

2016 Annual Report of Statistics
Superior Court of Pennsylvania
May 16, 2017





Superior Court of Pennsylvania 2016



Judges of the Superior Court

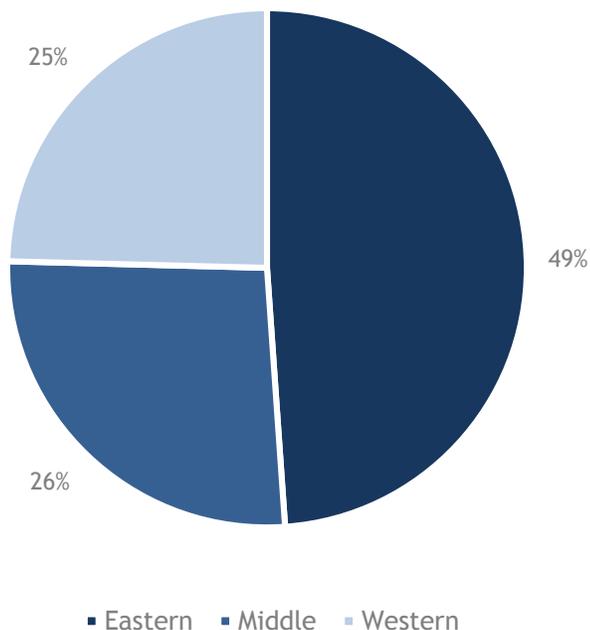
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Judge Sallie Updyke Mundy
Judge Judith Ference Olson
Judge Paula Francisco Ott
Judge Victor P. Stabile
Judge Alice Beck Dubow
Judge H. Geoffrey Moulton, Jr.
Judge Carl A. Solano
Judge Lillian Harris Ransom
Judge John L. Musmanno
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Judge Patricia H. Jenkins
Judge James J. Fitzgerald, III
Judge William H. Platt
Judge Eugene B. Strassburger, III

Department Heads

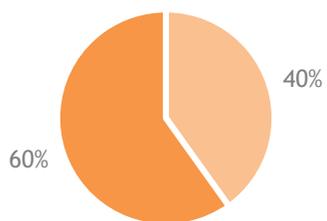
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Robert M. Levine, Esquire
Reporter
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Legal Systems Coordinator



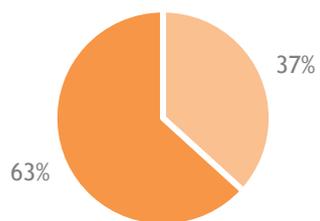
Appeals by District in 2016



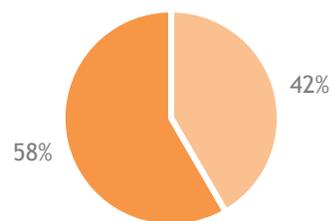
Western District



Middle District



Eastern District

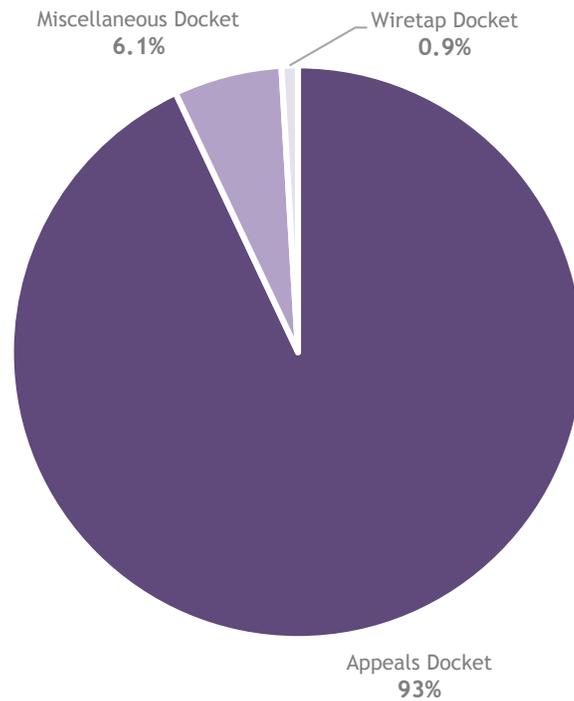


● Civil ● Criminal

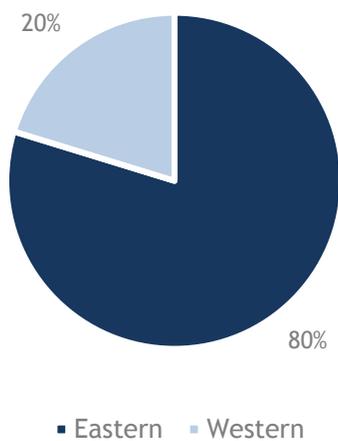
	Civil	Criminal	Total
Eastern	1,621	2,273	3,894
Middle	776	1,336	2,112
Western	786	1,173	1,959
Total	3,183	4,782	7,965



