# District of Columbia 

## Courts

## Statistical Summary



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF MIM 430 E STREET NW


## 2019

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|  | FY 2019 <br> Appropriation |  | FY 2020Appropriation |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Court of Appeals | \$ | 14,594,000 | \$ | 14,682,000 |
| Superior Court | \$ | 124,400,000 | \$ | 125,638,000 |
| Court System | \$ | 74,400,000 | \$ | 75,518,000 |
| Total | \$ | 213,394,000 | \$ | 215,838,000 |
| Capital Budget | \$ | 45,000,000 | \$ | 34,250,000 |
| Defender Services | \$ | 46,005,000 | \$ | 46,005,000 |
| Total | \$ | 304,399,000 | \$ | 296,093,000 |

## FILINGS BY CATEGORY \& RATIO TO DISPOSITIONS

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mandatory Appeal \& Bar Cases |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pending Jan $1^{\text {a }}$ | 1,532 | 1,415 | 1,211 | 1,275 | 1,314 |
| Filings |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agency | 277 | 253 | 260 | 226 | 185 |
| Bar Cases | 75 | 67 | $105{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 116 | 83 |
| Civil | 371 | 333 | $427{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 432 | 437 |
| Criminal | 573 | 483 | 526 | $468{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 446 |
| Family | 127 | 158 | 141 | 140 | 99 |
| Special Proceedings | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Total Filings | 1,423 | 1,296 | 1,463 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 1,383 | 1,255 |
| Reinstated | 22 | 6 | 19 | 33 | 37 |
| Dispositions | 1,567 | 1,509 | 1,431 | 1,388 | 1,275 |

## Original Jurisdiction Matters

Pending Jan 1
Filings

| 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 48 | 48 | 31 | 28 | 20 |
| 47 | 51 | 27 | 23 | 24 |

Discretionary Jurisdiction Matters
Pending Jan 1
Filings

| 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 11 | 13 | 10 | 18 | 19 |
| 11 | 13 | 8 | 18 | 17 |

## Appeal Court Total

Pending Jan 1
Filings
Dispositions
Available for Disposition ${ }^{\text {c }}$
Clearance Rate ${ }^{\text {d }}$
Pending Dec 31

| 1,536 | 1,419 | 1,218 | 1,281 | 1,318 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1,482 | 1,357 | 1,504 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 1,429 | 1,294 |
| 1,625 | 1,573 | 1,466 | 1,429 | 1,316 |
| 3,040 | 2,782 | 2,741 | 2,743 | 2,649 |
| 108\% | 115\% | 96\% | 98\% | 99\% |
| 1,415 | 1,209 | 1,275 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 1,314 | 1,333 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Pending figures were adjusted in January to reflect case activity from Superior Court not previously reported.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Figure adjusted.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Available for disposition includes beginning pending, new filings and reinstated cases.
${ }^{d}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added to the caseload (i.e. new filings and reinstated) during a given time period. Rates of over $100 \%$ indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.

## DISPOSITIONS BY METHOD

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opinion | 233 | 207 | 131 | 131 | 141 |
| Memorandum Opinion \& Judgment | 464 | 399 | 333 | 346 | 338 |
| Judgment | 218 | 289 | 241 | 221 | 189 |
| Order | 710 | 678 | 761 | 731 | 648 |
| Total | 1,625 | 1,573 | 1,466 | 1,429 | 1,316 |
| MOTIONS \& PETITIONS |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Procedural Motions | 4,356 | 4,180 | 4,067 | 4,072 | 3,530 |
| Substantive Motions | 696 | 596 | 656 | 788 | 790 |
| Petitions for Rehearing/Rehearing En Banc | 229 | 181 | 157 | 156 | 138 |


|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall Time On Appeal ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 423 | 405 | 385 | 379 | 423 |
| Median | 387 | 366 | 299 | 290 | 353 |
| Time from Notice of Appeal to Filing of Trial Court or Agency Record |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 111 | 99 | 115 | 110 | 110 |
| Median | 90 | 80 | 81 | 83 | 84 |
| Time from Filing of Trial Court or Agency Record to Completed Briefing by the Parties |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 241 | 232 | 259 | 217 | 204 |
| Median | 200 | 198 | 186 | 172 | 161 |
| Time from Completed Briefing to Argument or Submission |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 167 | 151 | 173 | 185 | 208 |
| Median | 153 | 142 | 170 | 181 | 193 |
| Time from Argument or Submission to Court Decision |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 132 | 141 | 149 | 204 | 239 |
| Median | 86 | 84 | 92 | 124 | 142 |
| Overall Time On Appeal for Certain Matters |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandatory Appeal \& Bar Cases |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 237 | 240 | 274 | 202 | 173 |
| Median | 114 | 86 | 145 | 79 | 87 |
| Original Jurisdiction Matters |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 28 | 28 | 26 | 27 | 21 |
| Median | 21 | 22 | 26 | 23 | 16 |
| Discretionary Jurisdiction Matters |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | 51 | 50 | 41 | 43 | 31 |
| Median | 50 | 45 | 40 | 46 | 32 |

[^0]| BAR ADMISSIONS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Admission to Bar by Examination |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applications Filed | 647 | 1,135 | 1,806 | 2,840 | 2,789 |
| Applications Certified for Admission | - | - | - | - | 1,732 |
| Unsuccessful Applicants | 337 | 452 | 578 | 1,456 | 955 |
| Successful Applicants | 232 | 564 | 1,030 | 1,381 | 1,629 |
| Applicants Admitted | 200 | 466 | 972 | 901 | 1,634 |
| Admission to Bar by Motion |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applications Filed | 2,475 | 2,057 | 3,362 | 3,011 | 2,701 |
| Applications Certified for Admission | - | - | - | - | 2,514 |
| Applications Admitted | 2,189 | 617 | 2,999 | 2,833 | 2,396 |
| Certification for Law Student in Court Program | 729 | 655 | 660 | 483 | * |
| Certification as Special Legal Consultant | 5 | 13 | 28 | 10 | 20 |

*Law Students were not required to register in 2019 per Administrative Order 1-19.

