



GEORGIA Court of Appeals

Jurisdiction	2	State	11	Court	112	Year	1
Number of Judges	12	Lawyer Support	46				
Total Population	8,829,383	Adult Population	6,489,597				

	Filed	Qty	Disposed	Qty
<b>MANDATORY JURISDICTION:</b>				
<u>Appeals of final judgments:</u>				
Civil	1,426	C	-5	Z
Criminal:				
Capital criminal	-1	Z	-1	Z
Other criminal	1,079	C	-5	Z
Total criminal	1,079	C	-5	Z
Juvenile	-5	Z	-5	Z
Administrative agency	-5	Z	-5	Z
Unclassified	-1	Z	-1	Z
<b>Total final judgments</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b><del>2,068</del> C</b>
<u>Other mandatory cases:</u>				
Disciplinary matters	-1	Z	-1	Z
Original proceedings	-1	Z	-1	Z
Interlocutory decisions	-1	Z	-1	Z
Advisory opinions	-1	Z	-1	Z
<b>Total other mandatory</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>Z</b>
<b>Total mandatory cases</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b><del>2,068</del> A</b>

DISCRETIONARY JURISDICTION:

	Filed	Qty	Filed Petitions Granted	Qty	Disposed	Qty	Filed Petitions Granted	Qty
<u>Petitions of final judgment:</u>								
Civil		C	-2 Z		315 C		-2 Z	
Criminal		C	-2 Z		79 C		-2 Z	
Juvenile		-5 Z	-2 Z		-5 Z		-2 Z	
Administrative agency		-5 Z	-2 Z		-5 Z		-2 Z	
Unclassified		-1 Z	-1 Z		-1 Z		-1 Z	
<b>Total final judgments</b>	427	<del>0</del> A	-2 Z		394 A		-2 Z	
<u>Other discretionary petitions:</u>								
Disciplinary matters		-1 Z	-1 Z		-1 Z		-1 Z	
Original proceedings		-1 Z	-1 Z		-1 Z		-1 Z	
Interlocutory decisions	371	A	-2 Z		363 A		-2 Z	
Advisory opinions		-1 Z	-1 Z		-1 Z		-1 Z	
<b>Total other discretionary</b>	371	<del>0</del> A	-2 Z		363 A		-2 Z	
<b>Total discretionary cases</b>	798	<del>0</del> A	-2 Z		757 A		-2 Z	
<b>Grand total cases</b>	3,303	<del>2,505</del> A	-2 Z		3,215	<del>2,825</del> A	-2 Z	

Number of supplemental judges/justices 0  
 Number of independent appellate courts at this level 1

MANNER OF DISPOSITION

<del>Pre-argument disposition (dismissed/withdrawn/settled)</del>	689	<del>5Z</del> *
Signed opinion	1,596	1,390
Per curiam opinion		-5Z
Decision without opinion (memo/order)	856	107
Transferred	74	
Other	-	
Total	3,215	1,497

TYPE OF DECISION IN MANDATORY CASES/GRANTED PETITIONS OF FINAL JUDGMENT

Opinions:		Total decisions:	
Affirmed	-2Z	Affirmed	-2Z
Modified	-2Z	Modified	-2Z
Reversed	-2Z	Reversed	-2Z
Mixed	-2Z	Mixed	-2Z
Dismissed	-2Z	Dismissed	-2Z
Other	-2Z	Other	-2Z

*This may occur after argument as well as before argument.*

**From:** "Rafferty, William" <wrafferty@ncsc.dni.us>  
**To:** <sparrowh@gaappeals.us>  
**Date:** 2/15/2008 3:26:36 PM  
**Subject:** Court Statistics Project 2006 Data collection: GA Court of Appeals

Holly:

As part of the National Center for State Courts' Court Statistics Project we are collecting 2006 data for the appellate courts. We would like to thank you and your court for your assistance in prior years.

