# District of Columbia Courts

Statistical Summary





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## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS' BUDGET**

		FY 2016 ppropriation	Ar	FY 2017 Appropriation *	
Court of Appeals	\$	14,192,000	\$	14,165,021	
Superior Court	\$	123,638,000	\$	123,402,964	
Court System	\$	73,981,000	\$	73,840,362	
Total	\$	211,811,000	\$	211,408,347	
Capital Budget	\$	62,590,000	\$	62,471,016	
Defender Services	\$	49,890,000	\$	49,795,159	
Total	\$	324,291,000	\$	323,674,522	

<sup>\*</sup>Based on a Continuing Resolution that finances court operations through April 28, 2017. However, the figures reflect the CR for the full year.

## **COURT OF APPEALS CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2012-2016**

#### FILINGS BY CATEGORY & RATIO TO DISPOSITIONS

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Mandatory Appeal & Bar Cases					_
Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	1,868	2,214	1,896	1,532	1,415
Filings					
Agency	347	245	241	277	253
Bar Cases	99	107	91	75	67
Civil	605 <sup>c</sup>	352 <sup>c</sup>	379 <sup>c</sup>	371	333
Criminal	856	682 <sup>c</sup>	636 <sup>c</sup>	573	483
Family	163	140 <sup>c</sup>	142 <sup>c</sup>	127	158
Special Proceedings	4	3	3	0	2
Total Filings	2,074	1,529	1,492	1,423	1,296
Reinstated	37	14	23	22	6
Dispositions	1,771	1,866	1,787	1,567	1,509
Original Jurisdiction Matters					
Pending Jan 1	4	4	0	4	4
Filings	50	58	38	48	48
Dispositions	50	62	35	47	51
Discretionary Jurisdiction Matters					
Pending Jan 1	0 <sup>c</sup>	5	5	0	0
Filings	35 <sup>c</sup>	31	19	11	13
Dispositions	34	31	24	11	13
Appeal Court Total					
Filings	2,159	1,618	1,549	1,482	1,357
Dispositions	1,855	1,959	1,846	1,625	1,573
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	84%	120%	117%	108%	115%
Pending Dec 31	2,213	1,896	1,627	1,415	1,209

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Pending figures were adjusted in January to reflect case activity from Superior Court not previously reported.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Figure adjusted.

DISPOSITIONS BY METHOD					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Opinion	221	249	269	233	207
Memorandum Opinion & Judgment	571	589	448	464	399
Judgment	231	369	239	218	289
Order	832	752	890	710	678
Total	1,855	1,959	1,846	1,625	1,573
MOTIONS & PETITIONS					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Procedural Motions	5,300	5,333	4,886	4,356	4,180
Substantive Motions	1,040	966	843	696	596
Petitions for Rehearing/Rehearing En Banc	183	230	212	229	181

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

## **TIME ON APPEAL (Number of Days)**

Overall Time On Appeal <sup>a</sup>		
Average 427 418 476	423	405
Median 352 357 423	387	366
Time from Notice of Appeal to Filing of Trial Court or		
Agency Record		
Average 124 116 135	111	99
Median 81 91 97	90	80
Time from Filing of Trial Court or Agency Record to		
Completed Briefing by the Parties		
Average 232 232 256	241	232
Median 167 173 202	200	198
Time from Completed Briefing to Argument or Submission		
Average 181 173 169	167	151
Median 174 147 154	153	142
Time from Argument or Submission to Court Decision		
Average 136 116 153	132	141
Median 56 78 102	86	84
Overall Time On Appeal for Certain Matters		
Mandatory Appeal & Bar Cases		
Average 246 166 213	237	240
Median 115 106 108	114	86
Original Jurisdiction Matters		
Average 29 19 25	28	28
Median 22 16 20	21	22
Discretionary Jurisdiction Matters		
Average 38 40 38	51	50
Median 34 41 34	50	45

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>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.

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Admission to Bar by Examination	2012	2013	2014	2013	2010
Applications Filed <sup>b</sup>	527	549	606	647	1,135
Applications Withheld	80	80	42	77	77
Applications Rejected	9	6	2	1	5
Unsuccessful Applicants	220	257	320	337	452
Successful Applicants	227	212	242	232	564
Applicants Admitted	204	216	253	200	466
Admission to Bar by Motion					
Applications Filed	2,887	2,816	2,459	2,475	2,057
Applications Admitted	2,932	3,046	2,670	2,189	3,116
Applications Rejected	3	4	10	5	1
Certificates of Good Standing	11,359	10,423	7,812	9,377	9,001
Certification for Law Student in Court Program	342	314	326	729	655
Certification as Special Legal Consultant	11	18	12	5	13

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Effective March 1, 2016, the District of Columbia Courts' Rules Committee adopted the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE). The number of application filed for admissions to the bar by examination increased commencing with the administration of the July 2016 bar exam.

#### **BAR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

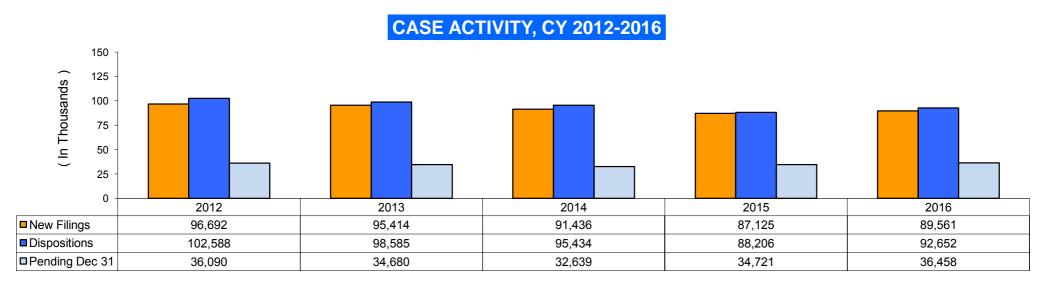
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Disbarments	27	25	27	40	13
Suspensions	29	38	27	35	28
Public Censure	0	0	1	1	1
Petitions for Reinstatement	2	4	5	5	4
Petitions for Formal Hearings	23	34	29	37	26
Miscellaneous Petitions	13	17	14	6	11