## BAR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 9}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Disbarments | 40 | 13 | 23 | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 3}$ |
| Suspensions | 35 | 28 | 32 | 42 | 30 |
| Public Censure | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Petitions for Reinstatement | 5 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Petitions for Formal Hearings | 37 | 26 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Petitions | 6 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 3 |


| DIVISION | PendingJan 1 | Incoming Cases |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Available } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Disposition } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Outgoing Cases |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Pending } \\ \text { Dec } 31 \end{array}$ | \% Change <br> in Pending <br> 2018-2019 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Clearance } \\ & \text { Rate }^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | New <br> Filings | Reactivated/ Reopened |  | Disposed | Removed from Count |  |  |  |
| Civil Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil Actions | 6,705 | 8,545 | 287 | 15,537 | 9,378 |  | 6,159 | -8.1\% | 106\% |
| Landlord \& Tenant | 5,173 | 29,669 | 344 | 35,186 | 30,035 |  | 5,151 | -0.4\% | 100\% |
| Small Claims | 2,653 | 9,198 | 309 | 12,160 | 9,987 |  | 2,173 | -18.1\% | 105\% |
| Total | 14,531 | 47,412 | 940 | 62,883 | 49,400 |  | 13,483 | -7.2\% | 102\% |
| Criminal Division ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Felony | 1,850 | 2,934 | 843 | 5,627 | 3,354 | 664 | 1,582 | -14.5\% | 106\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 3,103 | 7,665 | 4,226 | 14,994 | 7,925 | 4,456 | 2,538 | -18.2\% | 104\% |
| Misdemeanors D.C. | 237 | 507 | 235 | 979 | 612 | 193 | 171 | -27.8\% | 108\% |
| Traffic | 1,544 | 3,180 | 893 | 5,617 | 3,223 | 877 | 1,500 | -2.8\% | 101\% |
| Total | 6,734 | 14,286 | 6,197 | 27,217 | 15,114 | 6,190 | 5,791 | -14.0\% | 104\% |
| Domestic Violence Division ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intrafamily | 267 | 5,557 | 303 | 6,127 | 5,861 |  | 266 | -0.4\% | 100\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 421 | 1,423 | 4 | 1,848 | 1,344 |  | 504 | 19.7\% | 94\% |
| Criminal Contempt Cases | 0 | 76 | 0 | 76 | 76 |  | 0 | na | 100\% |
| Total | 688 | 7,056 | 307 | 8,051 | 7,281 |  | 770 | 11.9\% | 99\% |
| Family Court Operations ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abuse \& Neglect | 111 | 338 | 0 | 449 | 408 |  | 41 | -63.1\% | 121\% |
| Adoption | 130 | 205 | 0 | 335 | 192 |  | 143 | 10.0\% | 94\% |
| Divorce/Custody/Miscellaneous | 1,178 | 4,521 | 53 | 5,752 | 4,476 |  | 1,276 | 8.3\% | 98\% |
| Juvenile | 473 | 1,432 | 5 | 1,910 | 1,388 |  | 522 | 10.4\% | 97\% |
| Mental Health | 150 | 2,474 | 136 | 2,760 | 2,613 |  | 147 | -2.0\% | 100\% |
| Parentage \& Child Support | 1,254 | 2,152 | 4 | 3,410 | 1,886 |  | 1,524 | 21.5\% | 87\% |
| Total | 3,296 | 11,122 | 198 | 14,616 | 10,963 |  | 3,653 | 10.8\% | 97\% |
| Probate Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservatorships | 13 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 6 |  | 8 | -38.5\% | 600\% |
| Decedent's Estates | 4,915 | 1,405 | 381 | 6,701 | 1,778 |  | 4,923 | 0.2\% | 100\% |
| Foreign Proceedings | 212 | 163 | 2 | 377 | 181 |  | 196 | -7.5\% | 110\% |
| Guardianship of Minors | 180 | 33 | 0 | 213 | 28 |  | 185 | 2.8\% | 85\% |
| Intervention Proceedings | 3,217 | 544 | 31 | 3,792 | 297 |  | 3,495 | 8.6\% | 52\% |
| Small Estates | 114 | 556 | 68 | 738 | 605 |  | 133 | 16.7\% | 97\% |
| Trusts | 103 | 15 | 1 | 119 | 3 |  | 116 | 12.6\% | 19\% |
| Total | 8,754 | 2,716 | 484 | 11,954 | 2,898 |  | 9,056 | 3.4\% | 91\% |
| Tax Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil | 1,845 | 493 | 5 | 2,343 | 872 |  | 1,471 | -20.3\% | 175\% |
| Criminal | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 1 |  | 6 | 50.0\% | 33\% |
| Total | 1,849 | 496 | 5 | 2,350 | 873 |  | 1,477 | -20.1\% | 174\% |
| Superior Court Total | 35,852 | 83,088 | 8,131 | 127,071 | 86,529 | 6,190 | 34,230 | -4.5\% | 102\% |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added (i.e., new filings/reactivated/ reopened) during a given time period. Rates of over $100 \%$ indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ The beginning pending figures (i.e., "Cases Pending January 1") include cases that previously had been inactive while pending grand jury, or in a diversion or or other excludable time status, such as an active bench warrant.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Due to recently enacted legislation, the Firearms Omnibus Emergency Amendment Act of 2018, the Criminal Contempt Case (CCC) is a new case type added to the Division's caseload. A CCC can be filed by asking the court to remove firearms, ammunitions, certificates, licenses, and/or registrations from a person who poses a significant risk to themselves or others.
${ }^{d}$ In May 2018, Title II of D.C. Law 22-93 "Disability Services Reform Amendment Act of 2018" (which repealed and amended the "Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Constitutional Rights and Dignity Act of 1978") became effective ending new admissions and commitments of persons with intellectual disability and resulting in no new case filings at Superior Court.
${ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload.
${ }^{\text {f }}$ Criminal cases with an active (unexecuted) bench warrant at the end of the calendar year are not available for disposition and therefore are removed from the court's count.


## NEW CASE FILINGS, CY 2015-2019

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { \% Change } \\ 2018-2019 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Civil Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil Actions | 10,106 | 9,350 | 8,632 | 8,915 | 8,545 | -4.2\% |
| Landlord \& Tenant | 32,590 | 33,356 | 31,058 | 31,206 | 29,669 | -4.9\% |
| Small Claims | 5,420 | 5,580 | 7,096 | 9,261 | 9,198 | -0.7\% |
| Total | 48,116 | 48,286 | 46,786 | 49,382 | 47,412 | -4.0\% |
| Criminal Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Felony | 3,469 | 4,520 | 4,527 | 3,230 | 2,934 | -9.2\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 8,178 | 9,213 | 9,291 | 8,496 | 7,665 | -9.8\% |
| Misdemeanors D.C. | 1,075 | 1,314 | 1,315 | 950 | 507 | -46.6\% |
| Traffic | 3,622 | 4,097 | 4,503 | 4,103 | 3,180 | -22.5\% |
| Total | 16,344 | 19,144 | 19,636 | 16,779 | 14,286 | -14.9\% |
| Domestic Violence Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intrafamily | 5,505 | 5,578 | 5,973 | 5,553 | 5,557 | 0.1\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 2,458 | 2,087 | 1,644 | 1,609 | 1,423 | -11.6\% |
| Criminal Contempt Cases | - | - | - | - | 76 | na |
| Total | 7,963 | 7,665 | 7,617 | 7,162 | 7,056 | -1.5\% |
| Family Court Operations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abuse \& Neglect | 494 | 453 | 362 | 399 | 338 | -15.3\% |
| Adoption | 209 | 217 | 229 | 200 | 205 | 2.5\% |
| Divorce/Custody/Misc. | 4,502 | 4,671 | 4,632 | 4,474 | 4,521 | 1.1\% |
| Juvenile | 1,815 | 1,715 | 1,577 | 1,242 | 1,432 | 15.3\% |
| Mental Health | 2,498 | 2,016 | 1,947 | 2,110 | 2,474 | 17.3\% |
| Mental Habilitation | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | na |
| Parentage \& Child Support | 1,765 | 1,835 | 1,937 | 2,117 | 2,152 | 1.7\% |
| Total | 11,284 | 10,909 | 10,684 | 10,543 | 11,122 | 5.5\% |
| Probate Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservatorships | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | na |
| Decedent's Estates | 1,534 | 1,510 | 1,492 | 1,537 | 1,405 | -8.6\% |
| Foreign Proceedings | 158 | 157 | 156 | 181 | 163 | -9.9\% |
| Guardianship of Minors | 21 | 32 | 19 | 25 | 33 | 32.0\% |
| Intervention Proceedings | 546 | 457 | 527 | 583 | 544 | -6.7\% |
| Small Estates | 582 | 602 | 630 | 551 | 556 | 0.9\% |
| Trusts | 19 | 13 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 15.4\% |
| Total | 2,860 | 2,771 | 2,840 | 2,891 | 2,716 | -6.1\% |
| Tax Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil | 558 | 783 | 987 | 852 | 493 | -42.1\% |
| Criminal | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | -50.0\% |
| Total | 558 | 786 | 990 | 858 | 496 | -42.2\% |
| Superior Court Total | 87,125 | 89,561 | 88,553 | 87,615 | 83,088 | -5.2\% |
| Monthly Average | 7,260 | 7,463 | 7,379 | 7,301 | 6,924 | -5.2\% |

