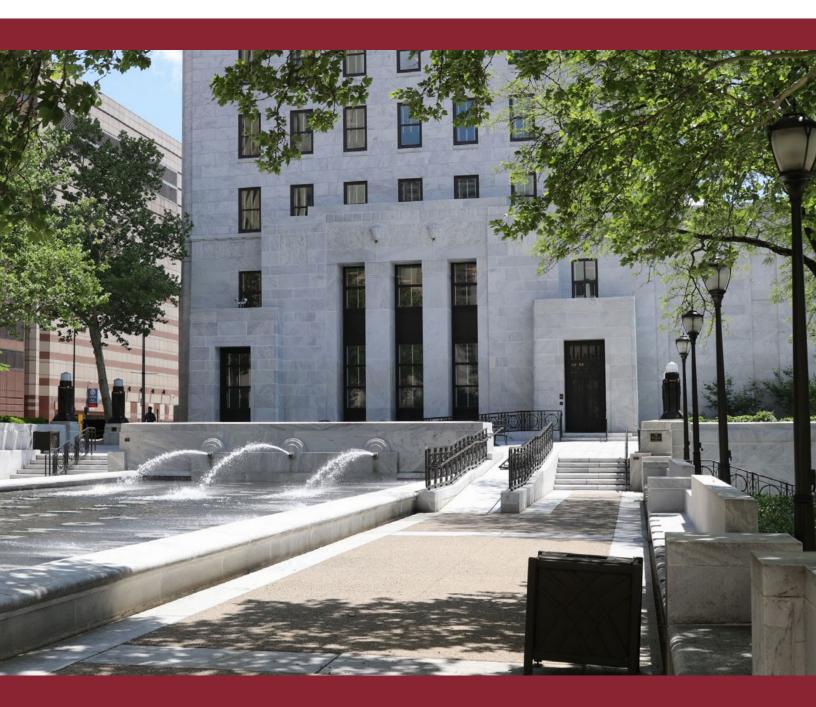


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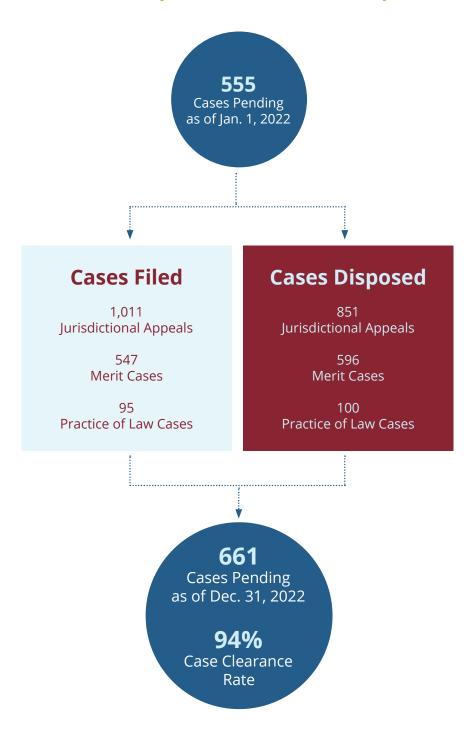
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## Section 1 2022 Caseload Activities

The following tables provide a summary of 2022 caseload activity for the Court including a listing of cases filed, final dispositions, and cases pending on December 31, 2022. Also included as a subset is the same information related to Practice of Law cases.

#### Summary of 2022 Caseload Activity



#### Cases Filed in 2022

#### 1,011 Jurisdictional Appeals

- 956 Jurisdictional Appeals
  - 2 Death Penalty Postconviction Appeals
- 18 Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
- 35 Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Applications

#### 547 Merit Cases

- 353 Original Actions
- 82 Habeas Corpus Cases
- 75 Direct Appeals (Cases Originating in Court of Appeals)
- 20 Certified Conflicts
- 1 Certified Conflicts Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
- 3 Appeals from Board of Tax Appeals
- 1 Appeals from Public Utilities Commission
- 3 Appeals from Power Siting Board
- 7 Cases Purporting to Invoke Unspecified Original Jurisdiction
- 2 Redistricting Cases

