	444
1998		2206	2237		445	461
1999		2257	2302		457	479
2000		2308	2369		468	498
2001		2359	2438		480	517
2002		2410	2509		491	537
2003		2461	2582		503	558
2004		2512	2657		514	580
2005		2563	2735		525	603

Supreme Court Caseload Extracted from Annual Reports

Filed	Years					Percent Change				
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1991-95
Direct Appeals	541	534	580	531	538	-1.29%	8.61%	-8.45%	1.32%	-0.55%
Petitions for Certiorari	616	658	721	726	841	6.82%	9.57%	0.69%	15.84%	36.53%
Applications for Appeal										
Habeas Corpus	149	117	122	202	277	-21.48%	4.27%	65.57%	37.13%	85.91%
Discretionary	238	226	249	244	202	-5.04%	10.18%	-2.01%	-17.21%	-15.13%
Interlocutory	52	48	57	51	53	-7.69%	18.75%	-10.53%	3.92%	1.92%
Attorney Disciplinaries	120	132	140	169	113	10.00%	6.06%	20.71%	-33.14%	-5.83%
Original Petitions/Motions	21	22	7	7	10	4.76%	-68.18%	0.00%	42.86%	-52.38%
Extraordinary Motions	9	7	23	16	16	-22.22%	228.57%	-30.43%	0.00%	77.78%
Cross Appeals	21	21	30							
Certified Questions	5	7	3	7	3	40.00%	-57.14%	133.33%	-57.14%	-40.00%
Bar Admissions	7	2	7	5	14	-71.43%	250.00%	-28.57%	180.00%	100.00%
Judicial Qualifications	2	10	2	3	1	400.00%	-80.00%	50.00%	-66.67%	-50.00%
Total Filings	1,781	1,784	1,941	1,961	2,068	0.17%	-8.80%	1.03%	5.46%	16.11%

Disposed	Years					Percent Change				
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1991-95
By Opinion	364	305	344	401	421	-16.21%	12.79%	16.57%	4.99%	15.66%
Affirmed without Opinion (Rule 59)	134	98	127	43	35	-26.87%	29.59%	-66.14%	-18.60%	-73.88%
Allowed Withdrawn	44	30	29	36	37	-31.82%	-3.33%	24.14%	2.78%	-15.91%
Transferred to the Court of Appeals	60	77	128	141	91	28.33%	66.23%	10.16%	-35.46%	51.67%
Appeals Dismissed	50	79	72	84	94	58.00%	-8.86%	16.67%	11.90%	88.00%
Petitions for Certiorari										
Denied	570	526	634	609	770	-7.72%	20.53%	-3.94%	26.44%	35.09%
Granted	82	39	99	25	73	-52.44%	153.85%	-74.75%	192.00%	-10.98%
Other	6	8	19	25	25	33.33%	137.50%	31.58%	0.00%	316.67%
Habeas Corpus Applications										
Denied	171	104	93	139	248	-39.18%	-10.58%	49.46%	78.42%	45.03%
Granted	3	7	1	3	2	133.33%	-85.71%	200.00%	-33.33%	-33.33%
Other	1	6	9	4	12	500.00%	50.00%	-55.56%	200.00%	1100.00%
Discretionary Applications										
Denied	177	142	175	140	123	-19.77%	23.24%	-20.00%	-12.14%	-30.51%
Granted	57	34	46	41	35	-40.35%	35.29%	-10.87%	-14.63%	-38.60%
Other	5	9	30	45	43	80.00%	233.33%	50.00%	-4.44%	760.00%
Interlocutory Applications										
Denied	24	27	21	26	31	12.50%	-22.22%	23.81%	19.23%	29.17%
Granted	20	11	15	8	12	-45.00%	36.36%	-46.67%	50.00%	-40.00%
Other	1	3	16	15	10	200.00%	433.33%	-6.25%	-33.33%	900.00%

