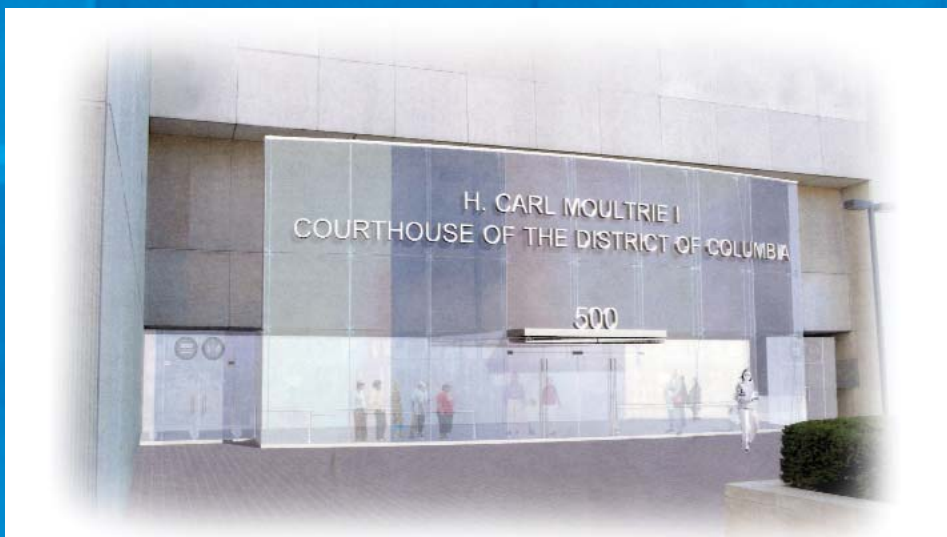


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## Statistical Summary



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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS' BUDGET

### OPERATING BUDGET

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Appropriation</u>
Court of Appeals	\$ 10,800,000	\$ 12,630,000
Superior Court	\$ 98,359,000	\$ 104,277,000
Court System	<u>\$ 52,170,000</u>	<u>\$ 55,426,000</u>
Total	\$ 161,329,000	\$ 172,333,000

### CAPITAL BUDGET

Capital Budget	\$ 62,591,000	\$ 76,076,000
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### DEFENDER SERVICES APPROPRIATION BY FUND

Criminal Justice Act	\$ 31,864,000	\$ 35,414,000
Counsel for Child Abuse & Neglect	\$ 14,456,000	\$ 15,356,000
Guardianship	<u>\$ 1,655,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,705,000</u>
Total	\$ 47,975,000	\$ 52,475,000

## COURT OF APPEALS' CASE ACTIVITY FOR 2004-2008

### FILINGS BY CATEGORY & RATIO TO DISPOSITIONS

	2004	2005	2006	2007 <sup>a</sup>	2008
<b>Mandatory Appeal &amp; Bar Cases</b>					
Pending Jan. 1	2,319	2,361	2,518	2,613	2,340
Filings:					
Criminal	822	716	662	630	767
Civil	415	367	392	366	358
Family	186	174	188	129	192
Agency	125	219	242	220	250
Special Proceedings	16	16	2	11	9
Bar Cases	115	95	139	94	88
Total Filings	1,679	1,587	1,625	1,450	1,664
Reinstated	23	28	28	40	38
Available for Disposition	4,021	3,976	4,171	4,103	4,042
Total Dispositions	1,660	1,458	1,558	1,763	1,724
Pending Dec. 31	2,361	2,518	2,613	2,340	2,318
<b>Original Jurisdiction Matters</b>					
Pending Jan. 1	2	1	2	-	1
Filings	70	57	45	56	38
Dispositions	71	56	47	55	36
Pending Dec. 31	1	2	-	1	3
<b>Discretionary Jurisdiction Matters</b>					
Pending Jan. 1	2	2	-	3	1
Filings	24	21	17	17	17
Dispositions	24	23	14	19	12
Pending Dec. 1	2	-	3	1	6
Total Filings	1,773	1,665	1,687	1,523	1,719
Total Dispositions	1,755	1,537	1,619	1,837	1,772
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	99%	92%	96%	121%	103%

<sup>a</sup> Figures revised to reflect additional filings from Superior Court not previously reported.

<sup>b</sup> 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

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Opinion	295	323	302	349	297
Memorandum Opinion & Judgment	506	512	547	646	475
Judgment	84	51	73	136	196
Order	870	651	697	706	804
Total	1,755	1,537	1,619	1,837	1,772

### MOTIONS & PETITIONS

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Procedural Motions	4,738	4,249	4,715	4,431	4,196
Substantive Motions	1,618	1,603	1,286	1,467	1,592
Petitions for Rehearing/Rehearing En Banc	188	208	153	157	185

## TIME ON APPEAL (Number of Days)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Overall Time On Appeal<sup>a</sup></b>					
Average	550	562	575	645	544
Median	412	439	446	505	448
Time from Notice of Appeal to Filing of Trial Court or Agency Record					
Average	288	249	246	256	230
Median	149	131	149	174	185
Time from filing of Trial Court or Agency Record to Completed Briefing by the Parties					
Average	245	220	256	254	236
Median	155	148	189	158	149
Time from Completed Briefing to Argument or Submission					
Average	174	192	202	210	218
Median	176	186	213	204	209
Time from Argument or Submission to Court Decision					
Average	115	125	117	185	135
Median	19	21	17	27	26
<b>Overall Time On Appeal for Certain Matters</b>					
Bar Cases					
Average	470	516	450	371	368
Median	414	420	282	269	300
Original Jurisdiction Matters					
Average	15	14	17	12	17
Median	7	8	8	7	11
Discretionary Jurisdiction Matters					
Average	45	22	31	28	19
Median	33	20	29	28	18

<sup>a</sup>The time includes periods when cases are not under active processing by the Court of Appeals. For example, these figures include times during which 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.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Admission to Bar by Examination</b>					
Applications Filed	777	687	828	687	640
Applications Withheld	111	94	133	100	70
Applications Rejected	16	16	28	28	22
Unsuccessful Applicants	325	288	341	359	252
Successful Applicants	341	305	354	328	318
Applicants Admitted	337	305	334	325	299
<b>Admission to Bar by Motion</b>					
Applications Filed	2,752	3,610	3,201	3,234	3,810
Applications Admitted	2,629	2,741	3,621	3,137	3,434
Applicants Rejected	6	10	18	8	23
Certificates of Good Standing	9,448	9,053	9,546	9,850	10,345
Certification for Law Student in Court Program	351	306	283	283	307
Certification as Special Legal Consultant	9	9	7	13	14

## BAR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Disbarments	29	37	35	23	50
Suspensions	24	41	29	33	32
Public Censure	7	10	8	8	3
Petitions for Reinstatement	3	2	2	2	1
Petitions for Formal Hearings	22	22	35	38	41
Miscellaneous Petitions	5	7	7	11	10