#### 95 Practice of Law Cases

- 92 Disciplinary Cases
- 3 Bar Admission Cases

#### 1,653 Total Cases Filed

#### Cases Disposed in 2022

#### 851 Jurisdictional Appeals<sup>1</sup>

- 789 Jurisdictional Appeals<sup>2</sup>
  - 4 Death Penalty Postconviction Appeals
- 16 Appeals Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
- 42 Appeals from App.R. 26(B) Applications

#### 596 Merit Cases

- 280 Original Actions
- 86 Habeas Corpus Cases
- 63 Direct Appeals (Cases Originating in Court of Appeals)
- 20 Certified Conflicts
- 1 Certified Conflicts Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
- 4 Appeals from Board of Tax Appeals
- 2 Appeals from Public Utilities Commission
- 1 Appeals from Power Siting Board
- 5 Death Penalty Cases
- 2 Certified Questions of State Law
- 9 Other Merit Cases
- 4 Redistricting Cases
- 119 Jurisdictional Appeals Accepted for Merit Review<sup>3</sup>

#### 100 Practice of Law Cases

- 96 Disciplinary Cases
- 2 Bar Admission Cases
- 1 Unauthorized Practice of Law Cases
- 1 Other Matters Relating to the Practice of Law

#### 1,547 Total Cases Disposed

<sup>1</sup> This category includes jurisdictional appeals that were declined and the merits of the case were not reviewed by the Court.

<sup>2</sup> This category includes jurisdictional appeals that were accepted, held, and later summarily decided without briefing.

<sup>3</sup> This category does not include appeals that were accepted, held, and later summarily decided without briefing.

#### Cases Pending on December 31, 2022

#### 314 Jurisdictional Appeals

314 Jurisdictional Appeals

#### 331 Merit Cases

- 168 Original Actions
- 12 Habeas Corpus Cases
- 57 Direct Appeals (Cases Originating in Court of Appeals)
- 16 Certified Conflicts
- 1 Certified Conflicts Involving Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
- 4 Appeals from Board of Tax Appeals
- 2 Appeals from Public Utilities Commission
- 3 Appeals from Power Siting Board
- 2 Death Penalty Cases
- 2 Other Merit Cases
- 3 Redistricting Cases
- 61 Jurisdictional Appeals Accepted for Merit Review

#### 16 Practice of Law Cases

- 15 Disciplinary Cases
- 1 Bar Admission Cases

#### 661 Total Cases Pending

#### Summary of Practice of Law Cases Filed in 2022

- 21 Cases Pending at Beginning of Year
  - 21 Practice of Law Cases Pending as of December 31, 2021
- 92 Disciplinary Cases
  - 17 Cases on Report of Board
  - 5 Consent to Discipline Cases
  - 46 Attorney Retirement/Resignation Cases
  - 2 Reciprocal Discipline Cases
  - 8 Cases upon Felony Conviction
  - 9 Disciplinary Default Cases pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(14)
  - 3 Cases upon Motion for Interim Remedial Suspension
  - 2 Judge Disciplinary Cases under Gov.Bar R. V
  - 3 Bar Admission Cases
    - 3 Character and Fitness Cases
  - 0 Unauthorized Practice of Law Cases
- 0 Other Matters Relating to the Practice of Law
- 95 Total Practice of Law Cases

#### Summary of Practice of Law Cases Disposed in 2022

#### **Disciplinary Cases**

#### 26 Cases upon Report of Board

- 1 Public Reprimand
- 16 Definite Suspension
- 5 Indefinite Suspension
- 0 Disbarment
- 4 Dismissed

#### 4 Consent to Discipline Cases

- 0 Public Reprimand
- 4 Definite Suspension

#### 44 Attorney Retirement/Resignation Cases

- 30 Retirement Accepted
- 13 Resignation Accepted with Disciplinary Action Pending
  - 1 Dismissed