## NEW CASE FILINGS TREND



|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | \% Change 2018-2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Civil Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil Actions | 8,847 | 9,403 | 9,300 | 10,048 | 9,378 | -6.7\% |
| Landlord \& Tenant | 32,209 | 33,987 | 31,068 | 31,507 | 30,035 | -4.7\% |
| Small Claims | 5,483 | 5,266 | 6,253 | 9,631 | 9,987 | 3.7\% |
| Total | 46,539 | 48,656 | 46,621 | 51,186 | 49,400 | -3.5\% |
| Criminal Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Felony | 2,995 | 3,930 | 4,847 | 4,365 | 3,354 | -23.2\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 8,252 | 8,918 | 9,260 | 8,451 | 7,925 | -6.2\% |
| Misdemeanors D.C. | 1,325 | 1,801 | 1,230 | 1,061 | 612 | -42.3\% |
| Traffic | 4,794 | 6,265 | 4,184 | 4,257 | 3,223 | -24.3\% |
| Total | 17,366 | 20,914 | 19,521 | 18,134 | 15,114 | -16.7\% |
| Domestic Violence Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intrafamily | 5,800 | 5,923 | 6,327 | 5,942 | 5,861 | -1.4\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 2,551 | 2,324 | 1,700 | 1,682 | 1,344 | -20.1\% |
| Criminal Contempt Cases | - | - | - | - | 76 | na |
| Total | 8,351 | 8,247 | 8,027 | 7,624 | 7,281 | -4.5\% |
| Family Court Operations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abuse \& Neglect | 450 | 466 | 359 | 390 | 408 | 4.6\% |
| Adoption | 234 | 230 | 225 | 239 | 192 | -19.7\% |
| Divorce/Custody/Misc. | 4,711 | 4,929 | 4,684 | 4,608 | 4,476 | -2.9\% |
| Juvenile | 1,803 | 1,799 | 1,520 | 1,376 | 1,388 | 0.9\% |
| Mental Health | 2,683 | 2,256 | 2,062 | 2,214 | 2,613 | 18.0\% |
| Mental Habilitation | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | na |
| Parentage \& Child Support | 2,508 | 1,746 | 1,941 | 1,698 | 1,886 | 11.1\% |
| Total | 12,390 | 11,428 | 10,792 | 10,526 | 10,963 | 4.2\% |
| Probate Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservatorships | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 6 | -25.0\% |
| Decedent's Estates | 1,697 | 1,709 | 1,720 | 1,904 | 1,778 | -6.6\% |
| Foreign Proceedings | 177 | 159 | 160 | 134 | 181 | 35.1\% |
| Guardianship of Minors | 43 | 20 | 24 | 30 | 28 | -6.7\% |
| Intervention Proceedings | 388 | 345 | 404 | 402 | 297 | -26.1\% |
| Small Estates | 667 | 614 | 662 | 709 | 605 | -14.7\% |
| Trusts | 23 | 5 | 10 | 28 | 3 | -89.3\% |
| Total | 2,996 | 2,852 | 2,982 | 3,215 | 2,898 | -9.9\% |
| Tax Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil | 564 | 551 | 1,036 | 896 | 872 | -2.7\% |
| Criminal | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1 | -83.3\% |
| Total | 564 | 555 | 1,037 | 902 | 873 | -3.2\% |
| Superior Court Total | 88,206 | 92,652 | 88,980 | 91,587 | 86,529 | -5.5\% |
| Monthly Average | 7,351 | 7,721 | 7,415 | 7,632 | 7,211 | -5.5\% |

## CASE DISPOSITION TREND



|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { \% Change } \\ 2018-2019 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Civil Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil Actions | 7,084 | 7,524 | 7,231 | 6,705 | 6,159 | -8.1\% |
| Landlord \& Tenant | 5,312 | 4,947 | 5,193 | 5,173 | 5,151 | -0.4\% |
| Small Claims | 1,279 | 1,701 | 2,706 | 2,653 | 2,173 | -18.1\% |
| Total | 13,675 | 14,172 | 15,130 | 14,531 | 13,483 | -7.2\% |
| Criminal Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Felony | 2,056 | 2,778 | 2,646 | 1,850 | 1,582 | -14.5\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 3,238 | 3,630 | 3,271 | 3,103 | 2,538 | -18.2\% |
| Misdemeanors D.C. | 281 | 317 | 329 | 237 | 171 | -27.8\% |
| Traffic | 1,397 | 1,580 | 1,779 | 1,544 | 1,500 | -2.8\% |
| Total | 6,972 | 8,305 | 8,025 | 6,734 | 5,791 | -14.0\% |
| Domestic Violence Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intrafamily | 327 | 294 | 288 | 267 | 266 | -0.4\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 771 | 541 | 489 | 421 | 504 | 19.7\% |
| Crminal Contempt Cases | - | - | - | - | - | na |
| Total | 1,098 | 835 | 777 | 688 | 770 | 11.9\% |
| Family Court Operations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abuse \& Neglect | 162 | 148 | 164 | 126 | 41 | -67.5\% |
| Adoption | 177 | 159 | 165 | 130 | 143 | 10.0\% |
| Divorce/Custody/Misc. | 1,545 | 1,229 | 1,232 | 1,178 | 1,276 | 8.3\% |
| Juvenile | 784 | 564 | 655 | 479 | 522 | 9.0\% |
| Mental Health | 179 | 119 | 112 | 155 | 147 | -5.2\% |
| Mental Habilitation | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | na |
| Parentage \& Child Support | 713 | 801 | 808 | 1,247 | 1,524 | 22.2\% |
| Total | 3,561 | 3,021 | 3,136 | 3,315 | 3,653 | 10.2\% |
| Probate Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservatorships | 21 | 21 | 19 | 13 | 8 | -38.5\% |
| Decedent's Estates | 4,506 | 4,724 | 4,913 | 4,915 | 4,923 | 0.2\% |
| Foreign Proceedings | 170 | 169 | 165 | 212 | 196 | -7.5\% |
| Guardianship of Minors | 171 | 186 | 182 | 180 | 185 | 2.8\% |
| Intervention Proceedings | 2,679 | 2,824 | 2,991 | 3,217 | 3,495 | 8.6\% |
| Small Estates | 91 | 144 | 182 | 114 | 133 | 16.7\% |
| Trusts | 100 | 108 | 114 | 103 | 116 | 12.6\% |
| Total | 7,738 | 8,176 | 8,566 | 8,754 | 9,056 | 3.4\% |
| Tax Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil | 1,675 | 1,946 | 1,898 | 1,849 | 1,471 | -20.4\% |
| Criminal | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 50.0\% |
| Total | 1,677 | 1,949 | 1,902 | 1,853 | 1,477 | -20.3\% |
| Superior Court Total | 34,721 | 36,458 | 37,536 | 35,875 | 34,230 | -4.6\% |
| Monthly Average | 2,893 | 3,038 | 3,128 | 2,990 | 2,853 | -4.6\% |