## SUPERIOR COURT CASE ACTIVITY FOR 2008

DIVISION/OPERATION OF SUPERIOR COURT	Cases Pending Jan 1	Cases Filed	Cases Reactivated/ Reopened	Total Cases Available for Disposition	Cases Disposed	Cases Pending Dec 31	% Change in Pending 2007 - 2008	Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>
<b>Civil Division</b>								
Civil Actions	6,571	9,202	657	16,430	10,522	5,908	-10.1%	106.7%
Landlord & Tenant	11,726	44,334	144	56,204	44,625	11,579	-1.3%	100.3%
Small Claims	3,959	9,838	250	14,047	11,050	2,997	-24.3%	109.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,256</b>	<b>63,374</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>86,681</b>	<b>66,197</b>	<b>20,484</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>	<b>102.8%</b>
<b>Criminal Division<sup>b</sup></b>								
D.C. Misdemeanors	902 <sup>c</sup>	2,585	969	4,456	2,844	591	-34.5%	110.3%
Felony	2,498 <sup>c</sup>	5,259	1,460	9,217	5,548	2,476	-0.9%	100.2%
Traffic	3,602 <sup>c</sup>	8,464	2,041	14,107	7,545	4,039	12.1%	98.9%
U.S. Misdemeanors	3,508 <sup>c</sup>	11,919	3,274	18,701	10,783	4,048	15.4%	95.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,510</b>	<b>28,227</b>	<b>7,744</b>	<b>46,481</b>	<b>26,720</b>	<b>11,154</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
<b>Domestic Violence Unit</b>								
Intrafamily	211	4,143	318	4,672	4,472	200	-5.2%	100.2%
Misdemeanors	834	3,180	421	4,435	3,760	675	-19.1%	104.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>7,323</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>9,107</b>	<b>8,232</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>-16.3%</b>	<b>102.1%</b>
<b>Family Court Operations</b>								
Abuse & Neglect	2,492 <sup>c</sup>	842	29	3,363	755	2,608	4.7%	86.7%
Adoption	277 <sup>c</sup>	274	-	551	252	299	7.9%	92.0%
Divorce/Custody/Miscellaneous	2,533	3,756	-	6,289	3,676	2,613	3.2%	97.9%
Juvenile	719 <sup>c</sup>	3,499	37	4,255	3,448	807	12.2%	97.5%
Mental Health	441	1,327	99	1,867	1,329	538	22.0%	93.2%
Mental Retardation	1,254	12	-	1,266	13	1,253	-0.1%	108.3%
Paternity & Child Support	7,032	3,896	79	11,007	3,621	7,386	5.0%	91.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,748</b>	<b>13,606</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>28,598</b>	<b>13,094</b>	<b>15,504</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>
<b>Probate Division<sup>d</sup></b>								
Conservatorships	132	-	-	132	20	112	-15.2%	na
Decedent's Estates	4,630	1,373	245	6,248	1,855	4,393	-5.1%	na
Foreign Estate Proceedings	139	137	-	276	121	155	11.5%	na
Guardianships of Minor	408	44	-	452	83	369	-9.6%	na
Interventions	2,019	411	-	2,430	716	1,714	-15.1%	na
Small Estates	47	652	34	733	665	68	44.7%	na
Trusts	192	35	-	227	111	116	-39.6%	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>10,498</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>6,927</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>	<b>na</b>
<b>Tax Division</b>								
Civil Cases	311 <sup>c</sup>	308	0	619	152	467	50.2%	49.4%
Criminal Cases	6 <sup>c</sup>	2	0	8	2	6	0.0%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>49.2%</b>	<b>49.7%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>56,443</b>	<b>115,492</b>	<b>10,057</b>	<b>181,992</b>	<b>117,968</b>	<b>55,417</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>na</b>

<sup>a</sup>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.

<sup>b</sup>Cases available for disposition for the Criminal Division may be subject to adjustment in the future as a result of ongoing data verification activities due to the conversion to the Court's integrated justice information system. The beginning pending figures (i.e., "Cases Pending January 1") include cases that previously had been inactive because they were pending grand jury, in a diversion or other excludable time status. Also, in order to account for bench warrant activity, outstanding bench warrants were activated and included in "Cases Available for Disposition" and, moved to inactive status and removed from the count of cases pending December 31. As a result, the clearance rate reflects these caseload statistical adjustments.

<sup>c</sup>Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload.

<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figures were adjusted after an audit of the Probate caseloads. Accordingly, the calculation of clearance rates for CY 2008 would not be appropriate or meaningful statistics.

## SUPERIOR COURT NEW CASE FILINGS, 2004-2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007 - 2008
<b>Civil Division</b>						
Civil Actions	10,553	10,162	9,540	8,662	9,202	6.2%
Landlord & Tenant	48,999	45,346	46,050	46,082	44,334	-3.8%
Small Claims	15,756	14,622	15,488	12,087	9,838	-18.6%
Total	75,308	70,130	71,078	66,831	63,374	-5.2%
<b>Criminal Division<sup>a</sup></b>						
D.C. Misdemeanors	3,242	3,625	3,119	3,115	2,585	-17.0%
Felony	8,013	7,535	5,889	5,256	5,259	0.1%
Special Proceedings	3,197	3,489	na	na	na	na
Traffic	7,128	7,657	9,317	8,845	8,464	-4.3%
U.S. Misdemeanors	13,571	13,371	10,878	10,687	11,919	11.5%
Total	35,151	35,677	29,203	27,903	28,227	1.2%
<b>Domestic Violence Unit</b>						
Intrafamily	3,845	3,748	3,960	3,863	4,143	7.2%
U.S. Misdemeanors	4,244	4,426	2,783	2,880	3,180	10.4%
Total	8,089	8,174	6,743	6,743	7,323	8.6%
<b>Family Court Operations</b>						
Abuse & Neglect	802	933	652	532	842	58.3%
Adoption	467	324	299	250	274	9.6%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	3,507	3,659	4,131	3,641	3,756	3.2%
Juvenile	2,783	2,772	2,978	3,123	3,499	12.0%
Mental Health	1,623	1,155	1,136	1,250	1,327	6.2%
Mental Retardation	16	49	26	26	12	-53.8%
Paternity & Child Support	2,595	3,192	4,603	3,917	3,896	-0.5%
Total	11,793	12,084	13,825	12,739	13,606	6.8%
<b>Probate Division</b>						
Decedent's Estates	1,515	1,429	1,492	1,381	1,373	-0.6%
Foreign Estate Proceedings	132	153	128	118	137	16.1%
Guardianships of Minor	38	29	45	29	44	51.7%
Interventions	326	316	399	425	411	-3.3%
Small Estates	642	747	689	615	652	6.0%
Trusts	13	23	15	38	35	-7.9%
Total	2,666	2,697	2,768	2,606	2,652	1.8%
<b>Tax Division</b>						
Civil Cases	189	166	184	227	308	35.7%
Criminal Cases	12	14	11	7	2	-71.4%
Total	201	180	195	234	310	32.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	133,208	128,942	123,812	117,056	115,492	-1.3%
Monthly Average	11,101	10,745	10,318	9,755	9,624	-1.3%

<sup>a</sup>Beginning in CY 2006, cases that are "not papered" (i.e., where no formal charges were filed by the prosecutor) were no longer included in filings and dispositions.



