



2018

ANNUAL REPORT OF STATISTICS
SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

April 22, 2019



JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

President Judge Susan Peikes Gantman
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Judge Mary Jane Bowes
Judge Jack A. Panella
Judge Jacqueline O. Shogan
Judge Anne E. Lazarus
Judge Judith Ference Olson
Judge Paula Francisco Ott
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 John L. Musmanno
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Judge William H. Platt
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Judge Lillian Harris Ransom

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

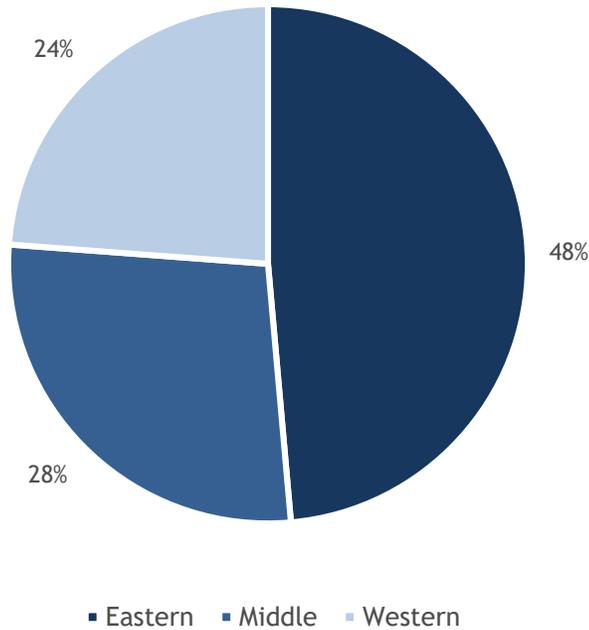
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DEPARTMENT HEADS

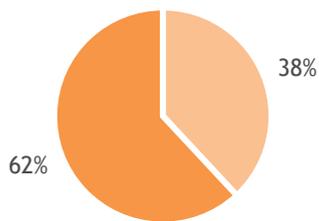
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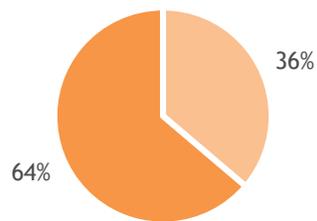
Appeals by District in 2018



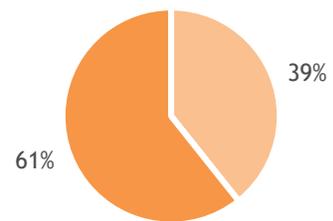
Western District



Middle District



Eastern District

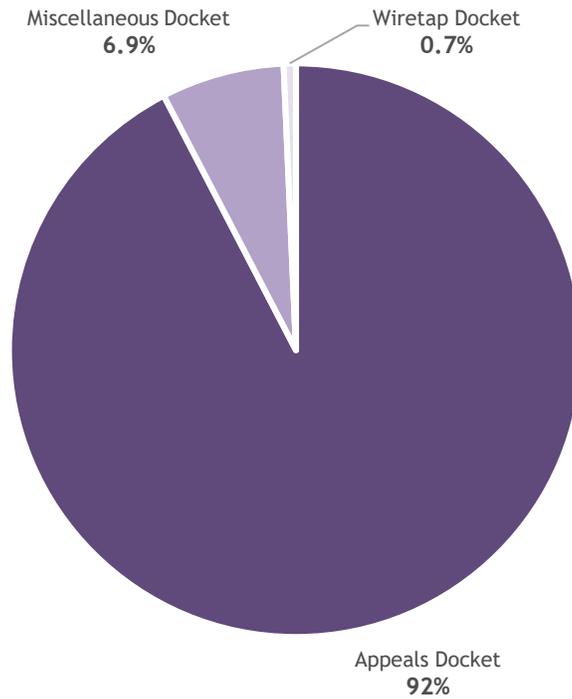


● Civil ● Criminal

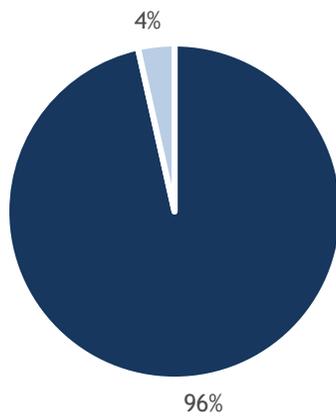
	Civil	Criminal	Total
Eastern	1,456	2,248	3,704
Middle	762	1,342	2,104
Western	691	1,124	1,815
Total	2,909	4,714	7,623



