

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

2024

ANNUAL REPORT OF STATISTICS





Justices of the Supreme Court

Chief Justice Debra Todd
Justice Christine Donohue
Justice Kevin M. Dougherty
Justice David N. Wecht
Justice Sallie Updyke Mundy
Justice P. Kevin Brobson
Justice Daniel D. McCaffery

Counsel to the Court

Teresa Ficken Sachs, Esquire

Executive Administrator

Christopher Nace, Esquire

Prothonotary

Kaitlin A. Gorman, Esquire



Summary

This annual report is an overview of the various dockets and filings of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 2024. Highlighted in this report are the following dockets or filings:

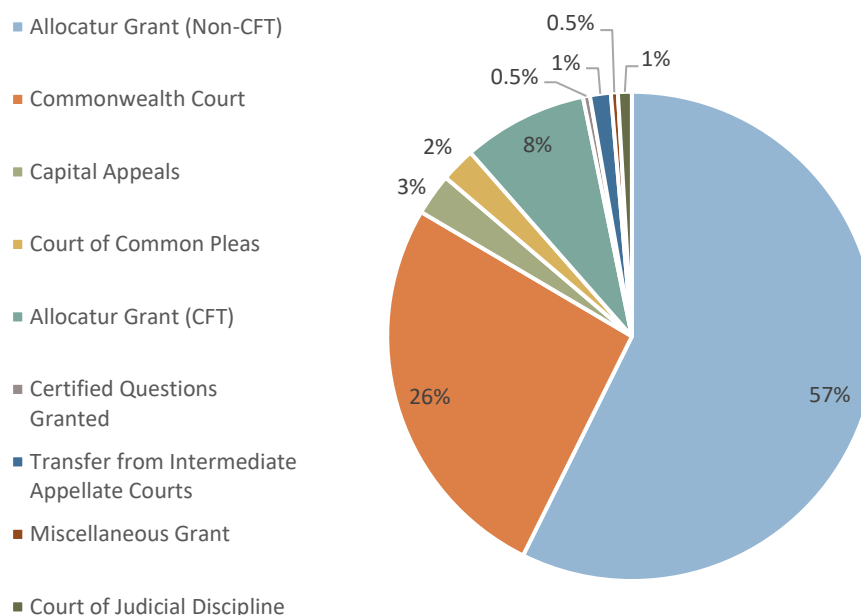
- ❖ **Appeal Docket (Pages 4-7):** This docket includes direct appeals filed to this Court and granted allocaturs. In 2024, the Court disposed of 202 appeals, an increase from 153 in 2023.
- ❖ **Allocatur Docket (Pages 8-11):** This docket concerns petitions seeking discretionary review of the decisions of the intermediate appellate courts. In 2024, the Court disposed of 1,457 allocaturs, an increase from 1,315 in 2023.
- ❖ **Miscellaneous Docket (Pages 12-17):** This docket includes original jurisdiction matters before this Court pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 721, King’s Bench review or applications for extraordinary jurisdiction, and petitions for review. In 2024, the Court disposed of 351 Miscellaneous Docket petitions, an increase from 281 in 2023.
- ❖ **Ancillary Filings (Pages 18-19):** Ancillary filings are petitions filed on an active docket seeking relief separate from the requested relief on the merits (e.g., an extension of time to file a brief). In 2024, the Court disposed of 2,417 ancillary petitions, an increase from 1,844 in 2023.
- ❖ **Disciplinary Docket (Page 20):** Includes disciplinary matters adjudicated by this Court.

Please refer to the below key for abbreviations used throughout this report.

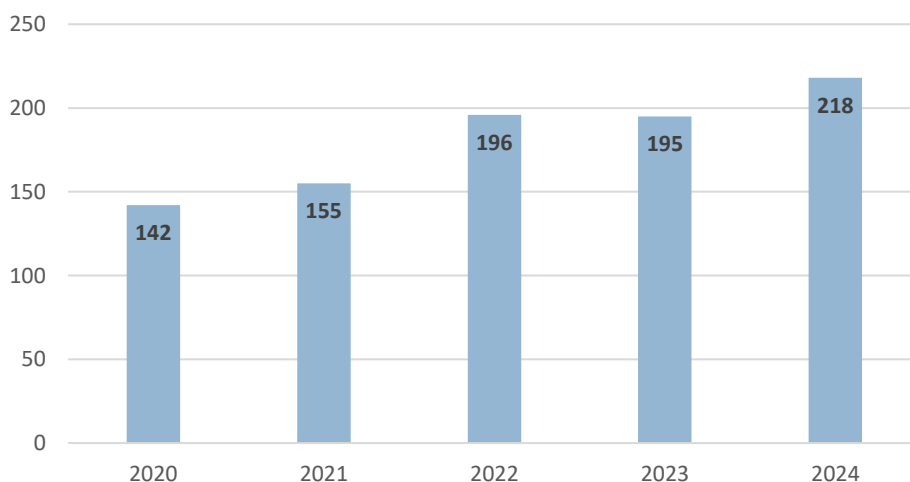
Abbreviation	Explanation
“CFT”	Children’s Fast Track
“Non-CFT”	A standard filing that is not proceeding on the Children’s Fast Track
“PAA”	Petition for Allowance of Appeal
“Misc.”	Refers to a Miscellaneous Docket filing



Appeals Filed in 2024



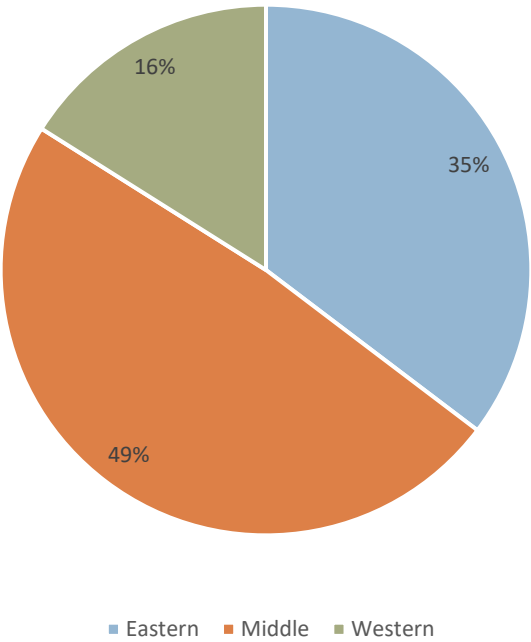
Total Appeals Filed Per Year



Initiation Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Allocatur Grant (Non-CFT)	80	88	87	109	125
Commonwealth Court	52	49	89	67	57
Capital Appeals	5	2	10	8	6
Court of Common Pleas	1	0	1	5	5
Allocatur Grant (CFT)	1	7	4	3	18
Certified Questions Granted	2	1	1	2	1
Transfer from Intermediate Appellate Courts	1	8	4	1	3
Miscellaneous Grant	0	0	0	0	1
Court of Judicial Discipline	0	0	0	0	2
Total Appeals Filed by Year	142	155	196	195	218



