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# CASE STATISTICS

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# SECTION 1

## CASELOAD ACTIVITIES

The following tables provide a summary of the 2016 caseload activity for the court, including a listing of cases filed, final dispositions, and cases pending on December 31, 2016.

# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

## Summary of Activity

CASES PENDING JANUARY 1, 2016	936
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### CASES FILED

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Jurisdictional Appeals	1,382
Merit Cases	425
Practice of Law Cases	107
<b>TOTAL CASES FILED</b>	<b>1,914</b>

### CASES DISPOSED

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Jurisdictional Appeals	1,297
Merit Cases	584
Practice of Law Cases	138
<b>TOTAL CASES DISPOSED</b>	<b>2,019</b>

CASES PENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016	831
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CLEARANCE RATE	105%
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## JURISDICTIONAL APPEALS

Jurisdictional Appeals	1,282
Death Penalty Postconviction Appeals	12
Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption	11
Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Applications	77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,382</b>

## MERIT CASES

Original Actions	191
Habeas Corpus Cases	47
Direct Appeals (Cases Originating in Court of Appeals)	85
Certified Conflicts	15
Certified Conflicts Involving Termination of Parental Rights/ Adoption	0
Appeals from Board of Tax Appeals	69
Appeals from Public Utilities Commission	4
Appeals from Power Siting Board	0
Death Penalty Cases	4
Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Application in Death Penalty Case	0
Certified Questions of State Law	3
Appeals of Contest of Election under R.C. 3515.15	0
Petition Challenges pursuant to Article II, Section 1g of the Ohio Constitution	1
Contests of an Election pursuant to R.C. 3515.08	0
Cases Purporting to Invoke Unspecified Original Jurisdiction	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>425</b>

PRACTICE OF LAW CASES<sup>1</sup>

Disciplinary Cases	101
Bar Admission Cases	2
Unauthorized Practice of Law Cases	3
Other Matters Relating to Practice of Law	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>

**TOTAL CASES FILED****1,914**

# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

## Cases Disposed

### JURISDICTIONAL APPEALS<sup>2</sup>

Jurisdictional Appeals	1,203
Death Penalty Postconviction Appeals	6
Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption	5
Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Applications	83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,297</b>

### MERIT CASES

Original Actions	210
Habeas Corpus Cases	46
Direct Appeals (Cases Originating in Court of Appeals)	98
Certified Conflicts	33
Certified Conflicts Involving Termination of Parental Rights/ Adoption	0
Appeals from Board of Tax Appeals	82
Appeals from Public Utilities Commission	8
Appeals from Power Siting Board	3
Death Penalty Cases	9
Appeal from App.R. 26(B) Application in Death Penalty Case	1
Certified Questions of State Law	10
Appeals of Contest of Election under R.C. 3515.15	0
Petition Challenges pursuant to Article II, Section 1g of the Ohio Constitution	1
Other Merit Cases	8
Jurisdictional Appeals Accepted for Merit Review	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>584</b>

### PRACTICE OF LAW CASES

Disciplinary Cases	125
Bar Admission Cases	8
Unauthorized Practice of Law Cases	4
Other Matters Relating to Practice of Law	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>

## TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

2,019

## JURISDICTIONAL APPEALS

Jurisdictional Appeals	473
Death Penalty Postconviction Appeals	17
Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption	4
Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Applications	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>502</b>

## MERIT CASES

Original Actions	47
Habeas Corpus Cases	13
Direct Appeals (Cases Originating in Court of Appeals)	67
Certified Conflicts	7
Appeals from Board of Tax Appeals	103
Appeals from Public Utilities Commission	9
Appeals from Power Siting Board	1
Death Penalty Cases	12
Certified Questions of State Law	2
Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Application in a Death Penalty Case	0
Other Merit Cases	1
Jurisdictional Appeals Accepted for Review	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>289</b>

## PRACTICE OF LAW CASES

Disciplinary Cases	37
Bar Admission Cases	2
Unauthorized Practice of Law Cases	1
Other Matters Relating to Practice of Law	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>

**TOTAL CASES PENDING****831**



# SECTION 2

## CASELOAD

### 2012-2016

The following charts show the caseload activity of the court, including total cases filed, total cases disposed, total cases pending, and appeals filed by pro se litigants for the years 2012 through 2016.

Also included in this section is a chart reflecting the number and percent of jurisdictional appeals filed and accepted for review. This chart compares the years 2011 through 2015, because this data is measured by the year in which the appeal was filed. The most recent year for which the data is complete is 2015.

## CASES FILED BY CATEGORY – 2016

The clerk's office categorizes cases according to the following designations:

- Civil
- Criminal
- Practice of Law
- Domestic Relations, Probate & Juvenile
- Miscellaneous.

The categories correspond to those used by Ohio's courts of appeal.

### CASES BY CATEGORY

#### Civil

355 cases (18.5%)

#### Criminal

948 cases (49.5%)

#### Practice of Law

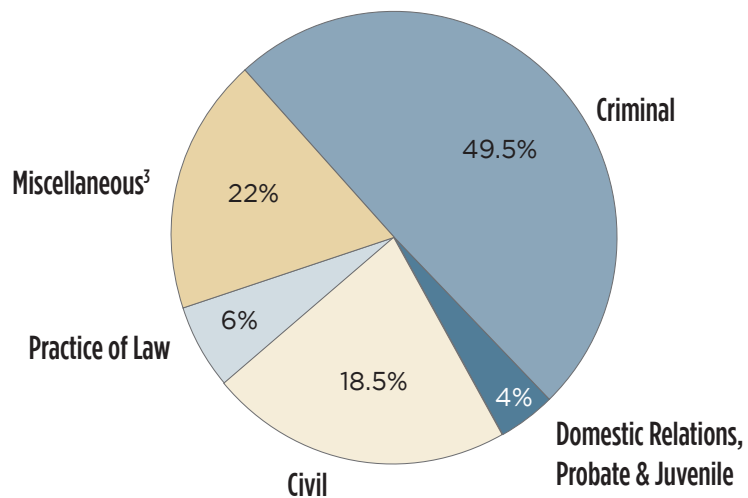
107 cases (6%)