Cases by Docket Type in 2018

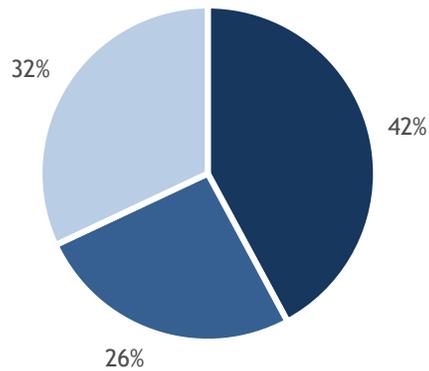


Wiretap Docket by Docketing District in 2018



■ Eastern ■ Western

Miscellaneous Docket by District in 2018*



■ Eastern ■ Middle ■ Western

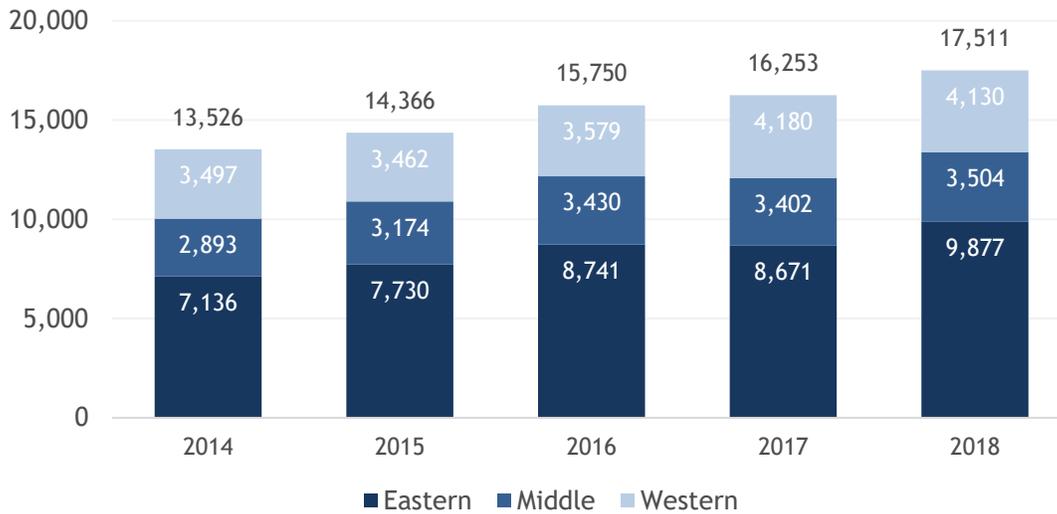
	Miscellaneous Docket	Wiretap Docket	Appeals Docket	Total
Eastern	241	55	3,704	4,000
Middle	148	†	2,104	2,252
Western	183	2	1,815	2,000
Total	572	57	7,623	8,252

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

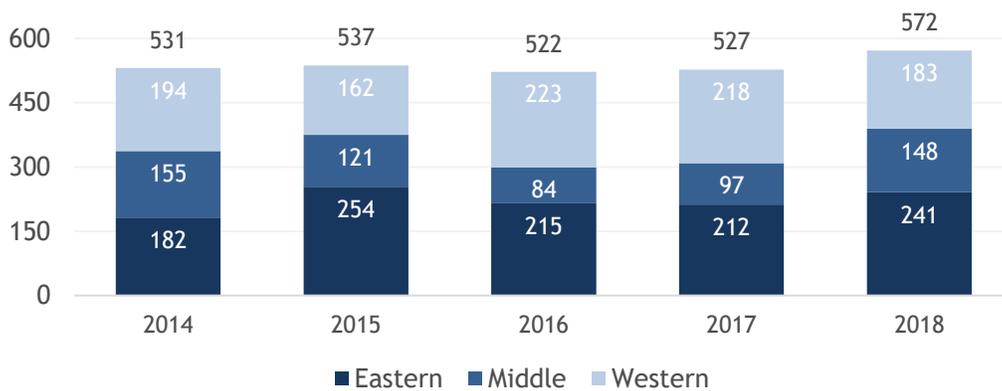
† Middle District wiretap applications are maintained in the Eastern District office.



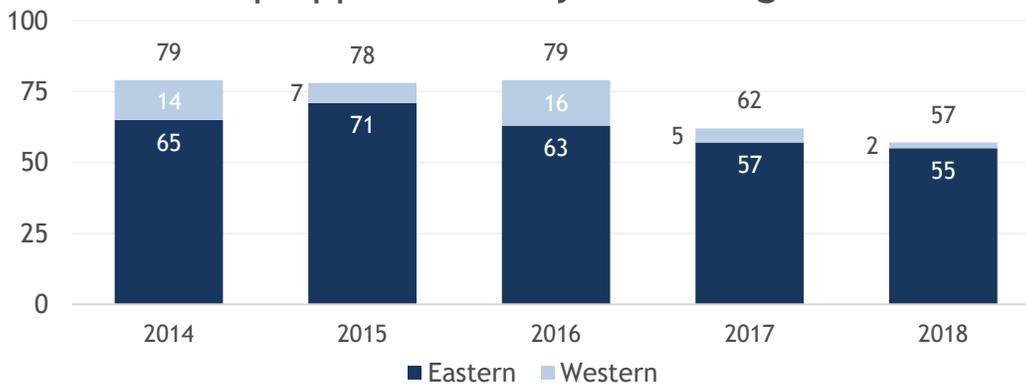
Appeals Docket Applications (Applications related to active docketed appeals)



Miscellaneous Docket Applications (Applications unrelated to active docketed appeals)



