



2022

ANNUAL REPORT OF STATISTICS
SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

April 2023



JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

President Judge Jack A. Panella
President Judge Emeritus John T. Bender
Judge Mary Jane Bowes
Judge Anne E. Lazarus
Judge Judith Ference Olson
Judge Victor P. Stabile
Judge Alice Beck Dubow
Judge Deborah A. Kunselman
Judge Carolyn H. Nichols
Judge Mary P. Murray
Judge Maria C. McLaughlin
Judge Megan King
Judge Megan Sullivan
Judge Daniel McCaffery
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President Judge Emeritus Correale F. Stevens
Judge James G. Colins
Judge Dan Pellegrini

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

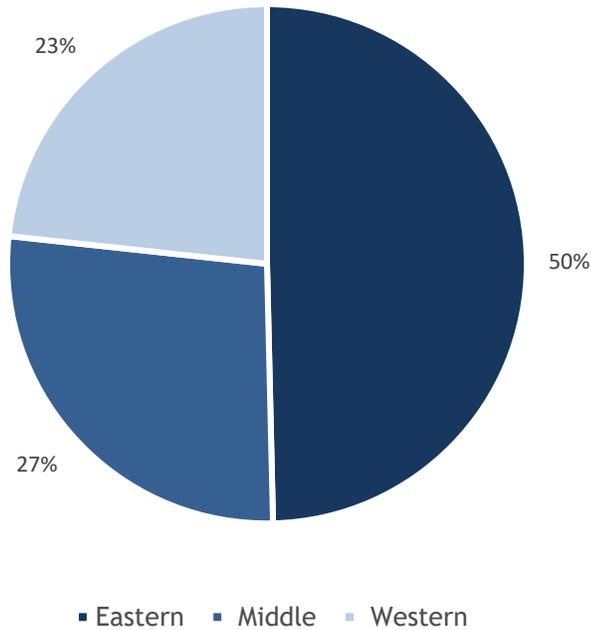
Christopher Nace, Esquire

DEPARTMENT HEADS

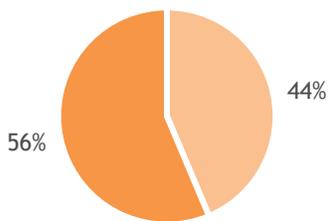
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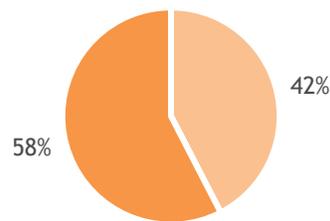
Appeals by District in 2022



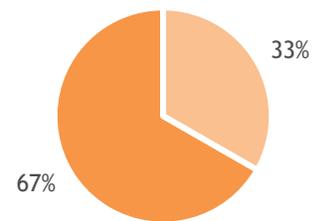
Eastern District



Western District



Middle District

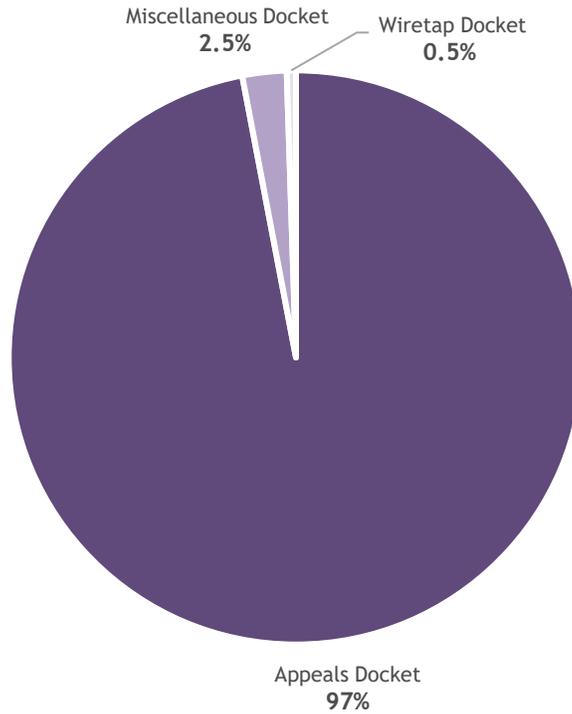


● Civil ● Criminal

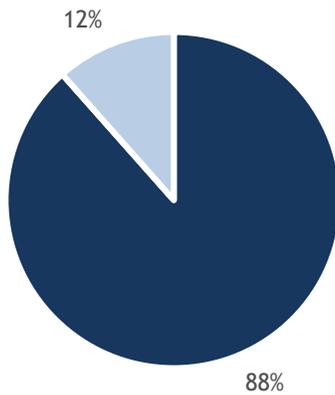
	Civil	Criminal	Total
Eastern	1,401	1,808	3,209
Middle	583	1,168	1,751
Western	639	867	1,506
Total	2,623	3,843	6,466



Cases by Docket Type in 2022

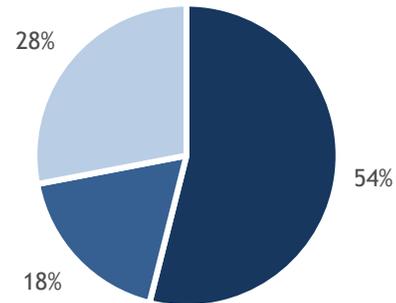


Wiretap Docket by Docketing District in 2022



■ Eastern ■ Western

Miscellaneous Docket by District in 2022 *



■ Eastern ■ Middle ■ Western

	Miscellaneous Docket	Wiretap Docket	Appeals Docket	Total
Eastern	179	69	3,209	3,457
Middle	60	†	1,751	1,811
Western	93	9	1,506	1,608
Total	332	78	6,466	6,876

