

Superior Court of Pennsylvania

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

2013





SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Judges of the Superior Court - 2013

PRESIDENT JUDGE JOHN T. BENDER

PRESIDENT JUDGE EMERITUS KATE FORD ELLIOTT

JUDGE MARY JANE BOWES

PRESIDENT JUDGE ELECT SUSAN PEIKES GANTMAN*

JUDGE JACK A. PANELLA

JUDGE CHRISTINE L. DONOHUE

JUDGE JACQUELINE O. SHOGAN

JUDGE CHERYL LYNN ALLEN

JUDGE ANNE E. LAZARUS

JUDGE SALLIE UPDYKE MUNDY

JUDGE JUDITH FERENCE OLSON

JUDGE PAULA FRANCISCO OTT

JUDGE DAVID N. WECHT

JUDGE JOHN L. MUSMANNO

JUDGE ROBERT E. COLVILLE

JUDGE JAMES J. FITZGERALD, III

JUDGE WILLIAM H. PLATT

JUDGE GENE STRASSBURGER

Department Heads

DAVID A. SZEWCZAK, ESQUIRE

Executive Administrator

JOSEPH D. SELETYN, ESQUIRE

Prothonotary

PHILIP YOON, ESQUIRE

Central Legal Staff, Chief Staff Attorney

ROBERT M. LEVINE, ESQUIRE

Reporter

JULIA VARANO, ESQUIRE

Information Management Systems Coordinator

* Elected by her Judicial peers to serve as President Judge for the 2014 – 2018 term.



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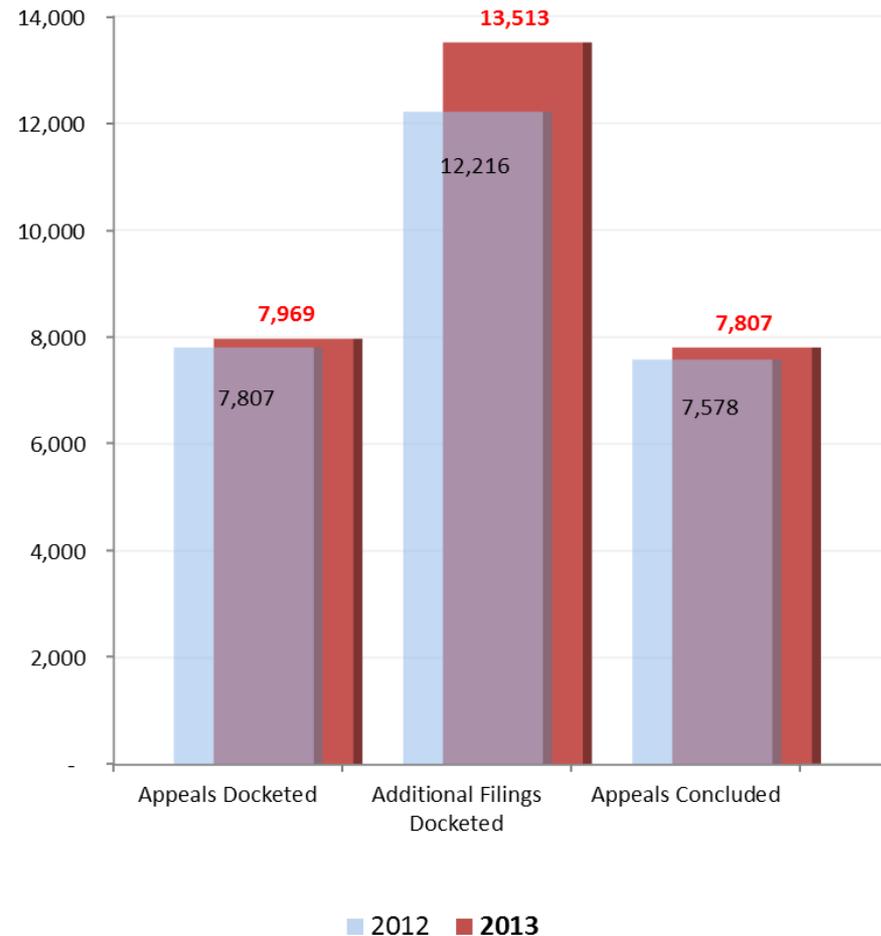
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SUPERIOR COURT DOCKETED 29,289 FILINGS

Summary

- **Joseph D. Seletyn, Esq. appointed** Prothonotary following the retirement of Karen Reid Bramblett, Esq.
- **2% increase** in appeals docketed
- **10% increase** in additional filings docketed
- **3% increase** in appeals concluded
- **4,860** published and memoranda opinions were filed in 2013

Summary, Docket Filings (for current and past year)