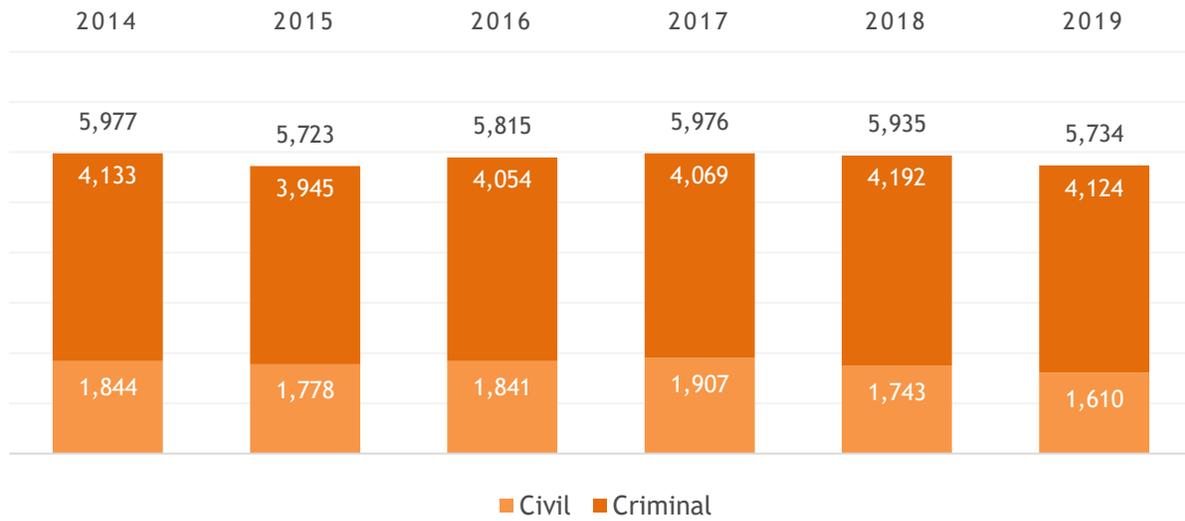
Wiretap Applications by Docketing District



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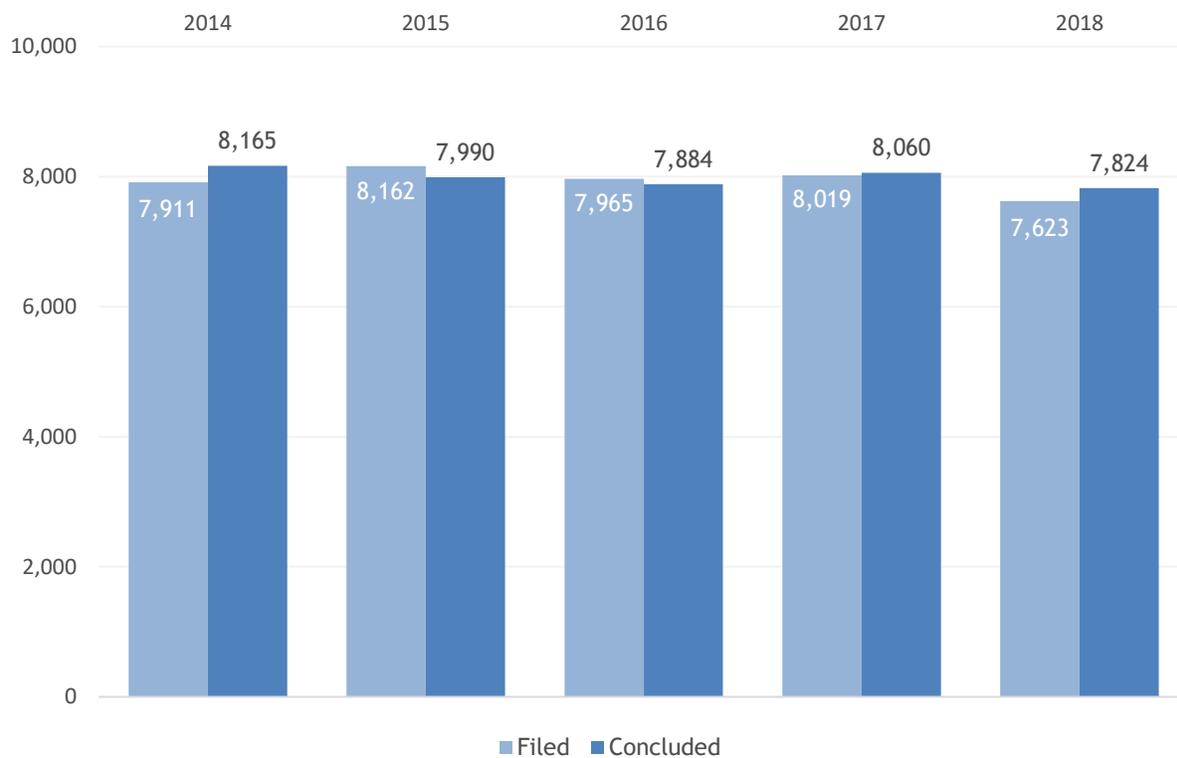
Appeals Pending as of January 1



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Civil Appeals Pending 1/1	1,844	1,778	1,841	1,907	1,743	1,610
Criminal Appeals Pending 1/1	4,133	3,945	4,054	4,069	4,192	4,124
Total	5,977	5,723	5,895	5,976	5,935	5,734
Civil Appeals Pending 12/31	1,778	1,841	1,907	1,743	1,610	N/A
Criminal Appeals Pending 12/31	3,945	4,054	4,069	4,192	4,124	N/A
Total	5,723	5,895	5,976	5,935	5,734	N/A



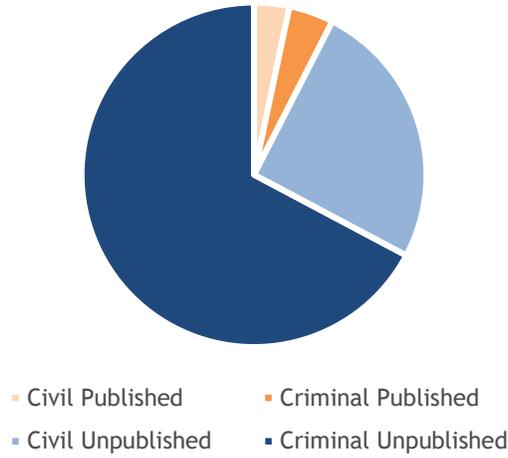
Appeals Filed and Concluded



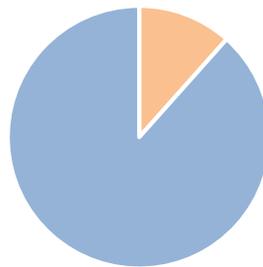
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Civil Appeals Filed	3,036	3,209	3,183	3,136	2,909
Criminal Appeals Filed	4,875	4,953	4,782	4,883	4,714
Total	7,911	8,162	7,965	8,019	7,623
Civil Appeals Concluded	3,102	3,146	3,117	3,300	3,042
Criminal Appeals Concluded	5,063	4,844	4,767	4,760	4,782
Total	8,165	7,990	7,884	8,060	7,824