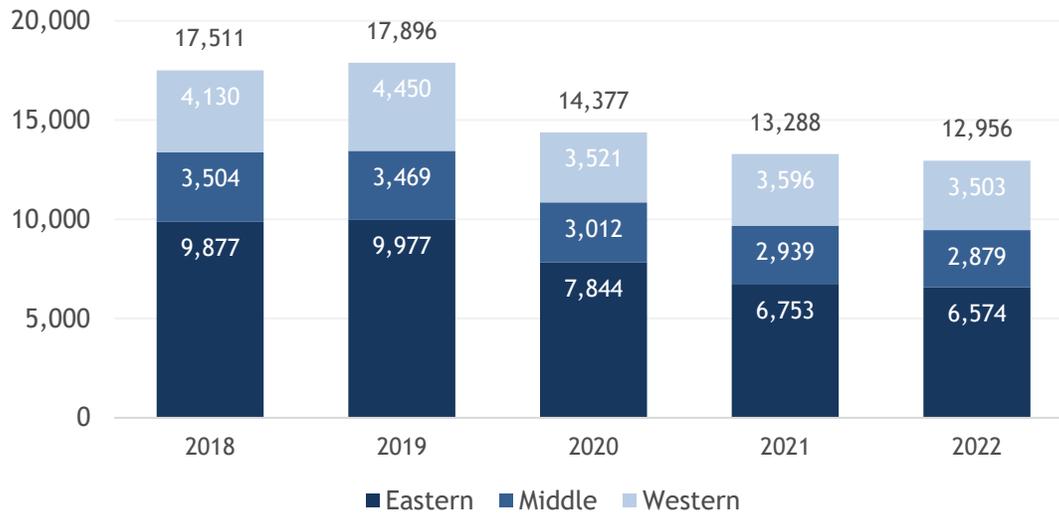
* Miscellaneous dockets are comprised of filings unrelated to active docketed appeals, such as Petitions for Permission to Appeal.

† Middle District wiretap applications are maintained in the Eastern District office.



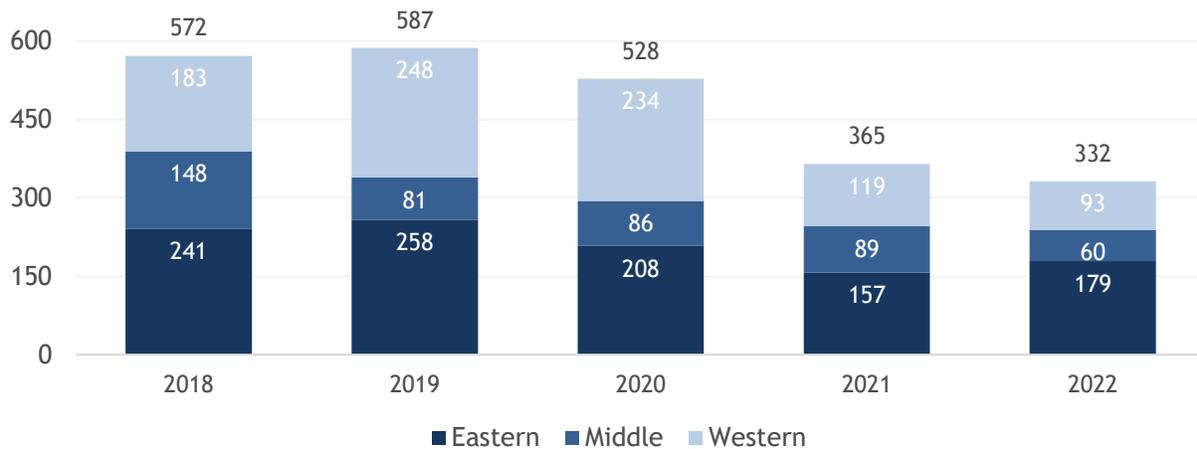
Appeals Docket Applications

(Applications related to active docketed appeals)

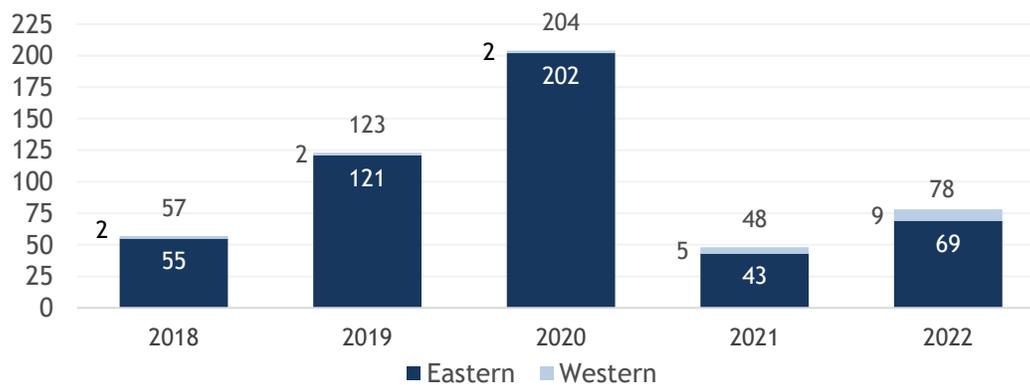


Miscellaneous Docket Applications

(Applications unrelated to active docketed appeals)