#### 2 Reciprocal Discipline Cases

- 2 Public Reprimand
- 0 Definite Suspension
- 0 Indefinite Suspension

#### 8 Cases upon Felony Conviction

8 Interim Suspension

#### 6 Disciplinary Default Cases Pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(14)

- 0 Definite Suspension
- 6 Indefinite Suspension

#### 3 Cases on Motion for Interim Remedial Suspension

3 Interim Suspension

#### 3 Judge Disciplinary Cases under Gov.Bar R. V

- 1 Public Reprimand
- 1 Definite Suspension
- 1 Indefinite Suspension

#### Summary of Practice of Law Cases Disposed in 2022, Continued...

#### **Bar Admission Cases**

- 2 Character and Fitness Cases
  - 0 Applicant Approved
  - 2 Applicant Disapproved; May Reapply
  - 0 Applicant Disapproved; Barred from Reapplying

#### **Unauthorized Practice of Law Cases**

- 1 Cases on Report of Board
  - 1 Dismissed

#### Other Matters Related to the Practice of Law

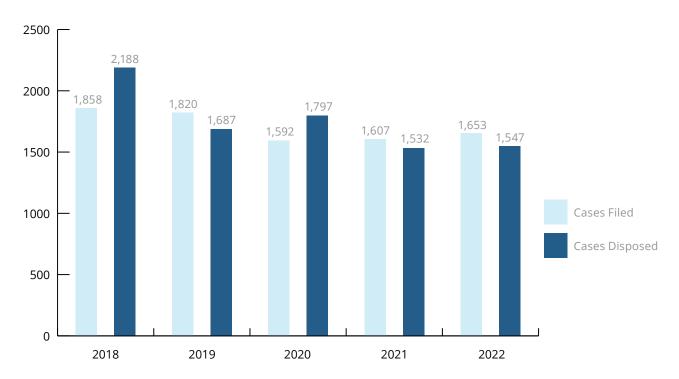
- 1 Other Matters Related to the Practice of Law
  - 1 Motion to Show Cause Granted
- 100 Total Practice of Law Cases Disposed
  - 16 Practice of Law Cases Pending as of December 31, 2022
- 105% Practice of Law Clearance Rate

### Section 2 2018 – 2022 Caseload

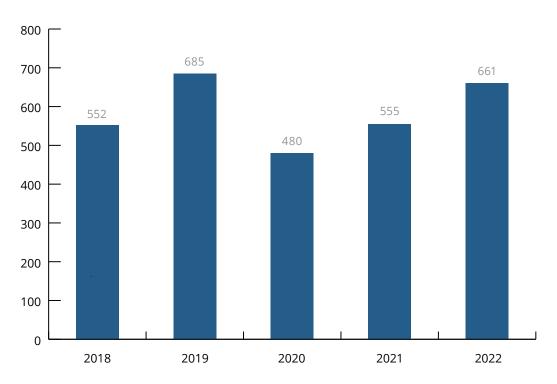
The following charts show the caseload activity of the Court including total cases filed, total cases disposed, total cases pending, and appeals filed by pro se litigants for the years 2018 through 2022.

Also included in this section is a chart reflecting the number and percentage of jurisdictional appeals filed and accepted for review. The charts compare the years 2017 through 2021 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 2021.

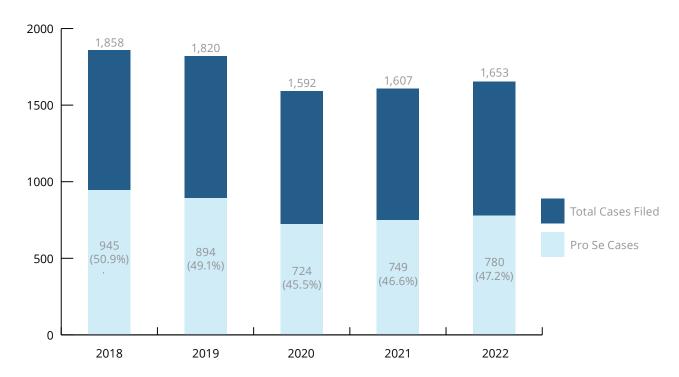
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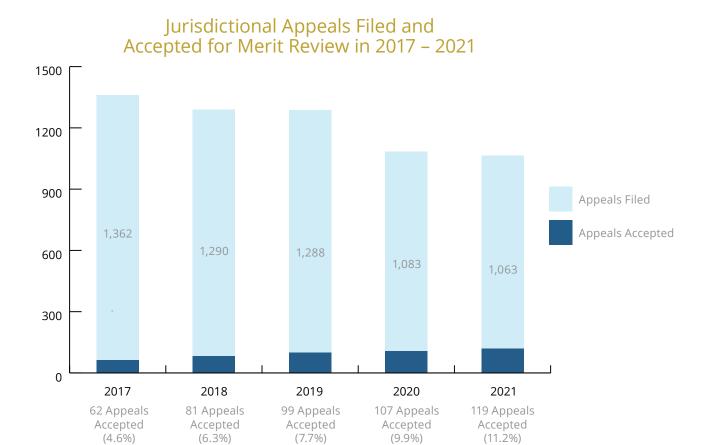