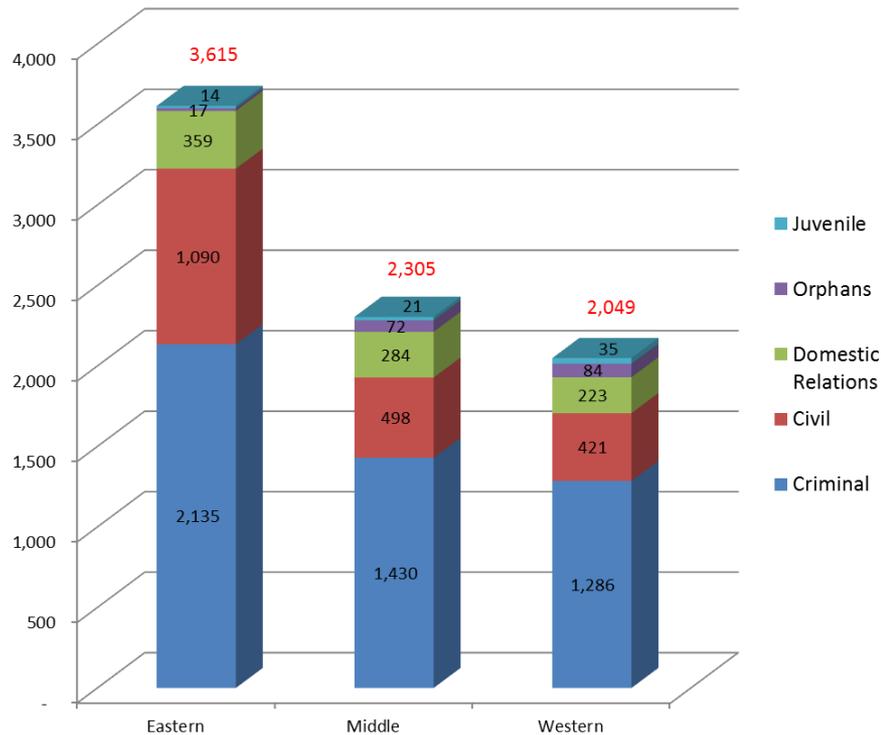
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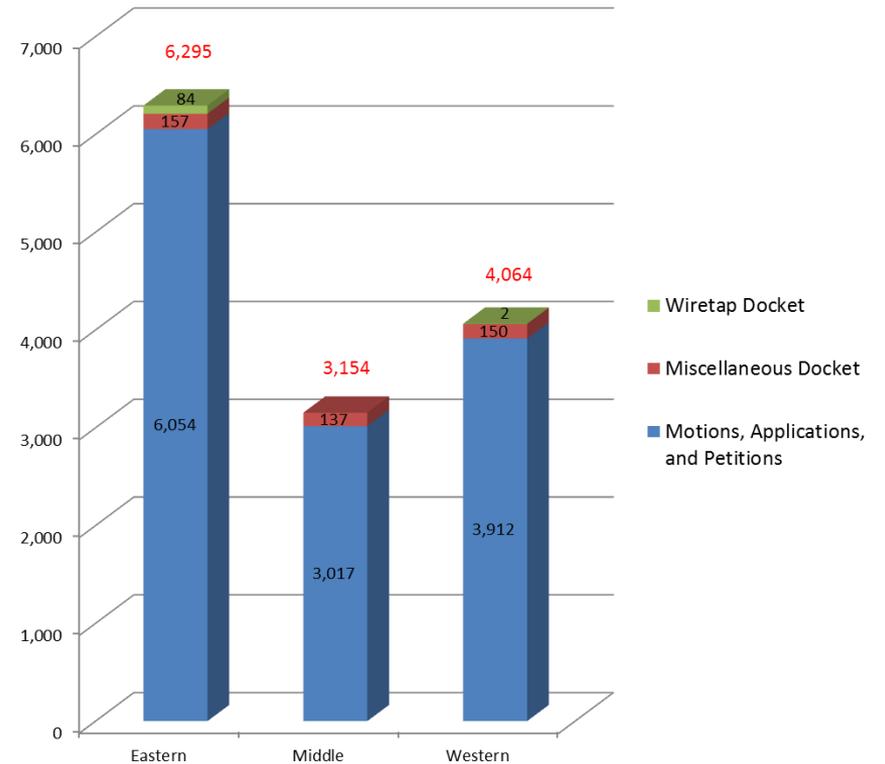
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SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS

Appeals Docketed – By Case Category and District (7,969)