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Please review, update and return the Excel data sheet to me within three weeks (i.e. no later than March 7, 2008). If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-616-6109 or wrafferty@ncsc.dni.us.

Thank you for your assistance.

-Bill

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTES - APPELLATE COURT STATISTICAL SPREADSHEETS

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**From:** "Raftery, William" <wraftery@ncsc.org>  
**To:** "Holly Sparrow" <SPARROWH@appeals.courts.state.ga.us>  
**Date:** 2/25/2008 2:28:19 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Court Statistics Project 2006 Data collection: GA Court of Appeals

The reason you cannot find it most likely is that we are in the process of moving away from the Dictionary and to the Guide. This has been implemented with the trial courts and will be implemented with the next round of data collection for the appellate courts.

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Affirmed- A decision by an appellate court that sustains the judgment of a trial court, or an administrative agency, or the decision of an intermediate appellate court. *in whole*

Modified- A decision by an appellate court that changes the terms of, rather than reverses, a judgment of a trial court, or an administrative agency, or the decision of an intermediate appellate court.

Reversed- A decision by an appellate court that sets aside a judgment or order of a trial court, or an administrative agency, or the decision of an intermediate appellate court. *in whole*

Mixed- A decision by an appellate court that directs more than one outcome regarding a judgment or an order of a trial court, or an administrative agency, or the decision of an intermediate appellate court, and sends part or all of a case back to the original trial court or administrative agency from which it came, for the purpose of entry of a proper judgment, further proceedings, or a new trial.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Holly Sparrow [mailto:SPARROWH@appeals.courts.state.ga.us]  
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 2:17 PM  
To: Raftery, William  
Subject: Re: Court Statistics Project 2006 Data collection: GA Court of Appeals

What are the definitions you are using for the types of decisions in mandatory case/petitions of final judgment? I tried to locate the most recent model statistical dictionary on your web page, but didn't find it.

>>> "Raftery, William" <wraftery@ncsc.dni.us> 02/15/08 3:26 PM >>>

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## Court of Appeals Caseload 2006, Direct Appeals Dispositions

CRIMINAL		Number	% of crim	CIVIL		Number	% of Civil	TOTAL	Percent
Affirmed	<i>Aff</i>	703		Affirmed		596		1299	
Aff W Dir		1		Aff W Dir				1	
Aff & Rem w Dir	<i>Mixed</i>	4		Aff & Rem W Dir				4	
Aff on Condition/Rem w Dir				Aff on Condition/Rem w Dir					
Aff on Condition				Aff on Condition					
Affirmed & Remanded		3		Affirmed & Remanded		1		4	
<b>CRIMINAL AFFIRMED TOTAL</b>		<b>711</b>	<b>65.9%</b>	<b>CIVIL AFFIRMED TOTAL</b>		<b>597</b>	<b>43.1%</b>	<b>1308</b>	<b>53.1%</b>
Reversed	<i>Rev</i>	49		Reversed		125		174	
Rev & Rem W Dir.		6		Rev & Rem W Dir.		12		18	
Rev W Dir.	<i>Mixed</i>			Rev W Dir.		1		1	
Rev & Rem				Rev & Rem					
Rev & Rem for Proceed Cnstnt W Opin				Rev & Rem for Proceed Cnstnt W Opin		1		1	
Rev & Order Vac	<i>Rev</i>			Rev & Order Vac					
Rev in Part	<i>Mixed</i>			Rev in Part		2		2	
Rev & Rem	<i>Mixed</i>	9		Rev & Rem		12		21	
Aff in Part/Rev in Part	<i>Modified?</i>	16		Aff in Part/Rev in Part		50		66	
Aff in Part/Rev in Part/Vac/Rem		1		Aff in Part/Rev in Part/Vac/Rem				1	
Aff in Part/Rev in Part W Dir.	<i>Mixed</i>			Aff in Part/Rev in Part/W Dir.					
Aff in Part/Rev in Part & Rem W Amend				Aff in Part/Rev in Part/Rem W Amend					
Aff in Part/Rev in Part/Rem W Dir		4		Aff in Part/Rev in Part/Rem W Dir		6		10	
Rev in Part/Vac & Rem in Part				Rev in Part/Vac & Rem in Part					
Rev in Part/Dism in Part				Rev in Part/Dism in Part		1		1	
Aff in Part & Rev & Rem in Part				Aff in Part & Rev & Rem in Part					
Aff in Part/Rev in Part & Rem	<i>Mixed</i>	3		Aff in Part/Rev in Part & Rem		4		7	
Aff in Part/Rev in Part & Rem/Mot Denied				Aff in Part/Rev in Part & Rem/Mot Denied					
Rev in part/Vac in part/Rem				Rev in part/Vac in part/Rem					
Aff in Part/Rev in Part/Vac in Part W Dir				Aff in Part/Rev in Part/Vac in Part W Dir					
Aff in Part				Aff in Part		1		1	
				Reversed in Part/Vac in Part		2		2	
<b>CRIMINAL REVERSED TOTAL</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>CIVIL REVERSED TOTAL</b>		<b>217</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
Aff in Part/Dismissed in Part				Aff in Part/Dismissed in Part					
Appeal Dismissed in Part/Judgment Affd				Appeal Dismissed in Part/Judgment Affd					
Appeal Dismissed/ Case Remanded				Appeal Dismissed/ Case Remanded					
Dismissed as Moot		1		Dismissed as Moot		4		5	
Dismissed		160		Dismissed		378		538	
Dismissed & Remanded				Dismissed & Remanded					
Withdrawn		31		Withdrawn		115		146	