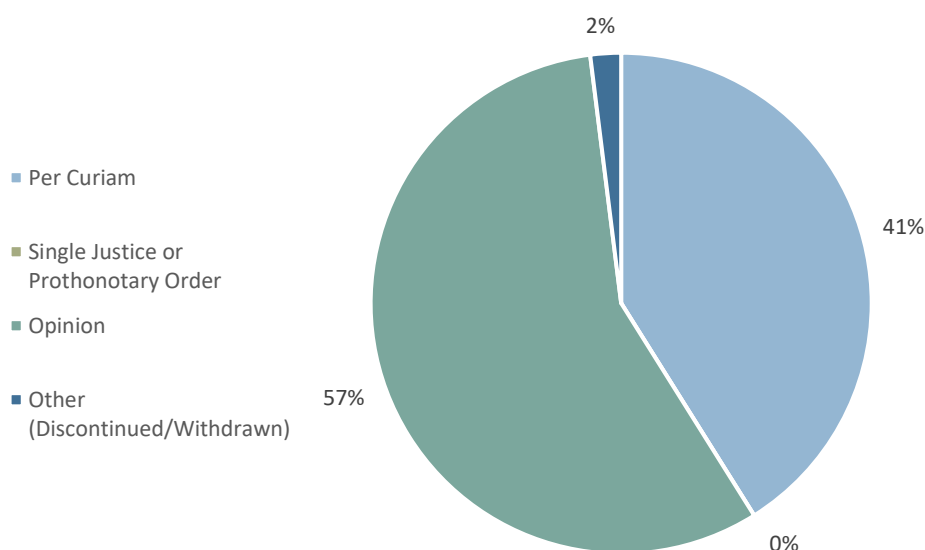
Appeals Filed by District in 2024



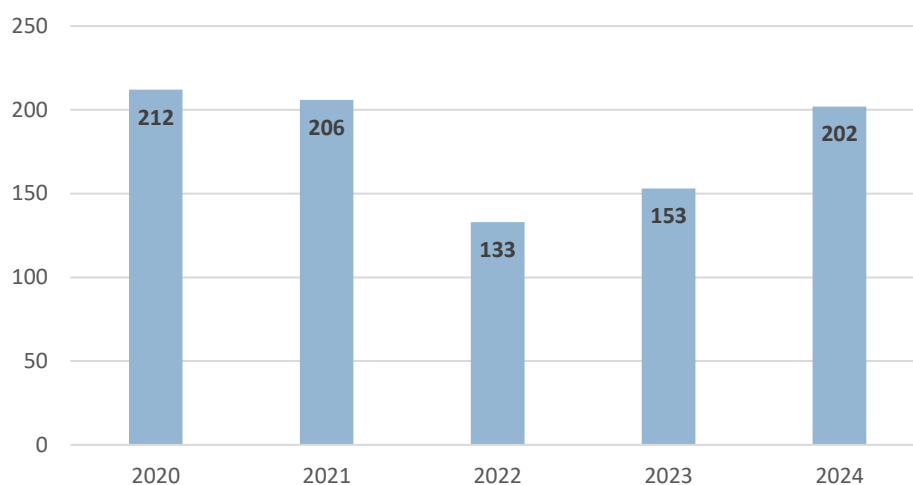
District	Total Appeals Filed
Eastern	77
Middle	106
Western	35
Total in all Districts:	218



Appeals Adjudicated in 2024



Total Appeals Adjudicated Per Year

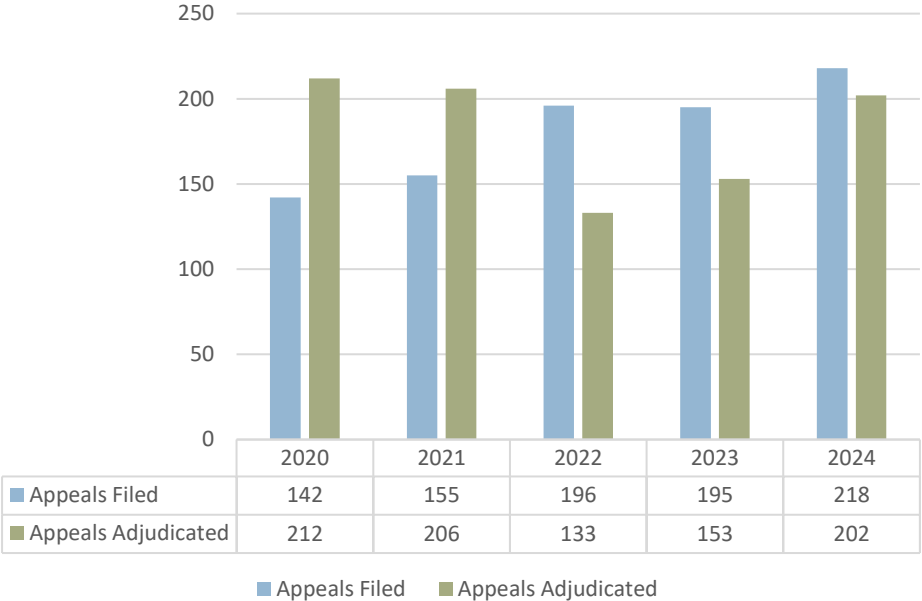


Disposition Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Per Curiam	73	61	58	58	83
Single Justice or Prothonotary Order	4	1	0	3	0
Opinion*	124	134	64	86	115
Other (Discontinued/Withdrawn)	11	10	11	6	4
Total	212	206	133	153	202

*This number reflects the total number of cases disposed of by opinion; it is not a reflection of the total number of individual decisions published. The discrepancy exists because some cases are consolidated for the purpose of a decision.