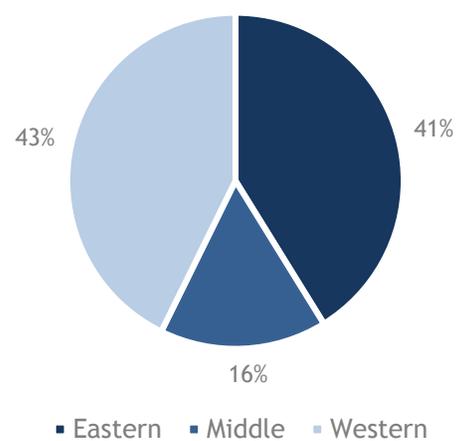
Cases by Docket Type in 2016



Wiretap Docket by Docketing District in 2016



Miscellaneous Docket by District in 2016



	Miscellaneous Docket	Wiretap Docket	Appeals Docket	Total
Eastern	215	63	3,894	4,169
Middle	84	*	2,112	2,406
Western	223	16	1,959	2,202
Total	522	79	7,965	8,566

* Middle District wiretaps are maintained in the Eastern District office.



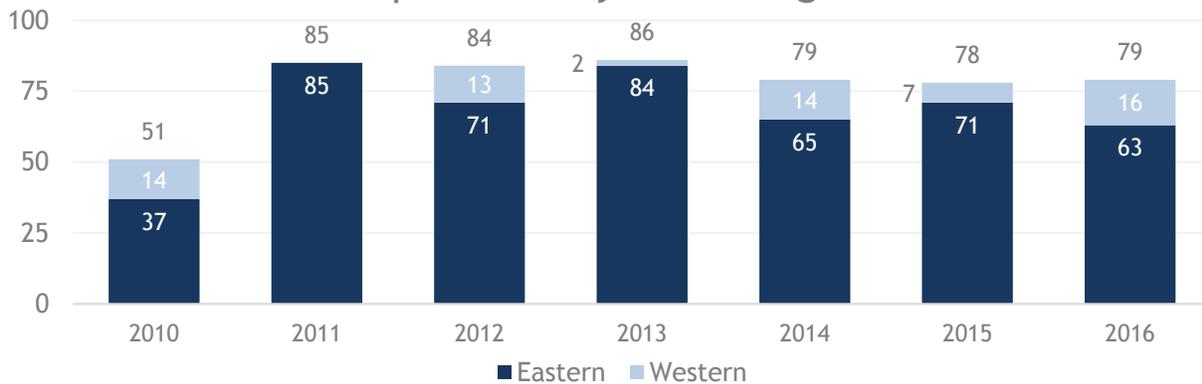
Appeals Docket Applications for Relief



Miscellaneous Docket

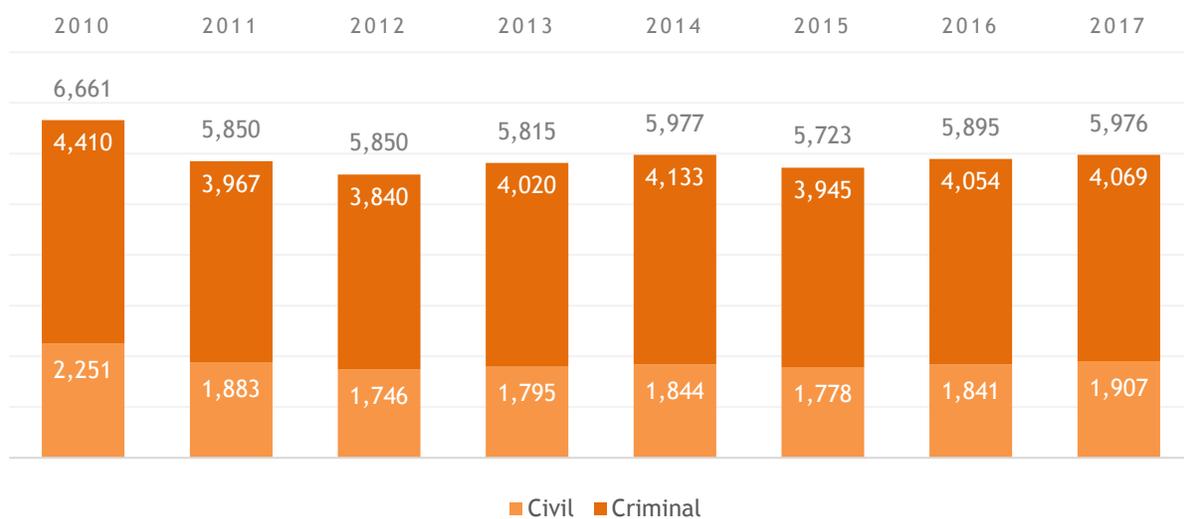


Wiretap Docket by Docketing District





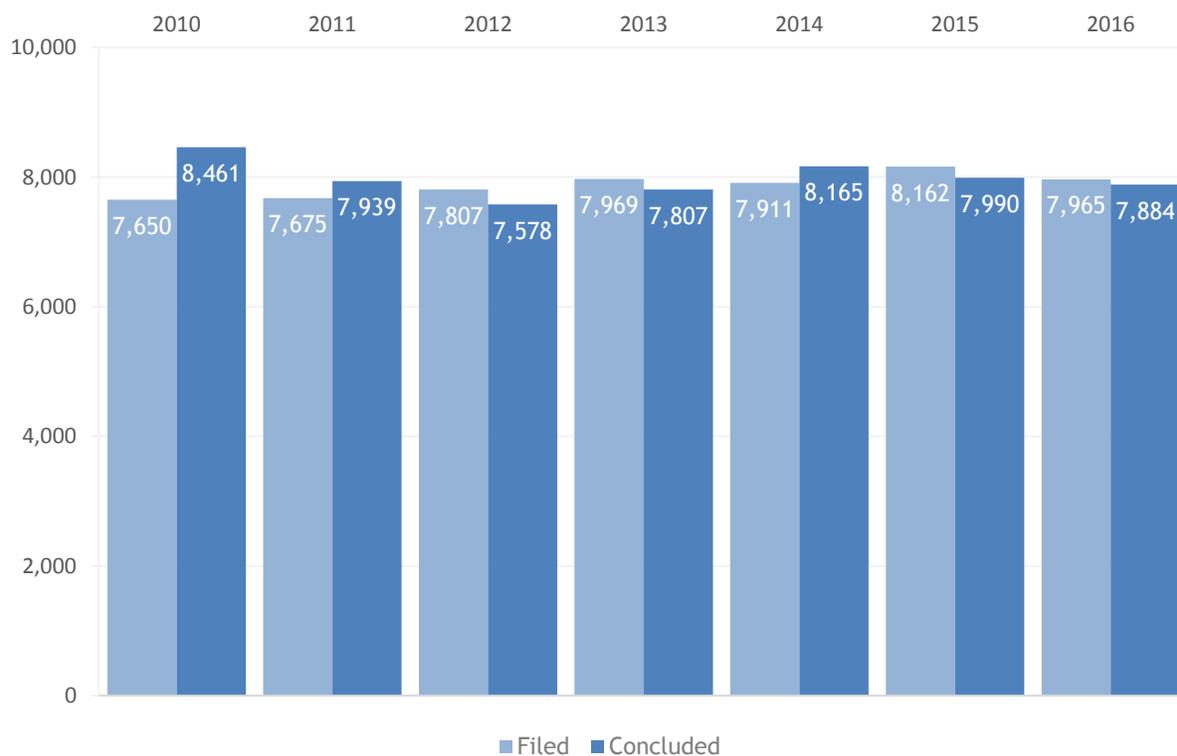
Appeals Pending as of January 1



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civil Appeals Pending 1/1	2,251	1,883	1,746	1,795	1,844	1,778	1,841