# **SUPERIOR COURT**

<b>CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY</b>	2016							
DIVISION/UNIT	Pending Jan 1	New Filings	Reactivated/ Reopened	Available for Disposition	Disposed	Pending Dec 31	% Change in Pending 2015 - 2016	Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>
Civil Division								
Civil Actions	7,084	9,350	493	16,927	9,403	7,524	6.2%	96%
Landlord & Tenant	5,312	33,356	266	38,934	33,987	4,947	-6.9%	101%
Small Claims	1,279	5,580	108	6,967	5,266	1,701	33.0%	93%
Total	13,675	48,286	867	62,828	48,656	14,172	3.6%	99%
Criminal Division <sup>b</sup>								
Felony	2,097 °	4,520	1,205	7,822	3,930	2,778	32.5%	87%
Misdemeanors U.S.	3,376 c	9,213	4,159	16,748	8,918	3,630	7.5%	98%
Misdemeanors D.C.	293 ℃	1,314	884	2,491	1,801	317	8.2%	105%
Traffic	1,421 °	4,097	3,165	8,683	6,265	1,580	11.2%	103%
Total	<b>7,187</b> c	19,144	9,413	35,744	20,914	8,305	15.6%	98%
Domestic Violence Unit								
Intrafamily	327	5,578	312	6,217	5,923	294	-10.1%	101%
Misdemeanors U.S.	771	2,087	7	2,865	2,324	541	-29.8%	111%
Total	1,098	7,665	319	9,082	8,247	835	-24.0%	103%
Family Court Operations								
Abuse & Neglect	160 <sup>c</sup>	453	1	614	466	148	-7.5%	103%
Adoption	167 ∘	217	5	389	230	159	-4.8%	104%
Divorce/Custody/Miscellaneous	1,423 °	4,671	64	6,158	4,929	1,229	-13.6%	104%
Juvenile	627 ∊	1,715	21	2,363	1,799	564	-10.0%	104%
Mental Health	224 °	2,016	135	2,375	2,256	119	-46.9%	105%
Mental Habilitation	1	2	0	3	2	1	0.0%	100%
Paternity & Child Support	688 <sup>c</sup>	1,835	24	2,547	1,746	801	16.4%	94%
Total	<b>3,290</b> c	10,909	250	14,449	11,428	3,021	-8.2%	102%
Probate Division								
Conservatorships	21	0	0	21	0	21	0.0%	na
Decedent's Estates	4,506	1,510	417	6,433	1,709	4,724	4.8%	89%
Foreign Proceedings	170	157	1	328	159	169	-0.6%	101%
Guardianship of Minors	171	32	3	206	20	186	8.8%	57%
Intervention Proceedings	2,679	457	33	3,169	345	2,824	5.4%	70%
Small Estates	91	602	65	758	614	144	58.2%	92%
Trusts	100	13	0	113	5	108	8.0%	38%
Total	7,738	2,771	519	11,028	2,852	8,176	5.7%	87%
Tax Division								
Civil	1,714 ∘	783	0	2,497	551	1,946	13.5%	70%
Criminal	4 <sup>c</sup>	3	0	7	4	3	-25.0%	133%
Total	1,718	786	0	2,504	555	1,949	13.4%	71%
Superior Court Total	34,706	89,561	11,368	135,635	92,652	36,458	5.0%	92%

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

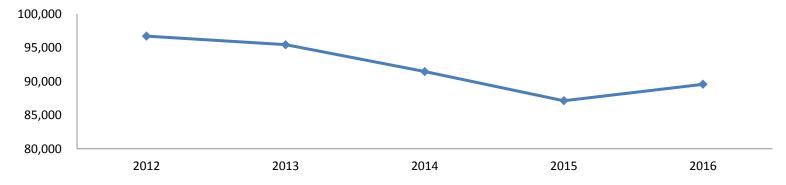
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>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 other excludable time status. Also, outstanding bench warrants are included in "Cases Available for Disposition" and excluded from the calculation of Clearance Rate and, once resolved, are removed from the pending caseload.

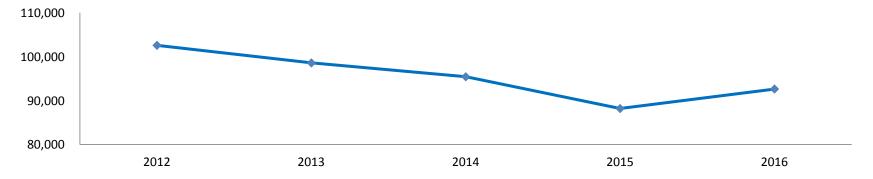
NEW CASE FILINGS, CY 2012-2016									
						% Change			
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015 - 2016			
Civil Division									
Civil Actions	9,581	8,546	8,337	10,106	9,350	-7.5%			
Landlord & Tenant	36,217	35,543	34,220	32,590	33,356	2.4%			
Small Claims	7,930	6,148_	4,741_	5,420_	5,580	3.0%			
Total	53,728	50,237	47,298	48,116	48,286	0.4%			
<b>Criminal Division</b>									
Felony	3,618	3,440	3,151	3,469	4,520	30.3%			
Misdemeanors U.S.	10,494	10,470	9,800	8,178	9,213	12.7%			
Misdemeanors D.C.	1,155	1,439	1,334	1,075	1,314	22.2%			
Traffic	5,041	5,587	6,001	3,622	4,097	13.1%			
Total	20,308	20,936	20,286	16,344	19,144	17.1%			
Domestic Violence Unit									
Intrafamily	4,676	5,005	5,039	5,505	5,578	1.3%			
Misdemeanors U.S.	2,739	2,938	2,965	2,458	2,087	-15.1%			
Total	7,415	7,943	8,004	7,963	7,665	-3.7%			
Family Court Operations									
Abuse & Neglect	392	406	411	494	453	-8.3%			
Adoption	233	255	252	209	217	3.8%			
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	4,264	4,318	4,239	4,502	4,671	3.8%			
Juvenile	2,800	3,194	2,594	1,815	1,715	-5.5%			
Mental Health	2,214	2,581	2,699	2,498	2,016	-19.3%			
Mental Habilitation	6	3	1	1	2	100.0%			
Paternity & Child Support	2,429	2,407	2,458	1,765	1,835	4.0%			
Total	12,338	13,164	12,654	11,284	10,909	-3.3%			
Probate Division									
Decedent's Estates	1,305	1,345	1,389	1,534	1,510	-1.6%			
Foreign Proceedings	154	155	177	158	157	-0.6%			
Guardianship of Minors	29	27	16	21	32	52.4%			
Intervention Proceedings	517	481	537	546	457	-16.3%			
Small Estates	574	620	535	582	602	3.4%			
Trusts	25	23	13_	19	13	-31.6%			
Total	2,604	2,651	2,667	2,860	2,771	-3.1%			
Tax Division									
Civil	298	481	527	558	783	40.3%			
Criminal	1	2	0	0	3	na			
Total	299	483	527	558	786	40.9%			
Superior Court Total	96,692	95,414	91,436	87,125	89,561	2.8%			
Monthly Average	8,058	7,951	7,620	7,260	7,463	2.8%			