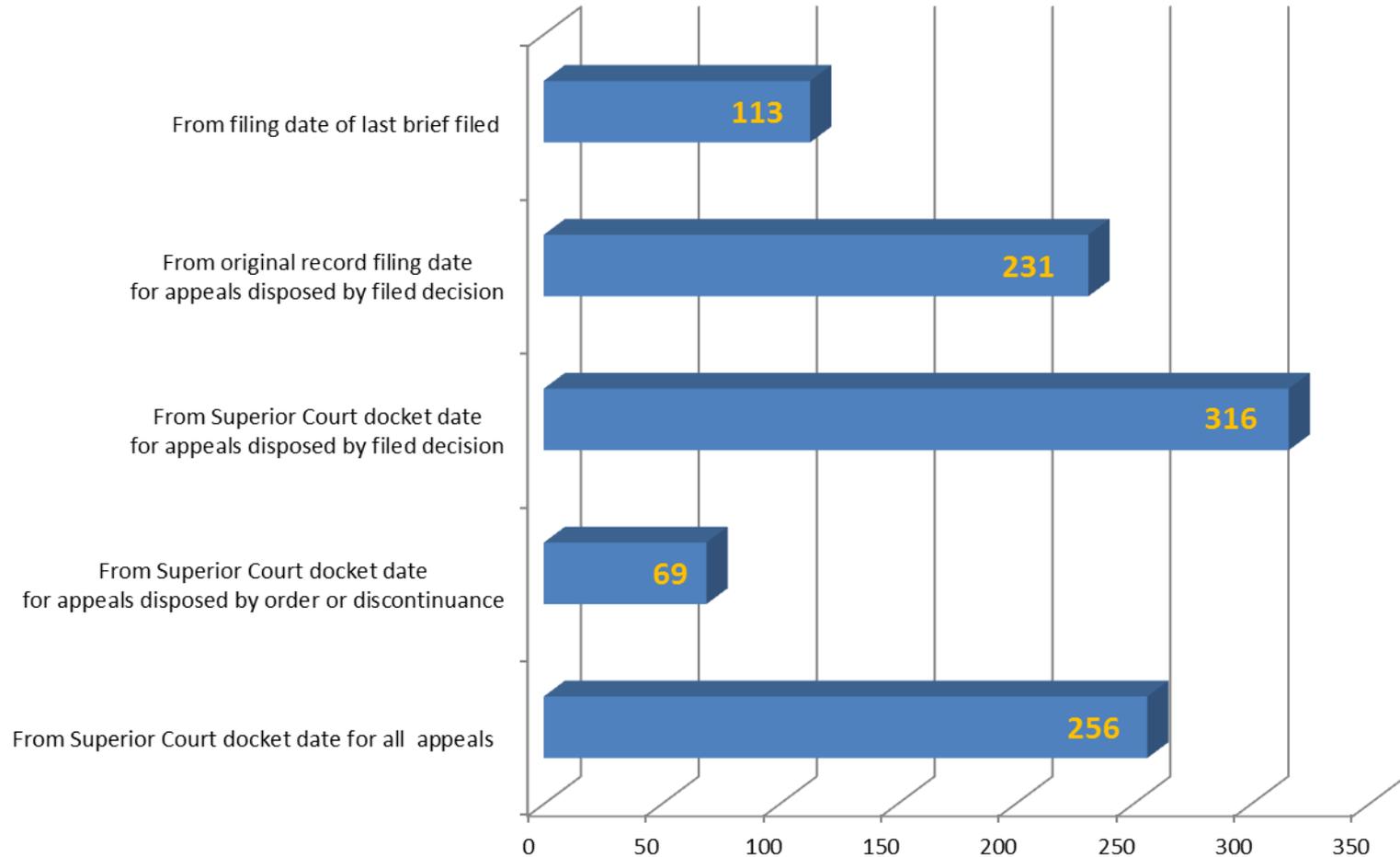


Additional Filings – By Filing Type and District (13,513)





Median Number of Days to Disposition for Appeals Concluded in 2013



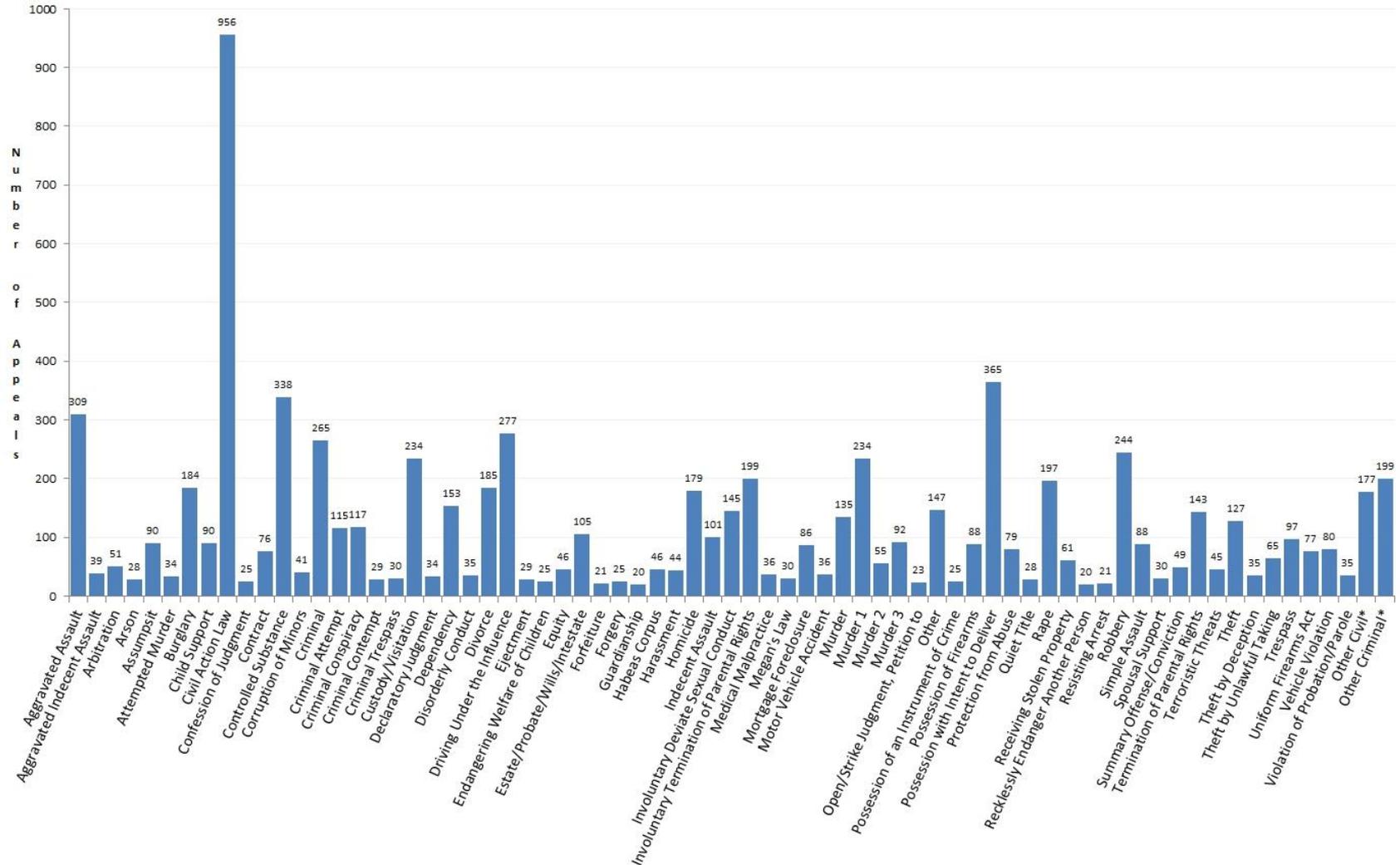


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Appeals Docketed by Case Type (7,969)