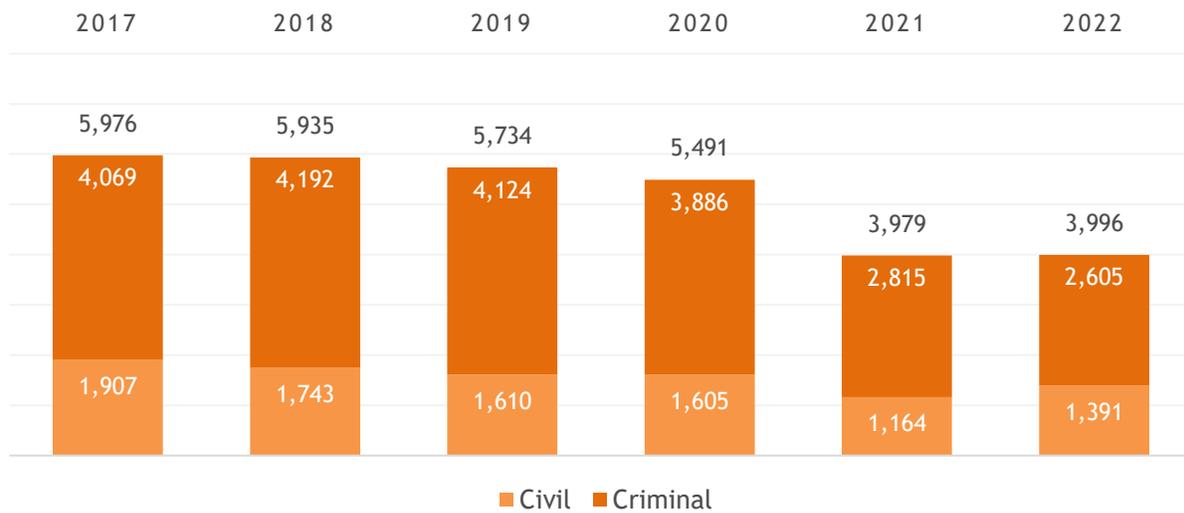
Wiretap Applications by Docketing District



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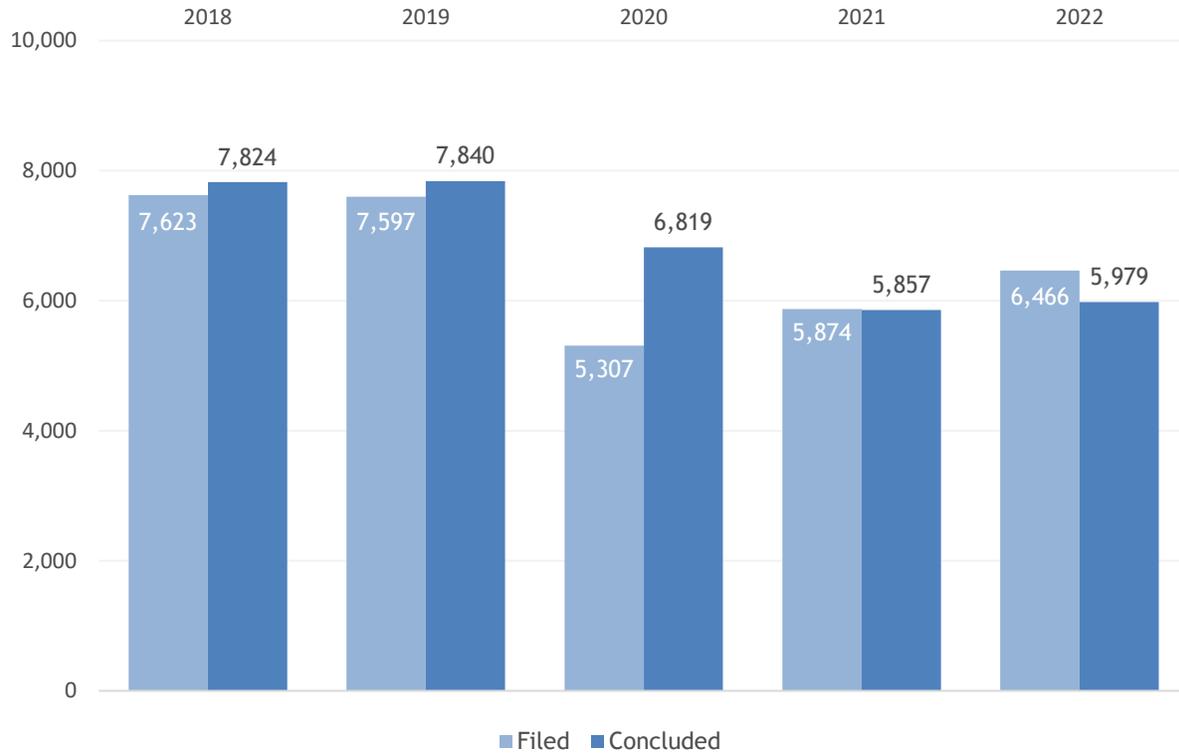
Appeals Pending as of January 1



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Civil Appeals Pending 1/1	1,907	1,743	1,610	1,605	1,164	1,391
Criminal Appeals Pending 1/1	4,069	4,192	4,124	3,886	2,815	2,605
Total	5,976	5,935	5,734	5,491	3,979	3,996
Civil Appeals Pending 12/31	1,743	1,610	1,605	1,164	1,391	N/A
Criminal Appeals Pending 12/31	4,192	4,124	3,886	2,815	2,605	N/A
Total	5,935	5,734	5,491	3,979	3,996	N/A



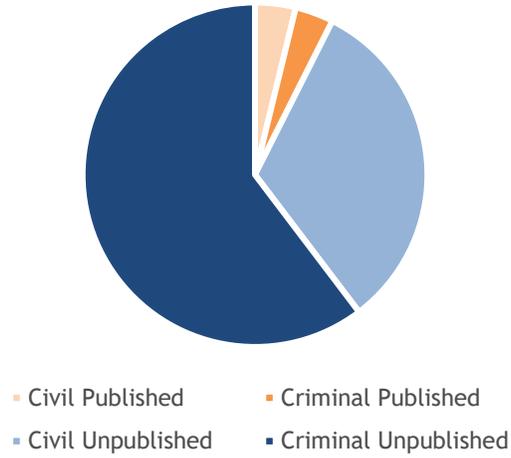
Appeals Filed and Concluded



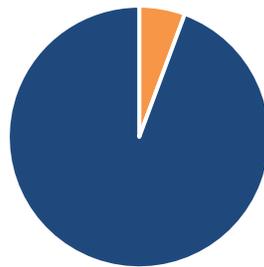
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Civil Appeals Filed	2,909	2,939	2,014	2,533	2,623
Criminal Appeals Filed	4,714	4,658	3,293	3,341	3,843
Total	7,623	7,597	5,307	5,874	6,466
Civil Appeals Concluded	3,042	2,944	2,455	2,306	2,620
Criminal Appeals Concluded	4,782	4,896	4,364	3,551	3,359
Total	7,824	7,840	6,819	5,857	5,979