#### Domestic Relations, Probate & Juvenile

78 cases (4%)

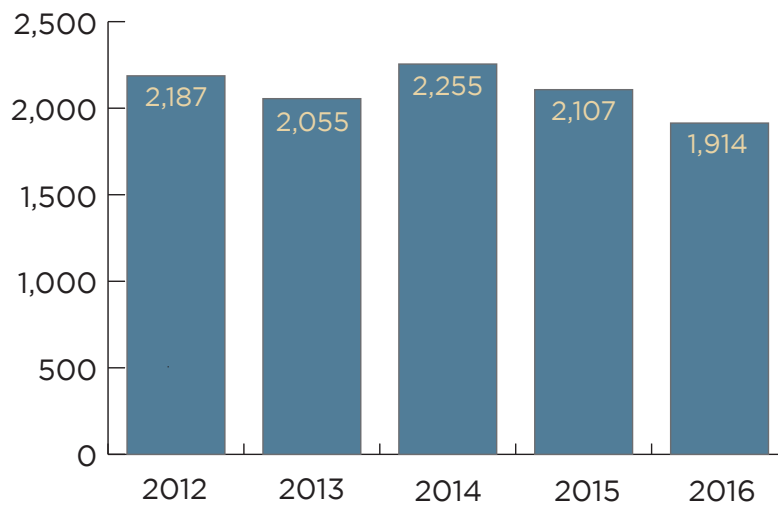
#### Miscellaneous<sup>3</sup>

427 cases (22%)



## CASES FILED 2012-2016

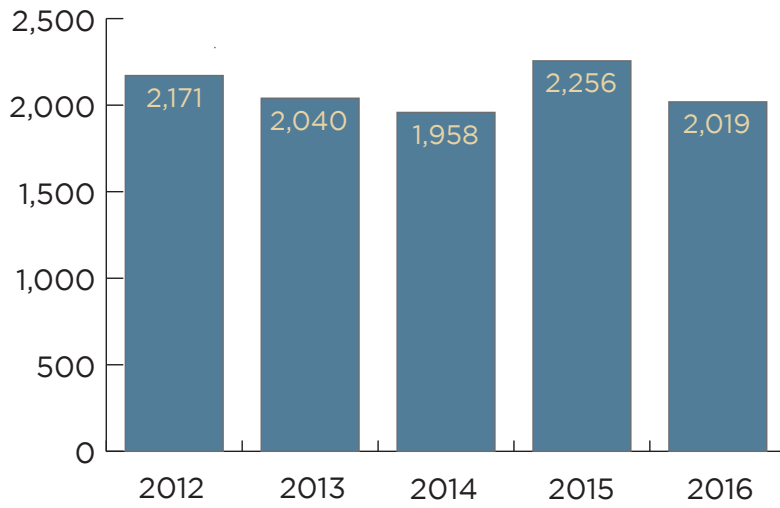
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# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