## SUPERIOR COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS, 2004-2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007 - 2008
<b>Civil Division</b>						
Civil Actions	11,325	10,094	13,311	10,331	10,522	1.8%
Landlord & Tenant	46,087	43,720	47,121	52,942	44,625	-15.7%
Small Claims	16,485	14,209	17,238	21,466	11,050	-48.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,897</b>	<b>68,023</b>	<b>77,670</b>	<b>84,739</b>	<b>66,197</b>	<b>-21.9%</b>
<b>Criminal Division<sup>a</sup></b>						
D.C. Misdemeanors	4,591	4,736	2,543	3,231	2,844	-12.0%
Felony	10,216	10,011	5,833	5,534	5,548	0.3%
Special Proceedings	3,233	3,497	na	na	na	na
Traffic	10,884	11,402	6,684	7,761	7,545	-2.8%
U.S. Misdemeanors	20,426	20,574	10,035	10,523	10,783	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,350</b>	<b>50,220</b>	<b>25,095</b>	<b>27,049</b>	<b>26,720</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
<b>Domestic Violence Unit<sup>b</sup></b>						
Intrafamily	5,074	4,545	4,175	4,182	4,472	6.9%
Paternity & Child Support	348	405	271	na	na	na
U.S. Misdemeanors	4,876	4,799	3,473	3,066	3,760	22.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>9,749</b>	<b>7,919</b>	<b>7,248</b>	<b>8,232</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
<b>Family Court Operations<sup>b</sup></b>						
Abuse & Neglect	1,565	1,197	1,071	760	755	-0.7%
Adoption	802	495	356	251	252	0.4%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	3,576	3,499	4,079	3,310	3,676	11.1%
Juvenile	2,469	2,526	2,689	3,315	3,448	4.0%
Mental Health	1,590	1,073	1,121	1,363	1,329	-2.5%
Mental Retardation	11	6	14	16	13	-18.8%
Paternity & Child Support	4,218	1,900	3,608	4,061	3,621	-10.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,231</b>	<b>10,696</b>	<b>12,938</b>	<b>13,076</b>	<b>13,094</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Probate Division<sup>c</sup></b>						
Conservatorships	48	29	20	63	20	-68.3%
Decedent's Estates	2,025	2,743	2,921	1,916	1,855	-3.2%
Foreign Estate Proceedings	132	153	128	107	121	13.1%
Guardianships of Minor	157	91	88	104	83	-20.2%
Interventions	280	187	171	217	716	230.0%
Small Estates	717	800	768	644	665	3.3%
Trusts	4	2	4	13	111	753.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>16.5%</b>
<b>Tax Division</b>						
Civil Cases	161	160	209	297	152	-48.8%
Criminal Cases	5	-	17	5	2	-60.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>-49.0%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>151,305</b>	<b>142,853</b>	<b>127,948</b>	<b>135,478</b>	<b>117,968</b>	<b>-12.9%</b>
Monthly Average	12,609	11,904	10,662	11,290	9,831	-12.9%

<sup>a</sup>Beginning in CY 2006, cases that are "not papered" (i.e., where no formal charges were filed by the prosecutor) were no longer included in filings and dispositions.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning in CY 2007, Paternity and Child Support case activity, formerly reported in the Domestic Violence Unit, is reported in Family Court Operations.

<sup>c</sup>In CY 2008, figures reflect a higher percentage of disposed cases resulting from a manual review of open cases.

## SUPERIOR COURT PENDING CASELOADS, 2004-2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007 - 2008
<b>Civil Division</b>						
Civil Actions	10,063	10,364 <sup>a</sup>	7,427	6,571	5,908	-10.1%
Landlord & Tenant	6,888	18,863 <sup>a</sup>	18,119	11,726	11,579	-1.3%
Small Claims	4,687	14,689 <sup>a</sup>	13,090	3,959	2,997	-24.3%
Total	<u>21,638</u>	<u>43,916</u>	<u>38,636</u>	<u>22,256</u>	<u>20,484</u>	-8.0%
<b>Criminal Division</b>						
D.C. Misdemeanors	311	504	968 <sup>a</sup>	902 <sup>a</sup>	591	-34.5%
Felony	2,482	2,480	1,840 <sup>a</sup>	2,498 <sup>a</sup>	2,476	-0.9%
Special Proceedings	133	174	na	na	na	na
Traffic	820	1,013	2,494 <sup>a</sup>	3,602 <sup>a</sup>	4,039	12.1%
U.S. Misdemeanors	2,422	1,993	2,672 <sup>a</sup>	3,508 <sup>a</sup>	4,048	15.4%
Total	<u>6,168</u>	<u>6,164</u>	<u>7,974</u>	<u>10,510</u>	<u>11,154</u>	6.1%
<b>Domestic Violence Unit<sup>b</sup></b>						
Intrafamily	187	177	249	211	200	-5.2%
Paternity & Child Support	80	55	81	na	na	na
U.S. Misdemeanors	745	803	477	834	675	-19.1%
Total	<u>1,012</u>	<u>1,035</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>875</u>	-16.3%
<b>Family Court Operations<sup>b</sup></b>						
Abuse & Neglect	3,414	3,189 <sup>a</sup>	2,714 <sup>a</sup>	2,492 <sup>a</sup>	2,608	4.7%
Adoption	507	336	279 <sup>a</sup>	277 <sup>a</sup>	299	7.9%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	2,187	2,134 <sup>a</sup>	2,202 <sup>a</sup>	2,533	2,613	3.2%
Juvenile	1,015	572 <sup>a</sup>	878 <sup>a</sup>	719	807	12.2%
Mental Health	228	397 <sup>a</sup>	486 <sup>a</sup>	441	538	22.0%
Mental Retardation	1,189	1,232	1,244 <sup>a</sup>	1,254	1,253	-0.1%
Paternity & Child Support	3,863	5,231 <sup>a</sup>	6,608 <sup>a</sup>	7,032	7,386	5.0%
Total	<u>12,403</u>	<u>13,091</u>	<u>14,411</u>	<u>14,748</u>	<u>15,504</u>	5.1%
<b>Probate Division</b>						
Conservatorships	244	215	195	132	112	-15.2%
Decedent's Estates	3,784	2,498	1,115	4,630 <sup>a</sup>	4,393	-5.1%
Foreign Estate Proceedings	-	-	-	139 <sup>a</sup>	155	11.5%
Guardianships of Minor	231	169	126	408 <sup>a</sup>	369	-9.6%
Interventions	1,907	2,036	2,264	2,019 <sup>a</sup>	1,714	-15.1%
Small Estates	107	86	45	47 <sup>a</sup>	68	44.7%
Trusts	287	308	319	192 <sup>a</sup>	116	-39.6%
Total	<u>6,560</u>	<u>5,312</u>	<u>4,064</u>	<u>7,567</u>	<u>6,927</u>	-8.5%
<b>Tax Division</b>						
Civil Cases	431	437	423 <sup>a</sup>	311 <sup>a</sup>	467	50.2%
Criminal Cases	22	36	6 <sup>a</sup>	6 <sup>a</sup>	6	0.0%
Total	<u>453</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>473</u>	49.2%
<b>Grand Total</b>	48,234 <sup>a</sup>	69,991	66,321 <sup>a</sup>	56,443 <sup>a</sup>	55,417	-1.8%
Monthly Average	4,020	5,833	5,527 <sup>a</sup>	4,704 <sup>a</sup>	4,618	-1.8%

<sup>a</sup>Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning in CY 2007, Paternity and Child Support case activity, formerly reported in the Domestic Violence Unit, is reported in Family Court Operations.