Disposed	Years					Percent Change				
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1991-95
Original Petitions/Motions	23	22			27	-4.35%				
Total Extraordinary Motions	8	7	18	21	13	-12.50%	157.14%	16.67%	-38.10%	62.50%
Denied			11	15	11			36.36%	-26.67%	
Granted			7	6	2			-14.29%	-66.67%	
Bar Admissions	2	5	5	4	1	150.00%	0.00%	-20.00%		
Judicial Qualifications	2	5	2	1	1	150.00%	-60.00%	-50.00%		
Total Attorney Discipline	147	77	47	138	130	-47.62%	-38.96%	193.62%		
By Opinion	75	45	29			-40.00%	-35.56%			
By Order	72	32	18			-55.56%	-43.75%			
Stricken from Docket		9	1	8	11		-88.89%	700.00%	37.50%	
Other	8				1					
Total Disposed	1,959	1,630	1,931	1,957	2,246	-16.79%	18.47%	1.35%		14.65%

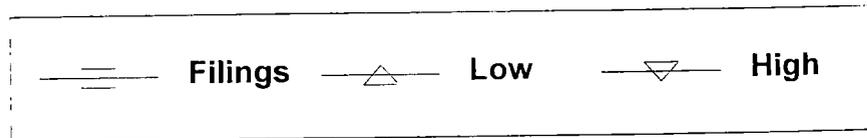
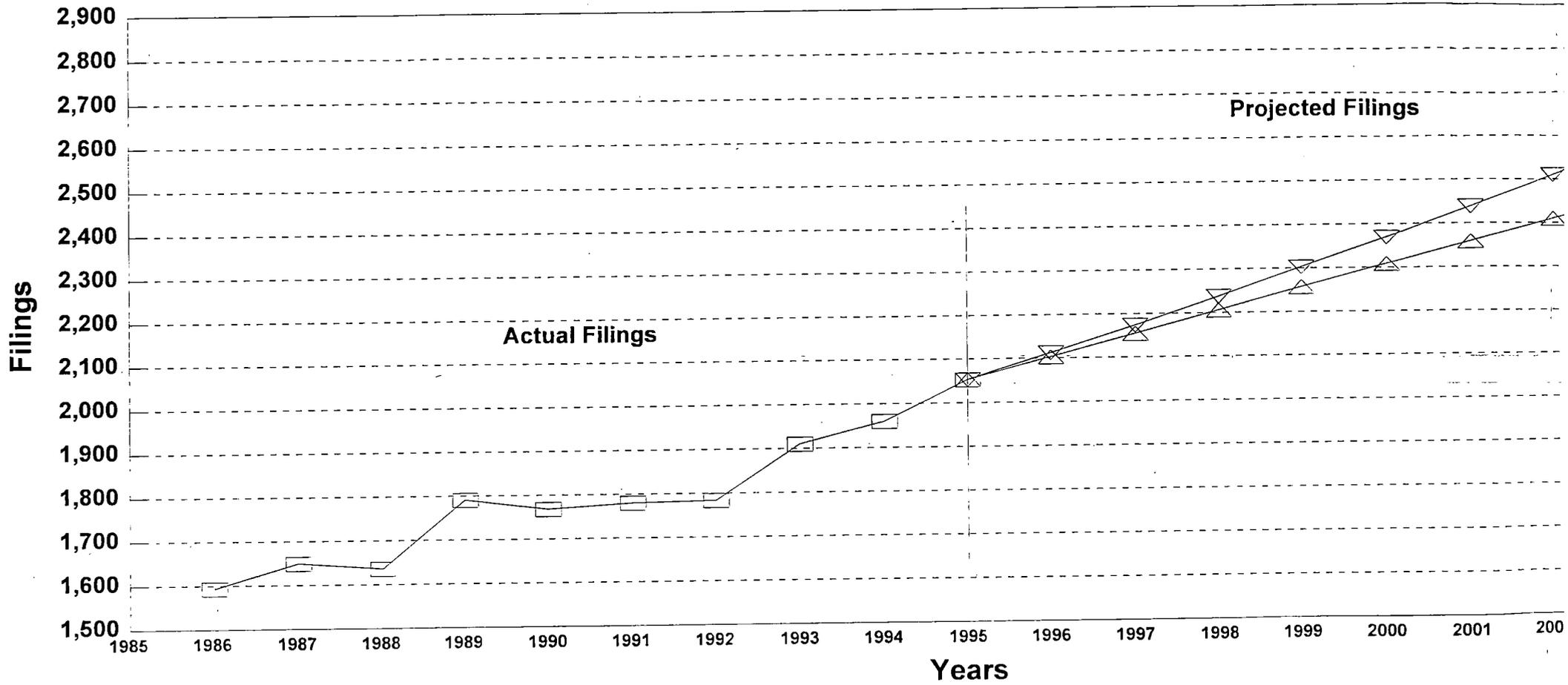
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Graph 1