# **NEW CASE FILINGS TREND**



CASE DISPOSITIONS, CY 2012-2016									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015 - 2016			
	2012	2013	2014	2013	2010	2013 - 2010			
Civil Division	40.475	0.704	0.700	0.047	0.400	0.00/			
Civil Actions	10,475	9,704	9,730	8,847	9,403	6.3%			
Landlord & Tenant	36,569	36,699	35,314	32,209	33,987	5.5%			
Small Claims	8,321	7,027	5,200	5,483	5,266	-4.0%			
Total	55,365	53,430	50,244	46,539	48,656	4.5%			
Criminal Division									
Felony	4,053	3,325	3,388	2,995	3,930	31.2%			
Misdemeanors U.S.	11,299	10,350	10,362	8,252	8,918	8.1%			
Misdemeanors D.C.	1,281	1,344	1,259	1,325	1,801	35.9%			
Traffic	5,650	5,222	5,902	4,794	6,265	30.7%			
Total	22,283	20,241	20,911	17,366	20,914	20.4%			
Domestic Violence Unit									
Intrafamily	4,779	5,358	5,201	5,800	5,923	2.1%			
Misdemeanors U.S.	2,938	3,112	3,179	2,551	2,324	-8.9%			
Total	7,717	8,470	8,380	8,351	8,247	-1.2%			
Family Court Operations									
Abuse & Neglect	408	368	412	450	466	3.6%			
Adoption	268	235	239	234	230	-1.7%			
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	4,288	4,389	4,046	4,711	4,929	4.6%			
Juvenile	2,851	3,054	2,557	1,803	1,799	-0.2%			
Mental Health	2,396	2,658	2,820	2,683	2,256	-15.9%			
Mental Habilitation	7	7	2	1	2	100.0%			
Paternity & Child Support	3,618	2,493	2,492	2,508	1,746	-30.4%			
Total	13,836	13,204	12,568	12,390	11,428	-7.8%			
Probate Division									
Conservatorships	5	3	4	1	0	-100.0%			
Decedent's Estates	1,720	1,655	1,641	1,697	1,709	0.7%			
Foreign Proceedings	180	136	173	177	159	-10.2%			
Guardianship of Minors	55	26	48	43	20	-53.5%			
Intervention Proceedings	514	367	463	388	345	-11.1%			
Small Estates	627	700	574	667	614	-7.9%			
Trusts	23	47_	17_	23	5	-78.3%			
Total	3,124	2,934	2,920	2,996	2,852	-4.8%			
Tax Division									
Civil	259	302	407	564	551	-2.3%			
Criminal	4	4	4	0	4	na			
Total	263	306	411	564	555	-1.6%			
Superior Court Total	102,588	98,585	95,434	88,206	92,652	5.0%			
Monthly Average	8,549	8,215	7,953	7,351	7,721	5.0%			

# **CASE DISPOSITION TREND**

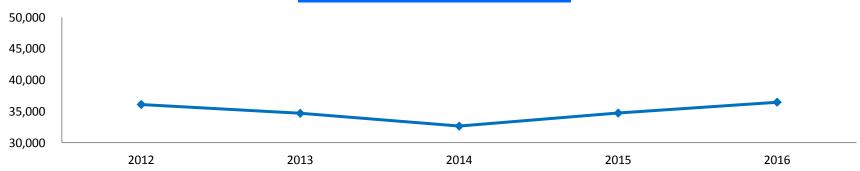


# PENDING CASELOAD, CY 2012-2016<sup>a</sup>

						% Change
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015 - 2016
Civil Division						
Civil Actions	7,103	6,364	5,408	7,084	7,524	6.2%
Landlord & Tenant	6,034	5,312	4,649	5,312	4,947	-6.9%
Small Claims	2,189	1,491	1,194	1,279	1,701	33.0%
Total	15,326	13,167	11,251	13,675	14,172	3.6%
Criminal Division						
Felony	1,595	1,746	1,565	2,056	2,778	35.1%
Misdemeanors U.S.	3,650	3,991	3,203	3,238	3,630	12.1%
Misdemeanors D.C.	232	272	326	281	317	12.8%
Traffic	1,559	1,853	1,809	1,397	1,580	13.1%
Total	7,036	7,862	6,903	6,972	8,305	19.1%
Domestic Violence Unit						
Intrafamily	308	227	309	327	294	-10.1%
Misdemeanors U.S.	581_	659	847	771_	541_	-29.8%
Total	889	886	1,156	1,098	835	-24.0%
Family Court Operations						
Abuse & Neglect	66	102	103	162	148	-8.6%
Adoption	232	189	202	177	159	-10.2%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	1,887	1,463	1,695	1,545	1,229	-20.5%
Juvenile	542	720	747	784	564	-28.1%
Mental Health	143	168	167	179	119	-33.5%
Mental Habilitation	6	2	1	1	1	0.0%
Paternity & Child Support	1,624	1,401	1,393	713	801	12.3%
Total	4,500	4,045	4,308	3,561	3,021	-15.2%
Probate Division						
Conservatorships	28	26	22	21	21	0.0%
Decedent's Estates	4,031	4,100	4,235	4,506	4,724	4.8%
Foreign Proceedings	166	185	189	170	169	-0.6%
Guardianship of Minors	211	216	191	171	186	8.8%
Intervention Proceedings	2,225	2,371	2,485	2,679	2,824	5.4%
Small Estates	89	89	115	91	144	58.2%
Trusts	130	106	103	100	108	8.0%
Total	6,880	7,093	7,340	7,738	8,176	5.7%
Tax Division						
Civil	1,459	1,627	1,681	1,675	1,946	16.2%
Criminal	0	0	0	2	3	50.0%
Total	1,459	1,627	1,681	1,677	1,949	16.2%
Superior Court Total	36,090	34,680	32,639	34,721	36,458	5.0%
Monthly Average	3,008	2,890	2,720	2,893	3,038	5.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Pending figures reflect the caseload count as of December 31st.