Decisions in 2022

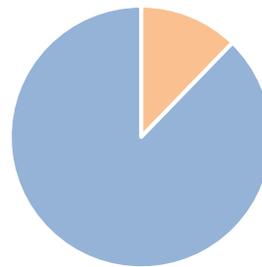


Criminal Decisions in 2022



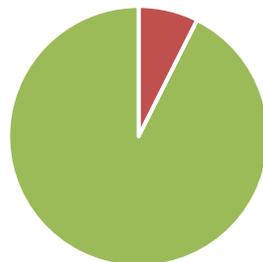
- Published - 6%
- Unpublished - 94%

Civil Decisions in 2022



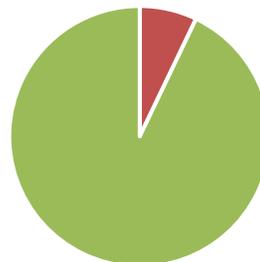
- Published - 11%
- Unpublished - 89%

Total Decisions in 2022



- Total Published - 7%
- Total Unpublished - 93%

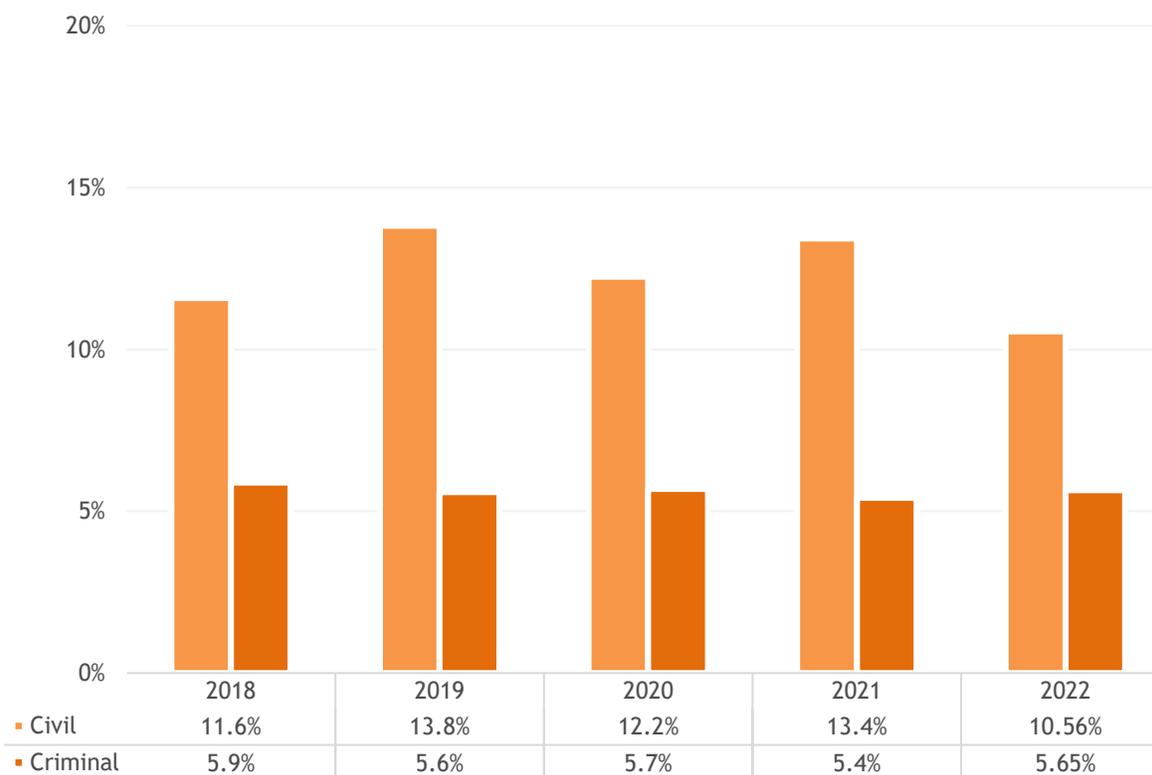
Average Since 2018



- Average Published - 8%
- Average Unpublished - 92%



Share of Published Decisions Among Filed Decisions

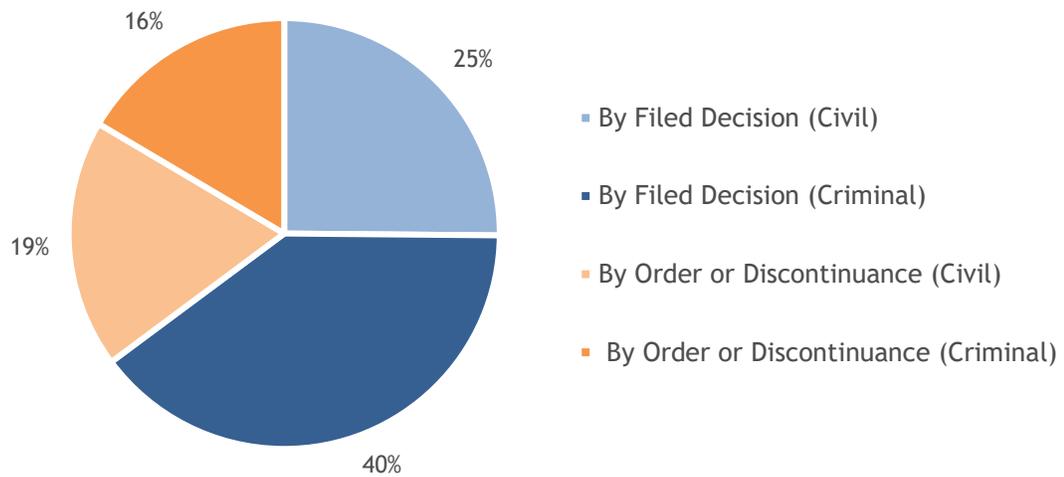


	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Civil Precedential	159	179	140	133	115
Criminal Precedential	202	191	160	123	109
Total Precedential	361	370	300	256	224