Supreme Court Projected Filings

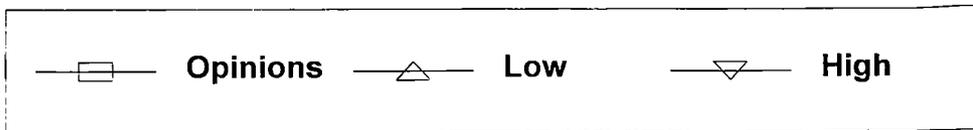
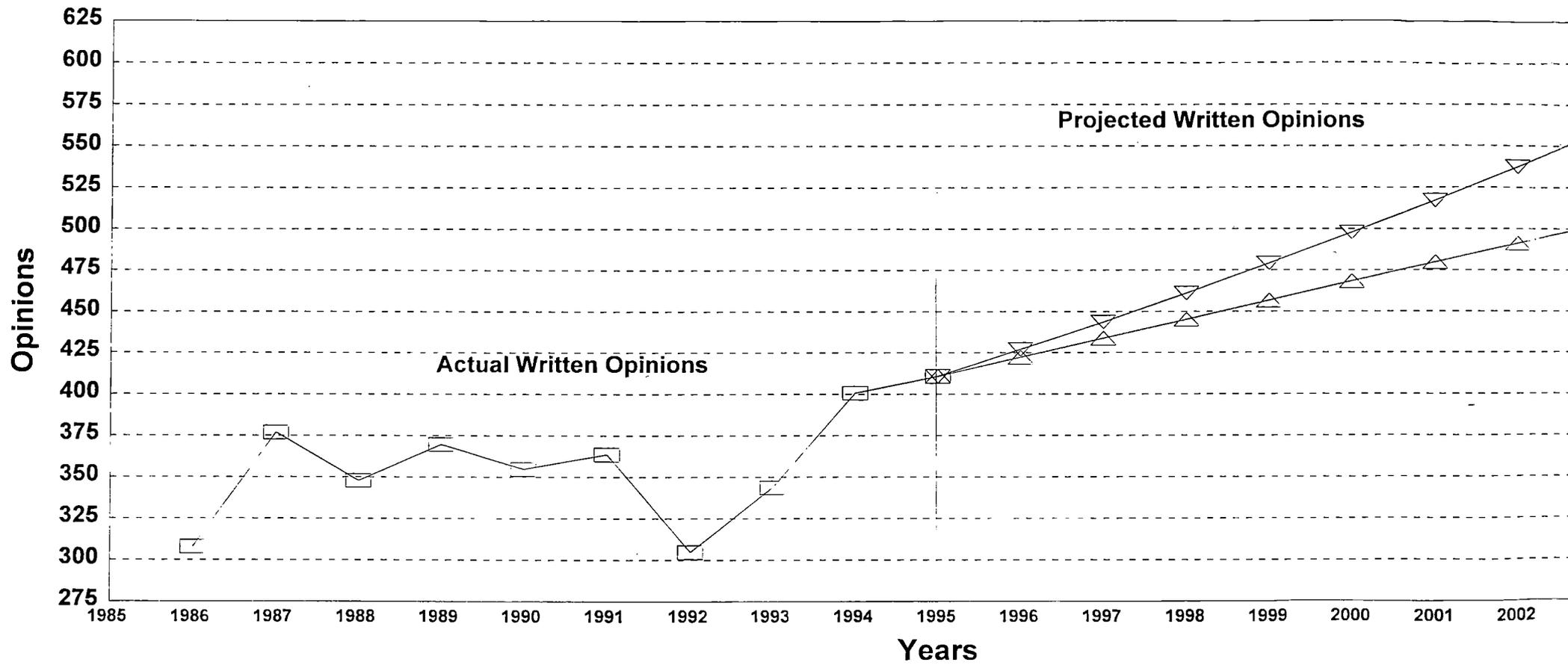
Actual Filings from 1986 to 1995



Graph 2

Supreme Court Projected Opinions

Actual Written Opinions from 1986 to 1995 With Projections to 2005





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MEMORANDUM

June 21, 1996

TO: Chief Justice Robert Benham
FROM: Holly Sparrow 
RE: Inquiries Concerning Supreme Court Statistics

Attached are a few more of the statistics you requested.