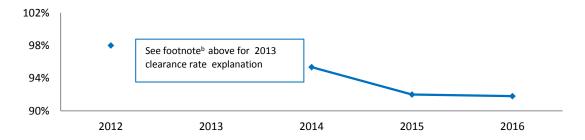
# PENDING CASELOAD TREND



CLEARANCE RATES <sup>a</sup> , C	Y 2012-2016				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civil Division					
Civil Actions	105%	108%	111%	84%	96%
Landlord & Tenant	100%	102%	102%	98%	101%
Small Claims	101%	111%	106%	98%	93%
Total	101%	104%	104%	95%	99%
Criminal Division					
Felony	105%	95%	104%	86%	87%
Misdemeanors U.S.	103%	97%	104%	99%	98%
Misdemeanors D.C. <sup>b</sup>	112%	na	97%	108%	105%
Traffic	109%	98%	100%	112%	103%
Total <sup>b</sup>	106%	na	102%	100%	98%
Domestic Violence Unit					
Intrafamily	99%	101%	99%	100%	101%
Misdemeanors U.S.	101%	98%	105%	103%	111%
Total	100%	100%	101%	101%	103%
Family Court Operations					
Abuse & Neglect	104%	91%	100%	88%	103%
Adoption	115%	91%	94%	110%	104%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	98%	100%	94%	103%	104%
Juvenile	100%	94%	97%	98%	104%
Mental Health	102%	99%	100%	102%	105%
Mental Habilitation	117%	233%	200%	100%	100%
Paternity & Child Support	147%	102%	100%	140%	94%
Total	109%	99%	97%	107%	102%
Probate Division					
Decedent's Estates	103%	96%	92%	86%	89%
Foreign Proceedings	117%	88%	98%	112%	101%
Guardianship of Minors	177%	84%	209%	187%	57%
Intervention Proceedings	94%	72%	80%	67%	70%
Small Estates	97%	100%	96%	104%	92%
Trusts	82%	204%	121%	115%	38%
Total	101%	93%	92%	88%	87%
Tax Division					
Civil	86%	63%	76%	101%	70%
Criminal	400%	200%	na	na	133%
Total	87%	63%	77%	101%	71%
Superior Court Total <sup>b</sup>	98%	na	95%	92%	92%

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#### **CLEARANCE RATE TREND**

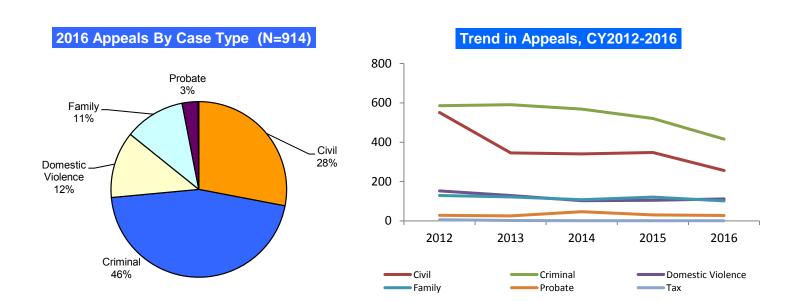


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>The D.C. Misdemeanor clearance rate was not calculated in CY2013 due to a pending audit and changes in the method of counting this caseload. Accordingly, it was not possible to provide a CY 2013 clearance rate for the Criminal Division nor for the Superior Court's overall caseload.

# SUPERIOR COURT CASES ON APPEAL, CY 2012-2016

Case Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015 - 2016
Civil	551	346	341	348	256	-26.4%
Criminal	586	591	568	521	416	-20.2%
Domestic Violence	153	129	103	105	112	6.7%
Family	129	122	108	121	102	-15.7%
Probate	29	25	47	31	27	-12.9%
Tax	6	2	1 <sup>a</sup>	1	1	0.0%
Total	1,454	1,215	1,168	1,127	914	-18.9%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a.</sup> Figure adjusted after a manual audit.

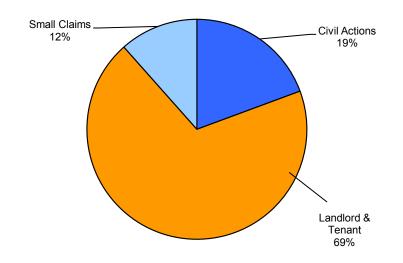


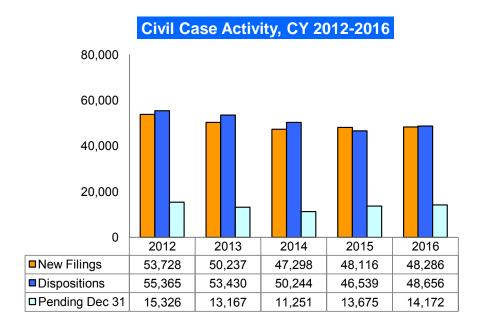
# **CIVIL DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2016**

	Civil Actions	Landlord & Tenant	Small Claims	Total
Pending Jan 1	7,084	5,312	1,279	13,675
New Filings/Assignments	9,350	33,356	5,580	48,286
Reactivated/Reopened	493	266	108	867
Total Available for Disposition	16,927	38,934	6,967	62,828
Methods of Disposition				
Agency Review/Appeal	65	0	0	65
Default Judgment	375	3,966	403	4,744
Dismissed by Court	1,975	1,246	252	3,473
Dismissed by Plaintiff/Parties	0	5,292	0	5,292
Dismissed re: Bulk Filing by FAX/email	0	12,874	0	12,874
Dismissed Rule 4(m)/4(o)	859	0	1,373	2,232
Dismissed Rule 41/14i	109	2,841	52	3,002
Dispositive Motions	651	19	65	735
Ex parte Proof-Affidavit	216	0	425	641
Judgment for Possession	0	86	0	86
Judgment from Jury Trial	61	3	0	64
Judgment from Non-Jury Trial	47	89	234	370
Judicial Arbitration Awards	0	0	25	25
Judgments/Consents/Confessions	163	5,450	335	5,948
Mediation Agreement Approved	0	376	0	376
Non-Redeemable Judg./PIntf for Poss.	0	78	0	78
Other	61	11	12	84
Plea of Title	0	0	0	0
Removed to Federal Court	286	3	6	295
Settled During Trial	5	2	4	11
Settled/Dismissed	3,329	1,651	2,080	7,060
Summary Proceedings	1,201	0	0	1,201
Total Dispositions	9,403	33,987	5,266	48,656
Pending Dec 31	7,524	4,947	1,701	14,172
Percent Change in Pending	6.2%	-6.9%	33.0%	3.6%
Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>	96%	101%	93%	99%

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## 2016 New Case Filings (N=48,286)

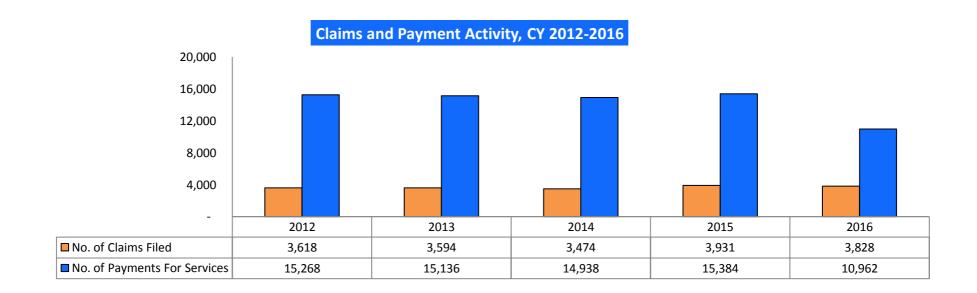




# CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM, CY 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015 - 2016
No. of Claims Filed	3,618	3,594	3,474	3,931	3,828	-2.6%
No. of Payments For Services <sup>a</sup>	15,268	15,136	14,938	15,384	10,962	-28.7%
Total Amount Awarded To Victims	\$ 8,673,842	\$ 8,663,729	\$ 7,646,717	\$ 7,650,103	\$ 7,039,152	-8.0%
Average Amount Awarded Per Claim Paid	\$2,397	\$2,411	\$2,201	\$1,946	\$1,839	-5.5%