Civil Non-Precedential	1,213	1,116	1,003	857	974
Criminal Non-Precedential	3,229	3,227	2,652	2,150	1,821
Total Non-Precedential	4,442	4,343	3,655	3,007	2,795
Total Filed Decisions *	4,803	4,713	3,955	3,263	3,019

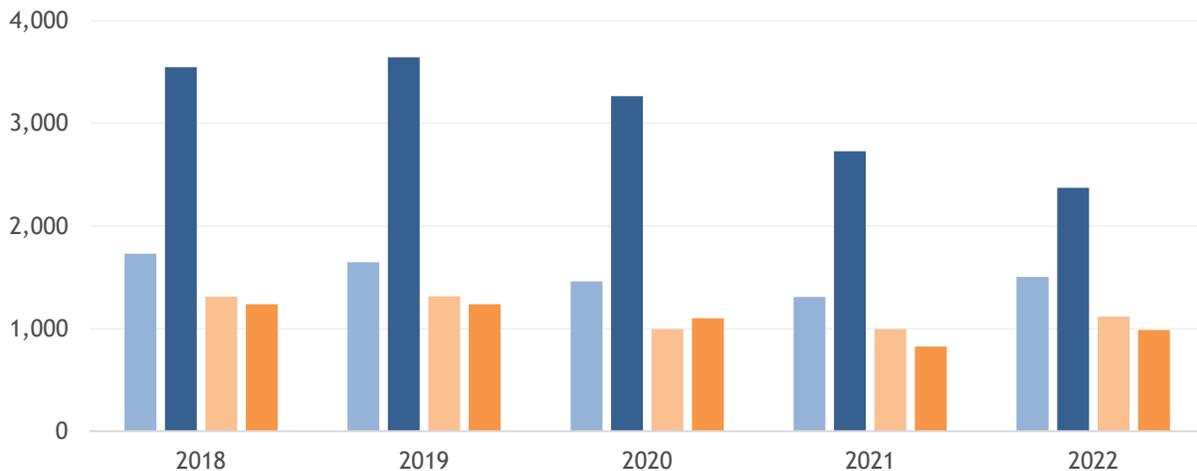
* The total of filed decisions was calculated by totaling this Court's published opinions, opinions *per curiam*, memorandum decisions, and judgment orders.



Dispositions by Type in 2022



Number of Dispositions per Year by Type

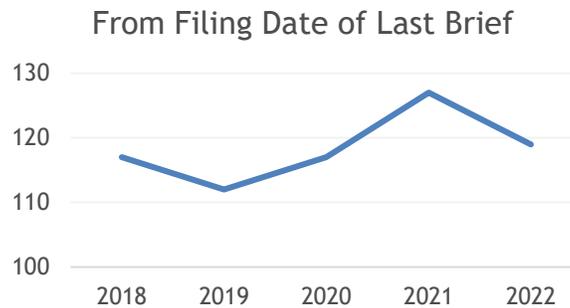
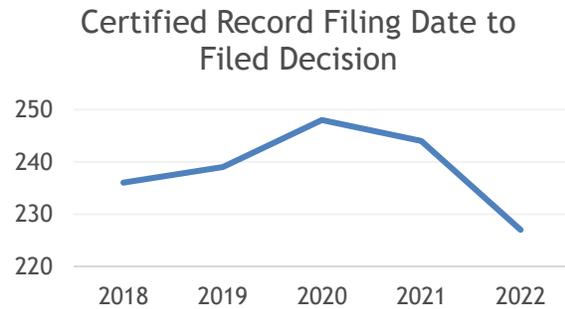
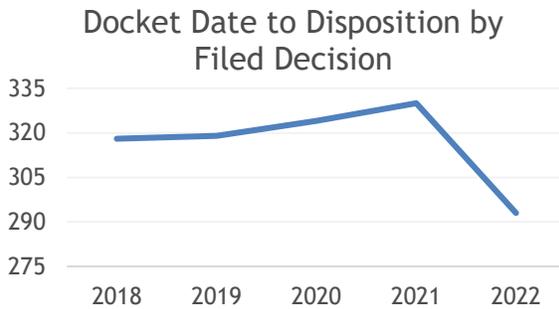
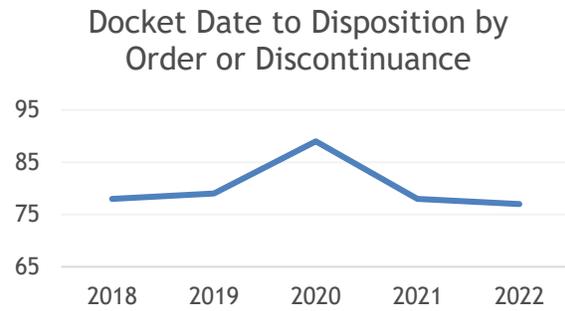
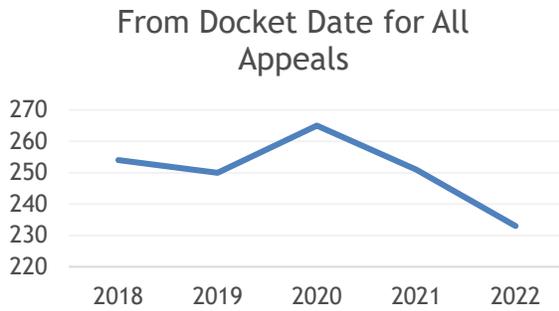
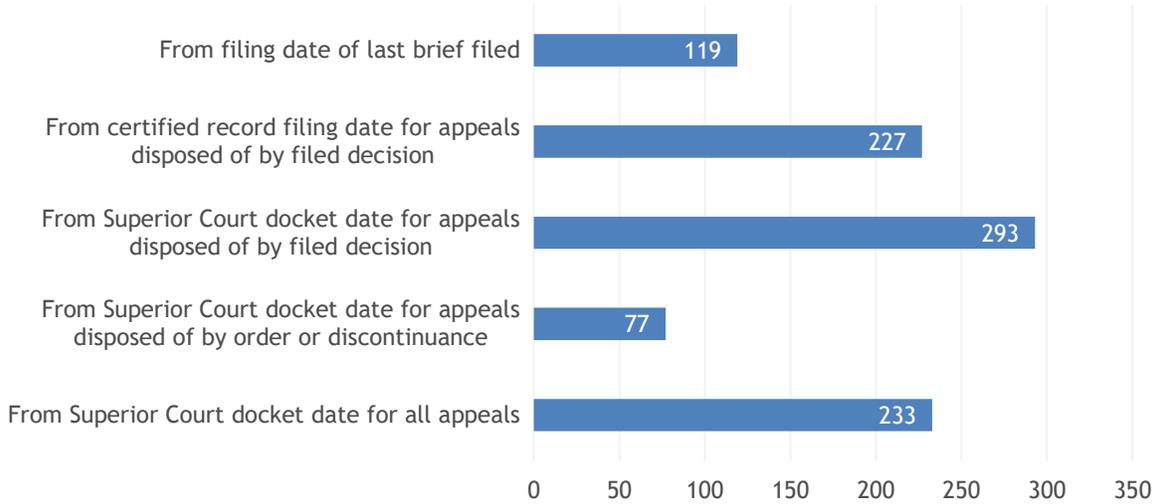