${ }^{\text {a P Pending figures reflect the caseload count as of December 31st. }}$

PENDING CASELOAD TREND


## CLEARANCE RATES ${ }^{\text {a }}$, CY 2015-2019

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Civil Division |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil Actions | 84\% | 96\% | 103\% | 106\% | 106\% |
| Landlord \& Tenant | 98\% | 101\% | 99\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Small Claims | 98\% | 93\% | 86\% | 101\% | 105\% |
| Total | 95\% | 99\% | 98\% | 101\% | 102\% |
| Criminal Division |  |  |  |  |  |
| Felony | 86\% | 87\% | 100\% | 127\% | 106\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 99\% | 98\% | 99\% | 99\% | 104\% |
| Misdemeanors D.C. | 108\% | 105\% | 93\% | 111\% | 108\% |
| Traffic | 112\% | 103\% | 93\% | 103\% | 101\% |
| Total | 99\% | 98\% | 98\% | 106\% | 104\% |
| Domestic Violence Division |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intrafamily | 100\% | 101\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Misdemeanors U.S. | 103\% | 111\% | 103\% | 104\% | 94\% |
| Criminal Contempt Cases | - | - | - | - | 100\% |
| Total | 101\% | 103\% | 101\% | 101\% | 99\% |
| Family Court Operations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abuse \& Neglect | 88\% | 103\% | 98\% | 97\% | 121\% |
| Adoption | 110\% | 104\% | 96\% | 117\% | 94\% |
| Divorce/Custody/Misc. | 103\% | 104\% | 99\% | 102\% | 98\% |
| Juvenile | 98\% | 104\% | 94\% | 110\% | 97\% |
| Mental Health | 102\% | 105\% | 100\% | 99\% | 100\% |
| Mental Habilitation | 100\% | 100\% | na | 100\% | na |
| Parentage \& Child Support | 140\% | 94\% | 100\% | 80\% | 87\% |
| Total | 107\% | 102\% | 99\% | 98\% | 97\% |
| Probate Division |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservatorship | na | na | na | 400\% | 600\% |
| Decedent's Estates | 86\% | 89\% | 90\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Foreign Proceedings | 112\% | 101\% | 103\% | 74\% | 110\% |
| Guardianship of Minors | 187\% | 57\% | 120\% | 107\% | 85\% |
| Intervention Proceedings | 67\% | 70\% | 71\% | 64\% | 52\% |
| Small Estates | 104\% | 92\% | 95\% | 111\% | 97\% |
| Trusts | 115\% | 38\% | 63\% | 165\% | 19\% |
| Total | 88\% | 87\% | 88\% | 94\% | 91\% |
| Tax Division |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil | 101\% | 70\% | 105\% | 105\% | 175\% |
| Criminal | na | 133\% | 33\% | 100\% | 33\% |
| Total | 101\% | 71\% | 105\% | 105\% | 174\% |
| Superior Court Total | 92\% | $93 \%{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 98\% ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 102\% ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 102\% |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added to the caseload (i.e., new filings/cases reactivated/reopened) during a given time period. Rates of over $100 \%$ indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Percent revised to reflect adjustment in the counting of Criminal Division incoming cases available for disposition.

CLEARANCE RATE TREND


## SUPERIOR COURT CASES ON APPEAL, CY 2015-2019

| \% Change |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Case Type | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 9}$ | 2018-2019 |

a. Figure adjusted after a manual audit.

2019 Appeals By Case Type (N=937)


Trend in Appeals, CY2015-2019


|  | Civil Actions | Landlord \& Tenant | Small Claims | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pending Jan 1 | 6,705 | 5,173 | 2,653 | 14,531 |
| New Filings/Assignments | 8,545 | 29,669 | 9,198 | 47,412 |
| Reactivated/Reopened | 287 | 344 | 309 | 940 |
| Total Available for Disposition | 15,537 | 35,186 | 12,160 | 62,883 |
| Methods of Disposition |  |  |  |  |
| Agency Review/Appeal | 84 | 0 | 0 | 84 |
| Default Judgment | 284 | 35 | 1,325 | 1,644 |
| Dismissed by Court | 2,312 | 1,537 | 473 | 4,322 |
| Dismissed by Plaintiff/Parties | 0 | 14,860 | 0 | 14,860 |
| Dismissed Rule 4(m)/14/4(0) | 445 | 498 | 3,931 | 4,874 |
| Dismissed Rule 41/14i | 162 | 2,667 | 58 | 2,887 |
| Dispositive Motions | 1,100 | 35 | 43 | 1,178 |
| Ex parte Proof-Affidavit | 165 | 0 | 619 | 784 |
| Judgment for Possession | 0 | 4,017 | 0 | 4,017 |
| Judgment from Jury Trial | 49 | 3 | 2 | 54 |
| Judgment from Non-Jury Trial | 29 | 64 | 318 | 411 |
| Judicial Arbitration Awards | 0 | 0 | 22 | 22 |
| Judgments/Consents/Confessions | 153 | 3,991 | 437 | 4,581 |
| Mediation Agreement Approved | 0 | 140 | 0 | 140 |
| Non-Redeemable Judg./PIntf for Poss. | 0 | 171 | 0 | 171 |
| Other | 21 | 7 | 3 | 31 |
| Plea of Title | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Removed to Federal Court | 191 | 5 | 8 | 204 |
| Settled During Trial | 5 | 5 | 4 | 14 |
| Settled/Dismissed | 3,000 | 2,000 | 2,744 | 7,744 |
| Summary Proceedings | 1,378 | 0 | 0 | 1,378 |
| Total Dispositions | 9,378 | 30,035 | 9,987 | 49,400 |
| Pending Dec 31 | 6,159 | 5,151 | 2,173 | 13,483 |
| Percent Change in Pending | -8.1\% | -0.4\% | -18.1\% | -7.2\% |
| Clearance Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 106\% | 100\% | 105\% | 102\% |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added to the caseload (i.e., new filings/cases reactivated/reopened) during a given time period. Rates of over 100\% indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.