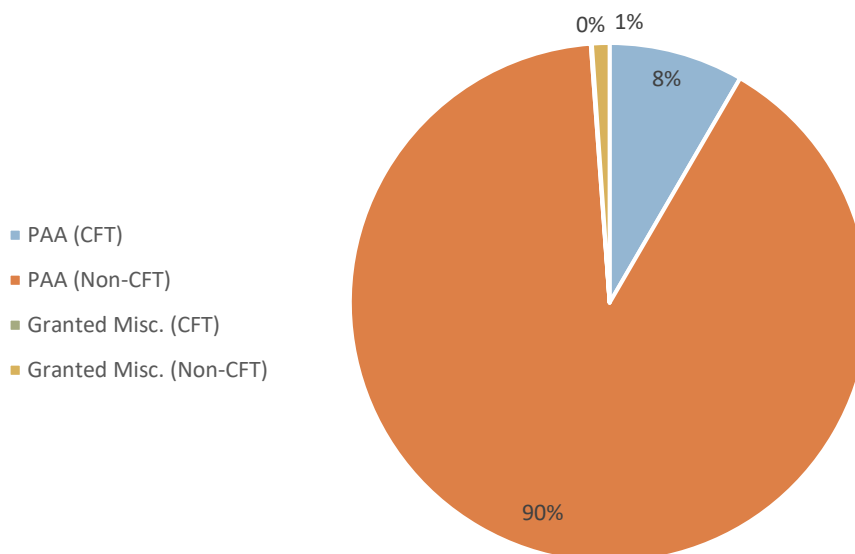


Comparison of Appeals Filed and Appeals
Adjudicated Yearly



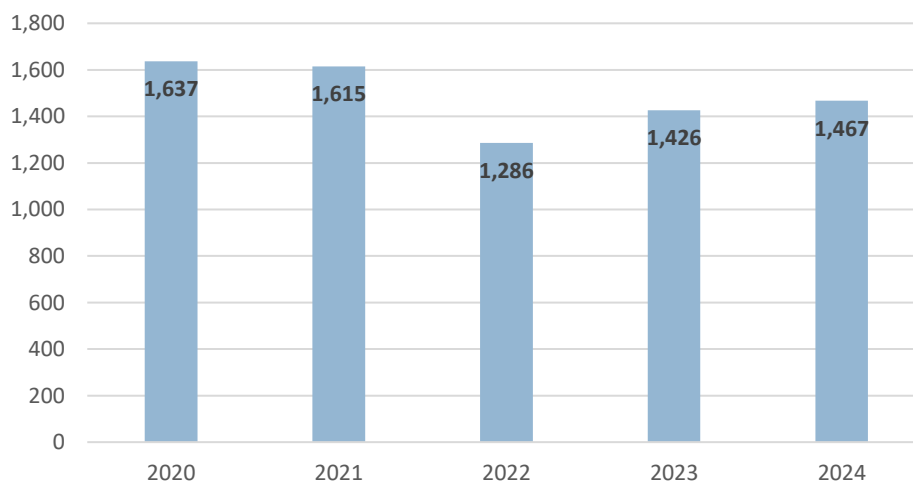


Allocaturs Filed in 2024



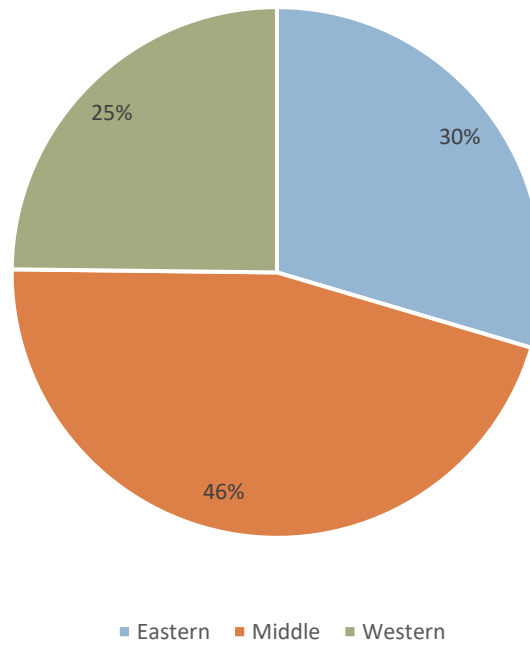
Initiating Type	Total in 2024
PAA (CFT)	123
PAA (Non-CFT)	1,327
Granted Misc. (CFT)	1
Granted Misc. (Non-CFT)	16
Total Allocaturs	1,467