Caseload 2012-2016

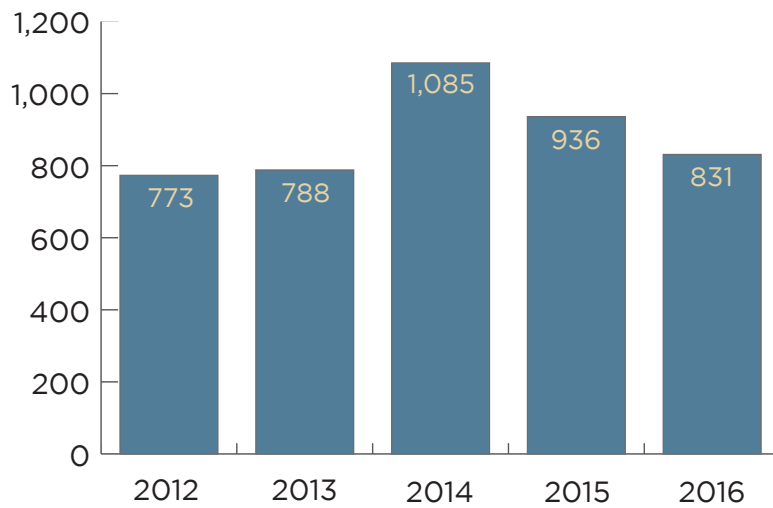
## CASES DISPOSED 2012-2016





## CASES PENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2012-2016

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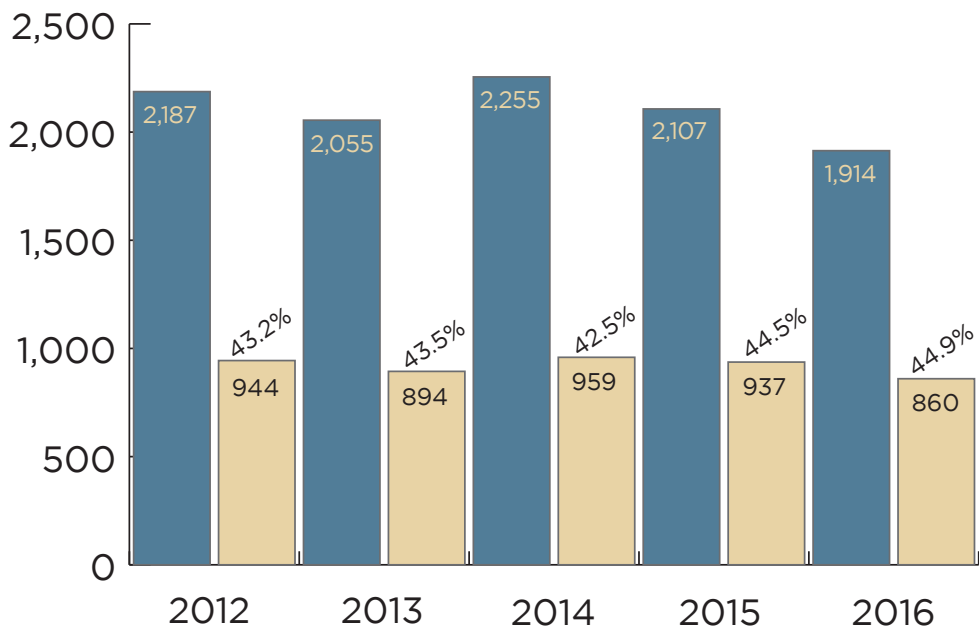


# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

Caseload 2012-2016

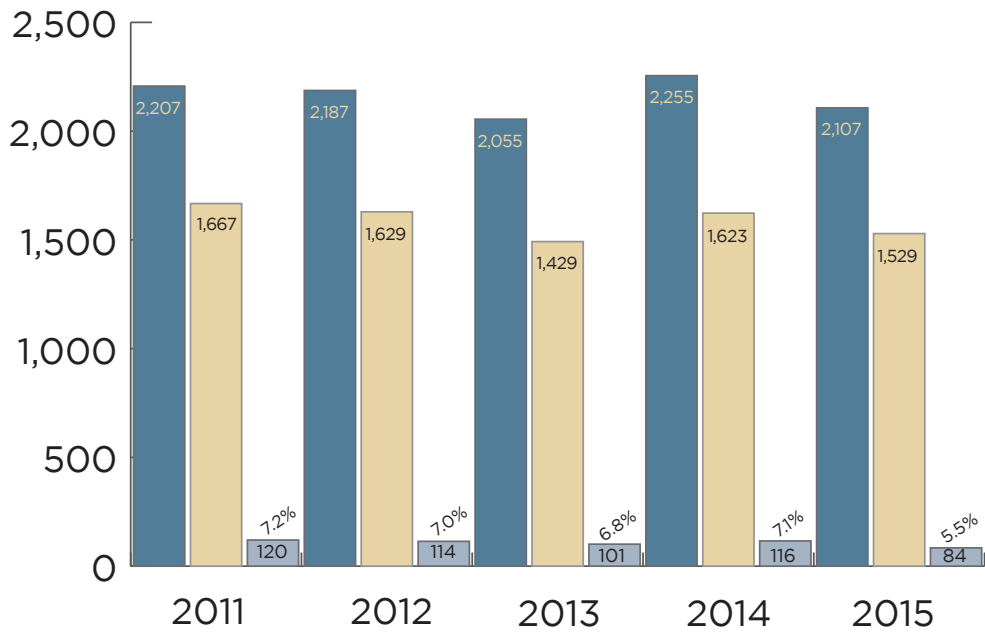
## CASES FILED BY PRO SE LITIGANTS 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
General Cases	2,187	2,055	2,255	2,107	1,914
Pro se Cases	944	894	959	937	860
Percent Pro se	43.2	43.5	42.5	44.5	44.9



JURISDICTIONAL APPEALS FILED 2011-2015  
AND ACCEPTED FOR MERIT REVIEW

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cases Filed	2,207	2,187	2,055	2,255	2,107
Appeals Filed	1,667	1,629	1,492	1,623	1,529
Appeals Accepted	120	114	101	116	84
Percent Accepted	7.2	7.0	6.8	7.1	5.5





# SECTION 3

## TIME TO DISPOSITION

### 2012-2016

The following charts reflect the length of time from the origination of an action to final disposition in various categories of case types, including:

- All cases
- Jurisdictional appeals accepted for merit review
- Original actions
- Disciplinary cases
- Unauthorized practice of law cases
- Bar admission cases
- All cases decided with an opinion.

The charts provide data for the years 2012 through 2016 for purposes of comparison.

# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

## Time to Disposition 2012-2016

ALL CASES  
From Case Filing to Final Disposition

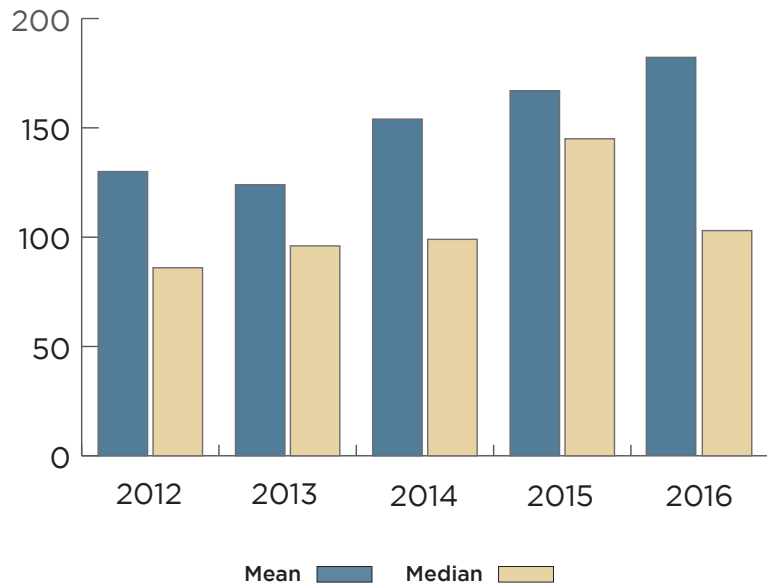
**2012 — 2,171 cases**  
130-day mean  
86-day median