Publication in 2018

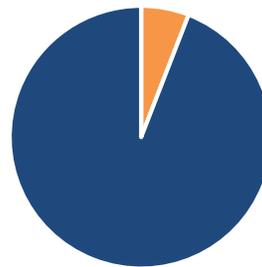


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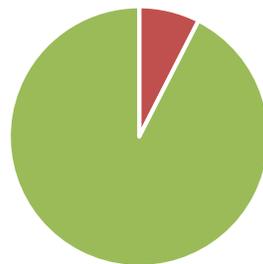
Published - 12%
Unpublished - 88%

Criminal Publication in 2018



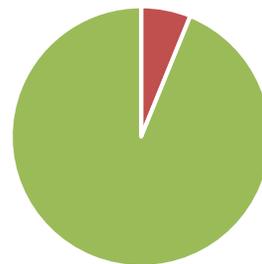
Published - 6%
Unpublished - 94%

Total Publication in 2018



Total Published - 8%
Total Unpublished - 92%

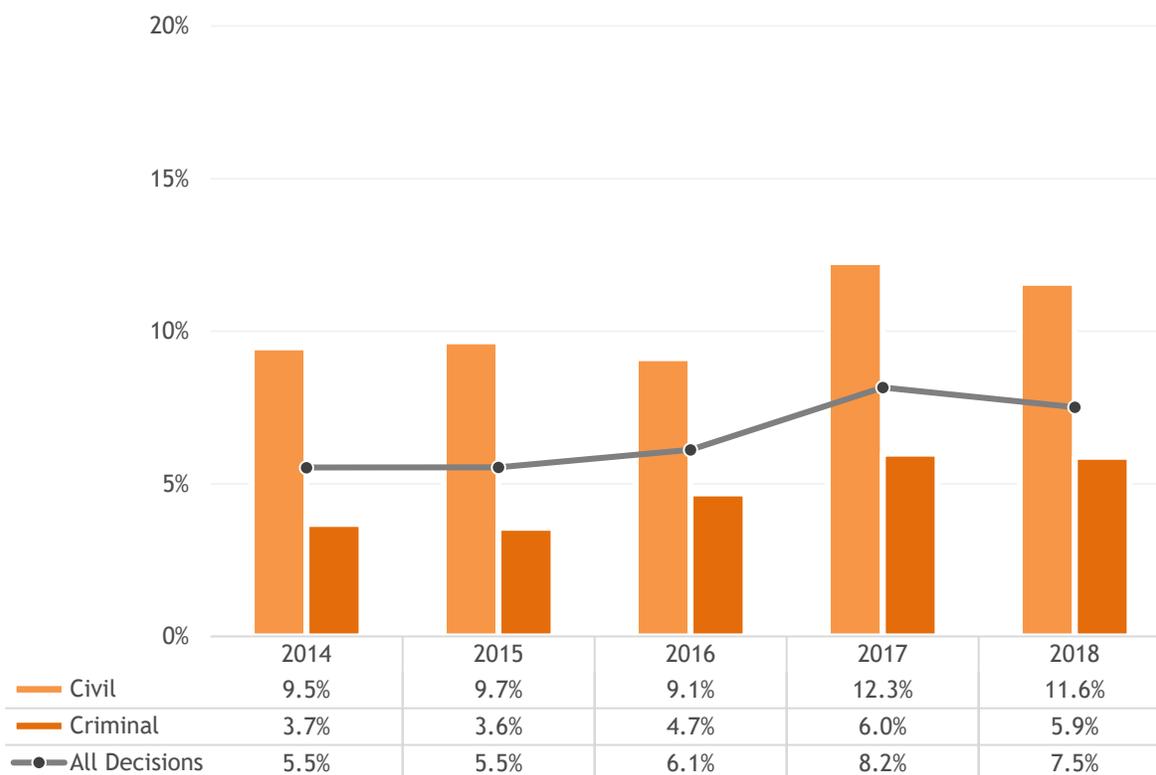
Average Since 2014



Average Published - 7%
Average Unpublished - 93%



Share of Published Decisions Among Filed Decisions

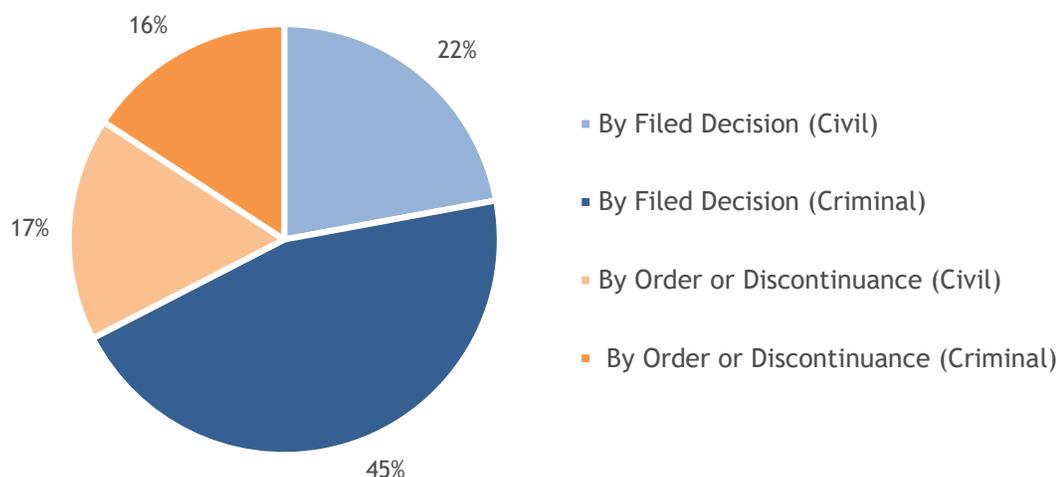


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Civil Published	159	155	149	217	159
Criminal Published	132	119	162	201	202
Total Published	291	274	311	418	361
Civil Unpublished	1,520	1,448	1,486	1,553	1,213
Criminal Unpublished	3,446	3,224	3,292	3,154	3,229
Total Unpublished	4,966	4,672	4,778	4,707	4,442
Total Filed Decisions *	5,257	4,946	5,089	5,125	4,803

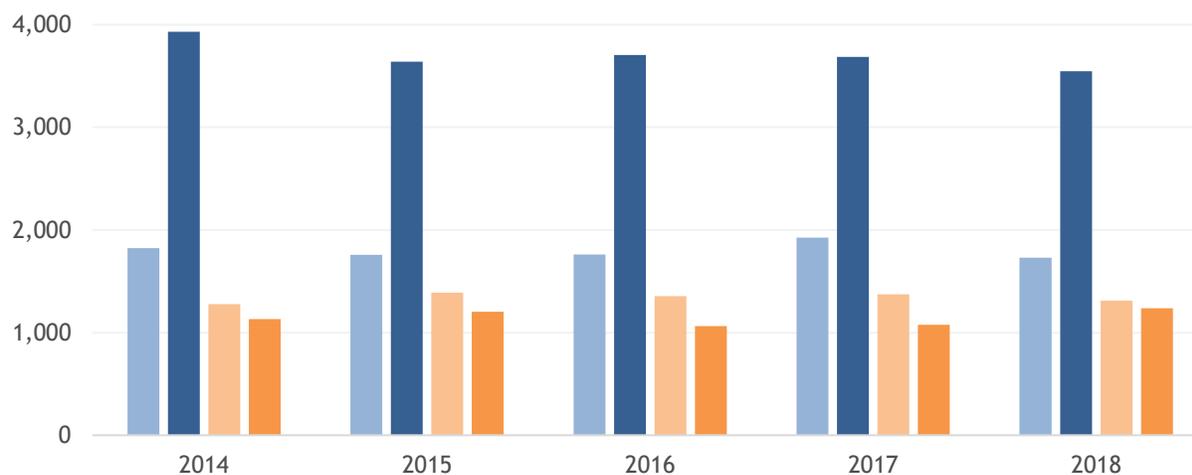
* The total of filed decisions was calculated by totaling this Court's published opinions, opinions *per curiam*, memorandum decisions, and judgment orders.