#### Total Cases Pending as of December 31, 2018 – 2022



#### Cases Filed by Pro Se Litigants, 2018 – 2022





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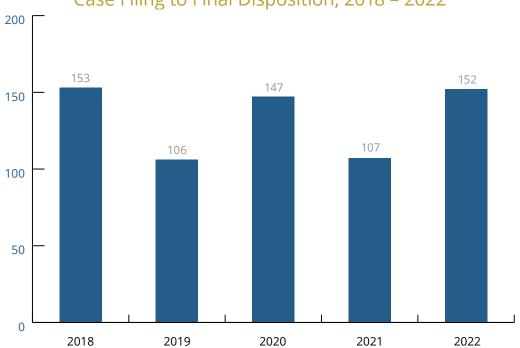
## Time to Disposition, 2018 – 2022

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

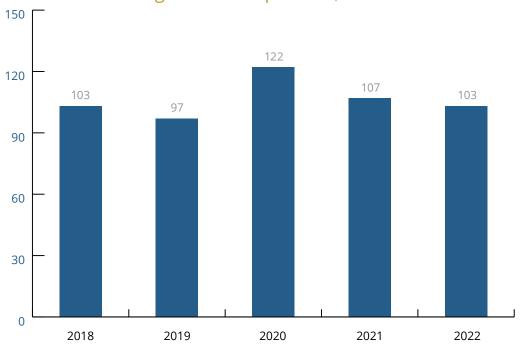
- All cases
- Jurisdictional appeals accepted for merit review
- Original actions
- Disciplinary cases
- Unauthorized practice of law cases
- Bar admission cases
- All cases decided with an opinion.

The charts provide data for the years 2018 through 2022 for purposes of comparison.