**2013 — 2,040 cases**  
124-day mean  
96-day median

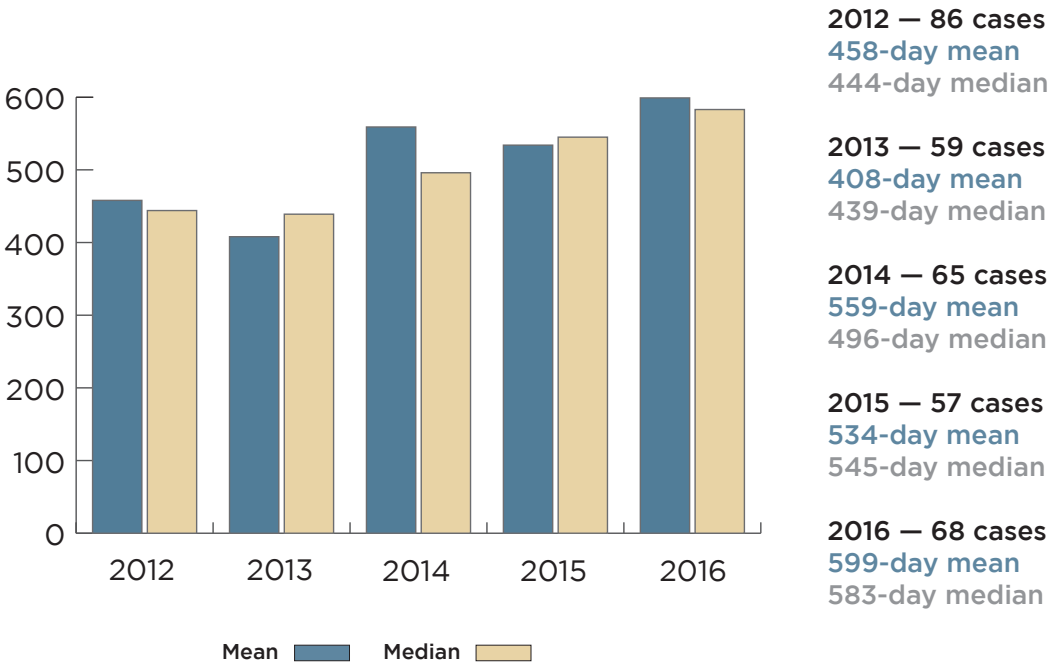
**2014 — 1,958 cases**  
154-day mean  
99-day median

**2015 — 2,256 cases**  
167-day mean  
145-day median

**2016 — 2,019 cases**  
182-day mean  
103-day median



JURISDICTIONAL APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR MERIT REVIEW  
From Filing of Notice of Appeal to Final Disposition



# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

Time to Disposition 2012-2016

## JURISDICTIONAL APPEALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR MERIT REVIEW From Filing of Notice of Appeal to Final Disposition

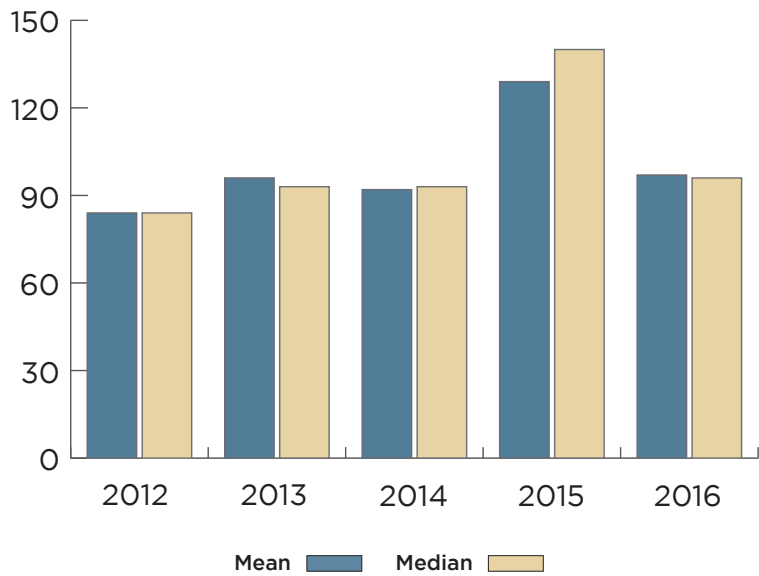
**2012 — 1,474 cases**  
84-day mean  
84-day median

**2013 — 1,476 cases**  
96-day mean  
93-day median

**2014 — 1,285 cases**  
92-day mean  
93-day median

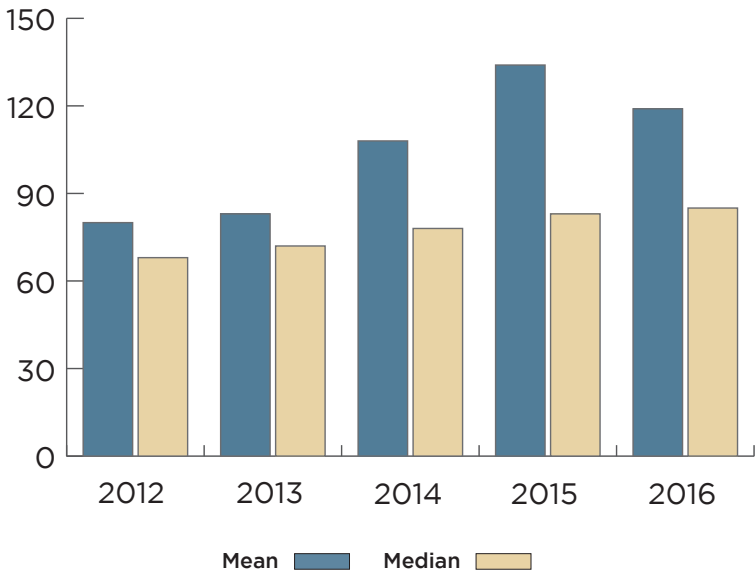
**2015 — 1,618 cases**  
129-day mean  
140-day median