Dispositions by Type in 2018



Number of Dispositions by Year by Type

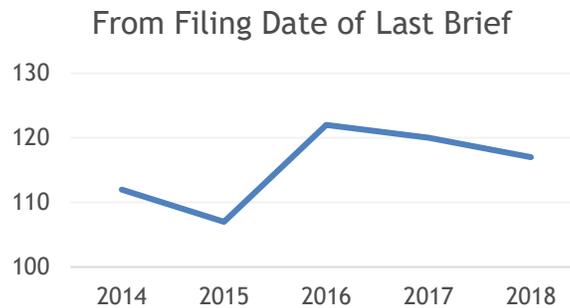
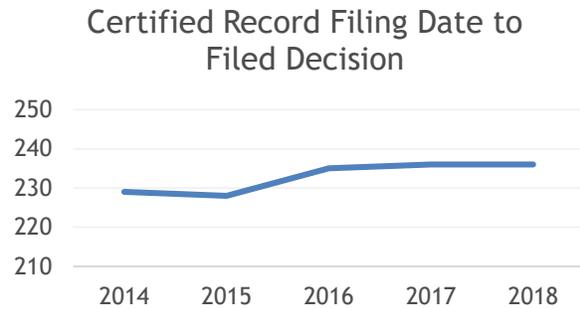
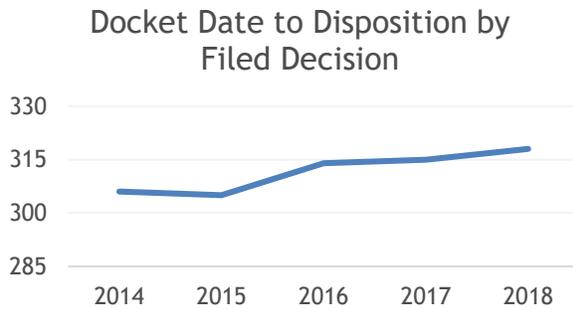
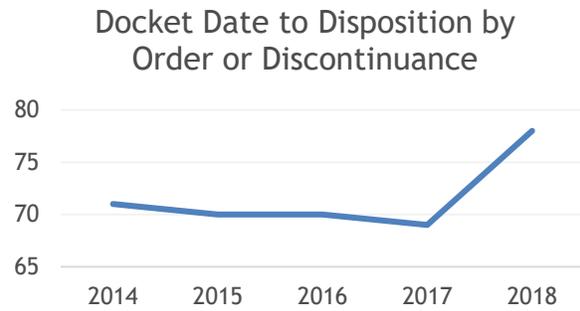
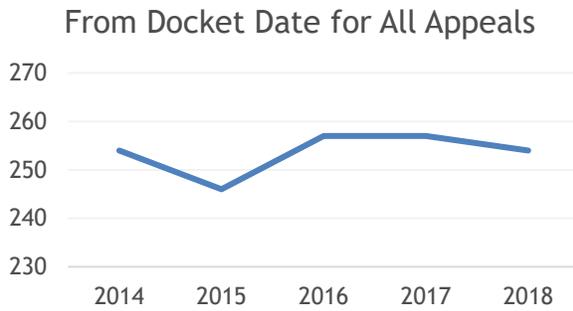
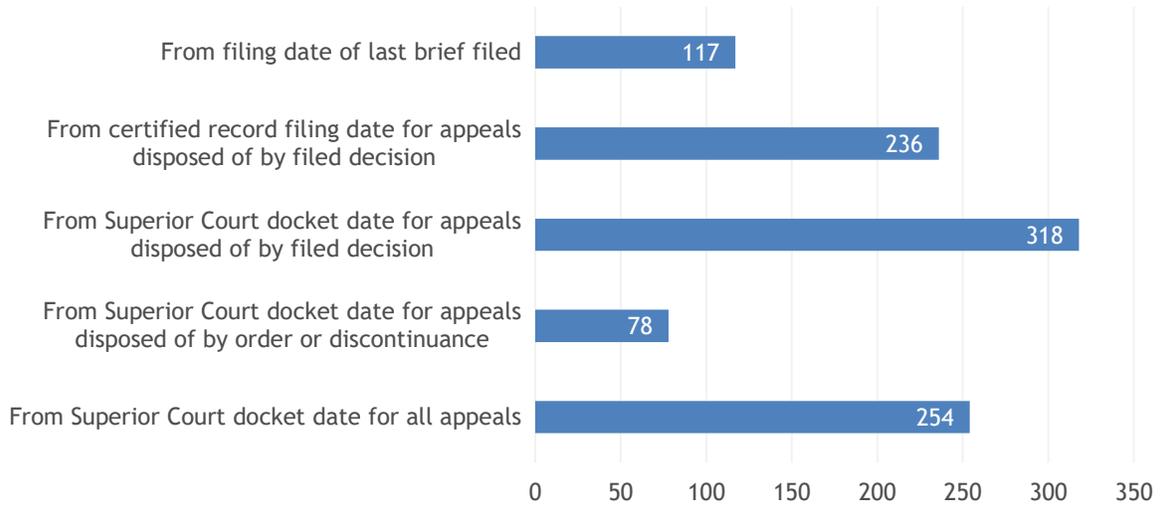


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Filed Decision (Civil)	1,823	1,757	1,762	1,925	1,729
Filed Decision (Criminal)	3,931	3,641	3,704	3,685	3,546
Filed Decision Total *	5,754	5,398	5,466	5,610	5,275
Order or Discontinuance (Civil)	1,279	1,389	1,355	1,375	1,313
Order or Discontinuance (Crim.)	1,132	1,203	1,063	1,075	1,236
Order or Discontinuance Total	2,411	2,592	2,418	2,450	2,549
All Dispositions	8,165	7,990	7,884	8,060	7,824

* 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.