	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Filed Decision (Civil) ●	1,729	1,646	1,459	1,309	1,503
Filed Decision (Criminal) ●	3,546	3,644	3,264	2,727	2,373
Filed Decision Total *	5,275	5,290	4,723	4,036	3,876
Order or Discontinuance (Civil) ●	1,313	1,314	996	997	1,117
Order or Discontinuance (Criminal) ●	1,236	1,236	1,100	824	986
Order or Discontinuance Total	2,549	2,550	2,096	1,821	2,103
All Dispositions	7,824	7,840	6,819	5,857	5,979

* The filed decision total here differs from the total on Page 8 because it accounts for consolidated decisions and reflects the total number of appeals decided by written decision.

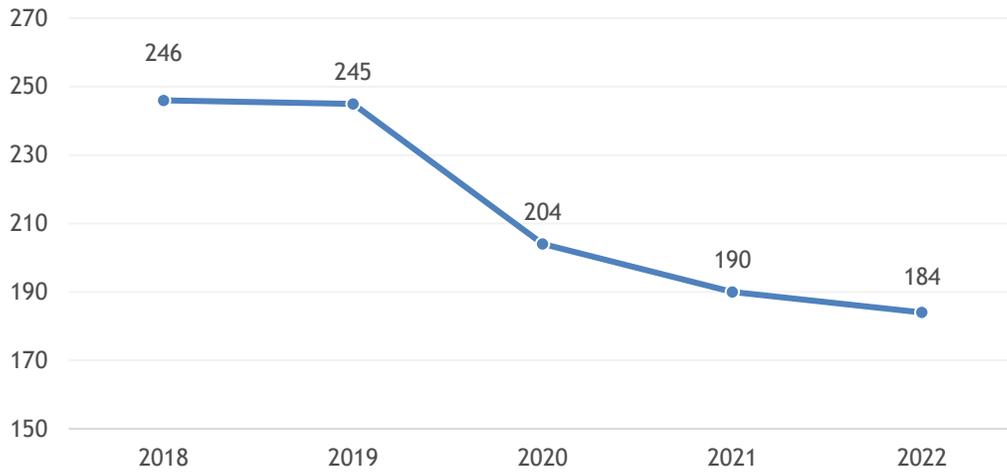


Median Number of Days to Disposition for Appeals Concluded in 2022





Filed Decisions per Judge per Year

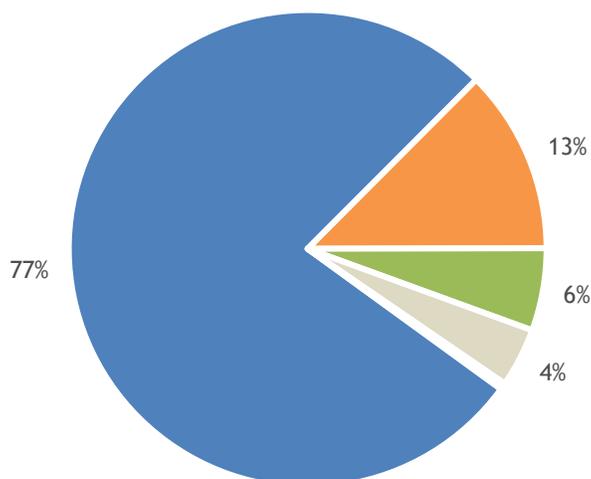


Number of Appeals by County

Adams	57	Clinton	26	Lackawanna	67	Pike	28
Allegheny	523	Columbia	19	Lancaster	180	Potter	5
Armstrong	14	Crawford	23	Lawrence	25	Schuylkill	79
Beaver	43	Cumberland	140	Lebanon	55	Snyder	14
Bedford	15	Dauphin	186	Lehigh	173	Somerset	17
Berks	167	Delaware	239	Luzerne	157	Sullivan	4
Blair	87	Elk	8	Lycoming	59	Susquehanna	8
Bradford	41	Erie	132	McKean	32	Tioga	7
Bucks	193	Fayette	95	Mercer	32	Union	26
Butler	54	Forest	6	Mifflin	12	Venango	18
Cambria	61	Franklin	59	Monroe	131	Warren	16
Cameron	4	Fulton	5	Montgomery	282	Washington	59
Carbon	26	Greene	16	Montour	1	Wayne	52