Total Allocaturs Filed by Year





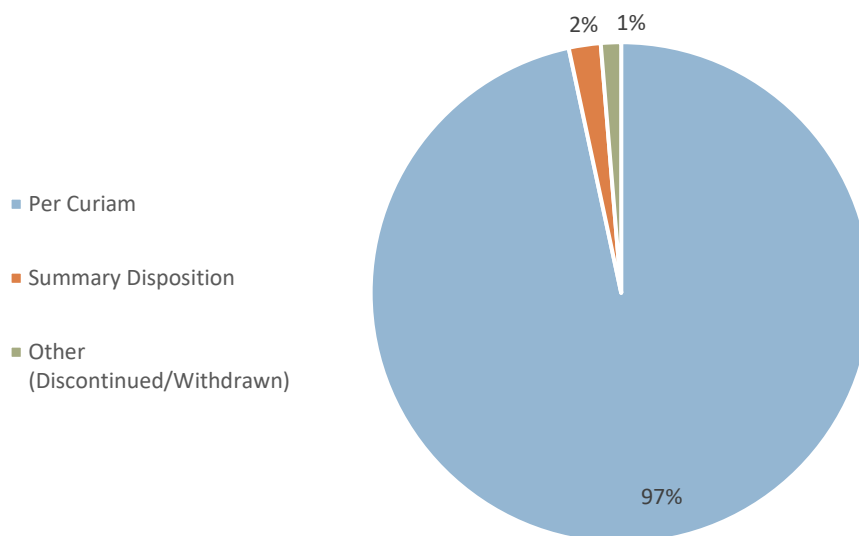
Allocaturs Filed by District in 2024



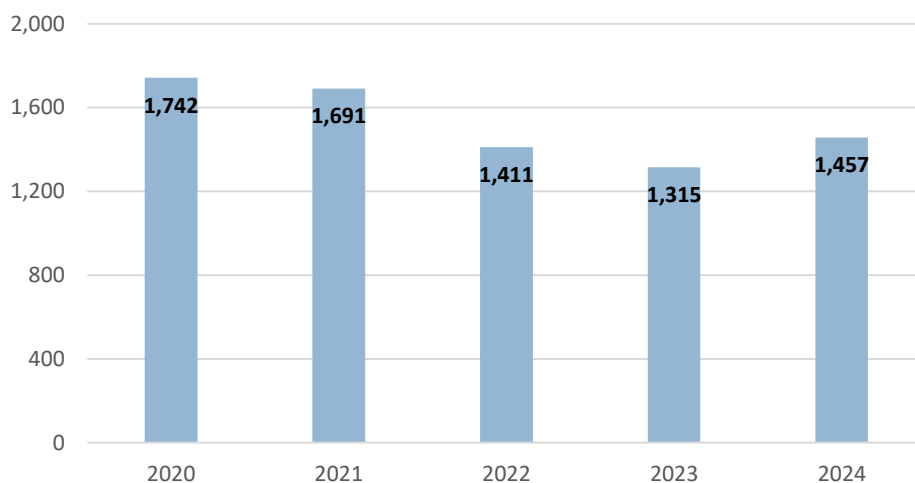
District	Total Allocaturs Filed
Eastern	434
Middle	669
Western	364
Total in all Districts:	1,467



Allocaturs Adjudicated in 2024



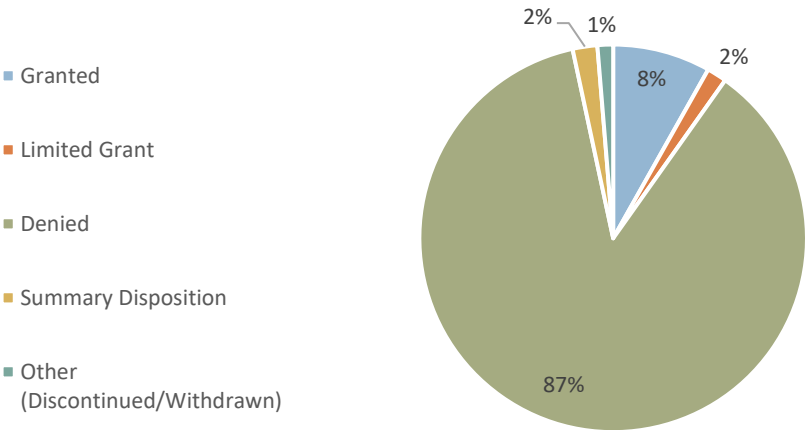
Total Allocaturs Adjudicated Per Year



Disposition Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Per Curiam	1,704	1,632	1,374	1,267	1,408
Summary Disposition	17	23	16	28	30
Other (Discontinued/Withdrawn)	21	36	21	20	19
Total	1,742	1,691	1,411	1,315	1,457

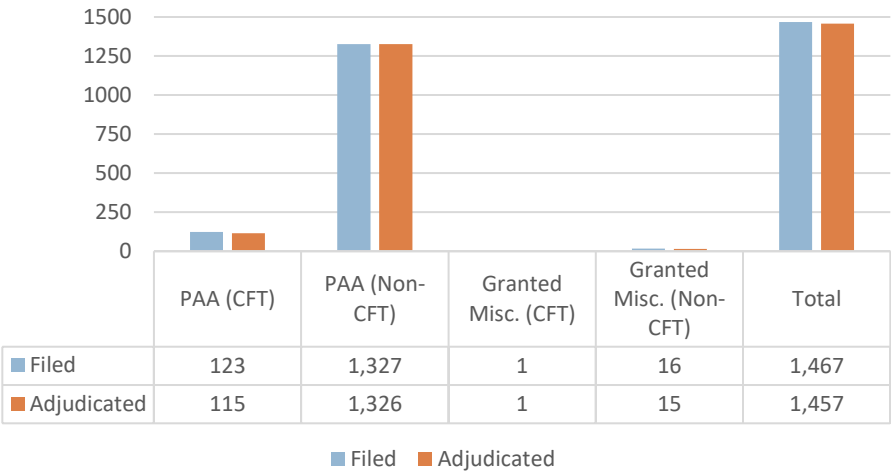


Allocatur Dispositions in 2024



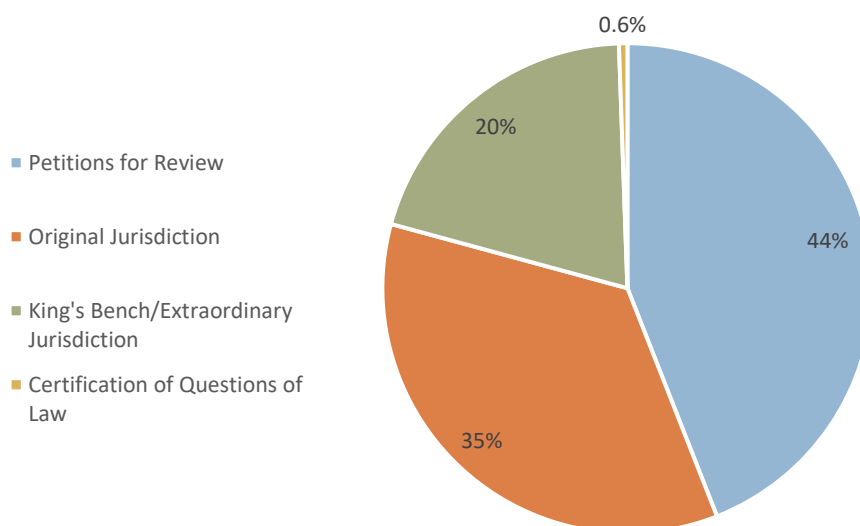
Disposition	Total
Granted	119
Limited Grant	24
Denied	1,265
Summary Disposition	30
Other (Discontinued/Withdrawn)	19
Total Dispositions in 2024	1,457