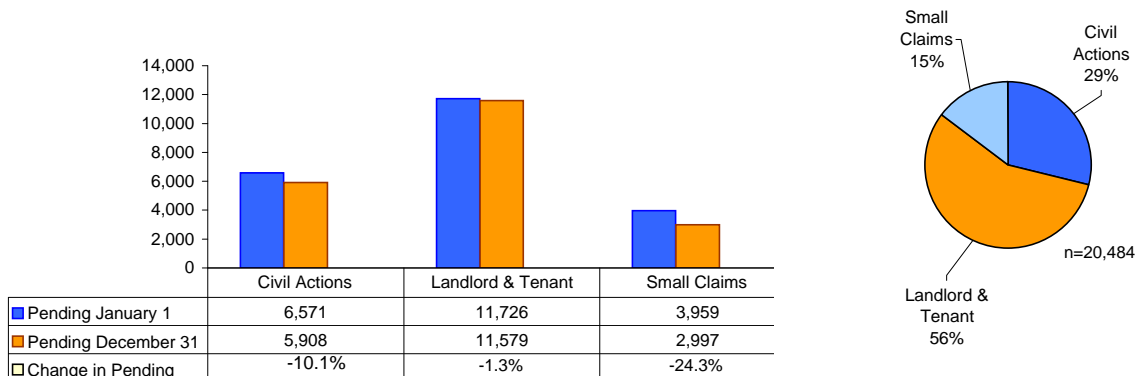
## CIVIL DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR 2008

	Civil Actions	Landlord & Tenant	Small Claims	Total
Pending Jan 1	6,571	11,726	3,959	22,256
New Filings/Assignments	9,202	44,334	9,838	63,374
Reactivated/Reopened	657	144	250	1,051
<b>Total Available for Disposition</b>	<b>16,430</b>	<b>56,204</b>	<b>14,047</b>	<b>86,681</b>
<b>Methods of Disposition:</b>				
Settled/Dismissed	3,712	877	2,727	7,316
Dismissed by Plaintiff/Parties	-	4,398	-	4,398
Dismissed re: Bulk Filing by FAX/email	-	19,090	-	19,090
Dismissed by Court	1,313	1,976	400	3,689
Dismissed Rule 41	603	2,017	-	2,620
Dismissed Rule 4(m)/4(o)	1,337	-	3,598	4,935
Default Judgment	713	8,818	2,489	12,020
Judgments/Consents/Confession	132	5,957	533	6,622
Ex part Proof-Affidavit	303	-	517	820
Removed to Federal Court	163	-	1	164
Dispositive Motions	310	20	7	337
Judgment from Jury Trial	118	-	-	118
Judgment from Non-Jury Trial	69	159 <sup>b</sup>	520	748
Summary Proceedings	1,162	-	-	1,162
Agency Review/Appeal	80	-	-	80
Settled During Trial	13	7	26	46
Mediation Agreement Approved	-	186	-	186
Non-Redeemable Judg./Plntf for Poss.	-	448	-	448
Judgment for Possession	-	163	-	163
Plea of Title	-	10	-	10
Other	494	499	232	1,225
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>10,522</b>	<b>44,625</b>	<b>11,050</b>	<b>66,197</b>
Pending Dec. 31	5,908	11,579	2,997	20,484
Percent Change in Pending	-10.1%	-1.3%	-24.3%	-8.0%
Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>	106.7%	100.3%	109.5%	102.8%

<sup>a</sup>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.

<sup>b</sup>In CY 2008, 159 non-jury trials were held in L&T cases, of which 94 cases were presided over by the judge assigned to the L&T courtroom while the remaining 65 cases were certified and presided over by Civil Division judges on other calendars.

## CIVIL DIVISION PENDING CASELOAD, 2008

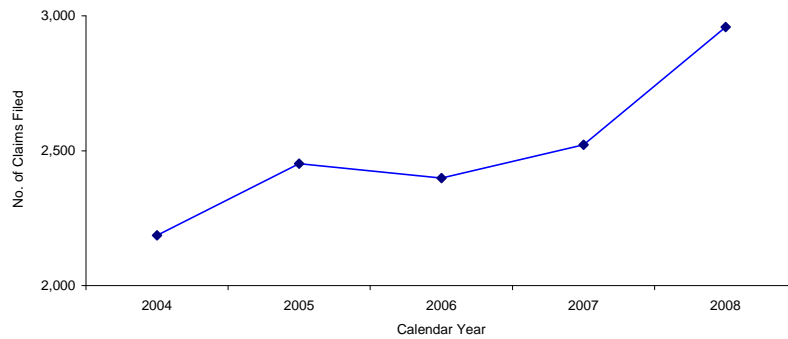


## CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM, 2004-2008

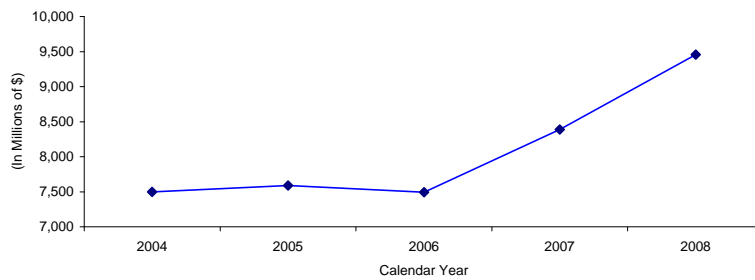
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007-2008
Claims Filed	2,186	2,452	2,399	2,522	2,958	17.3%
Payments For Services	8,616	9,590	8,476	11,014	15,101	37.1%
Amount Awarded To Victims	\$7,498,616	\$7,588,463	\$7,491,308	\$8,389,591	\$9,454,845	12.7%
Average Amount Awarded Per Claim	\$3,430	\$3,095	\$3,123	\$3,327	\$3,196	-3.9%

<sup>a</sup>Figure includes payments processed during the calendar year, which may also include payments for claims filed in prior calendar years.

### CLAIMS FILED



### AWARD AMOUNTS PAID TO VICTIMS



## CRIMINAL DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR 2008

	D.C.			U.S.	
	Misdemeanors	Felony	Traffic	Misdemeanors	Total
Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	902	2,498	3,602	3,508	10,510
New Filings	2,585	5,259	8,464	11,919	28,227
Reopened	9	317	65	39	430
Reactivated <sup>b</sup>	960	1,143	1,976	3,235	7,314
<b>Total Available for Disposition</b>	<b>4,456</b>	<b>9,217</b>	<b>14,107</b>	<b>18,701</b>	<b>46,481</b>
<b>Method of Disposition</b>					
<b>Non-Trial</b>					
Guilty Plea	329	3,196	2,854	4,312	10,691
Nolle Prosequi	868	71	1,279	1,379	3,597
Nolle Diversion	500	7	2,222	1,422	4,151
DWP	96	378	456	1,168	2,098
Dismissal	46	1,432	52	1,780	3,310
Other/Abatement	7	28	3	27	65
Security Forfeited	935		578		1,513
<b>Total Non-Trial</b>	<b>2,781</b>	<b>5,112</b>	<b>7,444</b>	<b>10,088</b>	<b>25,425</b>
<b>Jury Trials</b>					
Guilty Verdict	3	257	10	11	281
Not Guilty Verdict	1	111	5	9	126
Acquittal		2	1		3
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity		1			1
Mistrial/Hung Jury		60	3		63
<b>Total Jury Trial</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>474</b>
<b>Bench Trials</b>					
Guilty Judgment	47	51	65	487	650
Not Guilty Judgment	5	12	9	120	146
Acquittal	7	2	11	66	86
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity				2	2
<b>Total Bench Trial</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>884</b>
<b>Total Dispositions<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>5,548</b>	<b>7,545</b>	<b>10,783</b>	<b>26,720</b>
Moved to Inactive Status <sup>c</sup>	1,076	1,187	2,847	3,738	8,848
Pending Dec 31	591	2,476	4,039	4,048	11,154
Percent Change in Pending	-34.5%	-0.9%	12.1%	15.4%	6.1%
Clearance Rate <sup>d</sup>	110.3%	100.2%	98.9%	95.6%	98.9%