Centre	57	Huntingdon	24	Northampton	119	Westmoreland	101
Chester	216	Indiana	24	Northumberland	28	Wyoming	13
Clarion	27	Jefferson	44	Perry	12	York	240
Clearfield	25	Juniata	7	Philadelphia	1,751	TOTAL	6,466



Action by Superior Court in Filed Decisions in 2022

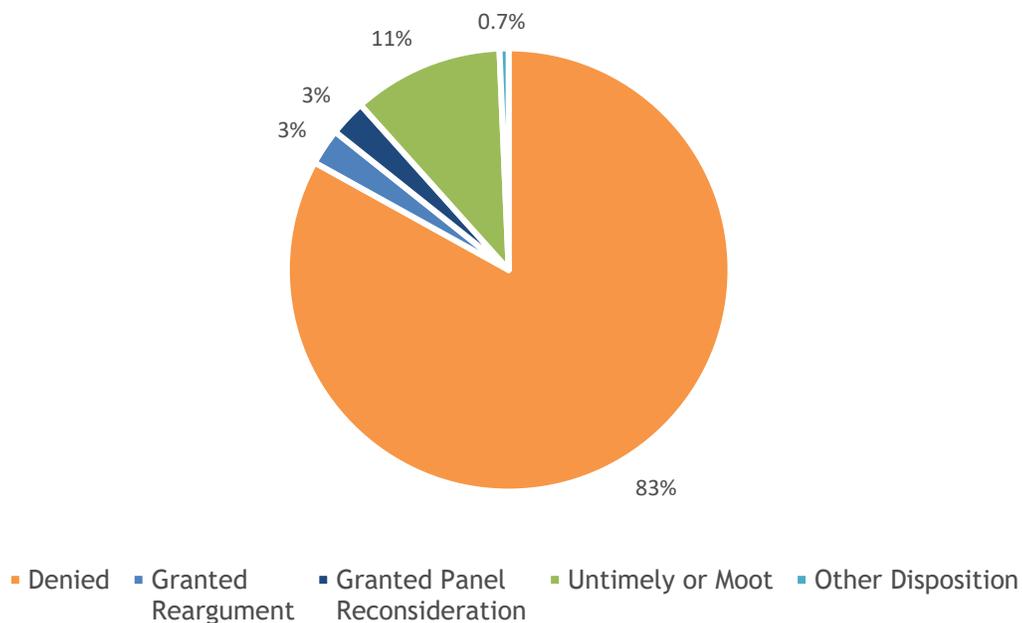


■ Affirmed
 ■ Reversed
 ■ Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part
 ■ Quashed, Dismissed, or Transferred

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Affirmed (Precedential)	214	262	192	162	126
Affirmed (Non-Precedential)	3,872	3,805	3,459	2,909	2,868
Affirmed Total	4,086	4,067	3,651	3,071	2,995
Reversed (Precedential)	162	116	117	92	85
Reversed (Non-Precedential)	503	502	449	440	399
Reversed Total	665	618	566	532	483
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part (Precedential)	46	44	33	47	31
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part (Non-Precedential)	251	206	173	192	185
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part Total	297	250	206	239	216
Quashed, Dismissed, Transferred (Precedential)	10	19	7	18	6
Quashed, Dismissed, Transferred (Non-Precedential)	204	311	265	158	149
Quashed, Dismissed, Transferred Total	214	330	272	176	155
Other (Precedential)	0	2	0	0	1
Other (Non-Precedential)	13	23	28	18	16
Other Total	13	25	28	18	17



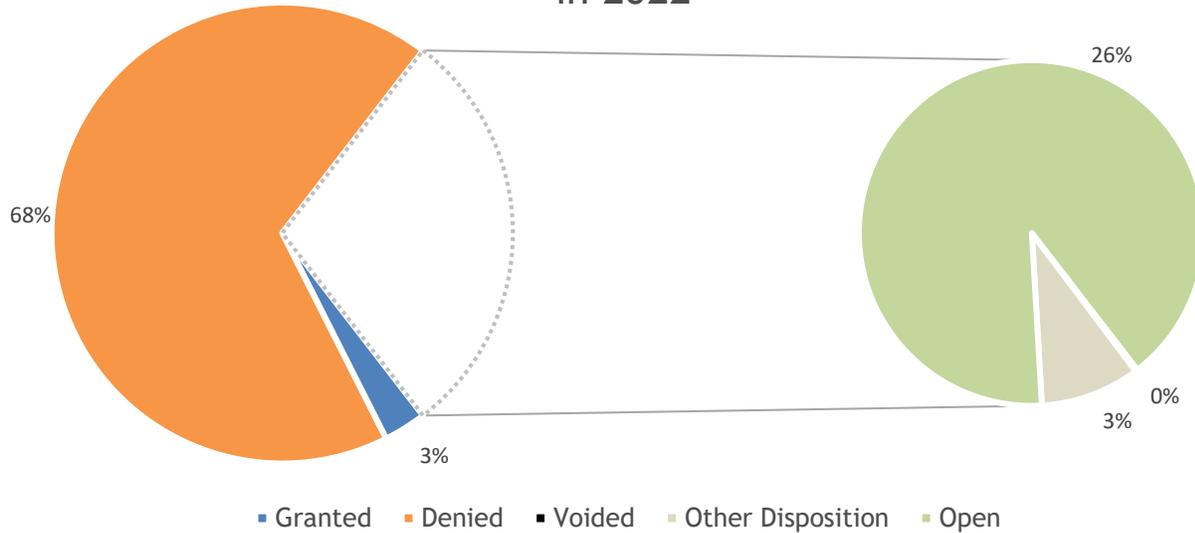
Applications for Reconsideration or Reargument in 2022