Criminal Appeals Pending 1/1	4,410	3,967	3,840	4,020	4,133	3,945	4,054
Total	6,661	5,850	5,586	5,815	5,977	5,723	5,895
Civil Appeals Pending 12/31	1,883	1,746	1,795	1,844	1,778	1,841	1,907
Criminal Appeals Pending 12/31	3,967	3,840	4,020	4,133	3,945	4,054	4,069
Total	5,850	5,586	5,815	5,977	5,723	5,895	5,976



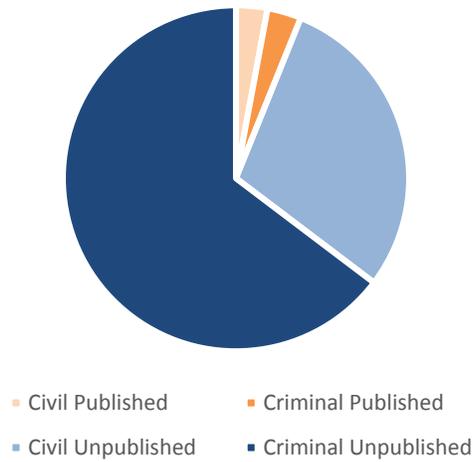
Appeals Filed and Concluded



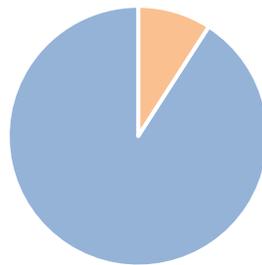
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civil Appeals Filed	3,100	3,133	3,063	3,118	3,036	3,209	3,183
Criminal Appeals Filed	4,550	4,542	4,744	4,851	4,875	4,953	4,782
Total	7,650	7,675	7,807	7,969	7,911	8,162	7,965
Civil Appeals Concluded	3,468	3,270	3,014	3,069	3,102	3,146	3,117
Criminal Appeals Concluded	4,993	4,669	4,564	4,738	5,063	4,844	4,767
Total	8,461	7,939	7,578	7,807	8,165	7,990	7,884