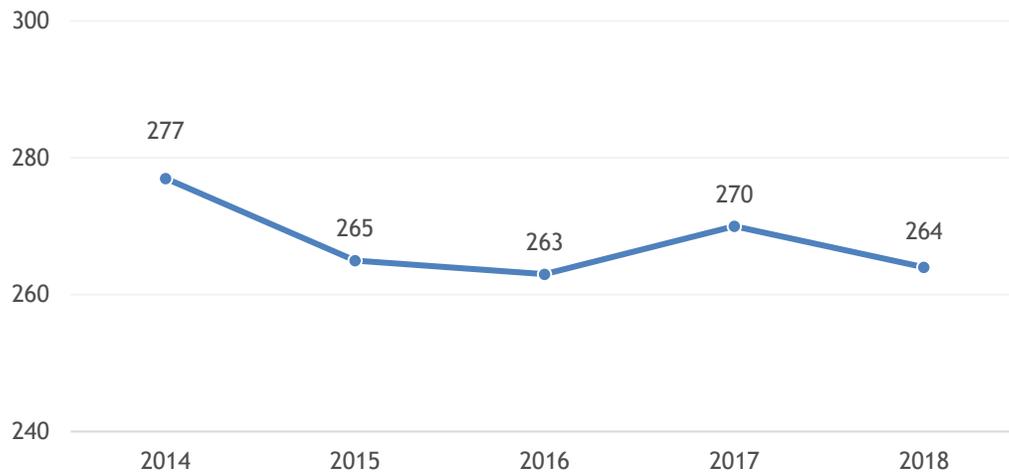


Median Number of Days to Disposition for Appeals Concluded in 2018





Filed Decisions per Judge per Year

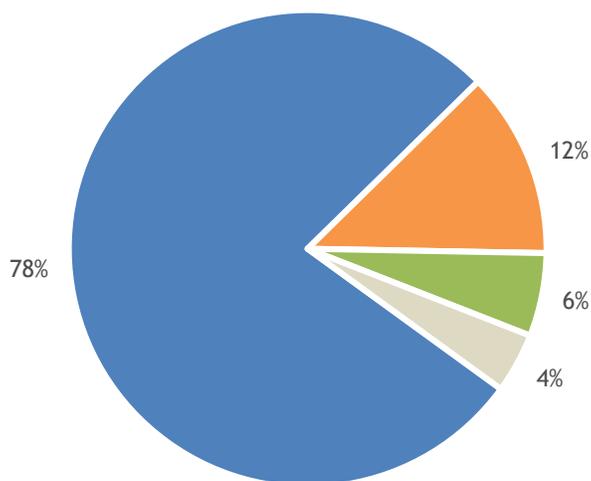


Number of Appeals by County

Adams	47	Clinton	17	Lackawanna	112	Pike	32
Allegheny	662	Columbia	24	Lancaster	267	Potter	15
Armstrong	22	Crawford	42	Lawrence	19	Schuylkill	74
Beaver	42	Cumberland	121	Lebanon	74	Snyder	19
Bedford	28	Dauphin	274	Lehigh	167	Somerset	30
Berks	192	Delaware	367	Luzerne	170	Sullivan	4
Blair	88	Elk	16	Lycoming	107	Susquehanna	28
Bradford	44	Erie	192	McKean	31	Tioga	19
Bucks	206	Fayette	92	Mercer	38	Union	15
Butler	59	Forest	4	Mifflin	19	Venango	38
Cambria	52	Franklin	79	Monroe	96	Warren	21
Cameron	4	Fulton	8	Montgomery	381	Washington	70
Carbon	28	Greene	34	Montour	2	Wayne	25
Centre	88	Huntingdon	47	Northampton	99	Westmoreland	94
Chester	202	Indiana	25	Northumberland	23	Wyoming	23
Clarion	18	Jefferson	49	Perry	13	York	186
Clearfield	29	Juniata	9	Philadelphia	2,101	TOTAL	7,623



Action by Superior Court in Filed Decisions in 2018

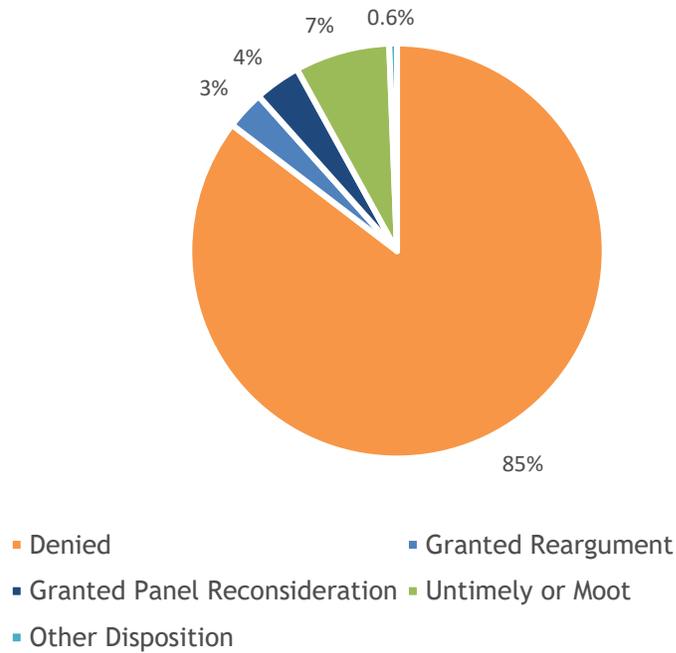