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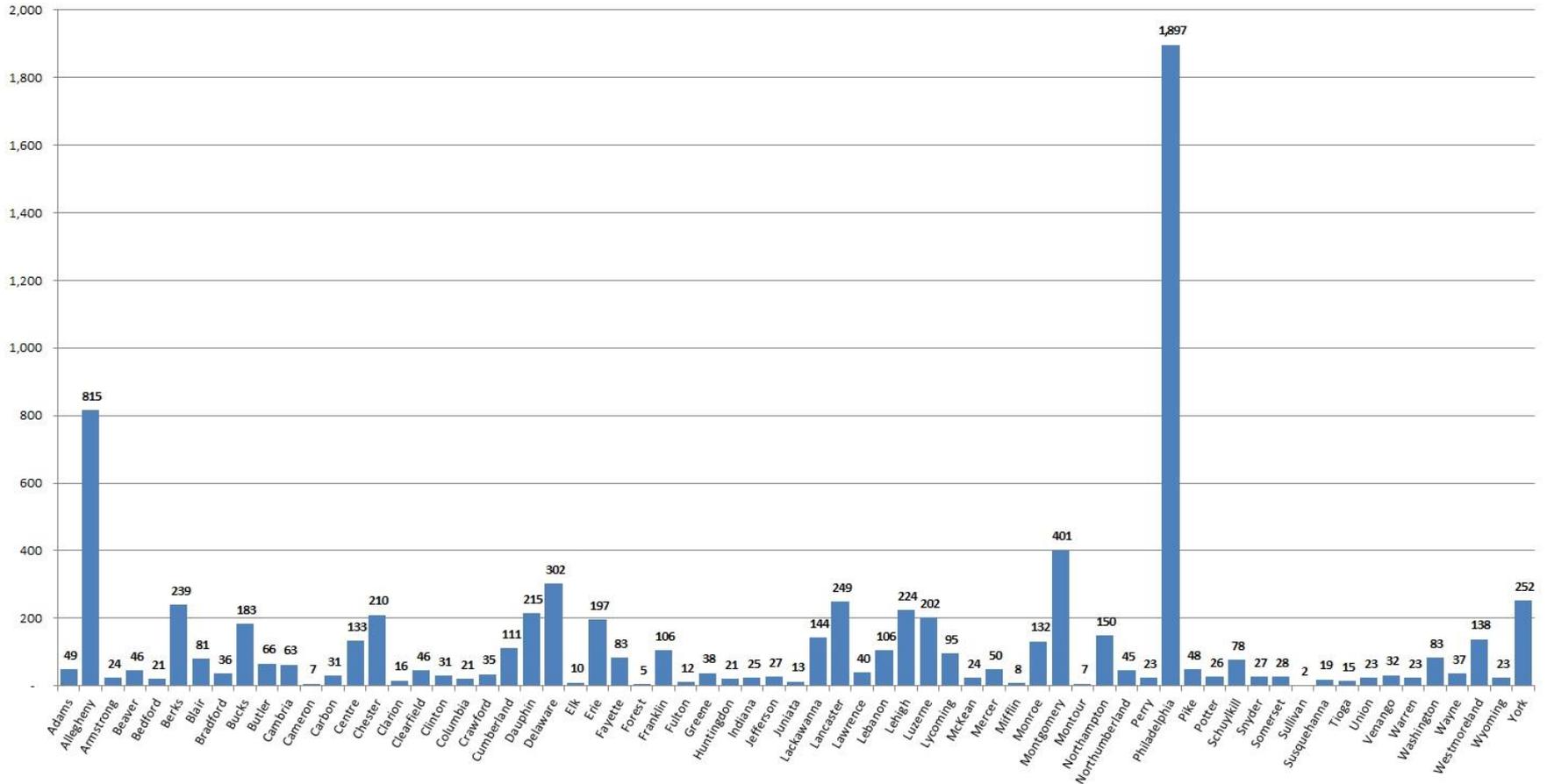


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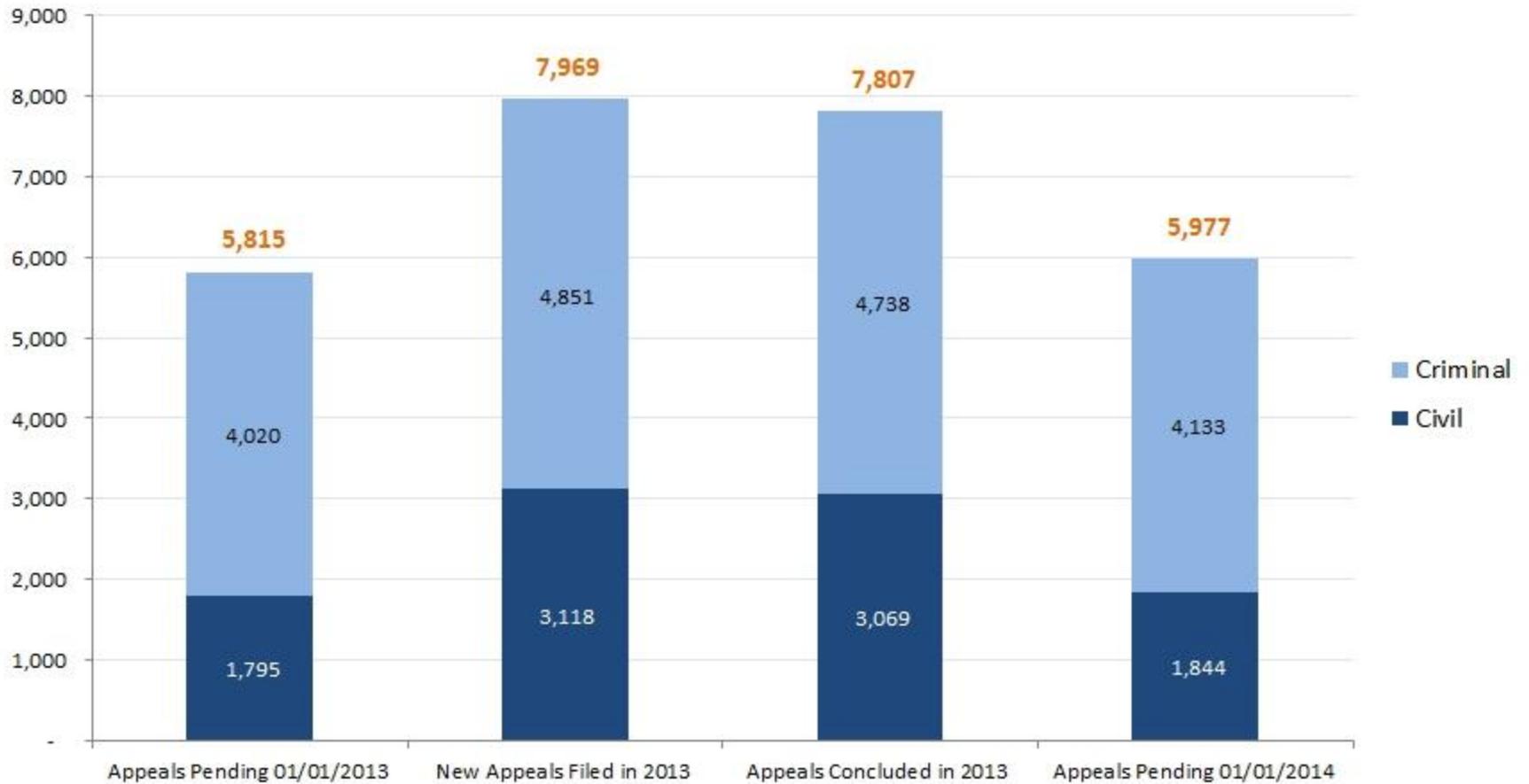
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Appeals Docketed by County (7,969)