## 2019 New Case Filings ( $N=47,412$ )



Civil Case Activity, CY 2015-2019


## CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM, CY 2015-2019

|  |  | 2015 |  | 2016 |  | 2017 |  | 2018 |  | 2019 | \% Change 2018-2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of Claims Filed |  | 3,931 |  | 3,828 |  | 3,644 |  | 2,907 |  | 2,833 | -2.5\% |
| No. of Payments For Services ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 15,384 |  | 10,962 |  | 11,076 |  | 8,942 |  | 8,629 | -3.5\% |
| Total Amount Awarded To Victims | \$ | 7,650,103 | \$ | 7,039,152 | \$ | 6,899,722 | \$ | 5,610,529 | \$ | 5,533,272 | -1.4\% |
| Average Amount Awarded Per Claim Paid |  | \$1,946 |  | \$1,839 |  | \$1,893 |  | \$1,930 |  | \$1,953 | 1.2\% |

${ }^{a}$ Figure includes payments processed during the calendar year, which may also include payments for claims filed in prior calendar years.

Claims and Payment Activity, CY 2015-2019


Total Amount Awarded To Victims, CY 2015-2019


|  | Felony | U.S. <br> Misdemeanor | D.C. <br> Misdemeanor | Traffic | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pending Jan $1^{\text {a }}$ | 1,850 | 3,103 | 237 | 1,544 | 6,734 |
| New Filings | 2,934 | 7,665 | 507 | 3,180 | 14,286 |
| Reopened | 177 | 37 | 5 | 9 | 228 |
| Reactivated ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 666 | 4,189 | 230 | 884 | 5,969 |
| Total Available for Disposition | 5,627 | 14,994 | 979 | 5,617 | 27,217 |
| Method of Disposition |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Trial |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guilty Plea | 1,889 | 2,459 | 129 | 1,675 | 6,152 |
| Nolle Prosequi | 151 | 1,203 | 139 | 266 | 1,759 |
| Nolle Diversion | 40 | 1,248 | 200 | 782 | 2,270 |
| Dismissed for Want of Prosecution | 201 | 487 | 26 | 155 | 869 |
| Dismissal | 695 | 222 | 40 | 61 | 1,018 |
| Dismissal Plea Agreement | 185 | 1,718 | 48 | 194 | 2,145 |
| Incompetent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other/Abatement | 22 | 49 | 2 | 5 | 78 |
| Security Forfeited | 0 | 0 | 13 | 8 | 21 |
| Total Non-Trial | 3,183 | 7,386 | 597 | 3,146 | 14,312 |
| Jury Trials |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guilty Verdict | 82 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 95 |
| Not Guilty Verdict | 48 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 56 |
| Acquittal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mistrial/Hung Jury | 37 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 39 |
| Total Jury Trial | 168 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 191 |
| Bench Trials |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guilty Judgment | 32 | 340 | 11 | 42 | 425 |
| Not Guilty Judgment | 8 | 147 | 3 | 24 | 182 |
| Acquittal | 0 | 42 | 0 | 1 | 43 |
| Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mistrial | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Total Bench Trial | 40 | 530 | 14 | 68 | 652 |
| Total Dispositions | 3,354 | 7,925 | 612 | 3,223 | 15,114 |
| Moved to Inactive Status ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 664 | 4,456 | 193 | 877 | 6,190 |
| Pending Dec 31 | 1,582 | 2,538 | 171 | 1,500 | 5,791 |
| Percent Change in Pending | -14.5\% | -18.2\% | -27.8\% | -2.8\% | -14.0\% |
| Clearance Rate ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 106\% | 104\% | 108\% | 101\% | 104\% |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload by the division.
${ }^{b}$ Cases with an active (unexecuted) bench warrant at the end of the calendar year are not available for disposition and therefore are removed from the court's count.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed, including those moved to inactive status, divided by the total number of cases added (i.e., new filings/reactivated/reopened) during a given time period. Rates over $100 \%$ indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.

2019 New Case Filings ( $\mathrm{N}=14,286$ )



|  | Intrafamily | U.S. <br> Misdemeanors | Criminal <br> Contempt Cases ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pending Jan 1 | 267 | 421 | 0 | 688 |
| New Filings | 5,557 | 1,423 | 76 | 7,056 |
| Reactivated/Reopened | 303 | 4 | 0 | 307 |
| Total Available for Disposition | 6,127 | 1,848 | 76 | 8,051 |
| Total Dispositions | 5,861 | 1,344 | 76 | 7,281 |
| Pending Dec 31 | 266 | 504 | 0 | 770 |
| Percent Change in Pending | -0.4\% | 19.7\% | na | 11.9\% |
| Clearance Rate ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 100\% | 94\% | 100\% | 99\% |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Due to recently enacted legislation, the Firearms Omnibus Emergency Amendment Act of 2018, the Criminal Contempt Case (CCC) is a new case type added to the Division's caseload. A CCC can be filed asking the court to remove firearms, ammunition, certifcates, licenses, and/or registration from a person who poses a significant risk to themselves or others.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added (i.e., new filings/reactivated/reopened) during a given time period. Rates of over $100 \%$ indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.



## FAMILY COURT

## FAMILY COURT OPERATIONS CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2019

|  | Abuse \& Neglect | Adoption | Divorce \& Custody | Juvenile ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Mental Health | Parentage \& Support ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pending Jan $1^{\text {b }}$ | 111 | 130 | 1,178 | 473 | 150 | 1,254 | 3,296 |
| New Filings | 338 | 205 | 4,521 | 1,432 | 2,474 | 2,152 | 11,122 |
| Reopened | 0 | 0 | 53 | 5 | 136 | 4 | 198 |
| Total Available for Disposition | 449 | 335 | 5,752 | 1,910 | 2,760 | 3,410 | 14,616 |
| Dispositions ${ }^{\text {e }}$ | 408 | 192 | 4,476 | 1,388 | 2,613 | 1,886 | 10,963 |
| Pending Dec 31 | 41 | 143 | 1,276 | 522 | 147 | 1,524 | 3,653 |
| Percent Change in Pending | -63.1\% | 10.0\% | 8.3\% | 10.4\% | -2.0\% | 21.5\% | 10.8\% |
| Clearance Rate ${ }^{\text {e }}$ | 121\% | 94\% | 98\% | 97\% | 100\% | 87\% | 97\% |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Includes cases involving Delinquency, PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision), and Interstate Compact.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ With the exception of Adoption and Divorce \& Custody, figures were adjusted after an audit of the caseloads.
${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ New filings do not reflect cases in pre-petition custody order status.
${ }^{d}$ A Family Court case is considered disposed when a permanent order is entered except for Parentage \& Support (P\&S) cases. A P\&S case is disposed when a temporary order is entered.
${ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added (i.e., new filings/reactivated/reopened) during a given time period. Rates of over $100 \%$ indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.
Note: In May 2018, the Title II of D.C. Law 22-93 "Disability Services Reform Amendment Act of 2018" became effective (which repealed and amended the "Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Constitutional Rights and Dignity Act of 1978") ending new admissions and commitments of persons with intellectual disability and resulting in no new case filings at Superior Court.