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



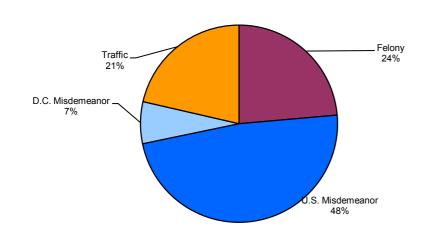


## **CRIMINAL DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2016**

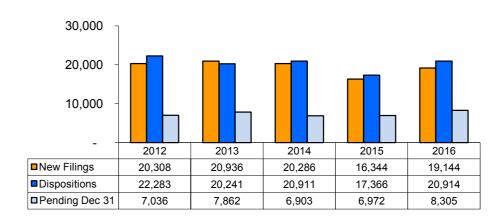
	Felony	U.S. <u>Misdemeanor</u>	D.C. Misdemeanor	Traffic	Total
Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	2,097	3,376	293	1,421	7,187
New Filings	4,520	9,213	1,314	4,097	19,144
Reopened	225	47	2	11	285
Reactivated <sup>b</sup>	980	4112	882	3154	9,128
Total Available for Disposition	7,822	16,748	2,491	8,683	35,744
Method of Disposition Non-Trial	0.400	0.004	070	4.000	7.040
Guilty Plea	2,182	2,621	276	1,963	7,042
Nolle Prosequi Nolle Diversion	68 21	849 1,605	727 345	2,733 789	4,377 2,760
Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	318	1,190	169	769 461	2,700
Dismissal	874	693	43	46	1,656
Dismissal Plea Agreement	214	1,454	93	174	1,935
Other/Abatement	23	18	0	2	43
Security Forfeited	0	0	107	14	121
Total Non-Trial	3,700	8,430	1,760	6,182	20,072
Jury Trials					
Guilty Verdict	112	2	1	6	121
Not Guilty Verdict	81	4	0	0	85
Acquittal	4	0	0	0	4
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity	0	0	0	0	0
Mistrial/Hung Jury	29	0	0	0	29
Total Jury Trial	226	6	1	6	239
Bench Trials					
Guilty Judgment	21	307	23	48	399
Not Guilty Judgment	10	130	15	27	182
Acquittal	2	43	2	2	49
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity	0	2	0	0	2
Mistrial Total Bench Trial	33	<u>2</u> 484	0	<u>0</u> 77	634
Total Belicii Tilal	33	404	40	11	034
Total Dispositions	3,930	8,918	1,801	6,265	20,914
Moved to Inactive Status <sup>b</sup>	1,079	4,187	506	1,185	6,957
Pending Dec 31	2,778	3,630	317	1,580	8,305
Percent Change in Pending	32.5%	7.5%	8.2%	11.2%	15.6%
Clearance Rate <sup>c</sup>	87%	98%	105%	103%	98%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload by the division.

# 2016 New Case Filings (N=19,144)



## Criminal Case Activity, CY 2012-2016



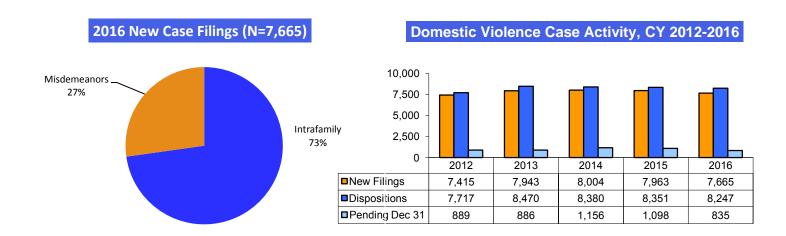
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Includes bench warrants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>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.

# **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2016**

		U.S.	
	Intrafamily	Misdemeanors	Total
Pending Jan 1	327	771	1,098
New Filings	5,578	2,087	7,665
Reactivated/Reopened	312	7	319
Total Available for Disposition	6,217	2,865	9,082
Total Dispositions	5,923	2,324	8,247
Pending Dec 31	294	541	835
Percent Change in Pending	-10.1%	-29.8%	-24.0%
Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>	101%	111%	103%

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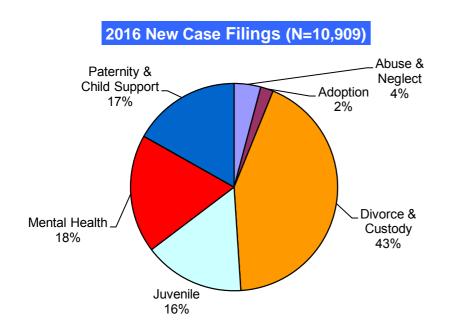
# **FAMILY COURT**

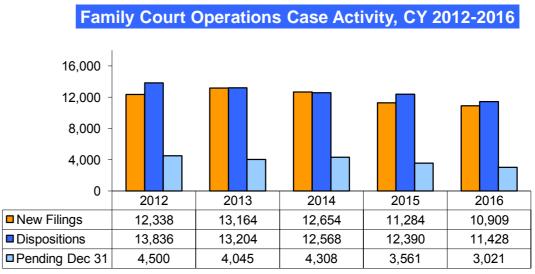
FAMILY COURT	<b>OPERATION</b>	IS CASE ACTIVITY	FOR CY 2016

	Abusa 9		Divorce		Montal	Montal	Paternity	
	Abuse & Neglect	Adoption	& Custody	Juvenile <sup>a</sup>	Mental Health	Mental Habilitation	& Child Support	Total
Pending Jan 1 <sup>b</sup>	160	167	1,423	627	224	1	688	3,290
New Filings	453	217	4,671	1,715	2,016	2	1,835	10,909
Reopened	1	5	64	21	135	0	24	250
Total Available for Disposition	614	389	6,158	2,363	2,375	3	2,547	14,449
Dispositions <sup>c</sup>	466	230	4,929	1,799	2,256	2	1,746	11,428
Pending Dec 31	148	159	1,229	564	119	1	801	3,021
Percent Change in Pending	-7.5%	-4.8%	-13.6%	-10.0%	-46.9%	0.0%	16.4%	-8.2%
Clearance Rated	103%	104%	104%	104%	105%	100%	94%	102%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Includes cases involving Delinquency, PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision), and Interstate Compact.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</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>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Figures were adjusted after an audit of the caseloads.