Publication in 2016

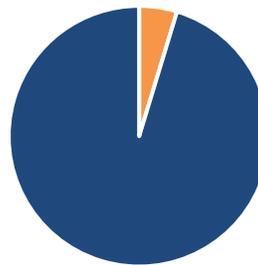


Civil Publication in 2016



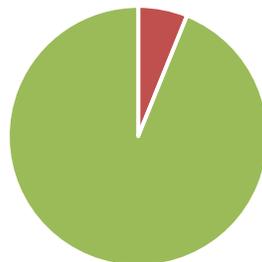
- Published - 9%
- Unpublished - 91%

Criminal Publication in 2016



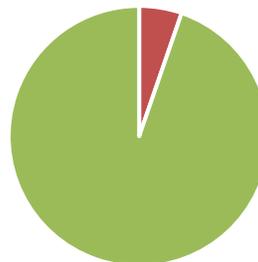
- Published - 5%
- Unpublished - 95%

Total Publication in 2016



- Total Published - 6%
- Total Unpublished - 94%

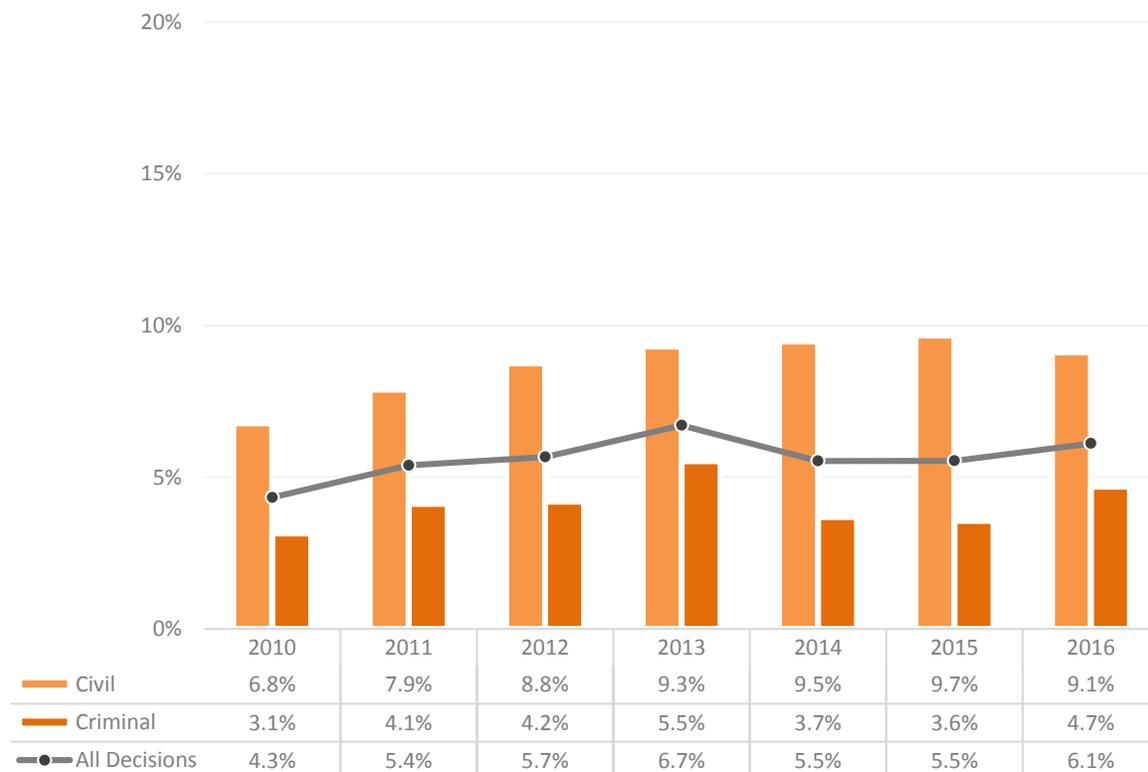
Average Since 2011



- Average Published - 6%
- Average Unpublished - 94%



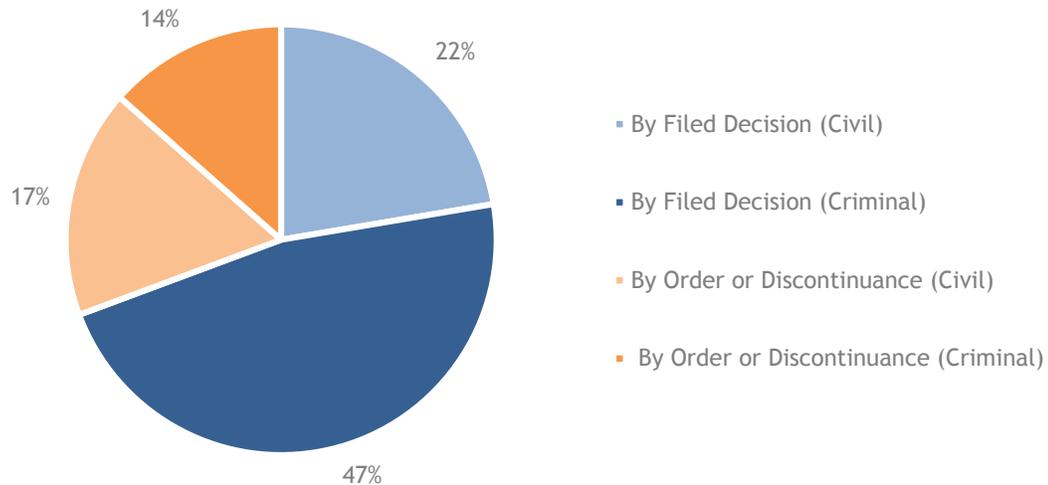
Share of Published Decisions among Filed Decisions