Juvenile, 13\%

| ロAbuse \& Neglect | $\square$ Adoption | $\square$ Divorce \& Custody |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Juvenile | $\square$ Mental Health | $\square$ Parentage \& Support |



|  | Youth Served in CY $2018^{\mathrm{a}}$ | Youth Pending Services or Placement on Jan. 2019 | Youth Referred 2019 | Youth Served 2019 | Youth With Services Completed 2019 | Youth Pending Services or Placement on Dec. 31, 2019 | \% Change <br> Number of Youth Served 2018-2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Juvenile Intake | 2,418 | 0 | 2,386 | 2,386 | 2,386 | 0 | -1.3\% |
| Pre-and Post Disposition Supervision ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Satellite Offices ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 230 | 46 | 200 | 246 | 188 | 58 | 7.0\% |
| Northwest | 183 | 38 | 94 | 132 | 97 | 35 | -27.9\% |
| Southeast | 275 | 56 | 180 | 236 | 188 | 48 | -14.2\% |
| Southwest | 205 | 30 | 123 | 153 | 120 | 33 | -25.4\% |
| Interstate Compact | 286 | 90 | 218 | 308 | 174 | 134 | 7.7\% |
| Leaders of Today in Solidarity (LOTS) ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 321 | 89 | 173 | 262 | 195 | 67 | -18.4\% |
| Ultimate Transitions Ultimate Responsibilities Now (UTURN) ${ }^{\text {e }}$ | 208 | 49 | 240 | 289 | 211 | 78 | 38.9\% |
| Specialty Courts ${ }^{\text {f }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Juvenile Behavior Diversion Program (JBDP) | 161 | 39 | 50 | 89 | 53 | 36 | -44.7\% |
| Status Offenders | 258 | 47 | 52 | 99 | 77 | 22 | -61.6\% |
| Hope Court | 48 | 23 | 15 | 38 | 17 | 21 | -20.8\% |
| Special Program Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Child Guidance Clinic ${ }^{9}$ | 376 | 2 | 399 | 286 | 286 | 7 | -23.9\% |

${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ Figures adjusted.
${ }^{b}$ Youth may move from intake to supervision status within a reporting period; therefore, to avoid double counting, no totals are provided.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Community-based pre-and post disposition satellite offices designed to serve/supervise youth close to his/her residence; figures include youth in diversion, consent decree and probation statuses.
${ }^{\text {d }}$ Pre-and post disposition service/supervision unit for females.
${ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ Intensive supervision unit designed for males.
${ }^{\mathrm{f}}$ The specialty courts are solution-based and work with specialized populations (i.e., youth with mental health needs, youth who are truant and runaway, youth who are at risk of trafficking).
${ }^{\mathrm{g}}$ Assessment and evaluation services provided to youth through the Child Guidance Clinic. The sum of youth referred and youth pending does not equal the number of youth served in the CGC due to incomplete evaluations resulting from youth refusal, absconding, etc.

Trend in Juvenile Intake Youth Served, CY 2015-2019


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## MULTI-DOOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION DIVISION

| CIVIL ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTIVITY, CY 2015-2019 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018-2019 |
| Arbitration Cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduled | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Arbitrated | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Settled | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 100.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |  |
| Civil Mediation Cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduled | 3,623 | 3,599 | 3,924 | 2,967 | 3,351 | 12.9\% |
| Mediated | 1,193 | 1,274 | 1,055 | 841 | 767 | -8.8\% |
| Cases Held \& Continued | 102 | 109 | 75 | 71 | 69 | -2.8\% |
| Settled | 289 | 344 | 257 | 214 | 227 | 6.1\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 26\% | 30\% | 27\% | 28\% | 33\% |  |
| Civil Complex Mediation Cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduled | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 200.0\% |
| Mediated | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0\% |
| Cases Held \& Continued | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Settled | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 33\% |  |
| Landlord and Tenant Cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduled | 1,163 | 1,421 | 1,447 | 1,458 | 1,586 | 8.8\% |
| Mediated | 884 | 1,020 | 972 | 975 | 985 | 1.0\% |
| Cases Held \& Continued | 82 | 82 | 85 | 105 | 107 | 1.9\% |
| Settled | 548 | 603 | 542 | 587 | 577 | -1.7\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 68\% | 64\% | 62\% | 67\% | 66\% | -1.5\% |
| Probate Cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduled | 67 | 100 | 83 | 63 | 53 | -15.9\% |
| Mediated | 50 | 69 | 61 | 44 | 41 | -6.8\% |
| Cases Held \& Continued | 8 | 16 | 14 | 6 | 9 | 50.0\% |
| Settled | 20 | 30 | 20 | 19 | 15 | -21.1\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 48\% | 57\% | 45\% | 50\% | 47\% | -6.0\% |
| Small Claims Cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduled | 1,317 | 1,450 | 1,765 | 1,590 | 1,783 | 12.1\% |
| Mediated | 1,287 | 1,422 | 1,725 | 1,575 | 1,773 | 12.6\% |
| Cases Held \& Continued | 125 | 128 | 196 | 161 | 185 | 14.9\% |
| Settled | 678 | 806 | 900 | 788 | 928 | 17.8\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 58\% | 62\% | 59\% | 56\% | 58\% |  |
| Tax Cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduled | 567 | 567 | 690 | 897 | 1007 | 12.3\% |
| Mediated | 462 | 452 | 543 | 762 | 900 | 18.1\% |
| Cases Held \& Continued | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100.0\% |
| Settled | 234 | 260 | 285 | 378 | 600 | 58.7\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 51\% | 58\% | 53\% | 50\% | 67\% |  |