Comparison of Allocaturs Filed and Adjudicated

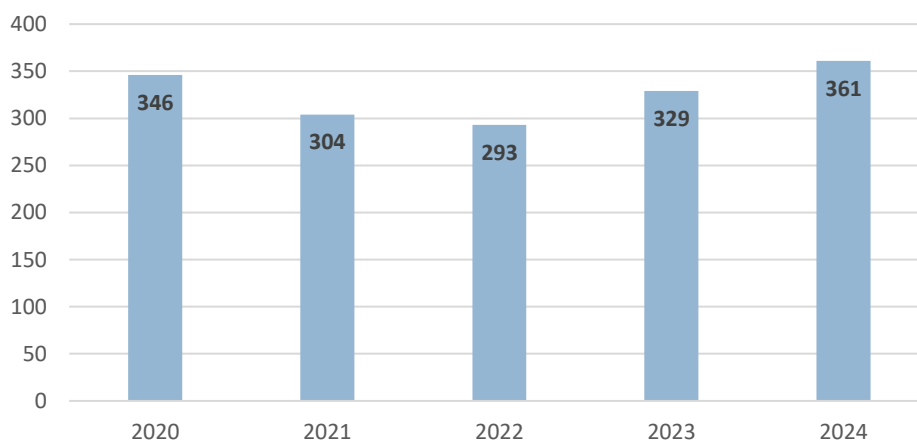




Miscellaneous Docket Petitions Filed in 2024



Total of Miscellaneous Docket Petitions Filed by Year

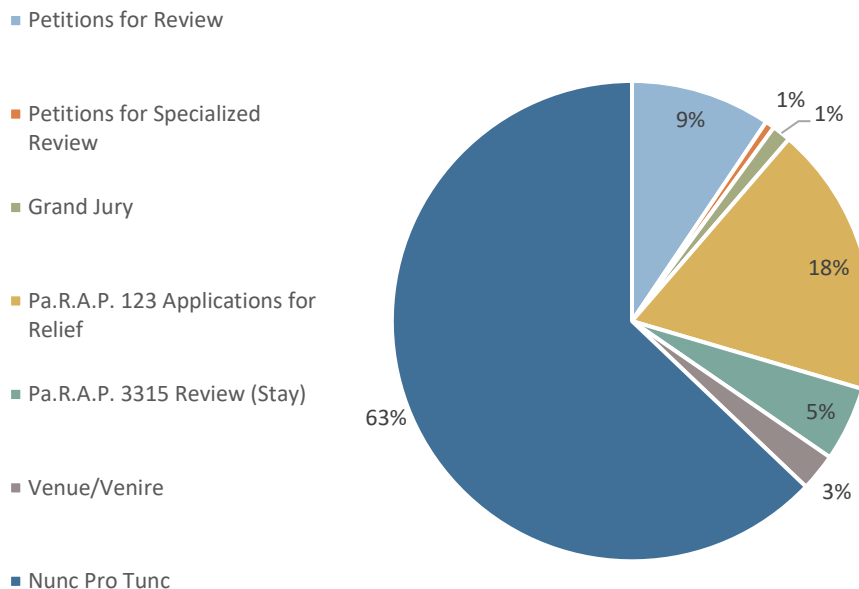


Miscellaneous Docket Petition Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Petitions for Review*	168	149	139	152	159
Original Jurisdiction	102	116	107	127	127
King's Bench/Extraordinary Jurisdiction	74	38	46	48	73
Certification of Questions of Law	2	1	1	2	2
Total	346	304	293	329	361

*Petitions for Review are comprised of a variety of filings. The filing types are illustrated on page 13.



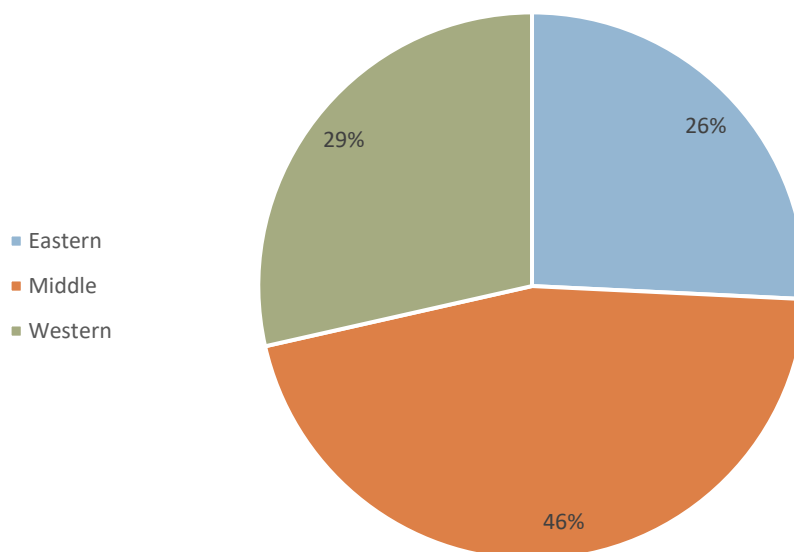
Petitions for Review by Type Filed in 2024



Petition for Review Type	Total Filings
Petitions for Review	15
Petitions for Specialized Review	1
Grand Jury	2
Pa.R.A.P. 123 Applications for Relief	29
Pa.R.A.P. 3315 Review (Stay)	8
Venue/Venire	4
Nunc Pro Tunc	100
Petition for Review Total	159



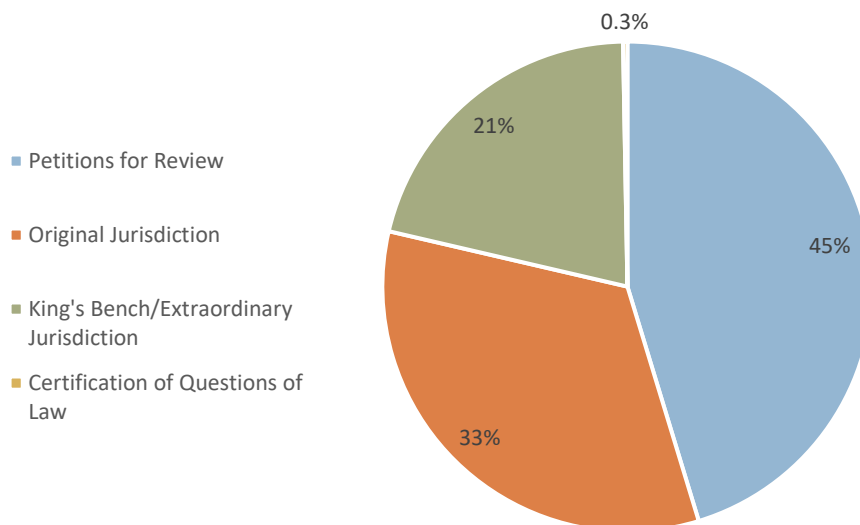
Total Miscellaneous Docket Petitions Filed by District