Transferred to Supreme Court	35		Transferred to Supreme Court	37		72	
Transferred to Superior/State Court			Transferred to Superior/State Court	2		2	
<b>CRIMINAL DISM/W/D/TRANSFER</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>CIVIL DISM/W/D/TRANSFER</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>31.0%</b>

Aff in Part/Vac in Part w Dir	1		Aff in Part/Vac in Part w Dir			1	
Aff in Part/Vac/Rem in Part			Aff in Part/Vac/Rem in Part				
Vac & Rem W Dir	4		Vac & Rem W Dir	7		11	
Vacated in Part/Aff in Part	3		Vacated in Part/Aff in Part			3	
Aff/Sen Vac/Rem	8		Aff/Sen Vac/Rem			8	
Aff in Part/Vac in Part/Rem W Dir	9		Aff in Part/Vac in Part/Rem W Dir	6		15	
Vacated			Vacated				
/Rem for Resentencing	2		Vac/Rem for Resentencing			2	
Vacated w Dir	1		Vacated w Dir			1	
Vac & Case Rem	6		Vac & Case Rem	7		13	
Conv Aff/Sentence Vac/Rem w Dir	1		Conv Aff/Sentence Vac/Rem w Dir			1	
Conv Aff/Sentence Vac in Part			Conv Aff/Sentence Vac in Part				

<b>CRIMINAL VACATED TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>CIVIL VACATED TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
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Conv Aff/ Rem w Dir			Conv Aff/ Rem w Dir				
Aff in Part/ Rem w Dir	2		Aff in Part/ Rem w Dir			2	
Aff in Part/Case Rem			Aff in Part/Case Rem				
Rem W Dir	1		Rem W Dir			1	
Remanded	15		Remanded	15		30	

<b>CRIMINAL REMANDED TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>CIVIL REMANDED TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
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Reinstated			Case Reinstated				
Pending after Supreme Court			Case Pending after Supreme Court				
Granted in Part/Denied in Part			Granted in Part/Denied in Part				
Transferred back from SC			Transferred back from SC				
Cert Withdrawn (not really a COA disp)			Cert Withdrawn (not really a COA disp)				

<b>OTHER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1385</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2464</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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