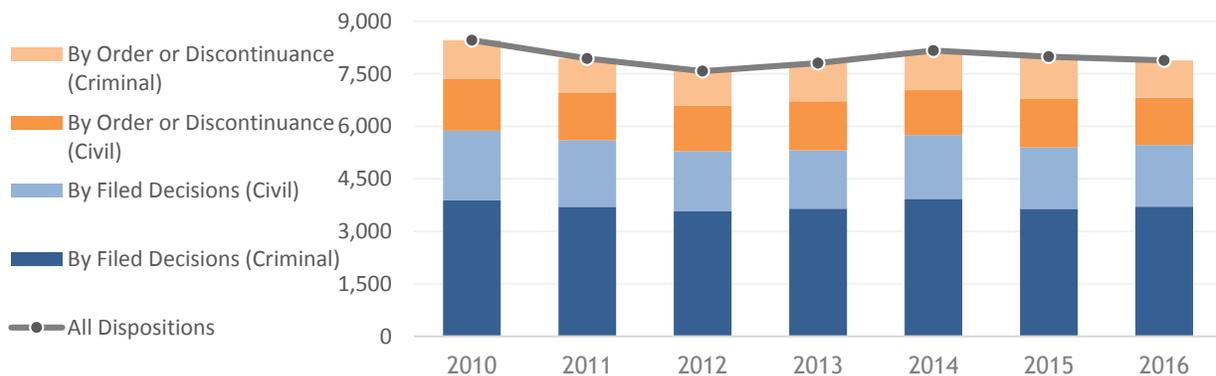
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civil Published	122	137	138	141	159	155	149
Criminal Published	117	141	139	185	132	119	162
Total Published	239	278	277	326	291	274	311
Civil Unpublished	1,678	1,600	1,439	1,374	1,520	1,448	1,486
Criminal Unpublished	3,600	3,279	3,173	3,160	3,446	3,224	3,292
Total Unpublished	5,278	4,879	4,612	4,534	4,966	4,672	4,778
Total Filed	5,517	5,157	4,889	4,860	5,257	4,946	5,089



Dispositions by Type in 2016



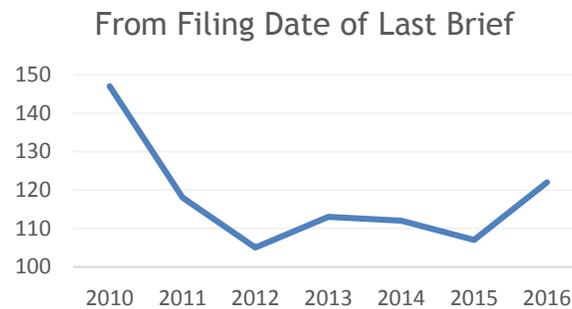
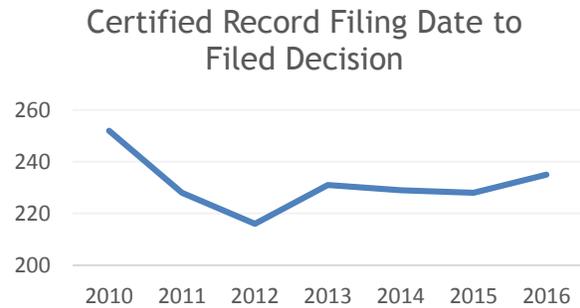
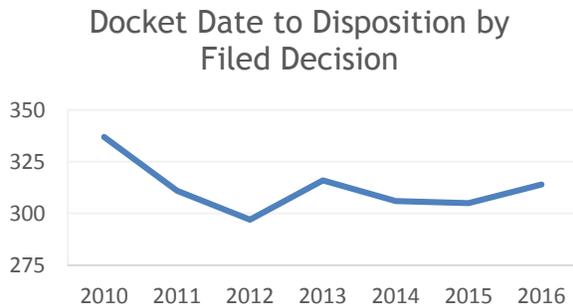
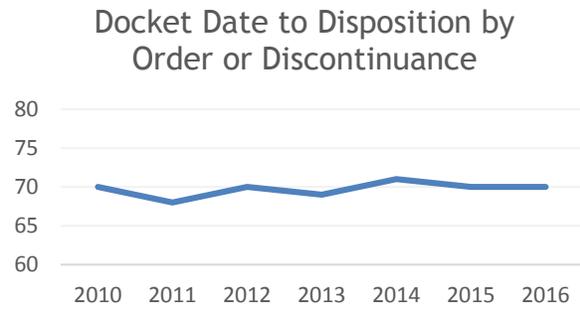
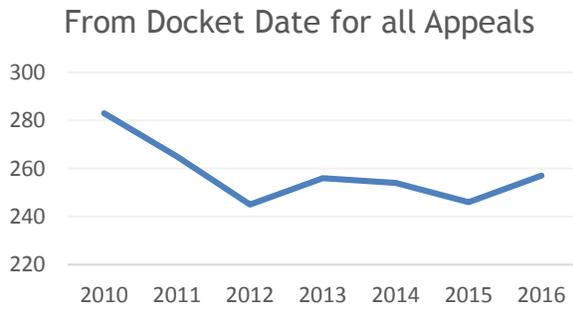
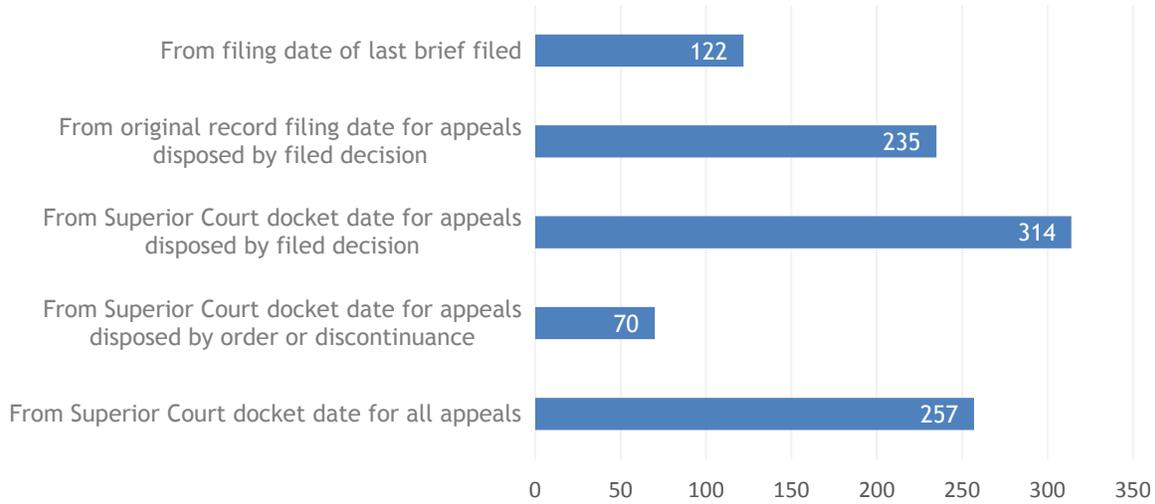
Number of Dispositions by Year