■ Affirmed
 ■ Reversed
 ■ Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part
 ■ Quashed, Dismissed, or Transferred

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Affirmed (Published)	175	153	191	212	214
Affirmed (Unpublished)	4,419	4,023	4,123	4,154	3,872
Affirmed Total	4,594	4,176	4,314	4,366	4,086
Reversed (Published)	119	113	102	168	162
Reversed (Unpublished)	629	632	614	537	503
Reversed Total	748	745	716	705	665
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part (Published)	26	40	36	62	46
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part (Unpublished)	159	229	159	211	251
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part Total	185	269	195	273	297
Quashed, Dismissed, Transferred (Published)	10	11	19	17	10
Quashed, Dismissed, Transferred (Unpublished)	210	182	212	233	204
Quashed, Dismissed, Transferred Total	220	193	231	250	214
Other (Published)	0	2	2	5	0
Other (Unpublished)	7	13	8	11	13
Other Total	7	15	10	16	13



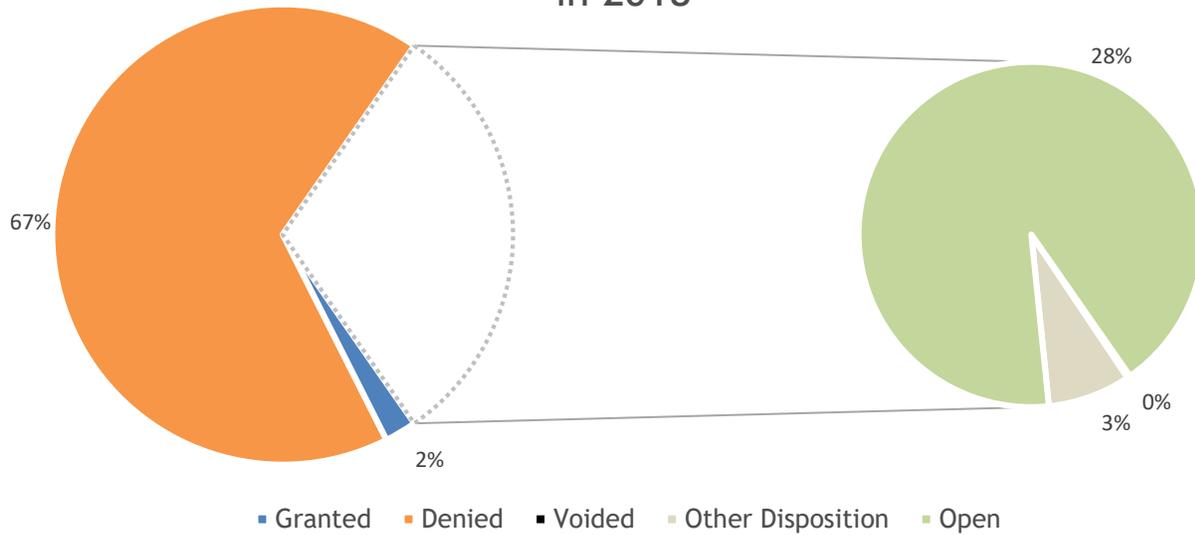
Applications for Reconsideration or Reargument in 2018