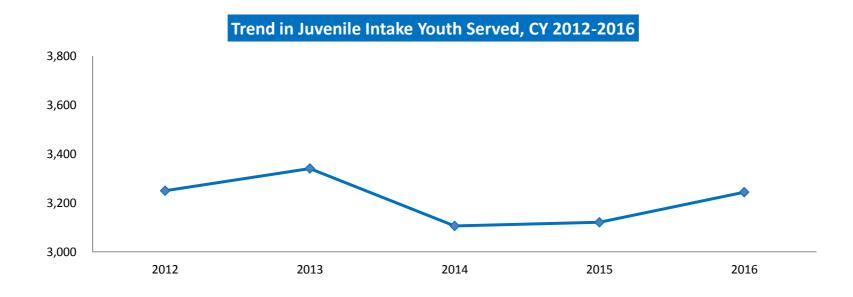
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>A Family Court case is considered disposed when a permanent order is entered except for Paternity and Child Support (P&S) cases. A P&S case is disposed when a temporary order is entered.

## FAMILY COURT SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION ACTIVITY FOR CY 2016

	Youth Served in CY 2015	Youth Pending Services or Placement on Jan. 1	Youth Referred	Youth Served	Youth With Services Completed	Youth Pending Services or Placement on Dec. 31	% Change Number of Youth Served 2015-2016
Juvenile Intake	3,121	1	3,243	3,244	3,243	1	3.9%
Pre-and Post Disposition Supervision <sup>a</sup>							
Interstate Compact	317	100	187	287	186	101	-9.5%
Leaders of Today in Solidarity (LOTS) <sup>b</sup>	627	147	407	554	417	137	-11.6%
Satellite Offices <sup>c</sup>							
Northeast	493	114	337	451	341	110	-8.5%
Northwest	253	65	178	243	199	44	-4.0%
Southeast	417	103	285	388	323	65	-7.0%
Southwest	347	79	264	343	253	90	-1.2%
Juvenile Behavior Diversion Program (JBDP) <sup>d</sup>	97	31	59	90	45	45	-7.2%
Status Offenders	614	210	292	502	356	146	-18.2%
Ultimate Transitions Ultimate Responsibilities Now (UTURN) <sup>d</sup>	238	81	153	234	168	66	-1.7%
Special Program Services							
Child Guidance Clinic <sup>e</sup>	597	5	608	613	512	101	2.7%
Domestic Relations <sup>f</sup>	181	30	132	162	149	13	-10.5%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Youth may move from intake to supervision status within a reporting period; therefore, to avoid double counting, no totals are provided.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>f</sup>Judicial referrals to a probation officer to conduct a home study to determine custody matters.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Pre-and post disposition service/supervision unit for females.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup>Intensive supervision unit designed for males.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup>Assessment and evaluation services provided to youth through the Child Guidance Clinic.

# MULTI-DOOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION DIVISION

CIVIL ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTIVITY, CY 2012-2016							
					•••	% Change	
Aubituation Casas	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015 - 2016	
Arbitration Cases	2	4	0	4	0	400.00/	
Scheduled	2	1	0	1	0	-100.0%	
Arbitrated	0 0	1 1	0 0	1	0	-100.0% -100.0%	
Settled		•	_	100.00/	0	-100.0%	
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	na	100.0%	na	100.0%	na		
Civil Mediation Cases							
Scheduled	3,381	3,303	3,401	3,623	3,599	-0.7%	
Mediated	1,093	1,040	1,082	1,193	1,274	6.8%	
Cases Held & Continued	108	113	122	102	109	6.9%	
Settled	235	236	247	289	344	19.0%	
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	24%	25%	26%	26%	30%		
Civil Complex Mediation Cases							
Scheduled	18	7	6	1	2	100.0%	
Mediated	12	4	4	1	2	100.0%	
Cases Held & Continued	7	1	1	0	0	0.0%	
Settled	2	1	3	0	0	0.0%	
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	40%	33%	100%	0%	0%		
Landlord and Tenant Cases							
Scheduled	1,153	1,308	1,222	1,163	1,421	22.2%	
Mediated	940	1,046	972	884	1,020	15.4%	
Cases Held & Continued	93	94	108	82	82	0.0%	
Settled	545	641	573	548	603	10.0%	
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	64%	67%	66%	68%	64%		
Probate Cases							
Scheduled	76	76	65	67	100	49.3%	
Mediated	34	44	40	50	69	38.0%	
Cases Held & Continued	5	9	9	8	16	100.0%	
Settled	13	15	17	20	30	50.0%	
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	45%	43%	55%	48%	57%		
Small Claims Cases							
Scheduled	2,356	1,882	1,579	1,317	1,450	10.1%	
Mediated	2,348	1,850	1,520	1,287	1,422	10.5%	
Cases Held & Continued	266	220	154	125	128	2.4%	
Settled	1,524	1,122	838	678	806	18.9%	
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	73%	69%	61%	58%	62%		
Tax Cases							
Scheduled	835	596	489	567	567	0.0%	
Mediated	523	463	349	462	452	-2.2%	
Cases Held & Continued	7	3	5	3	2	-33.3%	
Settled	269	261	183	234	260	11.1%	
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	52%	57%	53%	51%	58%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>The Settlement Rate is the number of settlements (full and partial) divided by the number of completed mediations/arbitrations minus cases held/continued.

## FAMILY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTIVITY, CY 2012-2016

						% Change
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015 - 2016
Child Protection Cases						
Scheduled	277	353	358	335	327	-2.4%
Mediated	198	255	249	247	219	-11.3%
Cases Held & Continued	12	21	15	14	15	7.1%
Fully Settled	93	127	107	98	91	-7.1%
Partially Settled	79	92	104	123	105	-14.6%
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	92%	94%	90%	95%	96%	
Family Mediation Cases						
Scheduled	834	850	818	1,063	1,021	-4.0%
Mediated	674	672	664	837	821	-1.9%
Cases Held & Continued	347	331	353	443	356	-19.6%
Fully Settled	65	76	81	115	154	33.9%
Partially Settled	66	59	61	69	51	-26.1%
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	40%	40%	46%	47%	44%	

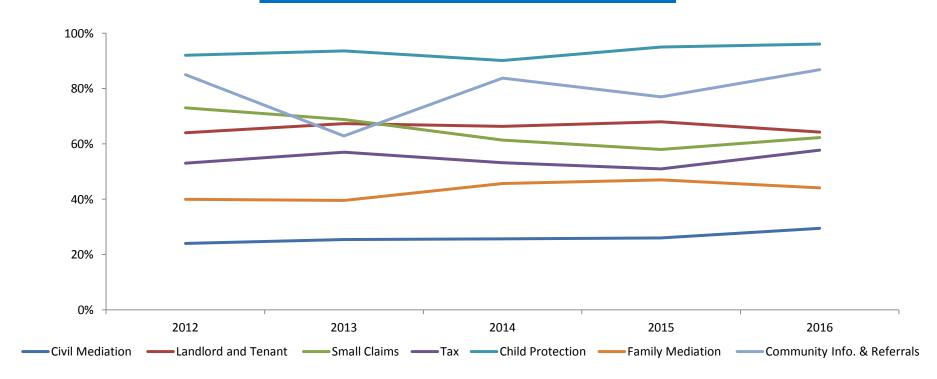
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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION & REFERRALS BY TYPE OF DISPUTE, CY 2012-2016

						% Change
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015 - 2016
Number of Clients Assisted	1,600	1,695	1,754	1,989	1,623	-18.4%
Type of Dispute						
Civil	288	267	161	142	97	-31.7%
Domestic Relations	892	867	852	902	755	-16.3%
Landlord & Tenant	31	21	45	24	17	-29.2%
Small Claims	65	76	129	154	153	-0.6%
Total Number of Disputes	1,276	1,231	1,187	1,222	1,022	-16.4%
Cases Mediated/Conciliated <sup>a</sup>	39	35	37	53	38	-28.3%
Cases Settled	33	22	31	41	33	-19.5%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	85%	63%	84%	77%	87%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Conciliated cases are typically resolved by telephone.