Chart 1. Update of earlier chart 1991-1994 caseload Georgia Supreme Court Caseload
This version now includes 1995 information.
You may note the substantial increase in filings (16.11%)

Chart 2. Caseloads and opinions of the U.S. Supreme Court and Circuit Courts of Appeals
For the Circuit Courts of Appeals we used only the published opinions in this analysis. But
the following chart shows in more detail the various types of opinions prepared by the Circuit
Courts including the unpublished numbers.

We have been coordinating our efforts with Rick Diguette in Sherie Welch's office on these statistics as you
desired. He informs us that the Supreme Court transfers to Court of Appeals are almost all for the reason that
the appeals have been filed in the wrong court because of the failure of the appellant to determine jurisdiction
properly.

Your last request to us asked that we make a comparison of the number of appeals of original jurisdiction
which are filed in the Georgia Supreme Court as compared with other states. This information is not available
in any printed form. National Center is also unable to provide this data, but I have sent a Internet request to
each state through a NCSC internet bulletin board. I hope to have some responses next week.

Since I will be out of town next week, please speak with Mr. Doss or my research associate, Greg Arnold if
you have any questions or need any additional materials.

HKOS:tkc
Attachments

Selected United States Appellate Court Filings, Dispositions, and Opinions

Supreme Court of the United States

Cases on the Docket, Dispositions, and Written Opinions
At the Conclusion of the 1994 October Term

Filings:	8,100
Dispositions:	7,170
Written Opinions:	94

U. S. Circuit Courts of Appeals

Selected Caseload Statistics

During the 12 Months ending September 30, 1995

Circuit	1990 Population	Authorized Judges	Filings	Dispositions	Written Published Opinions		
					Total	Per	
					Judge	Panel	
District of Columbia	606,900	12	1,625	1,670	271	23	68
First	9,709,169	6	1,339	1,343	416	69	208
Second	22,506,497	13	3,987	3,940	583	45	135
Third	19,611,831	14	3,485	3,401	354	25	76
Fourth	22,877,643	15	5,193	4,947	331	22	66
Fifth	22,877,643	17	6,513	6,466	832	49	147
Sixth	23,779,699	16	4,631	4,639	390	24	73
Seventh	28,704,893	11	3,112	3,246	791	72	216
Eighth	21,866,530	11	3,205	3,153	775	70	211
Ninth	17,532,841	11	3,205	3,153	775	70	211
Tenth	17,532,841	28	8,415	8,307	976	35	105
Eleventh	45,800,181	12	2,619	2,758	518	43	130
	12,609,060	12	5,948	5,935	498	42	125
Total	23,456,729	167	50,072	49,805	6,735	40	121

All data extracted for Judicial Business of the United States Courts, 1995

Notes:

1. All panels are composed of three (3) judges.
2. In a year, there are never more than 3-5 en banc decisions in any circuit.

Table S-3.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Types of Opinions or Orders Filed in Cases Terminated
on the Merits After Oral Hearing or Submission on Briefs
During the Twelve-Month Period Ended September 30, 1995

Circuit	Total	Oral	Written, Signed		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	
TOTAL	27,772	99	6,118	3,814	566	14,233	5	2,937	75.9
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	703	-	249	1	22	430	-	1	61.4
FIRST	786	-	347	35	69	335	-	-	47.0
SECOND	1,889	3	523	1,303	60	-	-	-	69.1
THIRD	2,011	-	346	480	7	5	1	1,172	82.3
FOURTH	3,009	-	315	67	16	2,611	-	-	88.9
FIFTH	3,806	-	717	350	114	2,499	1	125	78.1
SIXTH	2,240	96	379	171	11	1,583	-	-	82.5
SEVENTH	1,707	-	770	10	21	858	-	48	53.6
EIGHTH	2,105	-	699	3	76	748	-	579	63.1
NINTH	4,410	-	909	64	18	3,294	3	122	78.9
TENTH	1,851	-	517	1,308	1	25	-	-	72.0
ELEVENTH	3,255	-	347	22	151	1,845	-	890	84.7