Filed Decision (Civil)	1,992	1,908	1,707	1,667	1,823	1,757	1,762
Filed Decision (Criminal)	3,884	3,701	3,584	3,648	3,931	3,641	3,704
Filed Decision Total	5,876	5,609	5,291	5,315	5,754	5,398	5,466
Order or Discontinuance (Civil)	1,476	1,362	1,307	1,402	1,279	1,389	1,355
Order or Discontinuance (Crim.)	1,109	968	980	1,090	1,132	1,203	1,063
Order or Discontinuance Total	2,585	2,330	2,287	2,492	2,411	2,592	2,418
All Dispositions	8,461	7,939	7,578	7,807	8,165	7,990	7,884

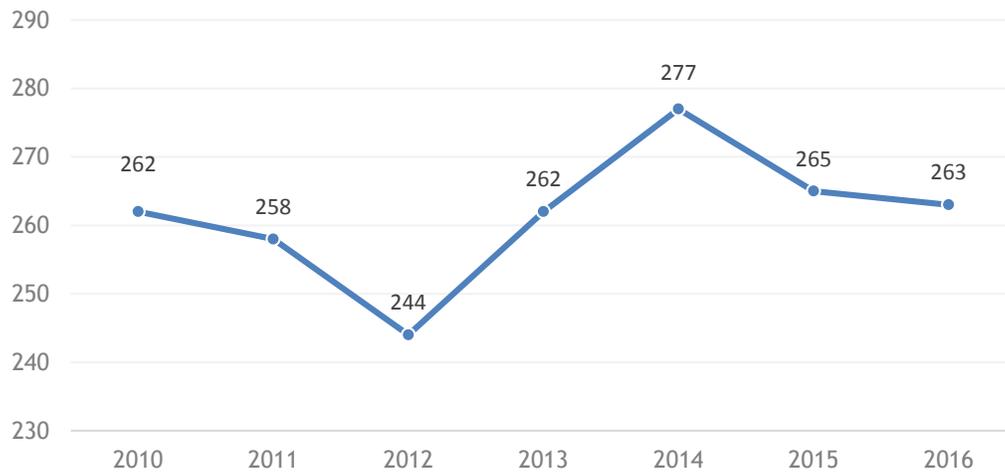


Median Number of Days to Disposition for Appeals Concluded in 2016





Filed Decisions per Judge per Year

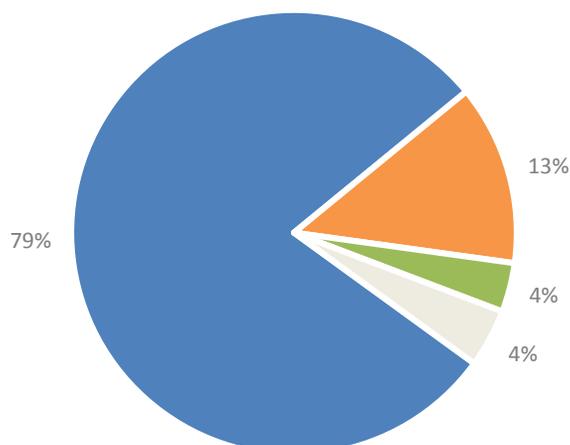


Number of Appeals by County

Adams	46	Clinton	16	Lackawanna	151	Pike	29
Allegheny	760	Columbia	18	Lancaster	237	Potter	14
Armstrong	30	Crawford	38	Lawrence	26	Schuylkill	66
Beaver	42	Cumberland	115	Lebanon	79	Snyder	8
Bedford	34	Dauphin	305	Lehigh	211	Somerset	42
Berks	211	Delaware	367	Luzerne	163	Sullivan	7
Blair	51	Elk	15	Lycoming	76	Susquehanna	23
Bradford	22	Erie	212	McKean	36	Tioga	5
Bucks	210	Fayette	83	Mercer	55	Union	16
Butler	46	Forest	9	Mifflin	18	Venango	32
Cambria	61	Franklin	76	Monroe	137	Warren	18
Cameron	7	Fulton	12	Montgomery	401	Washington	102
Carbon	27	Greene	37	Montour	1	Wayne	18
Centre	112	Huntingdon	24	Northampton	121	Westmoreland	97
Chester	234	Indiana	18	Northumberland	47	Wyoming	14
Clarion	11	Jefferson	48	Perry	12	York	229
Clearfield	35	Juniata	3	Philadelphia	2139	TOTAL	7,965