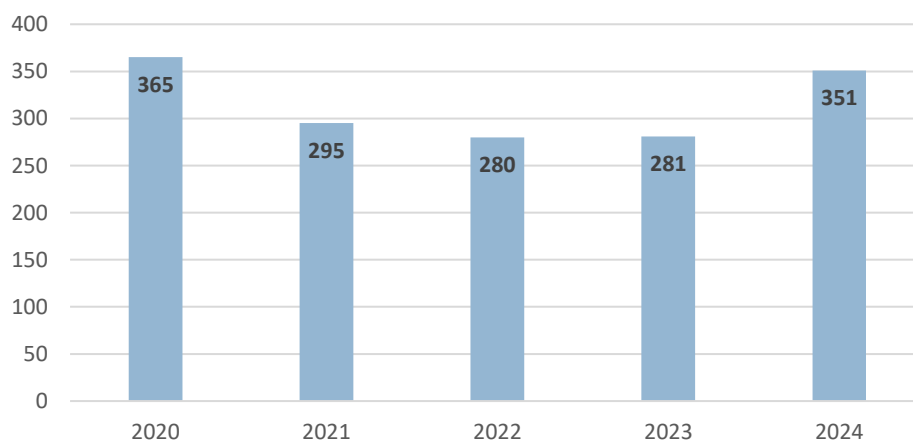
District	Total Misc. Docket Petitions Filed
Eastern	93
Middle	165
Western	103
Total	361



Miscellaneous Docket Petitions Adjudicated in 2024



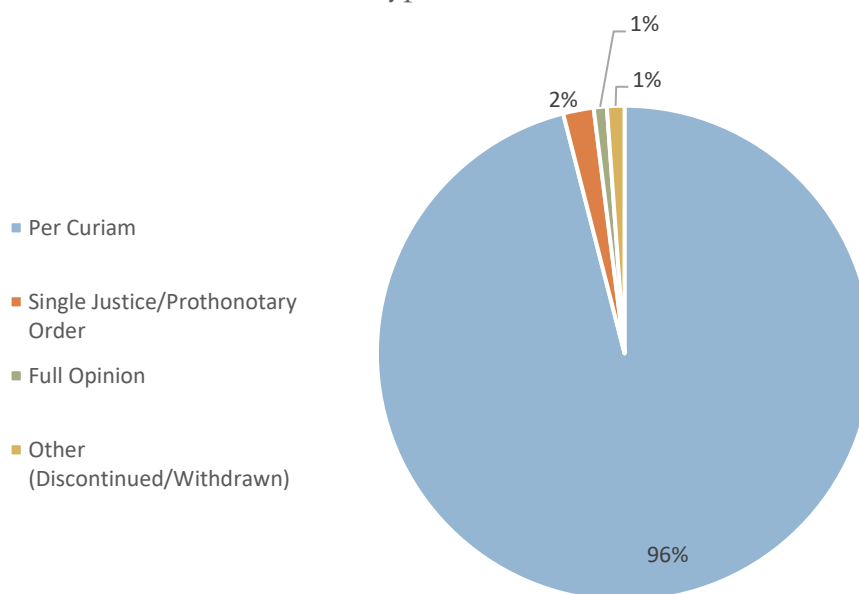
Total Miscellaneous Docket Petitions Adjudications Per Year



Miscellaneous Docket Petition Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Petitions for Review	167	143	132	134	159
Original Jurisdiction	111	119	102	110	117
King's Bench/Extraordinary Jurisdiction	85	32	45	35	74
Certification of Questions of Law	2	1	1	2	1
Total	365	295	280	281	351



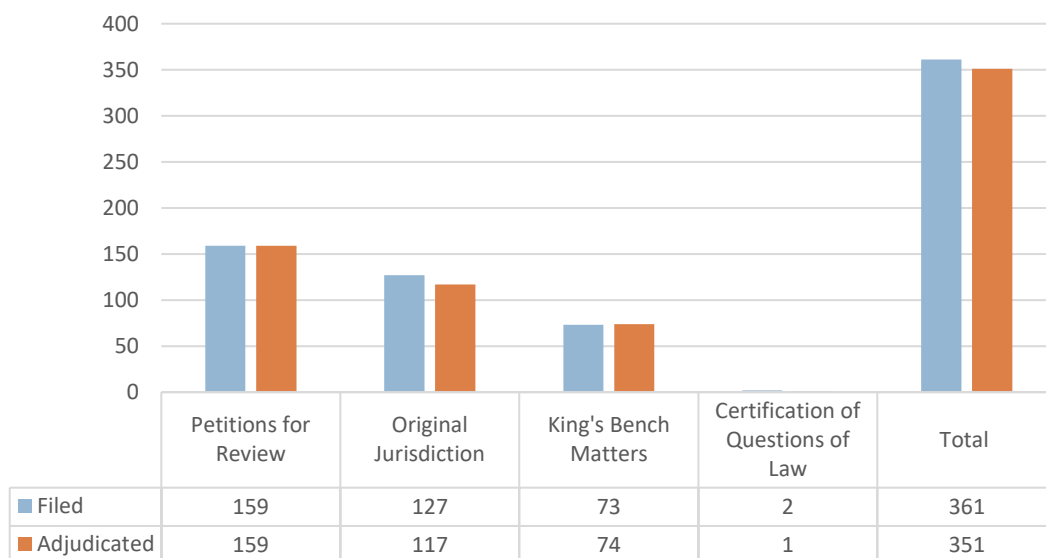
Miscellaneous Docket Adjudications by Disposition Type in 2024



Disposition Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Per Curiam	341	288	274	272	337
Single Justice/Prothonotary Order	7	2	1	5	7
Full Opinion	6	1	1	0	3
Other (Discontinued/Withdrawn)	11	4	4	4	4
Total	365	295	280	281	351