NOTE: THIS TABLE INCLUDES ONLY THOSE OPINIONS AND ORDERS THAT EXPOUND ON THE LAW AS APPLIED TO THE FACTS OF EACH CASE AND THAT DETAIL THE JUDICIAL REASONS UPON WHICH THE JUDGMENT IS BASED.

Supreme Court Caseload Extracted from Annual Report

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Applications for Appeal							
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Discretionary	238	226	249	244	202	-5.04%	1
Interlocutory	52	48	57	51	53	-7.69%	1
Attorney Disciplinaries	120	132	140	169	113	10.00%	
Original Petitions/Motions	21	22	7	7	10	4.76%	-6
Extraordinary Motions	9	7	23	16	16	-22.22%	22
Cross Appeals	21	21	30				
Certified Questions	5	7	3	7	3	40.00%	-5
Bar Admissions	7	2	7	5	14	-71.43%	25
Judicial Qualifications	2	10	2	3	1	400.00%	-8
Total Filings	1,781	1,784	1,941	1,961	2,068	0.17%	

Disposed	Years					1991-92	199
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995		
By Opinion	364	305	344	401	421	-16.21%	1
Affirmed without Opinion (Rule 59)	134	98	127	43	35	-26.87%	2
Allowed Withdrawn	44	30	29	36	37	-31.82%	-
Transferred to the Court of Appeals	60	77	128	141	91	28.33%	6
Appeals Dismissed	50	79	72	84	94	58.00%	-
Petitions for Certiorari							
Denied	570	526	634	609	770	-7.72%	2
Granted	82	39	99	25	73	-52.44%	15
Other	6	8	19	25	25	33.33%	13
Habeas Corpus Applications							
Denied	171	104	93	139	248	-39.18%	-1
Granted	3	7	1	3	2	133.33%	-8
Other	1	6	9	4	12	500.00%	5
Discretionary Applications							
Denied	177	142	175	140	123	-19.77%	2
Granted	57	34	46	41	35	-40.35%	3
Other	5	9	30	45	43	80.00%	23
Interlocutory Applications							
Denied	24	27	21	26	31	12.50%	-2
Granted	20	11	15	8	12	-45.00%	3
Other	1	3	16	15	10	200.00%	43

Disposed	Years					1991-92	1992-93
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995		
Original Petitions/Motions	23	22			27	-4.35%	
Total Extraordinary Motions	8	7	18	21	13	-12.50%	157
Denied			11	15	11		
Granted			7	6	2		
Bar Admissions	2	5	5	4	1	150.00%	0
Judicial Qualifications	2	5	2	1	1	150.00%	-60
Total Attorney Discipline	147	77	47	138	130	-47.62%	-38
By Opinion	75	45	29			-40.00%	-35
By Order	72	32	18			-55.56%	-43
Stricken from Docket		9	1	8	11		-88
Other	8				1		
Total Disposed	1,959	1,630	1,931	1,957	2,246	-16.79%	18

Note:

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Administrative Office of the Courts

June 19, 1996

Selected Court of Appeals Caseload

Filed	Years *			Filings		
				Per Panel +		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995
Appeals	2601	2842	2883	867	947	961

Disposed by Written Opinion	Years			Opinions Written		
				Per Panel		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995
Opinions Written by All Panels	2079	2169	2121	693	723	707
Opinions Written by the Whole Court **	104	146	136			
Total Written Opinions	2183	2315	2257			

- * Data for 1993 and 1994 were extracted from the Annual Report for the respective years; 1995 provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.
- + Represents the total direct appeals per year divided by the number of panels (3).
- ** Data was provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Selected Casetypes	1995
Total Criminal	1136
Worker's Compensation	59