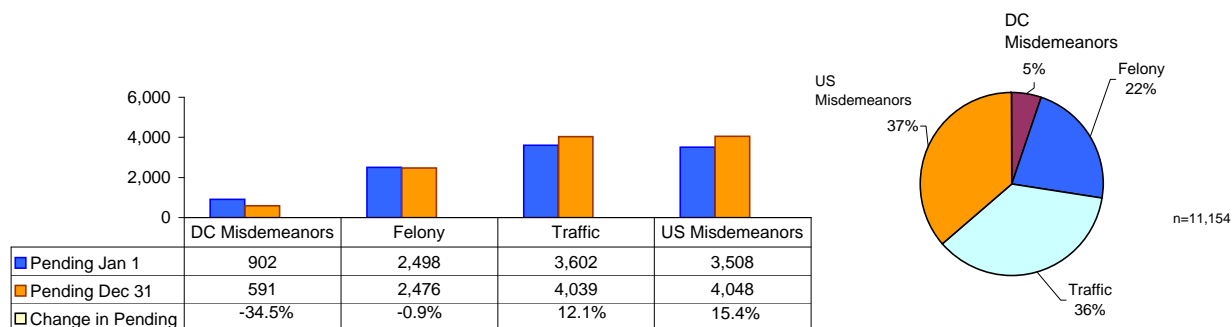
<sup>a</sup>Cases available for disposition for the Criminal Division may be subject to adjustment in the future as a result of ongoing data verification activities due to the conversion to the Court's integrated justice information system. The beginning pending figures (i.e., Cases Pending January 1<sup>st</sup>) include cases that previously had been inactive because they were pending grand jury, in a diversion or other excludable time status. Also, in order to account for bench warrant activity, outstanding bench warrants were activated and included in "Total Available for Disposition" and, moved to inactive status and removed from the count of pending December 31. As a result, the clearance rate reflects these caseload statistical adjustments.

<sup>b</sup>Excludes "mistrials and hung jury."

<sup>c</sup>Includes bench warrants.

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## CRIMINAL DIVISION PENDING CASELOAD, 2008

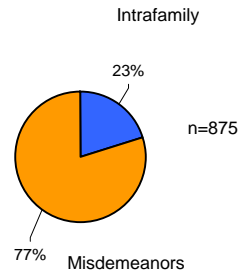
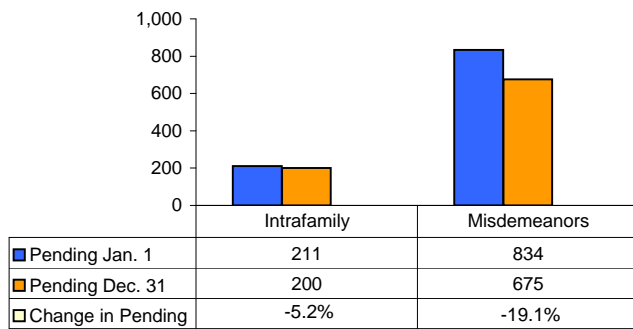


## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT CASE ACTIVITY FOR 2008

	Intrafamily	Misdemeanors	Total
Pending Jan 1	211	834	1,045
New Filings	4,143	3,180	7,323
Reactivated/Reopened	318	421	739
Total Available for Disposition	4,672	4,435	9,107
Total Dispositions	4,472	3,760	8,232
Pending Dec 31	200	675	875
Percent Change in Pending	-5.2%	-19.1%	-16.3%
Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>	100.2%	104.4%	102.1%

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PENDING CASELOAD, 2008



## FAMILY COURT OPERATIONS CASE ACTIVITY FOR 2008

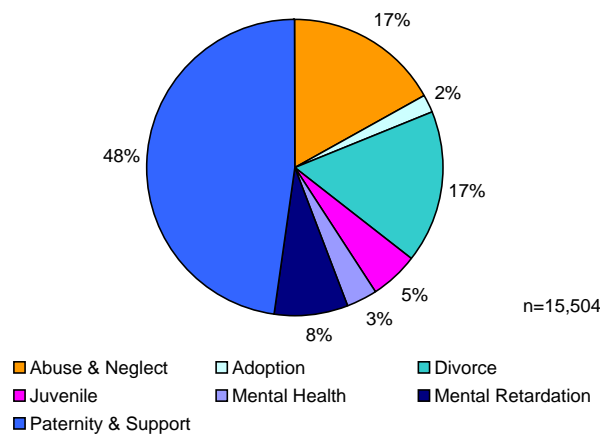
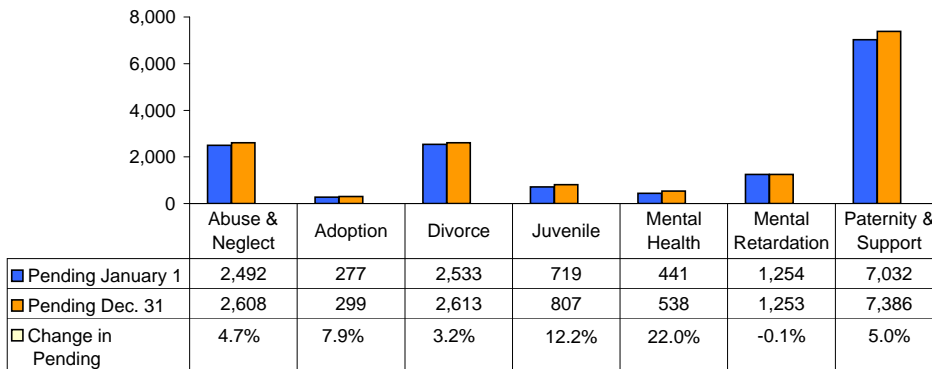
	Abuse & Neglect	Adoption	Divorce	Juvenile <sup>b</sup>	Mental Health	Mental Retardation	Paternity & Child Support	Total
Pending Jan. 1 <sup>a</sup>	2,492	277	2,533	719	441	1,254	7,032	14,748
New Filings	842	274	3,756	3,499	1,327	12	3,896	13,606
Reopened	29	-	-	37	99	-	79	244
Total Available for Disposition	3,363	551	6,289	4,255	1,867	1,266	11,007	28,598
Dispositions	755	252	3,676	3,448	1,329	13	3,621	13,094
Pending Dec. 31	2,608	299	2,613	807	538	1,253	7,386	15,504
Percent Change in Pending	4.7%	7.9%	3.2%	12.2%	22.0%	-0.1%	5.0%	5.1%
Clearance Rate <sup>c</sup>	86.7%	92.0%	97.9%	97.5%	93.2%	108.3%	91.1%	94.5%

<sup>a</sup>Pending January 1 figures for Abuse & Neglect, Adoption, and Juvenile were adjusted after an audit of these caseloads.

<sup>b</sup>Includes cases involving Delinquency, PINS, and Interstate Compact.