Treatment	Absolute	Percent
Denied	427	85.06%
Granted Reargument	15	2.99%
Granted Panel Reconsideration	18	3.59%
Untimely or Moot	37	7.37%
Other Disposition	3	0.60%
Withdrawn	2	0.40%
TOTAL	502	100%



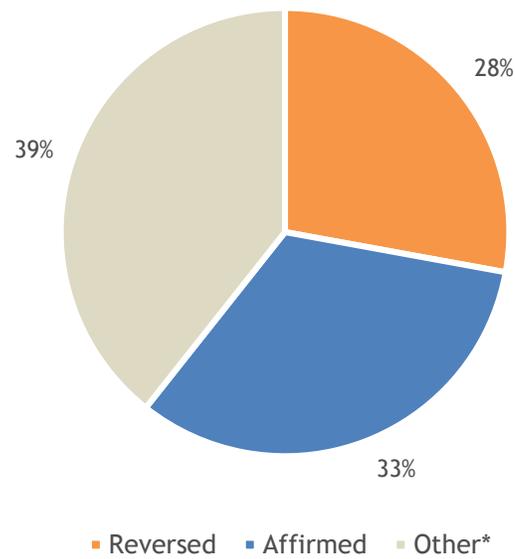
Supreme Court Treatment of Petitions for Allowance of Appeal from Superior Court Decisions in 2018



Petitions for Allowance of Appeal	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Granted	39	38	40	56	51
Denied	1,954	1,867	1,545	1,519	1,523
Voided	5	7	6	6	2
Other Disposition	93	45	111	43	54
Open	632	405	584	574	639
Total	1,923	1,895	1,704	1,655	1,710



Supreme Court Disposition of Allowed Appeals from Superior Court Decisions in 2018

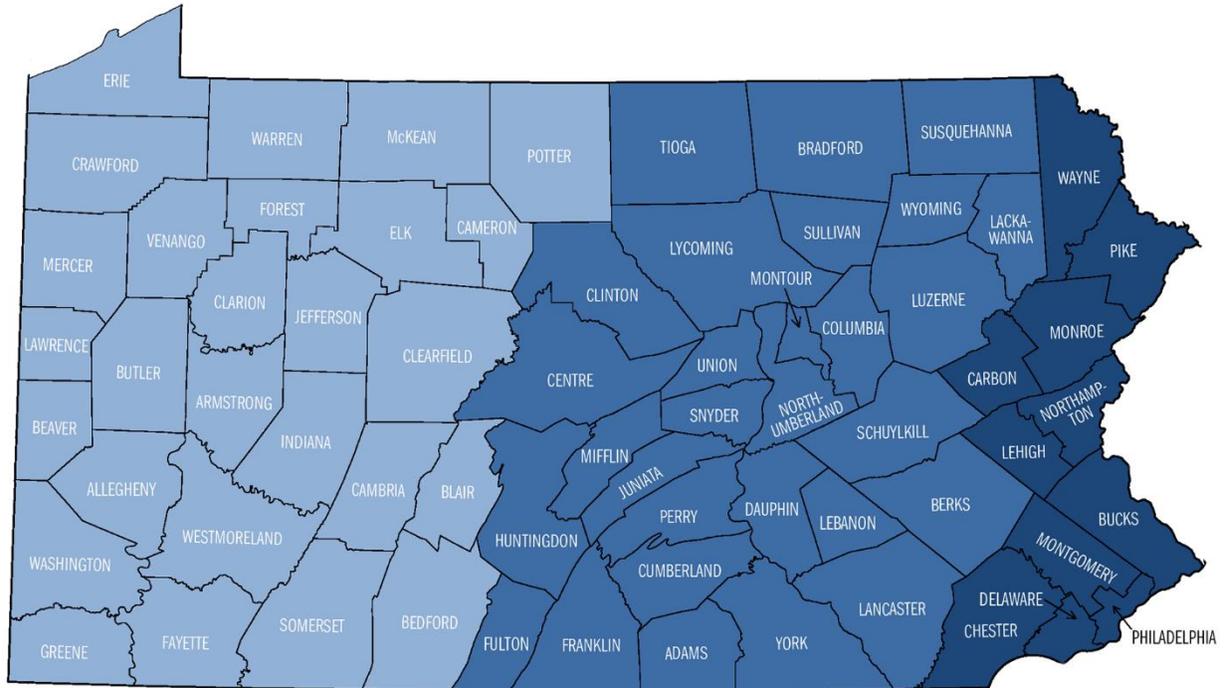


Disposition	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Reversed	25	36	13	20	17
Affirmed	28	18	13	19	20
Other *	26	30	24	21	24
TOTAL	79	84	50	60	61

* 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