## Settlement Rate of Select Mediation Case Type, CY 2012-2016



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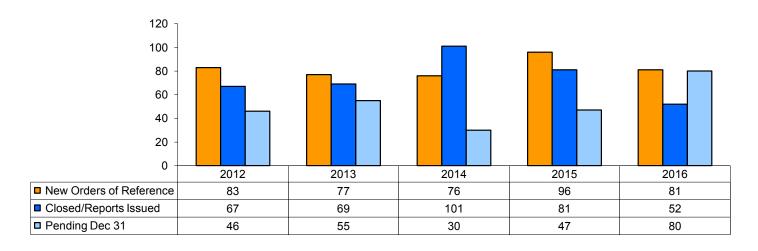
## **OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR MASTER**

## **AUDITOR MASTER CASE ACTIVITY, CY 2012-2016**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015 - 2016
Pending Jan 1	28	46	55	30	47	57%
New Orders of Reference	83	77	76	96	81	-16%
Requirement for Supplemental Reports	2	1	0	2	4	100%
Available for Disposition	113	124	131	128	132	3%
Closed/Reports Issued <sup>a</sup>	67	69	101	81	52	-36%
Pending Dec 31	46	55	30	47	80	70%
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	79%	88%	133%	83%	61%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>As a result of implementing new case processing procedures, the number of cases closed/reports issued increased 46% between 2013 and 2014, from 69 to 101.

#### Auditor Master Case Activity, CY 2012-2016



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>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 tme period. Rates of over 100% indicates that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.

## PROBATE DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2016

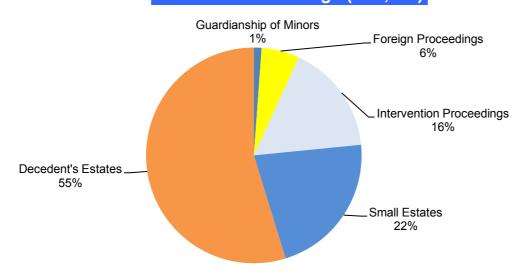
-	Cases Pending Jan 1	New Cases Filed	Cases Reactivated/ Reopened	Available for Disposition	Cases Disposed	Cases Pending Dec 31	% Change in Pending 2015 - 2016	Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>
Cases Involving the Deceased								
Formal Probate (Decedent's Estates)	4,506	1,510	417	6,433	1,709	4,724	4.8%	89%
Foreign Proceedings	170	157	1	328	159	169	-0.6%	101%
Small Estates	91	602	65	758	614	144	58.2%	92%
Cases Involving the Incapacitated								
Conservatorships (Old Law) <sup>b</sup>	21	0	0	21	0	21	0.0%	na
Guardianship of Minors	171	32	3	206	20	186	8.8%	57% °
Intervention Proceedings (Adult								
Guardianships/ Conservatorships)	2,679	457	33	3,169	345	2,824	5.4%	70% <sup>c</sup>
Trusts	100	13	0	113	5	108	8.0%	38%
Total	7,738	2,771	519	11,028	2,852	8,176	5.7%	87%

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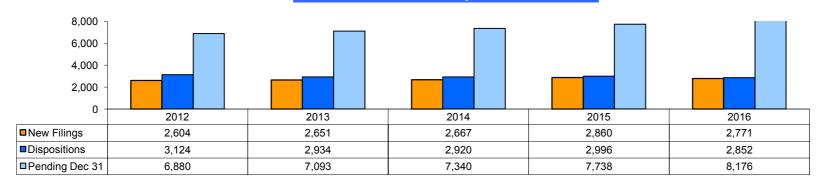
## ACCOUNT AND FEE ACTIVITY, CY 2012-2016

						% Change
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015 - 2016
Accounts Filed	1,084	1,128	1,171	1,213	1,356	11.8%
Accounts Resolved	1,070	801	1,276	1,136	1,171	3.1%
Petition for Compensation Request Filed	2,902	2,660	2,676	2,701	2,780	2.9%
Petition for Compensation Request Resolved	2.950	2.251	2.782	2.710	2.561	-5.5%

## 2016 New Case Filings (N=2,771)



## Probate Case Activity, CY 2012-2016



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Conservatorships (Old Law) refers to conservatorships created prior to 1989, which provided for only the management of assets of the ward.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> 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.

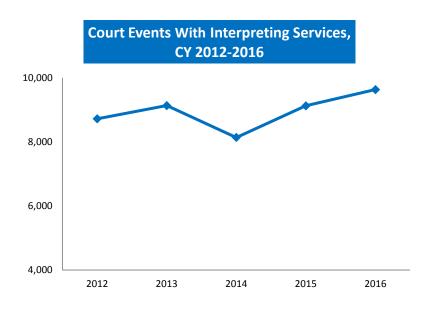
## **SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION**

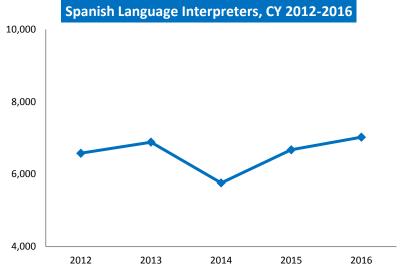
## OFFICE OF COURT INTERPRETING SERVICES

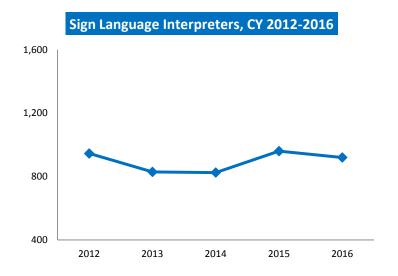
#### Court Events<sup>a</sup> With Interpreting Services, CY 2012-2016

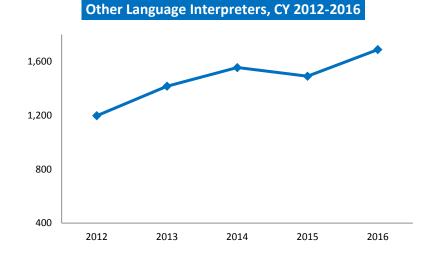
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015 - 2016
Sign Language	945	829	825	960	920	-4.2%
Spanish Language	6,577	6,885	5,758	6,673	7,022	5.2%
Other Languages	1,197	1,416	1,554	1,490	1,688	13.3%
Total	8,719	9,130	8,137	9,123	9,630	5.6%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Foreign and sign language services are provided for all in-court proceedings, or as a directive from the judge. Amharic language represented 53% of other languages serviced by interpreters.