<sup>c</sup>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 OPERATIONS PENDING CASELOAD, 2008



## SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION ACTIVITY FOR 2008

	Pending Jan. 1	New Cases/Clients	Total	Closed	Cases Pending Dec. 31	% Change Pending 2007 - 2008
Juvenile Intake						
Active Clients <sup>a</sup>	-	470	470	470	-	na
New Cases/Clients	30	2,446	2,476	2,448	28	-6.7%
Total <sup>b</sup>	30	2,916	2,946	2,918	28	-6.7%
Child Guidance Clinic	3	618	621	618	3	0.0%
Domestic Relations <sup>c</sup>	19	216	235	200	35	84.2%
Juvenile Drug Court	48	36	84	54	30	-37.5%
Pre-and Post Disposition Supervision						
Interstate Compact	295	401	696	449	247	-16.3%
Leaders of Today in Solidarity <sup>d</sup>	178	536	714	505	209	17.4%
Satellite Offices <sup>e</sup>						
Northeast	277	741	1,018	779	239	-13.7%
Northwest	143	488	631	493	138	-3.5%
Southeast	285	583	868	622	246	-13.7%
Southwest	147	460	607	462	145	-1.4%
Ultimate Transitions Ultimate Responsibilities <sup>f</sup>	50	114	164	77	87	74.0%
Total	1,375	3,323	4,698	3,387	1,311	-4.7%
Total Pending Clients <sup>g</sup>	1,475	na	na	na	1,407	-4.6%

<sup>a</sup>Youth who are arrested in a new case but are already under supervision either pre-disposition in another case or post-disposition by Court Social Services or the District's Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services. When a youth is rearrested, irrespective of his/her pre or post-disposition status, the youth is, by statute, supervised for the new charge by the Court Social Services.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning pending figure adjusted.

<sup>c</sup>Judicial referrals to a probation officer to conduct a home study to determine custody matters.

<sup>d</sup>Pre- and post adjudication supervision unit designed for females - LOTS.

<sup>e</sup>Community-based offenses where services are provided; figures includes probation and consent decree cases.

<sup>f</sup>Intensive supervision unit designed for males - UTURN.

<sup>g</sup>Clients may move from intake to supervision status within a reporting period, therefore, to avoid double counting, only totals for pending cases are provided. "Total Pending Clients" figure adjusted after audit of caseload.



**MULTI-DOOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION DIVISION**

**CIVIL ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTIVITY, 2004-2008**

	2004	2005	2006	2007 <sup>a</sup>	2008	% Change 2007-2008
<b>Arbitration Cases</b>						
Referred	5	3	2	na	na	na
Scheduled	na	na	na	4	1	-75.0%
Closed	12	2	4	na	na	na
Arbitrated	na	na	na	4	1	-75.0%
Settled	3	2	4	2	1	-50.0%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	25%	100%	100%	50%	100%	na
<b>Civil Mediation Cases</b>						
Referred	2,838	3,184	3,640	na	na	na
Scheduled	na	na	na	4,041	3,686	-8.8%
Closed	2,272	2,258	2,862	na	na	na
Mediated	na	na	na	1,282	1,315	2.6%
Settled	767	576	718	307	286	-6.8%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	34%	38%	25%	23%	24%	na
<b>Civil Mediation in Special Cases<sup>c</sup></b>						
Referred	135	300	164	na	na	na
Scheduled	na	na	na	246	232	-5.7%
Closed	132	198	140	na	na	na
Mediated	na	na	na	120	125	4.2%
Settled	82	110	68	32	27	-15.6%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	58%	52%	43%	27%	26%	na
<b>Landlord and Tenant Cases</b>						
Referred	570	678	957	na	na	na
Scheduled	na	na	na	1,180	945	-19.9%
Closed	570	654	758	na	na	na
Mediated	na	na	na	938	765	-18.4%
Settled	390	465	499	530	459	-13.4%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	68%	71%	64%	57%	64%	na
<b>Probate Cases</b>						
Referred	32	61	114	na	na	na
Scheduled	na	na	na	98	85	-13.3%
Closed	24	38	46	na	na	na
Mediated	na	na	na	56	45	-19.6%
Settled	8	20	9	11	11	0.0%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	33%	50%	17%	20%	31%	na
<b>Small Claims Cases</b>						
Referred	1,466	1,178	1,258	na	na	na
Scheduled	na	na	na	1,151	1,083	-5.9%
Closed	1,466	1,144	1,196	na	na	na
Mediated	na	na	na	1,121	1,039	-7.3%
Settled	700	485	544	507	442	-12.8%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	48%	42%	46%	45%	43%	na
<b>Tax Cases</b>						
Referred	147	292	288	na	na	na
Scheduled	na	na	na	260	233	-10.4%
Closed	150	173	119	na	na	na
Mediated	na	na	na	184	172	-6.5%
Settled	56	57	62	31	33	6.5%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	37%	33%	53%	17%	19%	na

<sup>a</sup>In CY 2007, the categories of "cases referred" and "cases closed" were changed to "cases scheduled" and "cases mediated or arbitrated" respectively.

<sup>b</sup>The settlement rate is the number of mediations/arbitrations completed divided by the number of settlements reached. The rate excludes cases continued during a given reporting period.

<sup>c</sup>Cases expedited for mediation at the scheduling conference.

## FAMILY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTIVITY, 2004-2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007 <sup>a</sup>	2008	% Change 2007-2008
<b>Child Protection Cases</b>						
Referred	396	481	353	na	na	na
Scheduled	na	na	na	312	438	40.4%
Closed	388	480	372	na	na	na
Mediated	na	na	na	227	338	48.9%
Settled	289	363	266	121	344	184.3%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	89%	92%	94%	94%	98%	na
<b>Other Family Cases</b>						
Referred	439	354	379	na	na	na
Scheduled	na	na	na	691	1,184	71.3%
Closed	352	313	372	na	na	na
Mediated	na	na	na	1,040	861	-17.2%
Settled	142	88	101	172	205	19.2%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	41%	34%	38%	40%	47%	na

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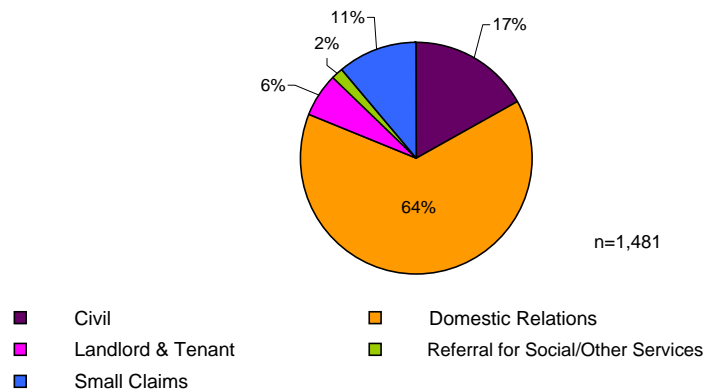
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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION & REFERRALS BY TYPE OF DISPUTE, 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007 - 2008
Number of Clients Assisted	1,846	1,504	1,475	2,097	2,324	10.8%
<b>Type of Dispute</b>						
Civil	162	177	171	180	251	39.4%
Domestic Relations	565	475	464	892	952	6.7%
Landlord & Tenant	26	25	27	34	89	161.8%
Referral for Social/Other Services	324	173	171	26	24	-7.7%
Small Claims	247	220	193	131	165	26.0%
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Number of Disputes	1,324	1,070	1,026	1,263	1,481	17.3%
Cases Mediated/Conciliated <sup>a</sup>	134	125	106	72	78	8.3%
Cases Settled	101	97	81	54	52	-3.7%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	75%	78%	76%	75%	67%	na

<sup>a</sup>Conciliated cases are typically resolved over the telephone.

