



# Court of Appeals

## Memorandum

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**To:** Chief Judge Blackburn  
**From:** Bud Tirey, Technical Services  
**Subject:** Application and Direct Appeals Filing  
**Date:** May 2, 2002

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Attached are two detail listing for calendar year 2000 and 2001. The listing are not to informative except the last page of each list contains the total filing by category, totals are summarized below.

### **Year 2000 Totals:**

Filed Interlocutory, Discretionary and Direct Appeal: 1

Filed Discretionary and Direct Appeal: 97

Filed Interlocutory and Direct Appeal: 89

### **Year 2001 Totals:**

Filed Interlocutory, Discretionary and Direct Appeal: 3

Filed Discretionary and Direct Appeal: 86

Filed Interlocutory and Direct Appeal: 78

Court of Appeals  
Docket System

January 8, 2002

1999 through 2001 filing percentage.

Total Cases Filed for Period: 7,661

1999 civil= 1297 criminal= 1224 Total 2521 48.5% Criminal

2000 civil= 1370 criminal= 1226 Total 2596 47.2% Criminal

2001 civil= 1341 criminal= 1203 Total 2544 47.2% Criminal

**ORAL ARGUMENT REPORT**  
**COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA**  
**1996 - 2001**

Below is a listing of the number and percentages of oral arguments requested, granted and denied in the Court of Appeals by year from 1996 through 2001.

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	TOTAL
Number of Arguments Requested	600	672	451	448	441	476	3,088
Number of Arguments Granted	358	309	236	223	219	175	1,520
Number of Arguments Denied	242	363	215	225	222	301	1,568
Percentage Granted	60%	46%	52%	50%	50%	37%	49%
Percentage Denied	40%	54%	48%	50%	50%	63%	51%

## 2000 CASELOAD STATISTICS

	Interlocutory	Discretionary
Number filed in docket year 2000	378	420
Number granted in docket year 2000	92	99
Percent granted in docket year 2000	24.34%	23.57%
Number which were granted which did not come back as a direct appeal	12	20
The total number which came back as direct appeals	80	79
Percent of all applications which came back as direct appeals	21%	18.81%

**Court of Appeals  
Case Management System  
Case Workload Summary 1991 through 2000**

YEAR	FILINGS	TOTAL FILED	SIGNED PUB OPINIONS	NONPUB RULE 36&33b	TOTAL COMPANION	TOTAL ORDER
91	DIRECT	2264	1003	177/na	89	355
91	DISC APP.	429				
91	INTR. APP.	449				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3142</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>1624*</b>
92	DIRECT	2449	1531	65/206	157	431
92	DISC APP.	473				
92	INTR APP.	486				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3408</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>2464*</b>
93	DIRECT	2608	1588	156/277	149	515
93	DISC APP.	475				
93	INTR APP.	453				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3536</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>2685*</b>
94	DIRECT	2842	1377	194/574	152	575
94	DISC APP	611				
94	INTR APP	458				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3911</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>2872*</b>
95	DIRECT	2883	1111	239/749	137	648
95	DISC APP	419				
95	INTR APP	330				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3632</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>2884*</b>
96	DIRECT	2546	1263	91/602	121	619
96	DISC APP	483				
96	INTR APP	421				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3450</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>2706*</b>
97	DIRECT	2596	1526	57/349	140	567
97	DISC APP	479				
97	INTR APP	438				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3513</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>2639*</b>
98	DIRECT	2476	1529	36/307	127	552
98	DISC APP	455				
98	INTR APP	434				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3365</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>2551*</b>

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99	DIRECT	2521	1523	53/253	144	528
99	DISC APP	434				
99	INTR APP	404				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3359</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>2501</b>
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00	DIRECT	2596	1415	106/326	136	635
00	DISC APP	420				
00	INTR APP	378				
	<b>TOTAL FILED</b>	<b>3394</b>		<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>		<b>2618</b>

\*DIRECT APPEALS ONLY

# Court of Appeals Caseload

1998      1999      2000

<b>Filed</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Appeals	2,476	2,521	2,596
Discretionary	456	434	434
Interlocutory	434	404	404
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,366</b>	<b>3,359</b>	<b>3,434</b>
<b>Disposed</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
By Opinion	1,529	1,667	1,551
Non-Published Opinions	307	253	326
By Order	552	528	635
Rule 36	36	53	106
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>2,618</b>
<b>Discretionary Applications</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Granted	100	101	82
Denied	282	257	214
Dismissed	64	56	76
Transferred to Supreme Court	10	19	32
Withdrawn	0	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>404</b>
<b>Interlocutory Applications</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Granted	84	94	84
Denied	278	246	219
Dismissed	41	42	34
Transferred to Supreme Court	6	11	4
Other	25	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>343</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>3,365</b>