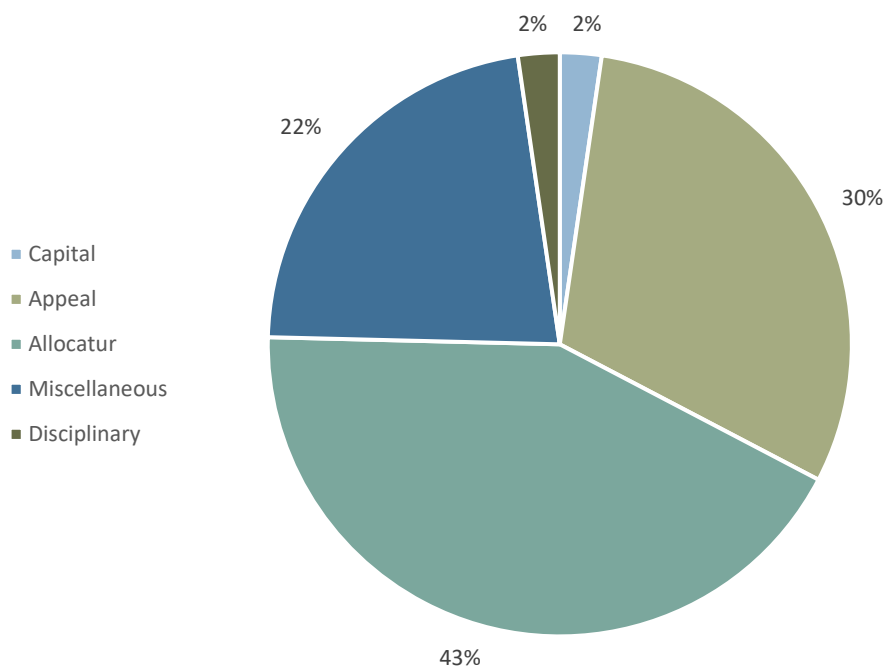


Comparison of Miscellaneous Docket Petitions Filed and Adjudicated in 2024

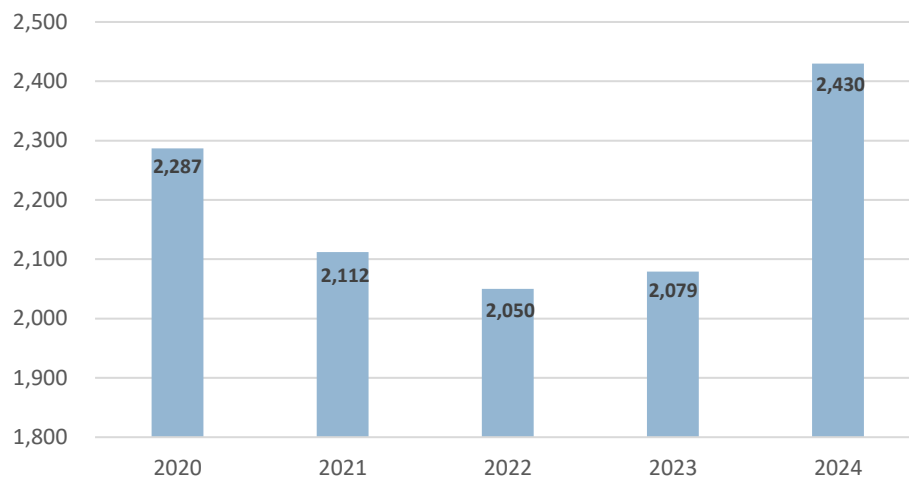




Ancillary Filings by Docket in 2024



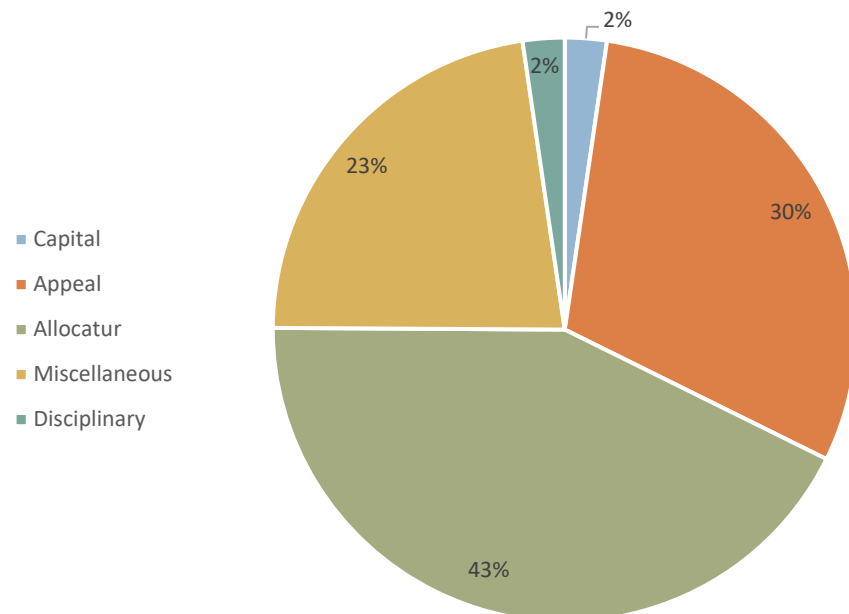
Total Ancillary Filings by Year



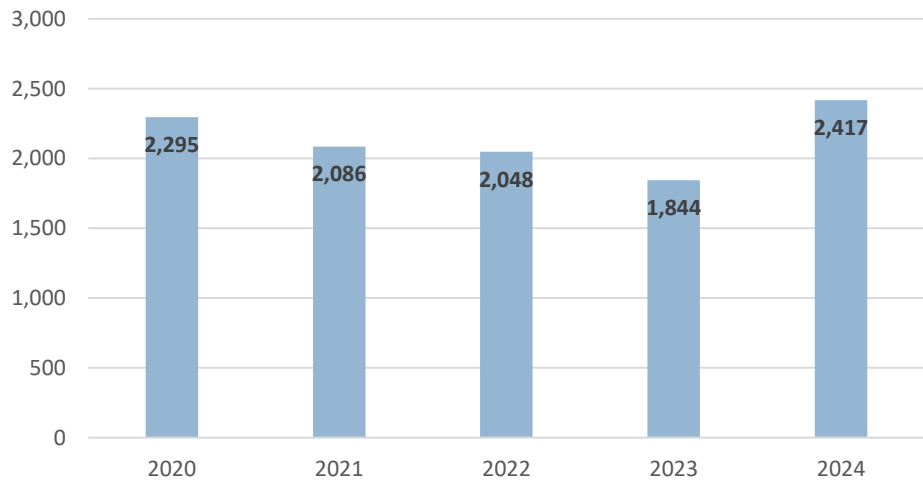
Docket	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital	66	34	32	56	56
Appeal	450	395	584	472	738
Allocatur	1,210	1,169	875	1,018	1,038
Miscellaneous	512	468	505	479	542
Disciplinary	49	46	54	54	56
Total Ancillary Filings	2,287	2,112	2,050	2,079	2,430