<sup>b</sup>The settlement rate is the number of mediations completed divided by the number of settlements reached. The rate excludes cases continued during a given reporting period.



## OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR-MASTER

### AUDITOR MASTER CASE ACTIVITY, 2004-2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Pending Jan 1	125	35	24	22	16
New Orders of Reference	24	42	31	13	20
Requirement for Supplemental Reports	-	-	4	1	1
Available for Disposition	149	77	59	36	37
Closed/Reports Issued	114	53	37	20	21
Pending Dec 31	35	24	22	16	15
Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>	na	na	105.7%	142.9%	100.0%

<sup>a</sup>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 supplement reports).

## PROBATE DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR 2008

	Cases Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	Cases Filed	Cases Reactivated/ Reopened	Available for Disposition	Cases Disposed <sup>b</sup>	Cases Pending Dec 31 <sup>c</sup>	% Change in Pending 2007 - 2008
<b>Cases Involving the Deceased</b>							
Decedent's Estates	4,630	1,373	245	6,248	1,855	4,393	-5.1%
Foreign Estate Proceedings	139	137	-	276	121	155	11.5%
Small Estates	47	652	34	733	665	68	44.7%
<b>Cases Involving the Incapacitated</b>							
Conservatorships (Old Law) <sup>d</sup>	132	-	-	132	20	112	-15.2%
Guardianships (of Minors)	408	44	-	452	83	369	-9.6%
Intervention Proceedings (Adult Guardianships/ Conservatorships)	2,019	411	-	2,430	716	1,714	-15.1%
Trusts	192	35	-	227	111	116	-39.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>10,498</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>6,927</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>

<sup>a</sup>Figures adjusted after an audit of the Probate caseloads, including a manual review of open cases.

<sup>b</sup>Includes a high percentage of cases closed after a manual review of the open cases.

<sup>c</sup>Probate cases concerning persons with disabilities remain under the Court's supervision until the "ward" reaches adulthood, dies, is restored to competency or moves to another jurisdiction. As a result, such cases will remain "pending" and in the Court's caseload for extended periods of time.

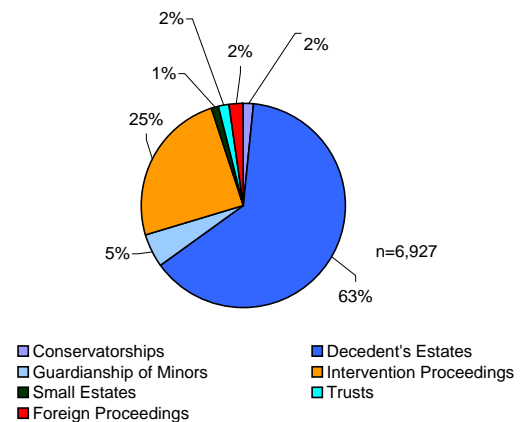
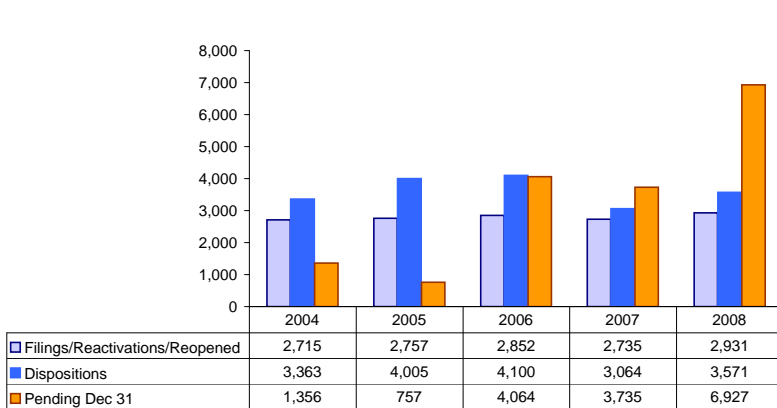
<sup>d</sup>Conservatorships (Old Law) refers to conservatorships created prior to 1989, which provided for only the management of assets of the ward. Beginning September 30, 1989, intervention proceedings filed were governed by the 300 rule series and D.C. Code 21-2001 through 2085 and termed "Intervention Proceedings" or "Adult Guardianships/Conservatorships."

## ACCOUNT AND FEE ACTIVITY, 2004-2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007 - 2008
Accounts Filed	2,060	1,995	1,675	1,600	1,444	-9.8%
Accounts Disposed <sup>a</sup>	2,367	2,357	1,812	1,548	1,517	-2.0%
Petition for Compensation Request Filed	1,381	1,354	1,468	1,671	1,613	-3.5%
Petition for Compensation Request Resolved	1,388	1,304	1,401	1,589	1,551	-2.4%

<sup>a</sup>In CY 2006, special efforts in the Auditing Branch to streamline workflow processes resulted in a 62% reduction in the caseload available for disposition and the disposition of 7.5% more accounts than were filed.

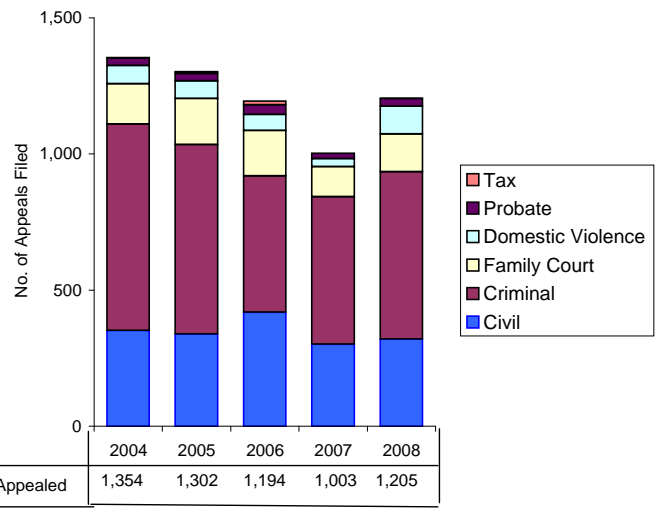
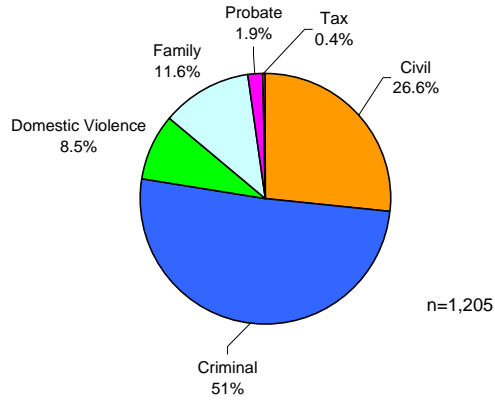
## PROBATE DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY, 2004-2008 and PENDING CASELOAD, 2008