Appeals Pending, Filed, and Concluded





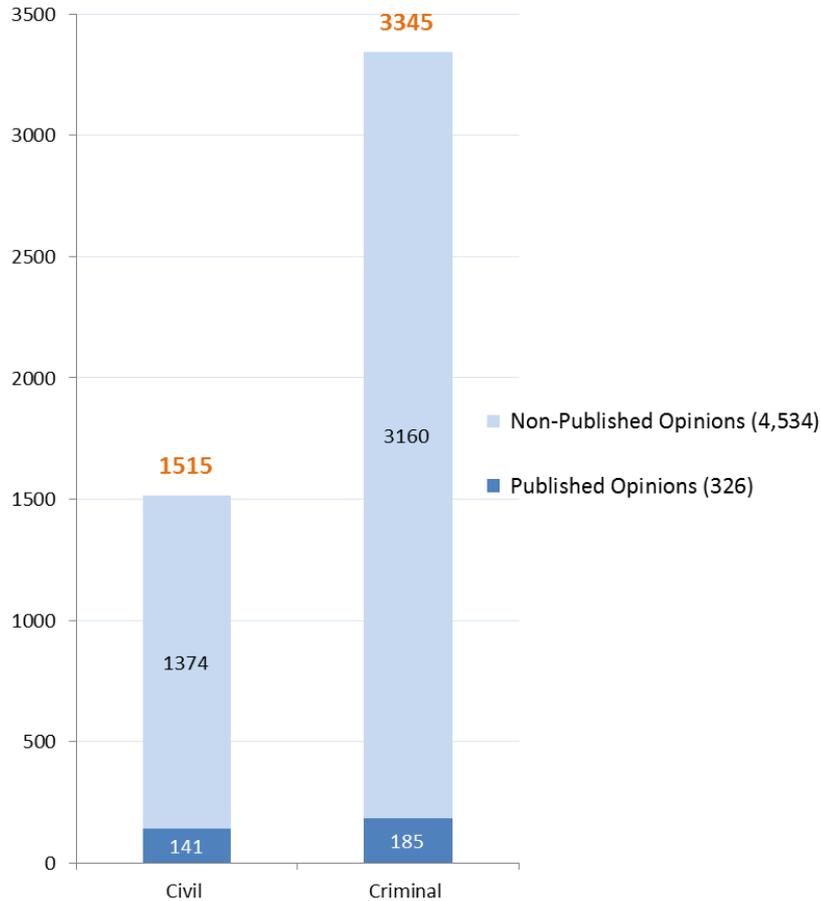
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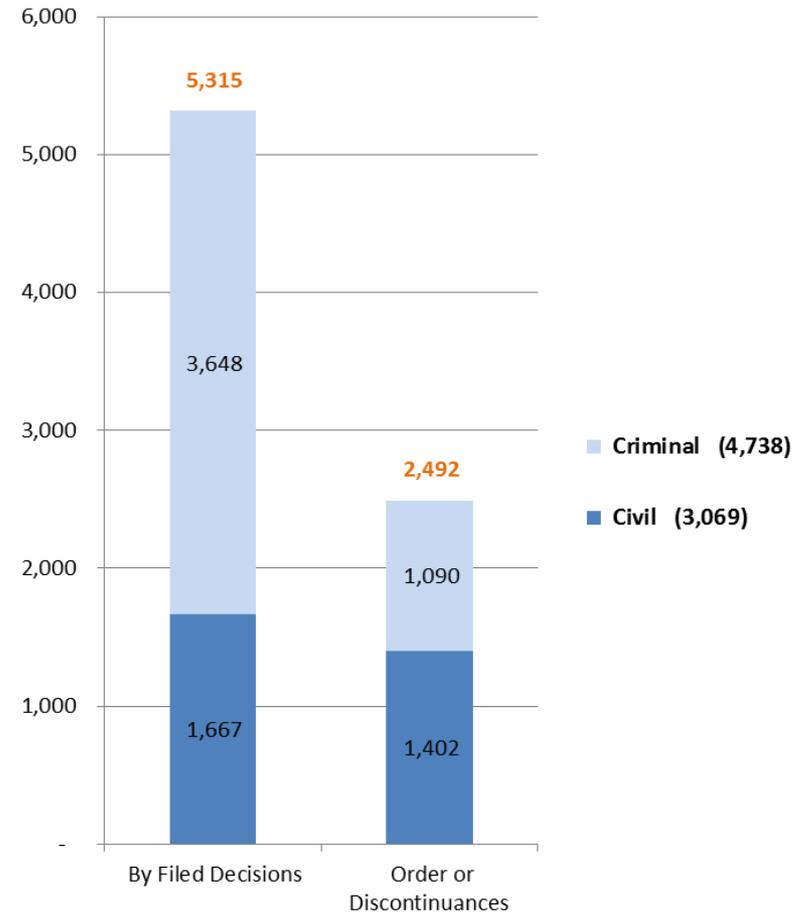
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SUPERIOR COURT OPINIONS FILED AND APPEALS CONCLUDED IN 2013*

Opinions Filed in 2013 (4,860)



Dispositions in 2013 Type (7,807)



* The difference between the total number of Opinions Filed and the total number of Dispositions by Type results from the differing ways of disposing of appellate cases. Opinions Filed counts all opinions filed without considering multiple docket numbers. Filed Decisions, found under Dispositions by Types, counts the docket numbers disposed of by decision.