[^2]|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% Change } \\ & \text { 2018-2019 } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Child Protection Cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduled | 335 | 327 | 321 | 280 | 278 | -0.7\% |
| Mediated | 247 | 219 | 239 | 201 | 167 | -16.9\% |
| Cases Held \& Continued | 14 | 15 | 33 | 10 | 3 | -70.0\% |
| Fully Settled | 98 | 91 | 87 | 97 | 70 | -27.8\% |
| Partially Settled | 123 | 105 | 95 | 88 | 87 | -1.1\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 95\% | 96\% | 88\% | 92\% | 94\% | 2.2\% |
| Family Mediation Cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduled | 1,063 | 1,021 | 1,086 | 1,680 | 1,520 | -9.5\% |
| Mediated | 837 | 821 | 872 | 1,314 | 1,154 | -12.2\% |
| Cases Held \& Continued | 443 | 356 | 396 | 678 | 533 | -21.4\% |
| Fully Settled | 115 | 154 | 177 | 192 | 184 | -4.2\% |
| Partially Settled | 69 | 51 | 47 | 57 | 67 | 17.5\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 47\% | 44\% | 47\% | 39\% | 41\% | 5.1\% |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The Settlement Rate is the number of settlements (full \& partial) divided by the number of completed mediations/arbitrations minus cases held/continued.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION \& REFERRALS BY TYPE OF DISPUTE, CY 2015-2019

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 2018-2019 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Clients Assisted | 1,989 | 1,623 | 2,272 | 2,390 | 2,465 | 3.1\% |
| Type of Dispute |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civil | 142 | 97 | 92 | 88 | 126 | 43.2\% |
| Domestic Relations | 902 | 755 | 1,000 | 1,221 | 1,264 | 3.5\% |
| Landlord \& Tenant | 24 | 17 | 19 | 12 | 10 | -16.7\% |
| Small Claims | 154 | 153 | 139 | 55 | 30 | -45.5\% |
| Total Number of Disputes | 1,222 | 1,022 | 1,250 | 1,376 | 1,430 | 3.9\% |
| Cases Mediated/Conciliated ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 53 | 38 | 32 | 27 | 21 | -22.2\% |
| Cases Settled | 41 | 33 | 23 | 18 | 17 | -5.6\% |
| Settlement Rate ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 77\% | 87\% | 72\% | 67\% | 81\% |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Conciliated cases are typically resolved by telephone.
${ }^{\mathrm{D}}$ The Settlement Rate is the number of settlements (full \& partial) divided by the number of completed mediations/conciliations minus cases held/continued.


## AUDITOR MASTER CASE ACTIVITY, CY 2015-2019

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | \% Change 2018-2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pending Jan 1 | 30 | 47 | 80 | 60 | 69 | 15.0\% |
| New Orders of Reference | 96 | 81 | 67 | 78 | 91 | 16.7\% |
| Requirement for Supplemental Reports | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Available for Disposition | 128 | 132 | 150 | 138 | 160 | 15.9\% |
| Closed/Reports Issued | 81 | 52 | 90 | 69 | 58 | -15.9\% |
| Pending Dec 31 | 47 | 80 | 60 | 69 | 102 | 47.8\% |
| Clearance Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 83\% | 61\% | 129\% | 88\% | 64\% |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases closed/reports issued divided by the total number of cases added to the caseload (i.e., new orders of reference and requirements for supplemental reports) during a given time period. Rates of over $100 \%$ indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.

Auditor Master Case Activity, CY 2015-2019


PROBATE DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2019

|  | Cases <br> Pending <br> Jan 1 |  | Cases <br> Reactivated/ <br> Reopened | Available for <br> Disposition | Cases <br> Disposed | Cases Pending Dec 31 | \% Change in Pending 2018-2019 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Clearance } \\ \text { Rate }^{\text {a }} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cases Involving the Deceased |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Formal Probate (Decedent's Estates) | 4,915 | 1,405 | 381 | 6,701 | 1,778 | 4,923 | 0.2\% | 100\% |
| Foreign Proceedings | 212 | 163 | 2 | 377 | 181 | 196 | -7.5\% | 110\% |
| Small Estates | 114 | 556 | 68 | 738 | 605 | 133 | 16.7\% | 97\% |
| Cases Involving the Incapacitated |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservatorships (Old Law) ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 13 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 6 | 8 | -38.5\% | 600\% |
| Guardianship of Minors | 180 | 33 | 0 | 213 | 28 | 185 | 2.8\% | 85\% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| Intervention Proceedings (Adult |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guardianships/ Conservatorships) | 3,217 | 544 | 31 | 3,792 | 297 | 3,495 | 8.6\% | 52\% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| Trusts | 103 | 15 | 1 | 119 | 3 | 116 | 12.6\% | 19\% |
| Total | 8,754 | 2,716 | 484 | 11,954 | 2,898 | 9,056 | 3.4\% | 91\% |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added to the caseload (i.e., new filings/ cases reactivated/reopened) during a given time period. Rates of over $100 \%$ indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.
${ }^{\text {b }}$ Conservatorships (Old Law) refers to conservatorships created prior to 1989, which provided for only the management of assets of the ward.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ The clearance rate for Intervention Proceedings and Guardianship of Minors reflect the expected activity of holding these cases open for many years until the death of the ward or until the minor has reached the age of 18 .

## ACCOUNT AND FEE ACTIVITY, CY 2015-2019

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | \% Change 2018-2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounts Filed | 1,213 | 1,356 | 1,479 | 1,520 | 1,240 | -18.4\% |
| Accounts Resolved | 1,136 | 1,171 | 1,463 | 1,340 | 838 | -37.5\% |
| Petition for Compensation Request Filed | 2,701 | 2,780 | 2,974 | 3,118 | 2,693 | -13.6\% |
| Petition for Compensation Request Resolved | 2,710 | 2,561 | 2,970 | 2,535 | 2,859 | 12.8\% |

2019 New Case Filings (N=2,716)


Probate Case Activity, CY 2015-2019


## Court Events ${ }^{\text {a }}$ With Interpreting Services, CY 2015-2019

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | $2018{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sign Language | 960 | 920 | 1,114 | 579 | 626 |
| Spanish Language | 6,673 | 7,022 | 6,306 | 4,746 | 4,577 |
| Amharic Language ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |  | 511 | 580 |
| Other Languages | 1,490 | 1,688 | 1,610 | 693 | 723 |
| Total | 9,123 | 9,630 | 9,030 | 6,529 | 6,506 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Foreign and sign language services are provided for all in-court proceedings, or as a directive from the judge. ${ }^{0}$ Method of calculation changed from the total number of interpreters hired to the number of court events in which an interpreter was assigned. Lengthy hearings that are more than one hour require two interpreters. Therefore prior year percent change is not comparable. Figures updated due to manual audit.
"Beginnng in 2018, data for "Amharic Language" will be separated from the "Other Languages" category.