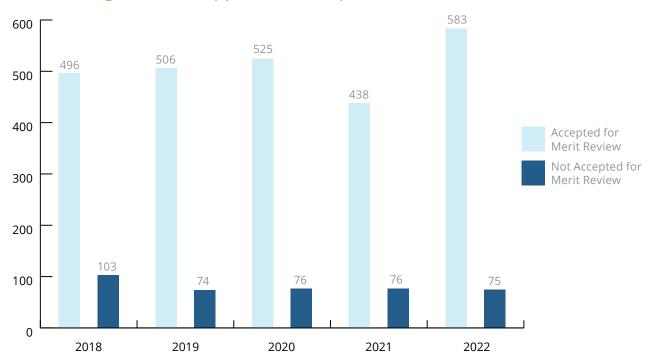




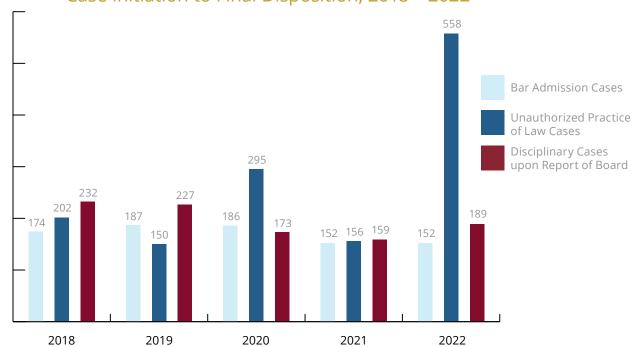
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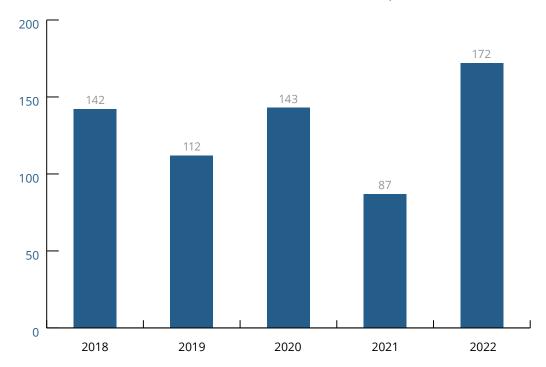
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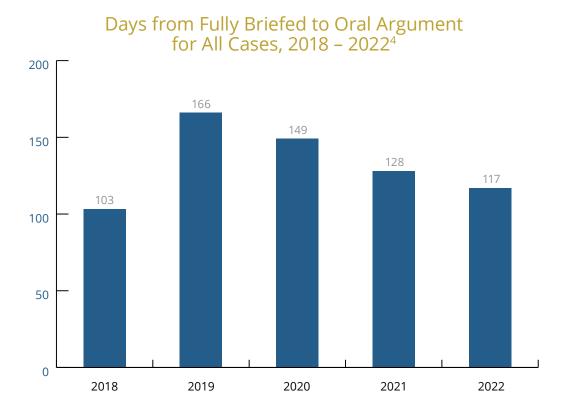


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## From Briefing to Oral Argument

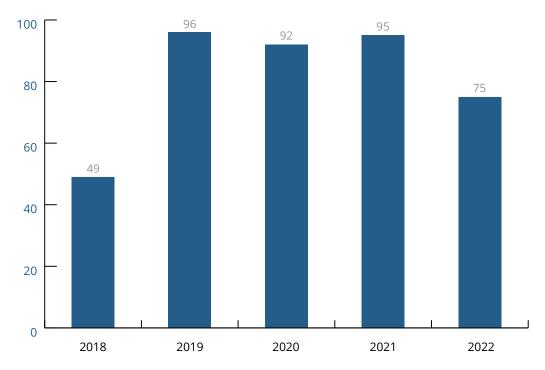
The following charts show the time from the completion of briefing on a matter until oral argument is held. The time measured includes the six-week advance notice provided to parties who are scheduled to participate in oral argument. The charts provided include:

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



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.

### Days from Fully Briefed Until Oral Argument for Practice of Law Cases, 2018 – 2022



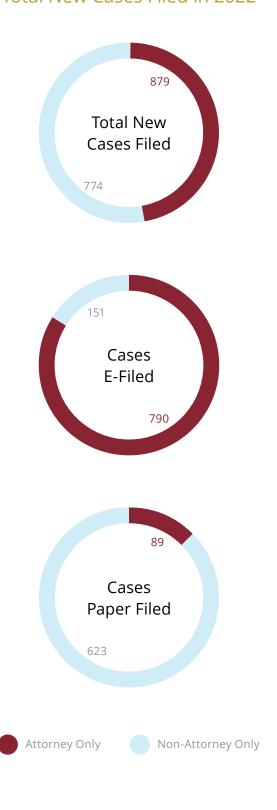


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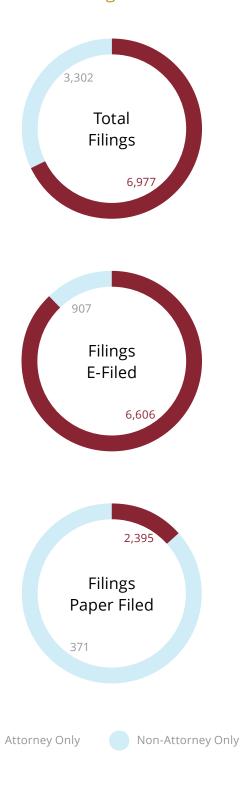
### E-Filing

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

#### Total New Cases Filed in 2022



#### Total Filings in 2022







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