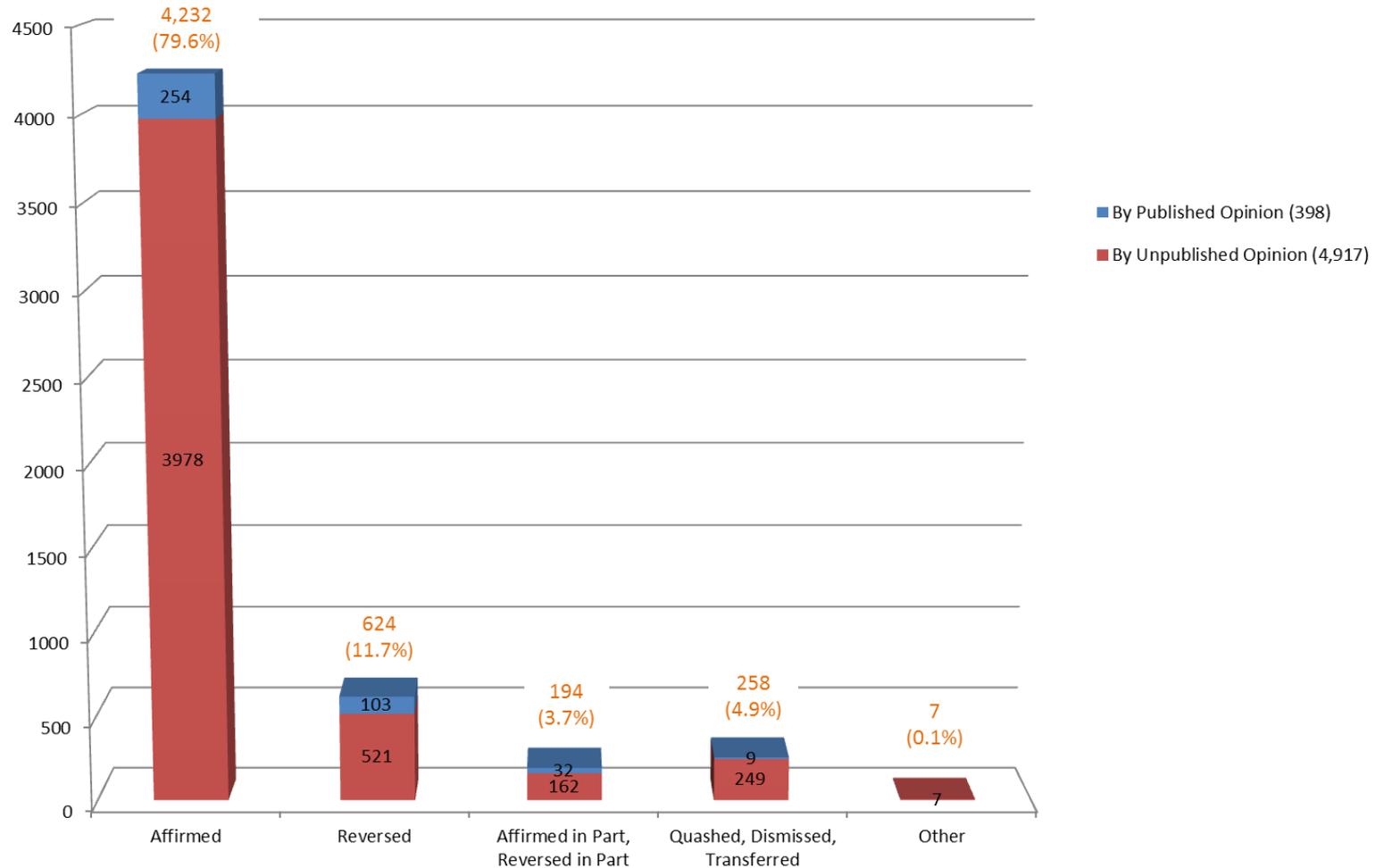


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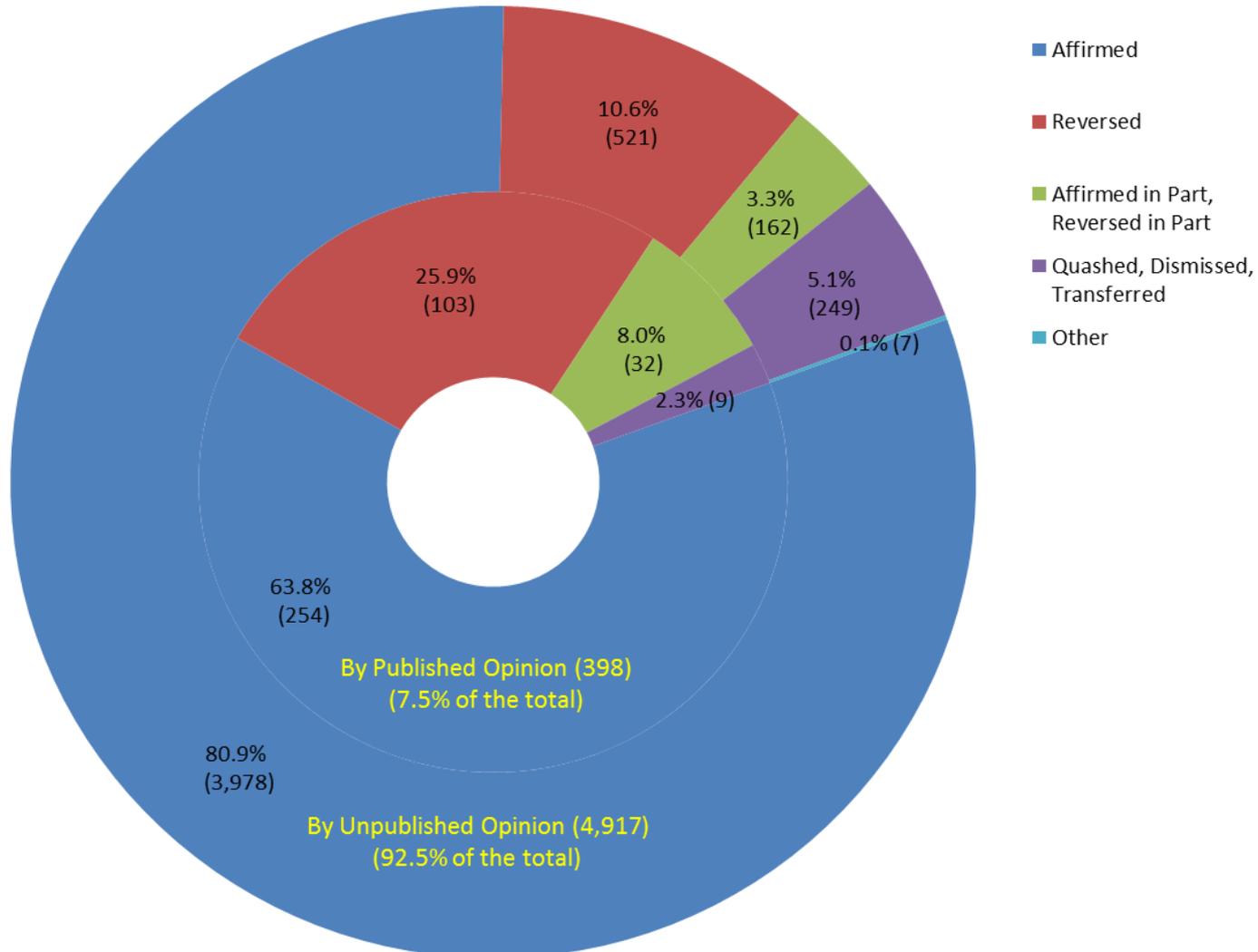
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Superior