Court Events with Interpreting Services,
CY 2015-2019


Petit Juror Utilization, CY 2015-2019

|  | 2015 |  | 2016 |  | 2017 |  | 2018 |  | 2019 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average |
| Jurors Reporting for Service | 30,644 | 165 | 31,729 | 169 | 30,991 | 175 | 26,196 | 176 | 32,765 | 143 |
| Jurors Sent to Voir Dire | 21,991 | 118 | 17,740 | 94 | 16,929 | 96 | 17,116 | 89 | 13,589 | 51 |
| Jurors Selected For Panels | 4,928 | 26 | 3,988 | 21 | 3,860 | 22 | 2,983 | 26 | 1,990 | 23 |
| Juror Utilization Rate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 72\% |  | 56\% |  | 55\% |  | 65\% |  | 69\% |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ A measure of efficiency in which the number of prospective jurors who are sent at least once for the Voir Dire process is expressed as a percentage of the number of jurors who are qualified and report for service.

## Petit Juror Activity, CY 2015-2019

Juror Utilization Rate, CY 2015-2019


## TAX DIVISION

TAX DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY, CY 2015-2019

| Case Type | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | \% Change 2018-2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Civil |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cases Pending Jan $1^{\text {a }}$ | 1,681 | 1,714 | 1,946 | 1,891 | 1,845 | -2.4\% |
| New Filings | 558 | 783 | 987 | 852 | 493 | -42.1\% |
| Reactivated/Reopened | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 150.0\% |
| Total Available for Disposition | 2,239 | 2,497 | 2,934 | 2,745 | 2,343 | -14.6\% |
| Total Dispositions | 564 | 551 | 1,036 | 896 | 872 | -2.7\% |
| Pending Dec 31 | 1,675 | 1,946 | 1,898 | 1,849 | 1,471 | -20.4\% |
| Clearance Rate ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 101\% | 70\% | 105\% | 105\% | 175\% |  |
| Criminal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cases Pending Jan $1^{\text {a }}$ | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0.0\% |
| New Filings | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | -50.0\% |
| Reactivated/Reopened | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | na |
| Total Available for Disposition | 2 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 7 | -30.0\% |
| Total Dispositions | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1 | -83.3\% |
| Pending Dec 31 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 50.0\% |
| Clearance Rate ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | na | 133\% | 33\% | 100\% | 33\% |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cases Pending Jan $1^{\text {a }}$ | 1,683 | 1,718 | 1,948 | 1,895 | 1,849 | -2.4\% |
| New Filings ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 558 | 786 | 990 | 858 | 496 | -42.2\% |
| Reactivated/Reopened | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 150.0\% |
| Total Available for Disposition | 2,241 | 2,504 | 2,939 | 2,755 | 2,350 | -14.7\% |
| Total Dispositions | 564 | 555 | 1,037 | 902 | 873 | -3.2\% |
| Pending Dec 31 | 1,677 | 1,949 | 1,902 | 1,853 | 1,477 | -20.3\% |
| Clearance Rate ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 101\% | 71\% | 105\% | 105\% | 174\% |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload by the division.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added (i.e., new filings/reactivated/reopened) during a given time period. Rates of over $100 \%$ indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ The decrease in the number of new filings in 2019 reflects the allowance of multiple property lots to be included in a single petition/filing.

Tax Case Activity, CY 2015-2019


## COURT SYSTEM

## COURT REPORTING DIVISION TRANSCRIPT ACTIVITY, CY 2015-2019

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ \text { 2018-2019 } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pages Produced by Court Reporters |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Appeal Pages | 110,462 | 78,841 | 100,860 | 110,648 | 95,087 | -14.1\% |
| Non-Appeal Pages | 113,782 | 113,651 | 112,596 | 142,648 | 126,184 | -11.5\% |
| Total Pages from Reporters | 224,244 | 192,492 | 213,456 | 253,296 | 221,271 | -12.6\% |
| Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced | 49.3\% | 41.0\% | 47.3\% | 43.7\% | 43.0\% | -1.6\% |
| Transcript Orders Pending December 31 | 235 | 160 | 147 | 212 | 137 | -35.4\% |
| Average Number of Days to Complete | 25 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 26 | -3.7\% |
| Appeal | 42 | 40 | 42 | 44 | 42 | -4.5\% |
| Non-Appeal | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0.0\% |

Pages Produced by Recordings
Pages Produced by Court Transcribers

| Appeal Pages | 8,663 | 8,464 | 7,066 | 5,180 | 3,785 | $-26.9 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Non-Appeal Pages | 20,980 | 20,477 | 23,021 | 14,946 | 10,161 | $-32.0 \%$ |
| Total | 29,643 | 28,941 | 30,087 | 20,126 | 13,946 | $-30.7 \%$ |
| Pages Produced by Contract Transcription Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Appeal Pages | 61,835 | 51,039 | 50,122 | 52,576 | 40,747 | $-22.5 \%$ |
| Non-Appeal Pages | 80,784 | 82,541 | 94,174 | 92,664 | 91,593 | $-1.2 \%$ |
| Total | 142,619 | 133,580 | 144,296 | 145,240 | 132,340 | $-8.9 \%$ |
| lotal Appeal Pages Produced by Recording | 70,498 | 59,503 | 57,188 | 57,756 | 44,532 | $-22.9 \%$ |
| Total Non-Appeal Pages by Recording | 101,764 | 103,018 | 117,195 | 107,610 | 101,754 | $-5.4 \%$ |
| tal Pages from Recordings | 172,262 | 162,521 | 174,383 | 165,366 | 146,286 | $-11.5 \%$ |
| Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced | $40.9 \%$ | $36.6 \%$ | $32.8 \%$ | $35.0 \%$ | $30.4 \%$ | $-13.1 \%$ |
| Transcript Orders Pending December 31 | 99 | 132 | 96 | 186 | 132 |  |
| Average Number of Days to Complete | 10 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 16 | $23.1 \%$ |
| Appeal | 17 | 19 | 12 | 18 | 23 | $27.8 \%$ |
| Non-Appeal | 6 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 8 | $14.3 \%$ |

Total Pages Produced by Court

| Appeal Pages | 180,960 | 138,344 | 158,048 | 168,404 | 139,619 | $-29.0 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Non-Appeal Pages | 215,546 | 216,669 | 229,791 | 250,258 | 227,938 | $23.1 \%$ |
| Total Pages | 396,506 | 355,013 | 387,839 | 418,662 | 367,557 | $27.8 \%$ |
| Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced | $45.6 \%$ | $39.0 \%$ | $40.8 \%$ | $40.2 \%$ | $38.0 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ |

Source of Transcript Production, CY 2015-2019


Type of Transcript Production, CY 2015-2019




[^0]:    ${ }^{a}$ Time on appeal includes periods when cases are not under active processing by the Court of Appeals. For example, figures include periods when some appeals are stayed for reasons such as bankruptcy or further trial court proceedings. In reciprocal bar matters, the Court opens a case file upon notification that another jurisdiction has disciplined a member of the D.C. Bar, but will not commence active processing of the matter until it receives a Report and Recommendation from the Board on Professional Responsibility.

[^1]:    15 - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS' STATISTICAL SUMMARY, CY 2019

[^2]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ The Settlement Rate is the number of settlements (full \& partial) divided by the number of completed mediations/arbitrations minus cases held/continued.