Ancillary Filings Adjudicated in 2024



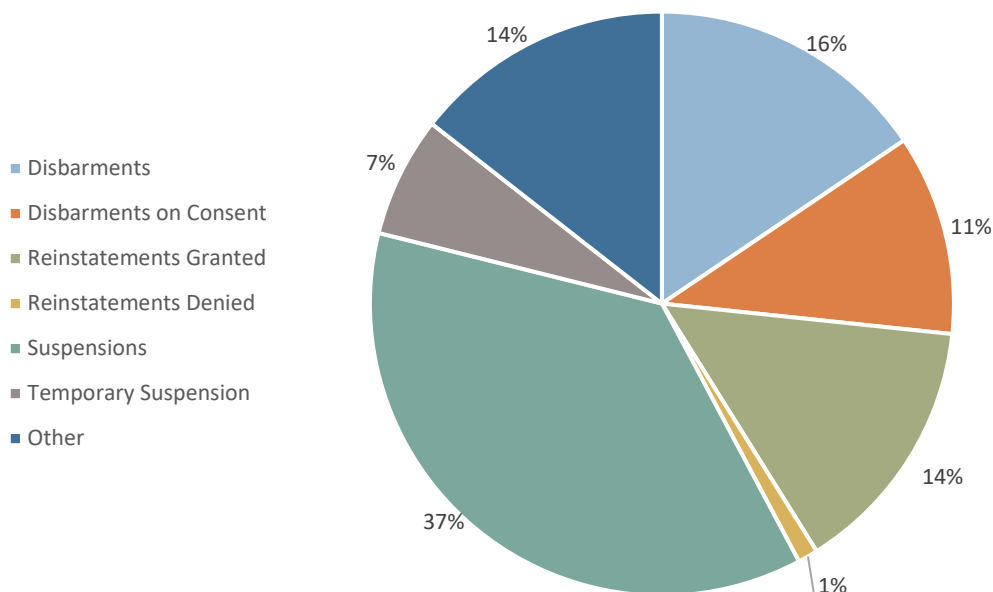
Total Ancillary Adjudications Per Year



Docket	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital	68	37	29	56	56
Appeal	456	404	561	406	725
Allocatur	1,193	1,136	920	941	1,034
Miscellaneous	529	462	494	396	546
Disciplinary	49	47	44	45	56
Total Adjudicated	2,295	2,086	2,048	1,844	2,417



Disciplinary Docket Matters Adjudicated in 2024



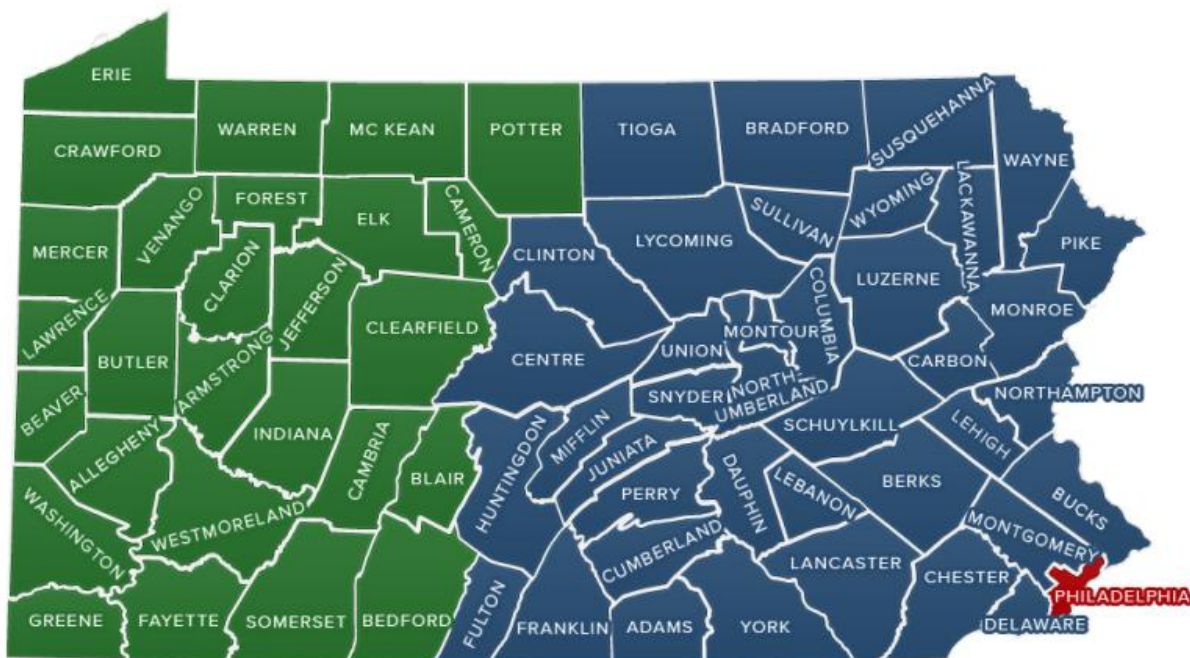
Disciplinary Matter	Total Adjudicated
Disbarments	14
Disbarments on Consent	10
Reinstatements Granted	13
Reinstatements Denied	1
Suspensions	33
Temporary Suspension	6
Other*	13
Total**	90

*Other orders entered included designating attorneys as inactive, discharging disciplinary actions, granting requests under Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement 213, and orders denying joint petitions.

**Ninety disciplinary matters were adjudicated, with eighty-eight being resolved through a *per curiam* order and two through full opinions.



Composition of Districts



Western District

Pittsburgh Office

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 Office

Adams, Berks, Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montgomery, Montour, Monroe, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming, York

Eastern District

Philadelphia Office

Philadelphia

****Regardless of county, all capital cases must be filed in the Eastern District.***

*The map featured above is available online at:

<https://www.pacourts.us/Storage/media/pdfs/20210218/235306-countymapsupreme-003267.pdf>