**2016 — 1,211 cases**  
97-day mean  
96-day median





ORIGINAL ACTIONS  
From Filing to Final Disposition



2012 — 196 cases  
80-day mean  
68-day median

2013 — 253 cases  
83-day mean  
72-day median

2014 — 212 cases  
108-day mean  
78-day median

2015 — 193 cases  
134-day mean  
83-day median

2016 — 256 cases  
119-day mean  
85-day median

# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

Time to Disposition 2012-2016

## DISCIPLINARY CASES From Case Initiation to Final Disposition

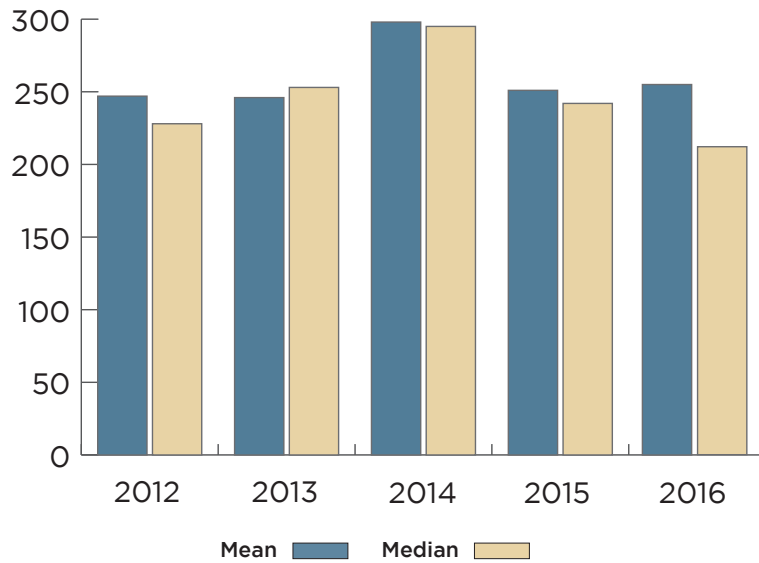
**2012 — 97 cases**  
247-day mean  
228-day median

**2013 — 47 cases**  
246-day mean  
253-day median

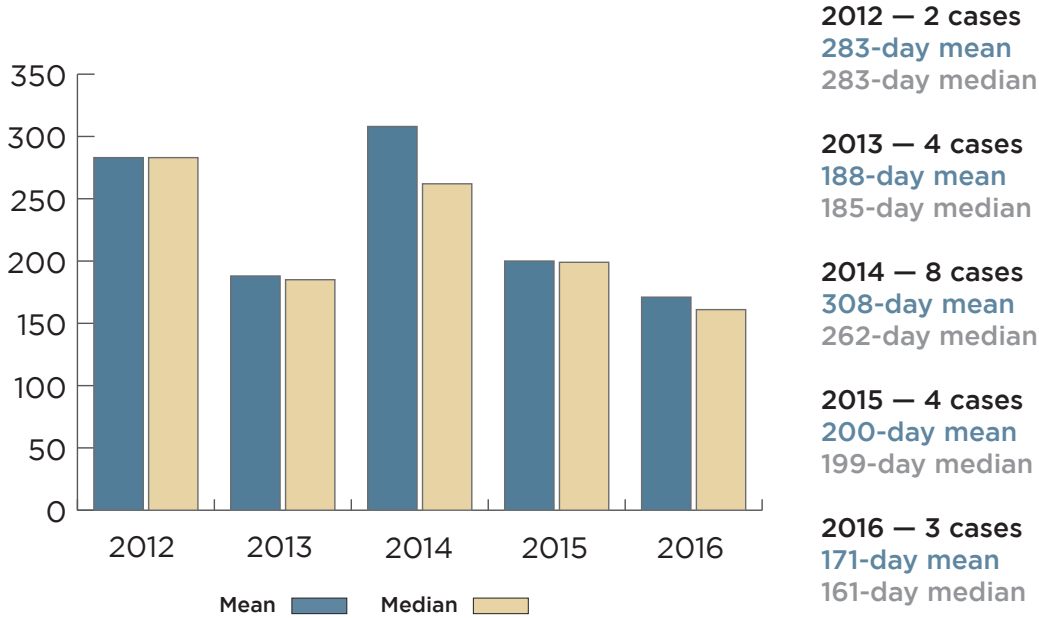
**2014 — 51 cases**  
298-day mean  
295-day median

**2015 — 48 cases**  
251-day mean  
242-day median

**2016 — 64 cases**  
255-day mean  
212-day median



UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW CASES  
From Case Initiation to Final Disposition



# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

Time to Disposition 2012-2016

## BAR ADMISSION CASES From Case Initiation to Final Disposition

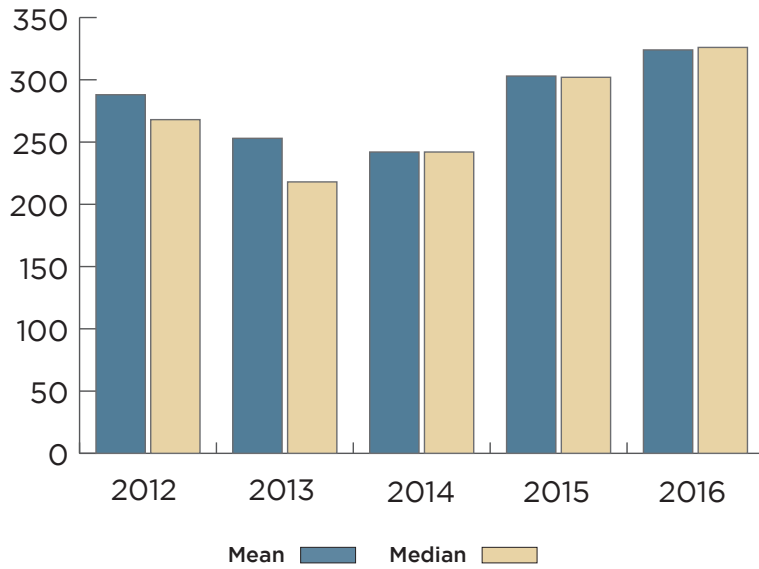
**2012 — 7 cases**  
288-day mean  
268-day median

**2013 — 9 cases**  
253-day mean  
218-day median

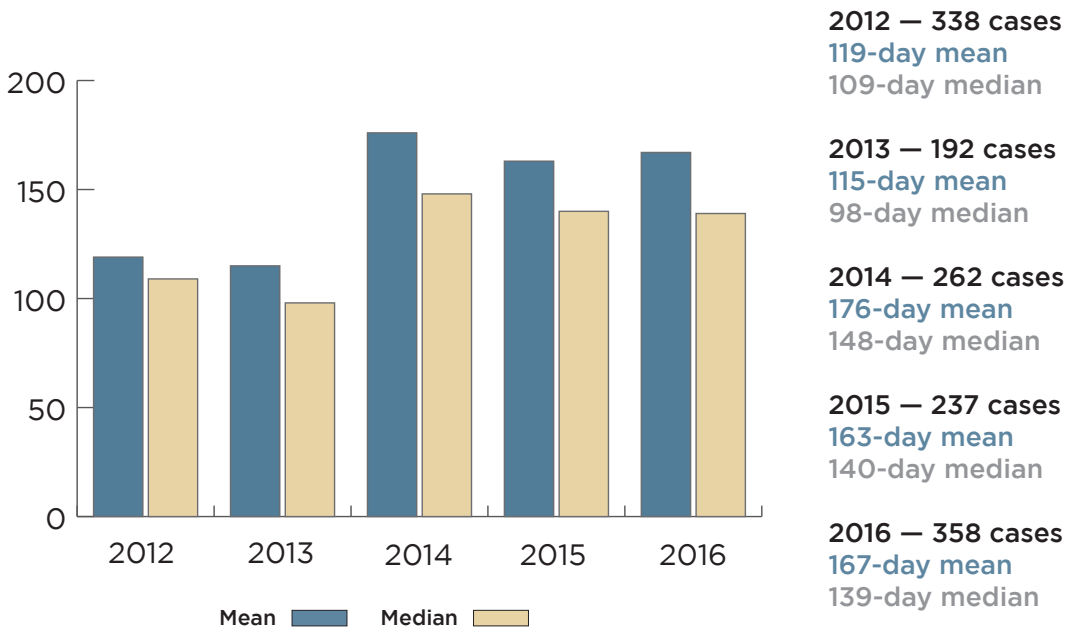
**2014 — 2 cases**  
242-day mean  
242-day median

**2015 — 4 cases**  
303-day mean  
302-day median

**2016 — 8 cases**  
324-day mean  
326-day median



### CASES DECIDED WITH AN OPINION From Submission to Court Until Issuance of Opinion





# SECTION 4

## BRIEFING TO ORAL ARGUMENT 2012-2016

The following charts show the time from the completion of briefing on a matter until oral argument is held. The time measured includes the six-week advance notice provided to parties who are scheduled to participate in oral argument. The charts provided are for:

- All cases argued
- Practice of law cases argued (including disciplinary cases, bar admission cases, and unauthorized practice of law cases).

# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

Briefing to Oral Argument 2012-2016

## ALL CASES ARGUED<sup>4</sup> From Completion of Briefing to Oral Argument

**2012 — 147 cases**

84-day mean

54-day median

**2013 — 78 cases**

155-day mean

114-day median

**2014 — 123 cases**

184-day mean

113-day median

**2015 — 88 cases**

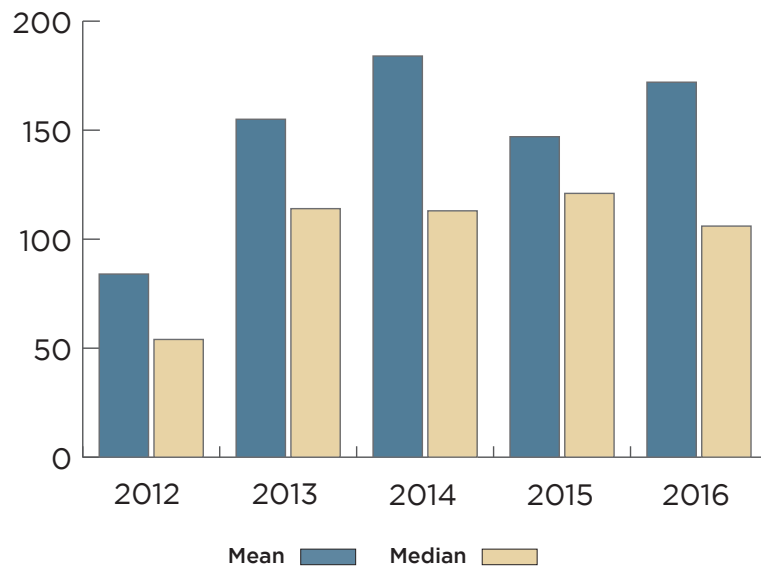
147-day mean

121-day median

**2016 — 139 cases**

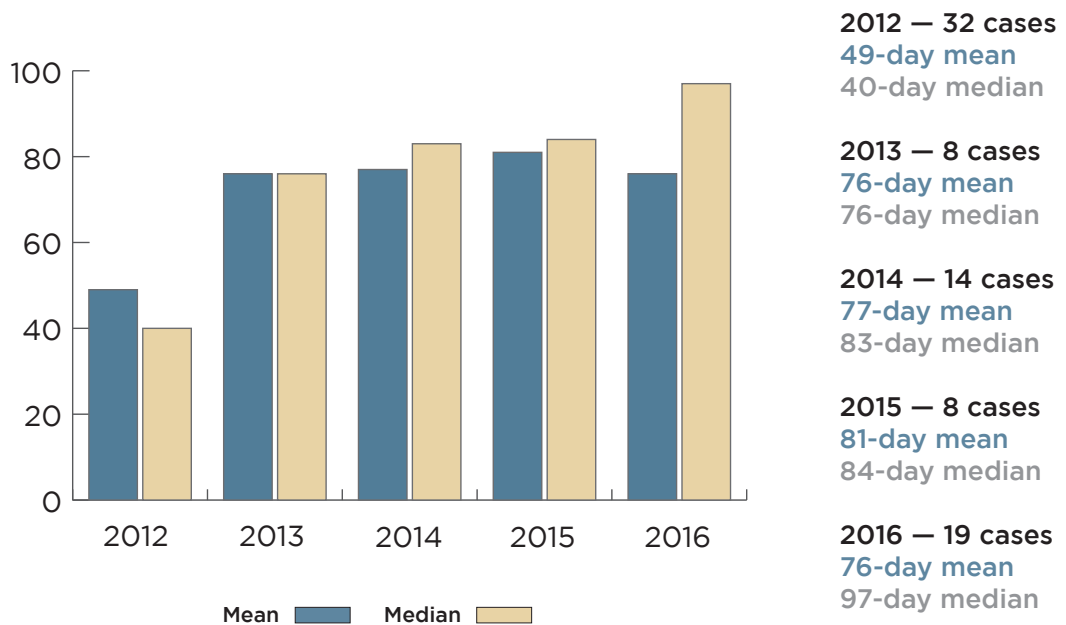
172-day mean

106-day median





PRACTICE OF LAW CASES ARGUED – Disciplinary Cases, Bar Admission Cases & Unauthorized Practice of Law Cases  
From Completion of Briefing to Oral Argument





# SECTION 5

## E-FILING

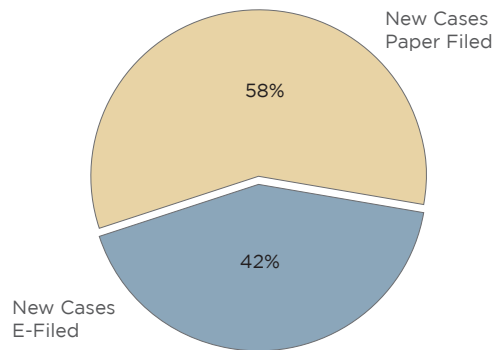
The following charts show a breakdown of the percentage of filings that were filed through the Supreme Court's E-Filing Portal.

# 2016 Case Statistics

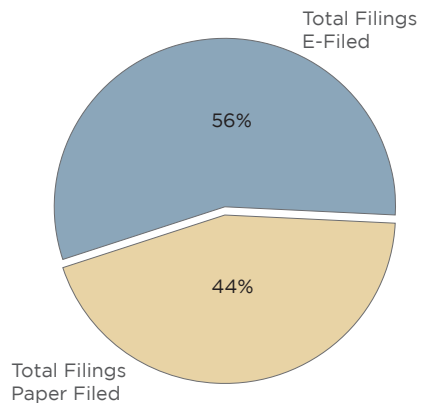
E-Filing 2016

## E-FILING

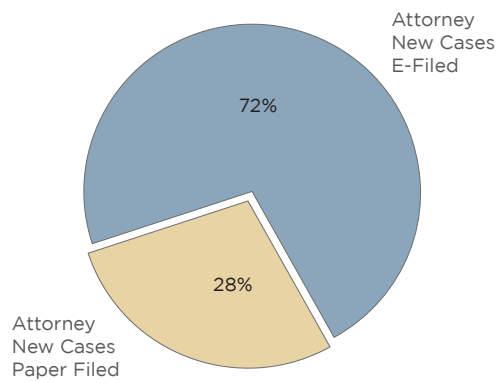
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,914</b>
Total New Cases E-Filed	807
Total New Cases Paper Filed	1,107



<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11,093</b>
Total Filings E-Filed	6,239
Total Filings Paper Filed	4,854

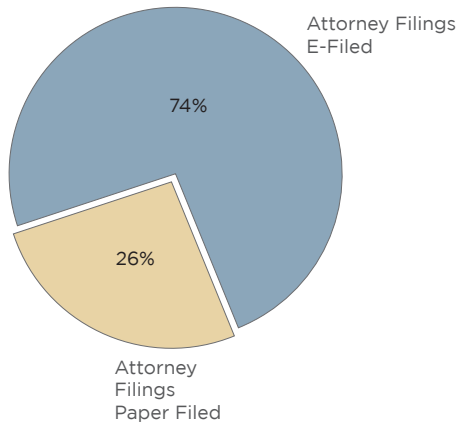


<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,062</b>
Attorney New Cases E-Filed	767
Attorney New Cases Paper Filed	295