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

## APPEALS COORDINATORS' OFFICE

### Type of Superior Court Cases Appealed to the D.C. Court of Appeals, 2004-2008

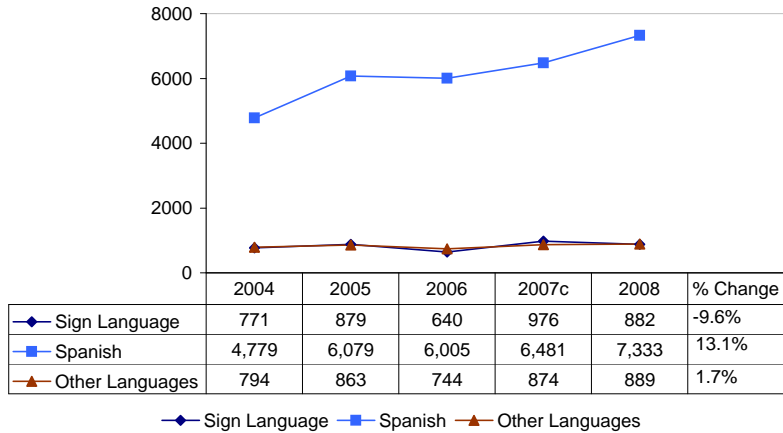


Total No. of Cases Appealed	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	1,354	1,302	1,194	1,003	1,205

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**OFFICE OF COURT INTERPRETING SERVICES**

**Number of Court Events<sup>a</sup> Requiring Interpreters, 2004-2008<sup>b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup>There may be multiple court events requiring interpreters services in a single case.

<sup>b</sup>Foreign language services are provided for all criminal and family matters, for probate and civil matters if the party is adjudicated as indigent, or as a directive from the judge. Sign language services are provided for all Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals.

<sup>c</sup>Sign language figure adjusted after an audit of the cases.

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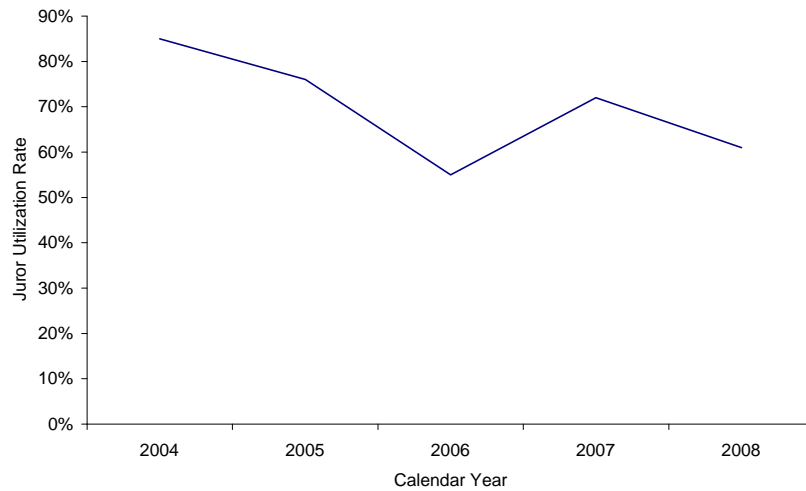
### PETIT JUROR ACTIVITY, 2004-2008

#### Juror Utilization

	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	Total	Daily Average	Total	Daily Average	Total	Daily Average	Total	Daily Average	Total	Daily Average
Jurors Reporting for Service	42,192	228	45,013	234	56,465	291	47,670	254	53,851	282
Jurors Sent to Voir Dire	35,720	193	34,046	177	31,140	162	34,341	183	32,304	169
Jurors Selected For Panels	7,826	42	7,670	40	6,783	35	7,531	40	6,984	37
Juror Utilization Rate <sup>a</sup>	85%		76%		55%		72%		61%	

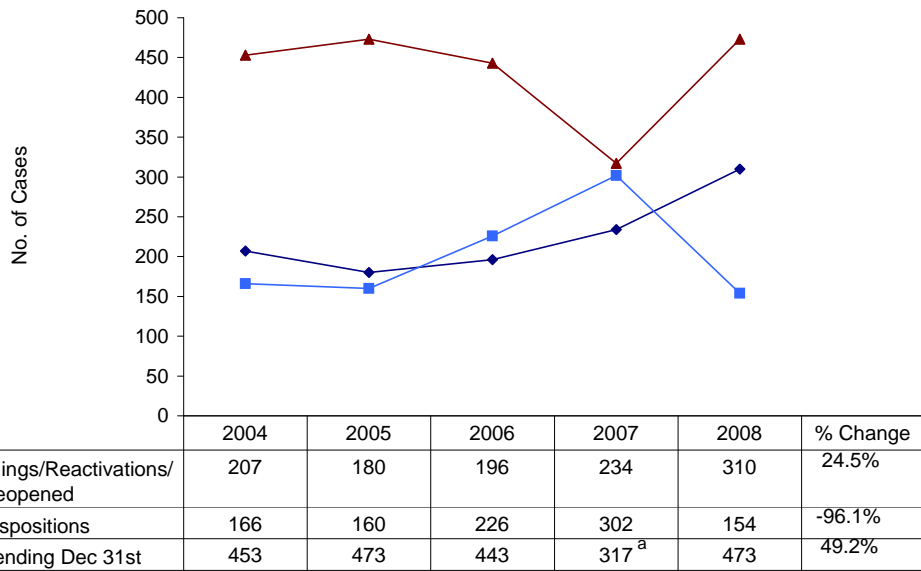
<sup>a</sup>A measure of efficiency in which the number of prospective jurors who are sent at least once for the *Voir Dire* process is expressed as a percentage of the number of jurors who are qualified and report for service.

### JUROR UTILIZATION RATE, 2004-2008



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

### TAX DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY, 2004-2008



<sup>a</sup>Pending figure adjusted after audit of caseload.



**COURT REPORTING AND RECORDING DIVISION, 2004-2008**

**TRANSCRIPT PRODUCTION FROM REPORTERS**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007-2008
Pages Produced by Court Reporters						
Appeal Pages	177,002	152,054	135,818	130,794	153,759	17.6%
Non-Appeal Pages	101,842	92,322	115,039	99,626	118,855	19.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>278,844</b>	<b>244,376</b>	<b>250,857</b>	<b>230,420</b>	<b>272,614</b>	<b>18.3%</b>
Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced	63.5	62.2	54.1	56.8	56.0	-1.4%
Transcript Orders Pending December 31	305	545	412	334	362	8.4%
Average Number of Days to Complete	61	50	41	39	39	0.0%
Appeal	na	na	62	60	60	0.0%
Non-Appeal	na	na	20	18	20	11.1%

**TRANSCRIPT PRODUCTION FROM RECORDINGS**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2007-2008
Pages Produced by Court Transcribers						
Appeal Pages	8,309	10,819	8,762	5,314	7,092	33.5%
Non-Appeal Pages	24,041	19,713	24,329	18,478	17,896	-3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,350</b>	<b>30,532</b>	<b>33,091</b>	<b>23,792</b>	<b>24,988</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Pages Produced by Contract Transcription Services						
Appeal Pages	21,338	67,402	58,235	55,543	64,137	15.5%
Non-Appeal Pages	23,311	65,587	60,396	79,182	97,285	22.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,649</b>	<b>132,989</b>	<b>118,631</b>	<b>134,725</b>	<b>161,422</b>	<b>19.8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,999</b>	<b>163,521</b>	<b>151,722</b>	<b>158,517</b>	<b>186,410</b>	<b>17.6%</b>
Transcript Orders Pending December 31	404	143	136	407	535	31.4%
Average Number of Days to Complete	41	48	24	28	20	-28.6%
Appeal	na	na	27	32	23	-28.1%
Non-Appeal	na	na	21	24	18	-25.0%

**TRANSCRIPT PRODUCTION**