Superior Court Treatment in Filed Decisions in 2016

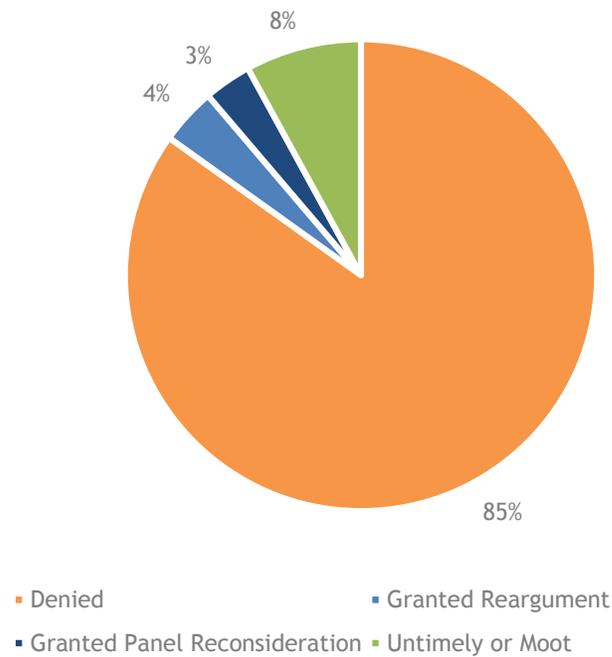


■ Affirm
 ■ Reverse
 ■ Affirm in Part Reverse in Part
 ■ Quash Dismiss or Transfer

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Affirmed (Published)	136	183	180	254	175	153	191
Affirmed (Unpublished)	4,507	4,259	4,030	3,978	4,419	4,023	4,123
Affirm Total	4,643	4,442	4,210	4,232	4,594	4,176	4,314
Reversed (Published)	98	98	102	103	119	113	102
Reversed (Unpublished)	646	629	523	521	629	632	614
Reverse Total	744	727	625	624	748	745	716
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part (Published)	22	26	23	32	26	40	36
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part (Unpublished)	198	189	160	162	159	229	159
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part Total	220	215	183	194	185	269	195
Quashed, Dismissed, Transferred (Published)	4	12	4	9	10	11	19
Quashed, Dismissed, Transferred (Unpublished)	257	212	264	249	210	182	212
Quashed, Dismissed, Transferred Total	261	224	268	258	220	193	231
Other (Published)	0	0	2	0	0	2	2
Other (Unpublished)	8	1	3	7	7	13	8
Other Total	8	1	5	7	7	15	10



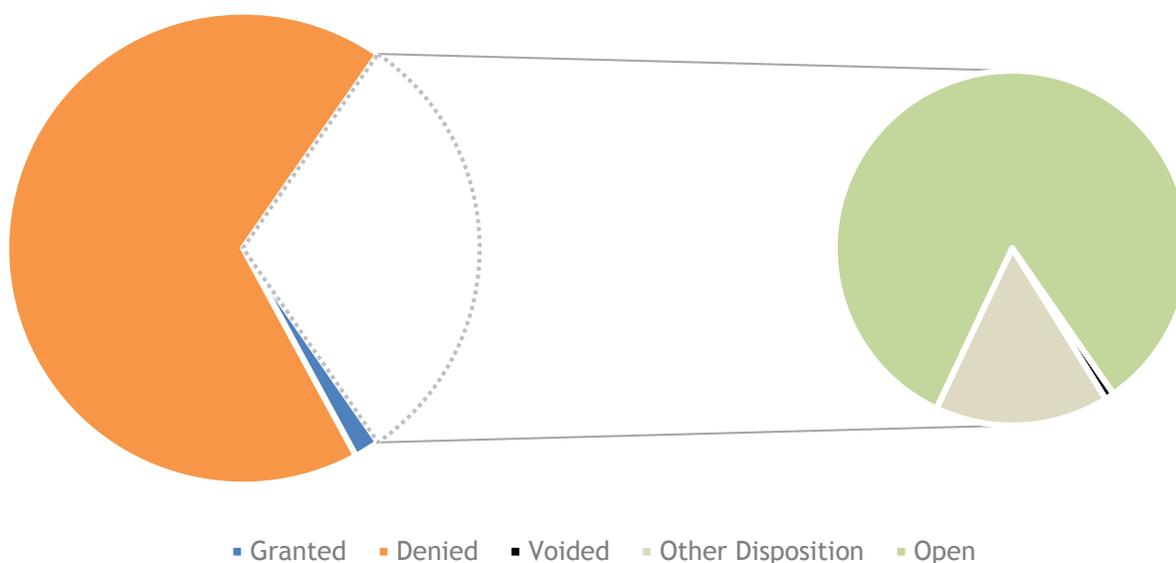
Applications for Reconsideration or Reargument in 2016