Court Disposition of Filed Decisions (5,315)





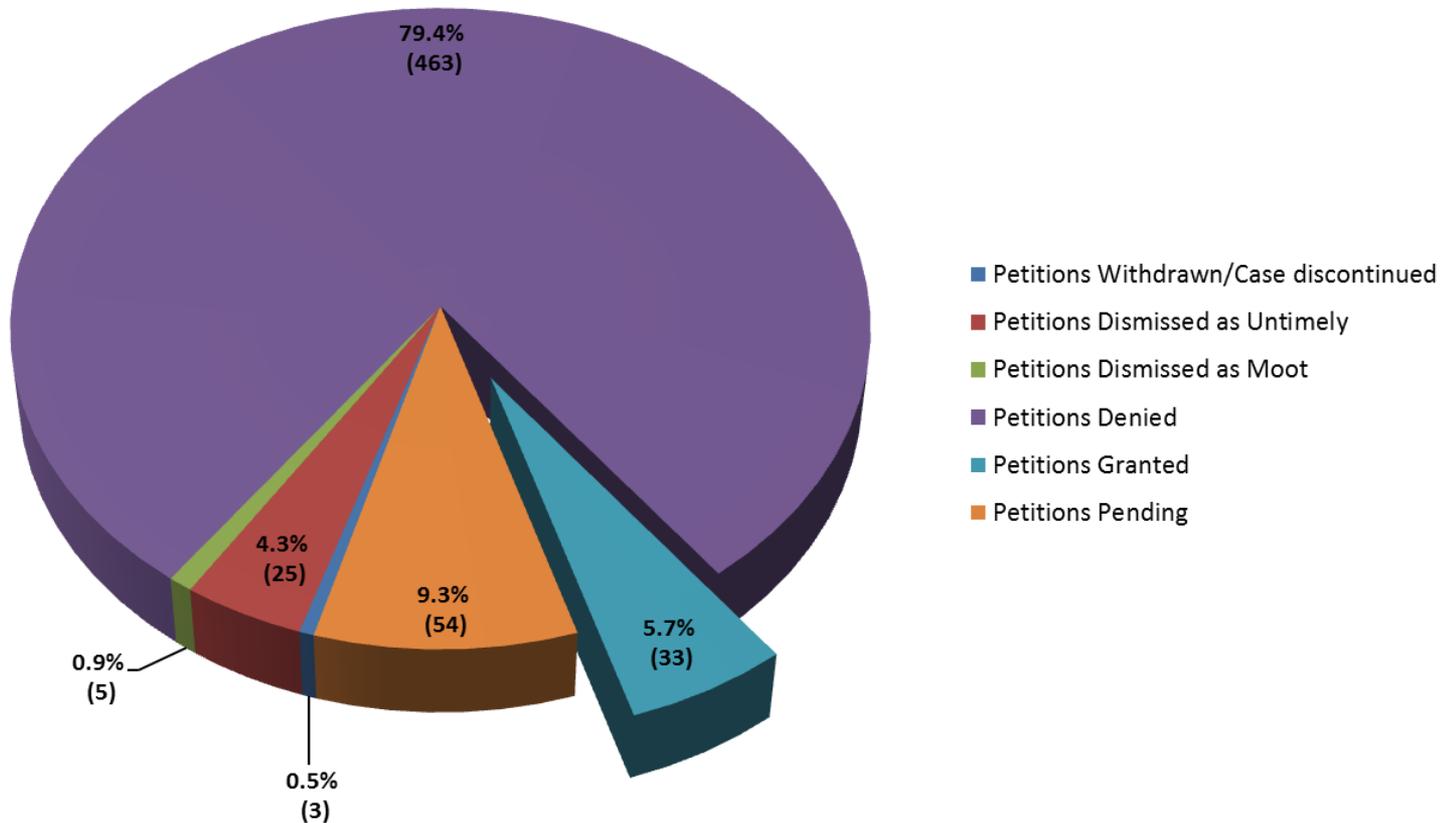
Superior Court Disposition of Filed Decisions (5,315) by Percentage of Each Category