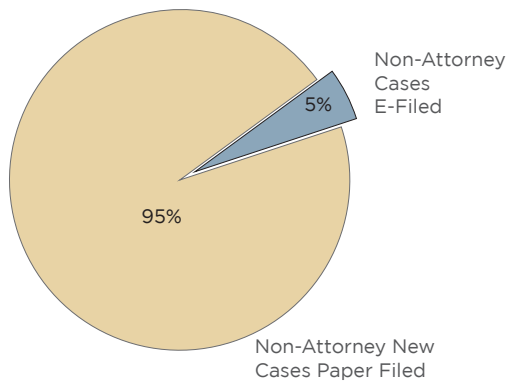


E-Filing ■ Paper Filing ■

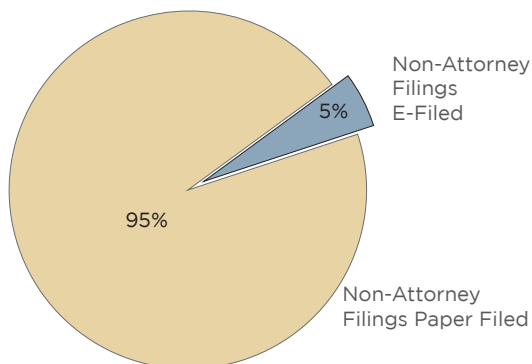
### E-FILING



<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,205</b>
Attorney Total Filings E-Filed	6,097
Attorney Total Filings Paper Filed	2,108



<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>852</b>
Non-Attorney New Cases E-Filed	40
Non-Attorney New Cases Paper Filed	812



<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,888</b>
Non-Attorney Total Filings E-Filed	142
Non-Attorney Total Filings Paper Filed	2,746



# SECTION 6

## APPENDICES

# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

## Appendix A: Practice of Law Cases - Cases Filed

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CASES PENDING JANUARY 1, 2016	71
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### DISCIPLINARY CASES

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Cases on Report of Board	35
Consent to Discipline Cases	7
Cases on Motion for Interim Remedial Suspension	4
Attorney Resignation Cases	21
Reciprocal Discipline Cases	8
Cases upon Felony Conviction	12
Disciplinary Default Judgment Cases pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(14)	13
Judge Disciplinary Case under Gov.Bar R. V	1

### BAR ADMISSION CASES

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Character and Fitness Cases	2
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### UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW CASES

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Unauthorized Practice of Law/On Report of Board	1
Unauthorized Practice of Law/On Consent Decree	1
Unauthorized Practice of Law/On Motion for Interim Cease and Desist Order	1

### OTHER MATTER RELATING TO PRACTICE OF LAW

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Motion for Contempt	1
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<b>TOTAL PRACTICE OF LAW CASES FILED</b>	<b>107</b>
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## DISCIPLINARY CASES

**Cases On Report of Board**

Public Reprimand	8
Definite Suspension	31
Indefinite Suspension	7
Disbarment	5

**Consent to Discipline Cases**

Public Reprimand	2
Definite Suspension	10

**Cases on Motion for Interim Remedial Suspension**

Interim Suspension	4
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**Attorney Resignation Cases**

Resignation Accepted with Disciplinary Action Pending	19
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**Reciprocal Discipline Cases**

Definite Suspension	4
Indefinite Suspension	2
Dismissed	1 <sup>5</sup>

**Cases Upon Felony Conviction**

Interim Suspension	12
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**Consent to Discipline Cases on Remand**

Definite Suspension	1
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**Disciplinary Default Judgment Cases pursuant to Gov.Bar R. (V)(14)**

Definite Suspension	1
Indefinite Suspension	12
Dismissed	5 <sup>6</sup>

**Judge Disciplinary Cases under Gov.Bar R. V**

Public Reprimand	1
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# 2016 CASE STATISTICS

## Practice of Law Cases - Cases Disposed - Continued

### BAR ADMISSION CASES

#### **Character and Fitness Cases**

Applicant Disapproved, May Reapply 8

### UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW CASES

#### **Cases On Report of Board**

Respondent Enjoined from Actions Constituting  
the Unauthorized Practice of Law and Civil Penalty Imposed 1

#### **Cases on Consent Decree**

Respondent Enjoined from Actions Constituting  
the Unauthorized Practice of Law and Civil Penalty Imposed 1

Respondent Enjoined from Actions Constituting  
the Unauthorized Practice of Law 1

#### **Motion for Interim Cease and Desist Order**

Granted 1

### OTHER MATTER RELATING TO PRACTICE OF LAW

Respondent Found in Contempt 1

**TOTAL PRACTICE OF LAW CASES DISPOSED 138**

CASES PENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 40

PRACTICE OF LAW CLEARANCE RATE 129%

NOTES

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1. See Appendix A for a breakdown of cases relating to the practice of law that were filed in 2016.
2. This category includes dispositions where the court declined to accept jurisdiction and did not review the merits of the case.
3. Miscellaneous cases include Certified Conflict Cases, Certified Questions of State Law, Direct Appeals, Original Actions and Administrative Appeals.
4. The data in this chart may vary when compared to the data presented in prior statistical reports because the court may initially decline jurisdiction over a case but subsequently grant reconsideration, accept jurisdiction, and hold oral argument.
5. Case No. 2016-1613 was dismissed upon the acceptance of the attorney's resignation from the practice of law with disciplinary action pending.
6. Case No. 2015-0602 was dismissed upon the respondent's death. Case Nos. 2015-0817, 2015-1129, 2016-0033, and 2016-0800 were dismissed upon the acceptance of the attorneys' resignations from the practice of law with disciplinary action pending.



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