COURT OF APPEALS  
FILINGS

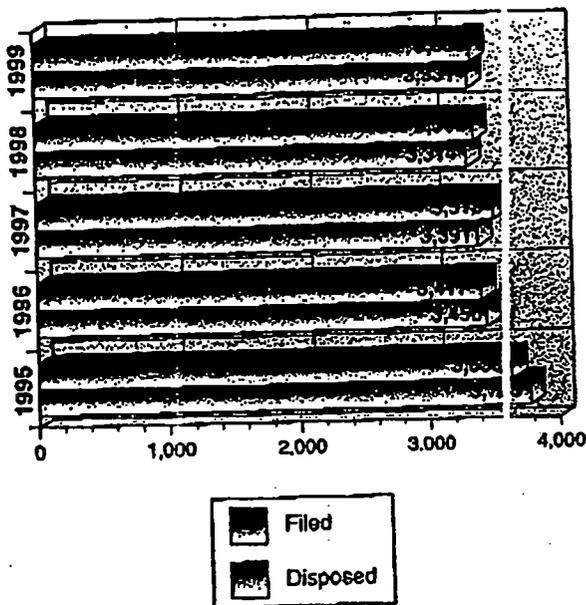
1991 - 2000

	<b>Number of Filings</b>	<b>Number of Judges</b>	<b>Filings Per Judge</b>
1991	3,142	9	349
1992	3,408	9	378
1993	3,536	9	393
1994	3,911	9	435
1995	3,632	9	404
1996	3,450	9	383
1997	3,513	10	351
1998	3,365	10	337
1999	3,359	10	336
2000	3,394	12	283

# COURT OF APPEALS CASELOAD

- In 1999, there were 3,359 cases filed, compared to 3,366 cases filed in 1998.
- In 1999, there were 3,331 disposed, compared to 3,314 disposed cases in 1998, resulting in a 1% increase.
- The total number of appeals increased from 2,424 in 1998 to 2,521 in 1999.
- Both interlocutory applications granted and transferred to Supreme Court increased 10% and 46% respectively.
- Over the past five years, dispositions have been very consistent with an average of 3,465.

Court of Appeals Caseload 1995 - 1999



## Court of Appeals Caseload 1998 & 1999

Filed	1998	1999	
Appeals	2,476	2,521	200
Discretionary	456	434	22
Interlocutory	434	404	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,366</b>	<b>3,359</b>	

Disposed	1998	1999	
Appeals			
By Opinion	1,529	1,667	138
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Rule 36	36	53	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>2,501</b>	77

Discretionary Applications	1998	1999	
Granted	100	101	1
Denied	282	257	25
Dismissed	64	56	8
Transferred to Supreme Court	10	19	9
Withdrawn	0	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>437</b>	19

Interlocutory Applications	1998	1999	
Granted	84	94	10
Denied	278	246	32
Dismissed	41	42	1
Transferred to Supreme Court	6	11	5
Other	25	0	-25
<b>Total</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>393</b>	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>3,331</b>	17

Footnote  
Includes 144 companion cases.



**ORAL ARGUMENT REPORT  
COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA  
JANUARY 2000 - NOVEMBER 2000**

Below is a listing of the number and percentages of oral arguments requested, granted and denied in the Court of Appeals by month from January 2000 through November 2000.

	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Number of Arguments Requested</b>	83	34	46	16	37	43	40	71	34	37	441
<b>Number of Arguments Granted</b>	41	21	23	7	18	18	18	44	12	17	219
<b>Number of Arguments Denied</b>	42	13	23	9	19	25	22	27	20	20	222
<b>Percentage Granted</b>	49%	62%	50%	44%	49%	42%	45%	62%	35%	46%	51%
<b>Percentage Denied</b>	51%	38%	50%	56%	51%	58%	55%	38%	65%	54%	49%

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS STATISTICS FOR 2001  
COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Grants</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATIONS:</b>			
Termination of parental rights	0	0	
Adoption	1	0	
Child support	4	1	
Child custody	2	0	
Divorce	0	0	
Visitation rights	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>DISCRETIONARY APPLICATIONS:</b>			
Termination of parental rights	0	0	
Adoption	3	1	
Child support	15	2	
Child custody	36	7	
Divorce	5	0	
Visitation rights	1	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16.6%</b>
<b>DIRECT APPEALS:</b>			
Termination of parental rights	82		
Adoption	7		
Child support	11		
Child custody	14		
Divorce	4		
Visitation rights	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>		

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Percentage Denied	40%	54%	48%	50%	50%	49%
<i>Direct Appeals Filed</i>	<i>2546</i>	<i>2596</i>	<i>2476</i>	<i>2521</i>	<i>2596</i>	
<i>% Req.</i>	<i>23.5%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>	<i>18.2%</i>	<i>17.8%</i>	<i>17%</i>	
<i>% Argued</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>8.4%</i>	