Treatment	Absolute	Percent
Denied	416	84.6%
Granted Reargument	19	3.9%
Granted Panel Reconsideration	16	3.3%
Untimely or Moot	39	7.9%
Withdrawn	2	0.4%
Total	492	100%



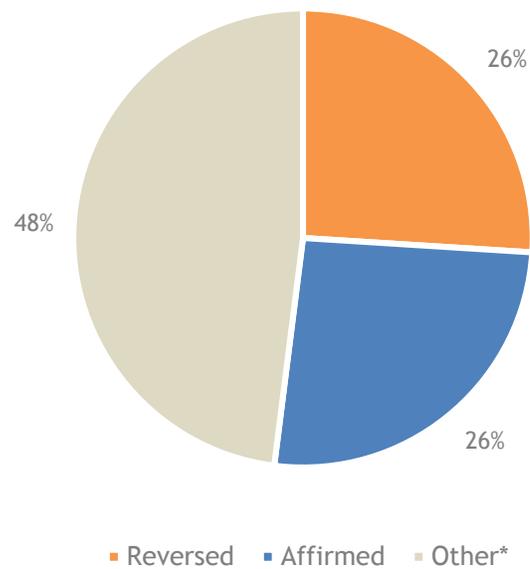
Supreme Court Treatment of Petitions for Allowance of Appeal in 2016



Petitions for Allowance of Appeal	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total	2,097	2,078	1,947	2,026	1,923	1,895	1,704
Granted	48	53	42	59	39	38	40
Denied	1,932	2,136	1,741	1,999	1,954	1,867	1,545
Voided	9	6	5	6	5	7	6
Other Disposition	89	103	55	54	93	45	111
Open	1,187	908	1,013	892	632	405	584



Supreme Court Disposition of Allowed Appeals in 2016

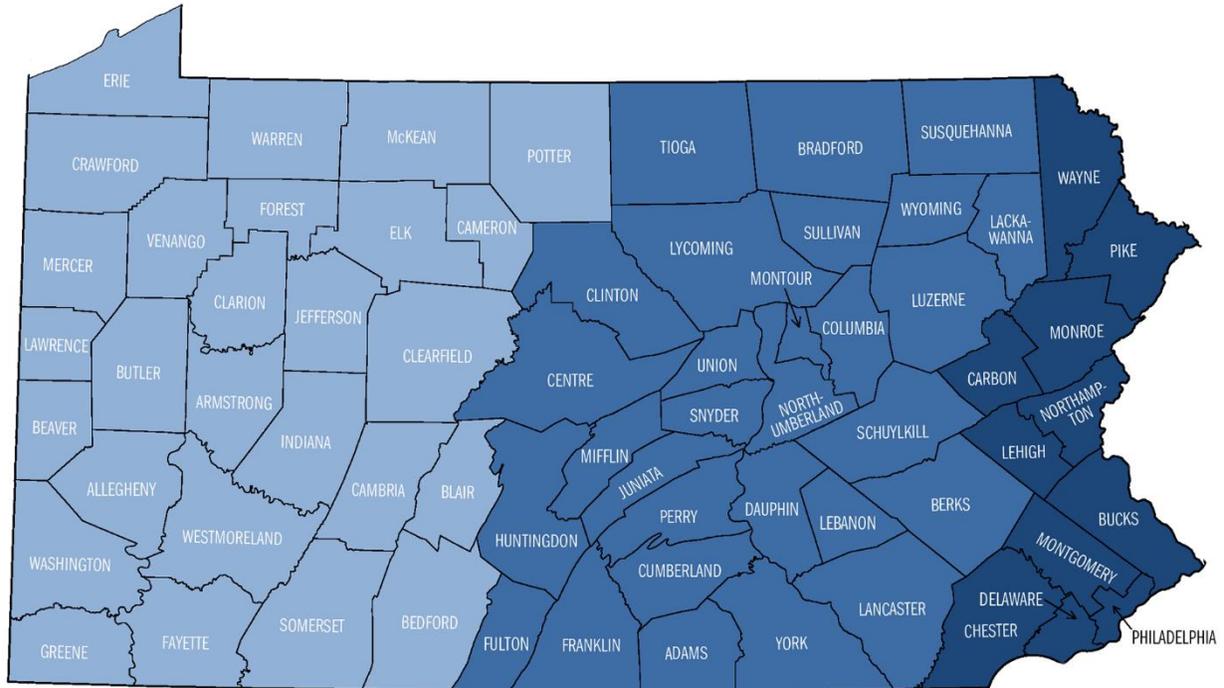


Disposition	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Reversed	20	21	23	28	25	36	13
Affirmed	18	18	27	26	28	18	13
Other*	10	25	25	22	26	30	24
Total	48	64	75	76	79	84	50

* Includes affirmed/reversed, dismissed, improvidently granted, vacated and withdrawn.



Composition of Districts



Western District ● Pittsburgh

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

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

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