Superior Court Rearguments / Reconsiderations for 2013

Reargument / Reconsideration Petitions Filed in 2013: 583





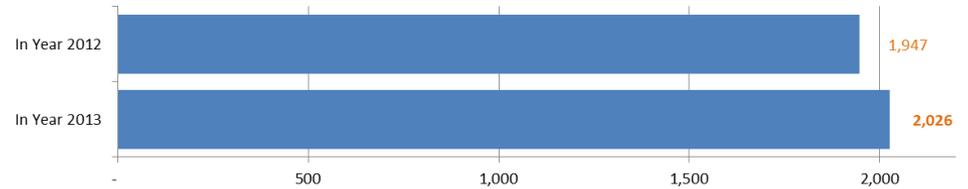
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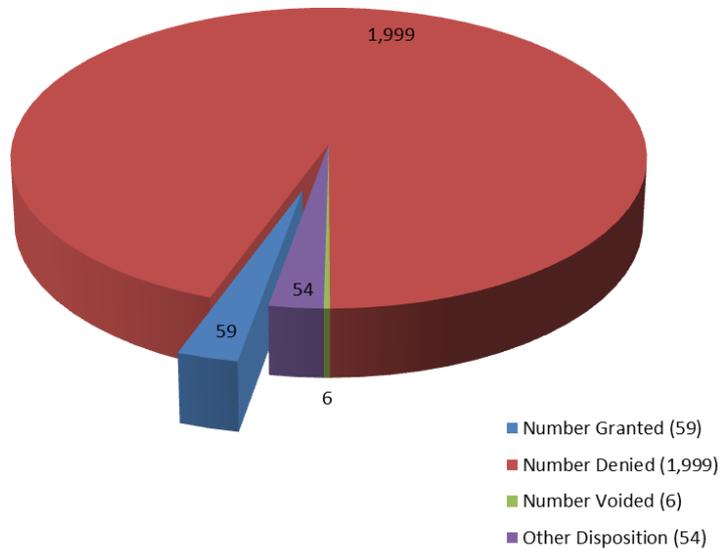
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Supreme Court Treatment of Superior Court Cases

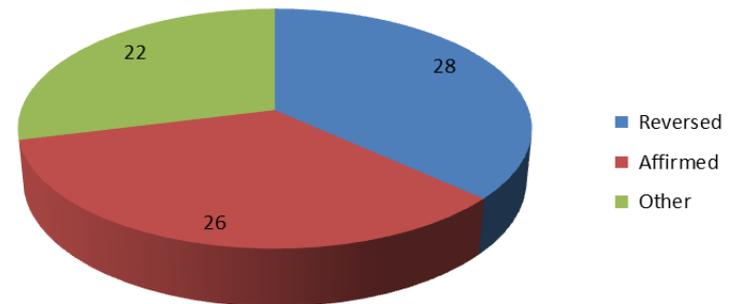
Total Allocatur Petitions Filed from Superior Court Decisions (2,026)



Disposition of Allocatur Petitions (2118)



Disposition of Appeals from Superior Court Cases (76)

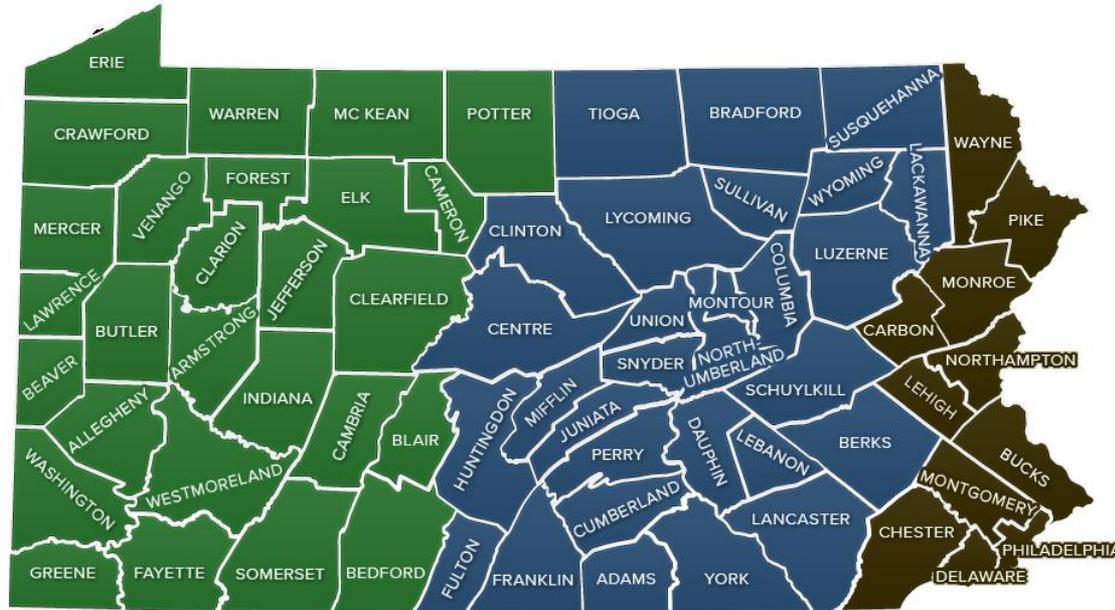




Appendix A – Superior Court District County Composition

Western District
Pittsburgh Office

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland



Middle District
Harrisburg Office

Adams, Berks, Bradford, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wyoming, York

Eastern District
Philadelphia Office

Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, Wayne