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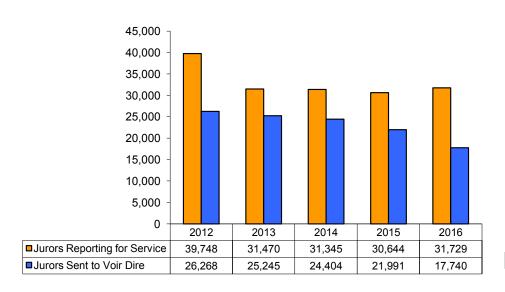
## **PETIT JUROR OFFICE**

#### Petit Juror Utilization, CY 2012-2016

	2012		20	2013 2014		2015		2016		
		Daily		Daily		Daily		Daily		Daily
	Total	Average	Total	Average	Total	Average	Total	Average	Total	Average
Jurors Reporting for Service	39,748	215	31,470	167	31,345	169	30,644	165	31,729	169
Jurors Sent to Voir Dire	26,268	142	25,245	134	24,404	131	21,991	118	17,740	94
Jurors Selected For Panels	6,102	33	5,741	30	5,657	30	4,928	26	3,988	21
Juror Utilization Rate <sup>a</sup>	66%		80%		78%		72%		56%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

## Petit Juror Activity, CY 2012-2016



#### Juror Utilization Rate, CY 2012-2016



#### **SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION**

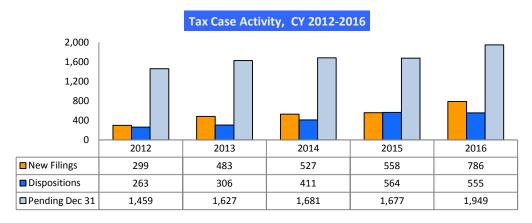
#### **TAX DIVISION**

#### **TAX DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY, CY 2012-2016**

Case Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015 - 2016
Civil						
Cases Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	1,418	1,446	1,555	1,681	1,714	2.0%
New Filings	298	481	527	558	783	40.3%
Reactivated/Reopened	2	2	6	0	0	na
Total Available for Disposition	1,718	1,929	2,088	2,239	2,497	11.5%
Total Dispositions	259	302	407	564	551	-2.3%
Pending Dec 31	1,459	1,627	1,681	1,675	1,946	13.5%
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	86%	63%	76%	101%	70%	
Criminal						
Cases Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	3	2	4	2	4	100.0%
New Filings	1	2	0	0	3	na
Reactivated/Reopened	0	0	0	0	0	na
Total Available for Disposition	4	4	4	2	7	250.0%
Total Dispositions	4	4	4	0	4	na
Pending Dec 31	0	0	0	2	3	-25.0%
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	400%	200%	na	na	133%	
Total						
Cases Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	1,421	1,448	1,559	1,683	1,718	2.1%
New Filings	299	483	527	558	786	40.9%
Reactivated/Reopened	2	2	6	0	0	na
Total Available for Disposition	1,722	1,933	2,092	2,241	2,504	11.7%
Total Dispositions	263	306	411	564	555	-1.6%
Pending Dec 31	1,459	1,627	1,681	1,677	1,949	13.4%
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	87%	63%	77%	101%	71%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload by the division.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 (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.

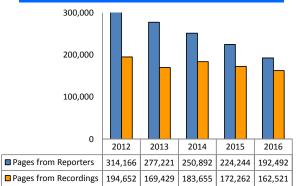


# **COURT SYSTEM**

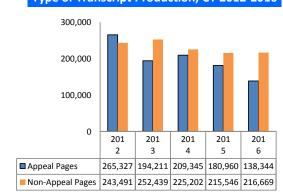
#### COURT REPORTING AND RECORDING DIVISION TRANSCRIPT ACTIVITY, CY 2012-2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Change 2015 - 2016
Pages Produced by Court Reporters						
Appeal Pages	200,260	140,364	139,837	110,462	78,841	-28.6%
Non-Appeal Pages	113,906	136,857	111,055	113,782	113,651	-0.1%
Total Pages from Reporters	314,166	277,221	250,892	224,244	192,492	-14.2%
Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced	63.7%	50.6%	55.7%	49.3%	41.0%	-16.9%
Transcript Orders Pending December 31	323	277	204	235	160	-31.9%
Average Number of Days to Complete	29	27	28	25	25	0.0%
Appeal	46	44	42	42	40	-4.8%
Non-Appeal	11	10	13	11	10	-9.1%
Pages Produced by Recordings						
Pages Produced by Court Transcribers						
Appeal Pages	9,596	7,563	9,707	8,663	8,464	-2.3%
Non-Appeal Pages	23,696	21,710	23,923	20,980	20,477	-2.4%
Total	33,292	29,273	33,630	29,643	28,941	-2.4%
Pages Produced by Contract Transcription Services						
Appeal Pages	55,471	46,284	59,801	61,835	51,039	-17.5%
Non-Appeal Pages	105,889	93,872	90,224	80,784	82,541	2.2%
Total	161,360	140,156	150,025	142,619	133,580	-6.3%
Total Appeal Pages Produced by Recording	65,067	53,847	69,508	70,498	59,503	-15.6%
Total Non-Appeal Pages by Recording	129,585	115,582	114,147	101,764	103,018	1.2%
Total Pages from Recordings	194,652	169,429	183,655	172,262	162,521	-5.7%
Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced	33.4%	31.8%	37.8%	40.9%	36.6%	-10.5%
Transcript Orders Pending December 31	17	55	106	99	132	33.3%
Average Number of Days to Complete	8	13	15	10	13	30.0%
Appeal	11	19	12	17	19	11.8%
Non-Appeal	5	7	5	6	7	16.7%
Total Pages Produced by Court						
Appeal Pages	265,327	194,211	209,345	180,960	138,344	-23.5%
Non-Appeal Pages	243,491	252,439	225,202	215,546	216,669	0.5%
Total Pages	508,818	446,650	434,547	396,506	355,013	-10.5%
Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced	52.1%	43.5%	48.2%	45.6%	39.0%	-14.6%





#### **Type of Transcript Production, CY 2012-2016**



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