Treatment	Count	Percent
Denied	250	83.06%
Granted Reargument	8	3%
Granted Panel Reconsideration	8	3%
Untimely or Moot	33	10.96%
Other Disposition	2	.66%
Withdrawn	0	0%
TOTAL	301	100%



Supreme Court Treatment of Petitions for Allowance of Appeal from Superior Court Decisions in 2022

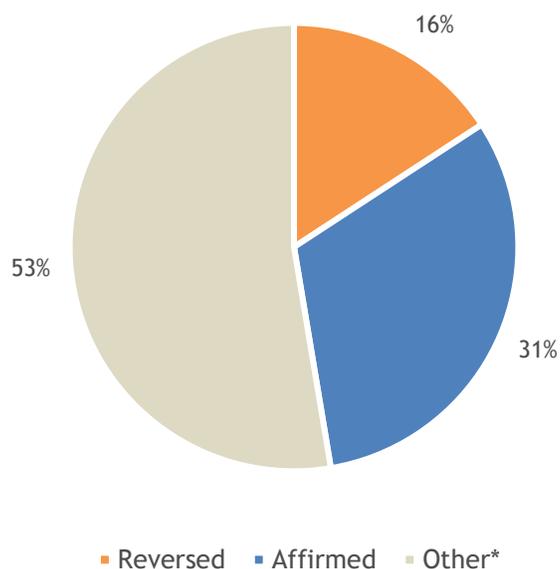


Petitions for Allowance of Appeal	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Allocatur Petitions Filed	1,710	1,738	1,448	1,411	1,081
Granted	51	59	35	39	50
Denied	1,523	1,539	1,476	1,370	1,127
Voided	2	5	5	2	1
Other Disposition *	54	70	52	74	45
Open	639	733	616	524	437

* In 2022, this category included 16 discontinued, 16 vacated/remanded, and 13 limited grants.



Supreme Court Disposition of Allowed Appeals from Superior Court Decisions in 2022

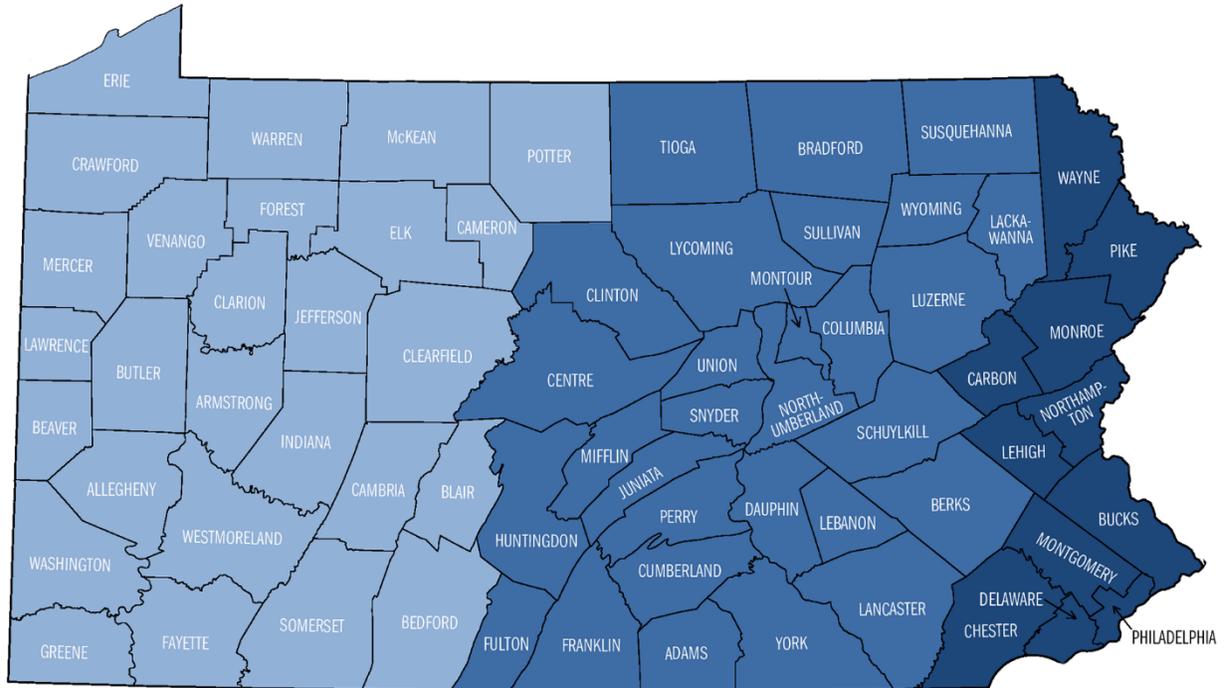


Disposition	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Reversed	17	21	24	29	6
Affirmed	20	32	48	30	12
Other *	24	11	15	31	20
TOTAL	61	64	87	90	38

* Includes affirmed/reversed/remanded 1, dismissed 1, improvidently granted 14, vacated/affirmed remanded 1, vacated/remanded 3.



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, York

Eastern District ●

Philadelphia

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

