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JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS OF INDIANA (AS OF SEPT. 2015)

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This report pertaining to the progress of the work of the Court of Appeals of Indiana for the period from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, is being submitted pursuant to paragraph 6.35, Judge's Manual.

*Nancy Harris Vaidik*

Nancy H. Vaidik

CHIEF JUDGE & PRESIDING JUDGE  
FIFTH DISTRICT

*Edward W. Najam, Jr.*

Edward W. Najam, Jr.

PRESIDING JUDGE  
FIRST DISTRICT

*James S. Kirsch*

James S. Kirsch

PRESIDING JUDGE  
SECOND DISTRICT

*Terry A. Crone*

Terry A. Crone

PRESIDING JUDGE  
THIRD DISTRICT

*Rudolph R. Pyle, III*

Rudolph R. Pyle, III

PRESIDING JUDGE  
FOURTH DISTRICT

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THE MISSION OF THE COURT OF APPEALS OF INDIANA:

**To serve all people by providing  
EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW**

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## FIRST DISTRICT

**Edward W. Najam, Jr., Presiding Judge | John G. Baker, Judge | L. Mark Bailey, Judge**

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## SECOND DISTRICT

**James S. Kirsch, Presiding Judge | Cale J. Bradford, Judge | Robert R. Altice, Jr., Judge**

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## THIRD DISTRICT

**Terry A. Crone, Presiding Judge | Paul D. Mathias, Judge | Michael P. Barnes, Judge**

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## FOURTH DISTRICT

**Rudolph R. Pyle, III, Presiding Judge | Patricia A. Riley, Judge | Melissa S. May, Judge**

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## FIFTH DISTRICT

**Nancy H. Vaidik, Chief Judge | Margret G. Robb, Judge | Elaine B. Brown, Judge**

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**T**his Annual Report provides statistical information about the work of the Court of Appeals of Indiana in calendar year 2015. As judicial officers across the country have long known, the Court of Appeals is one of the highest-volume and most efficient appellate courts in the country.

Statistics alone cannot summarize the court's work or its commitment to serving all people by providing equal justice under law. The court's fuller story includes the teaching and leadership roles that our judges fill across Indiana, and an unswerving commitment to excellence exhibited by our judges, senior judges, and legal/administrative staff.

Beyond that, 2015 was a milestone year for the court on many fronts, including the adoption of new technologies and significant changes in judicial and administrative personnel.

- With our Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals launched a pilot e-filing program in November that will have wider application in 2016. The promise is huge: increased public access to court documents, greater ease of use by practitioners, and cost-saving paper reductions.
- Our motions panel, which processes about 7,000 filings each year, is now paperless. Specifically, the Appellate Clerk forwards all filed motions in electronic form to the panel and staff attorneys for review and action. Gone are the huge piles of paper that staff once shuffled from office to office.
- Our court also adopted a new opinion format that is easier to read in both print and online versions. The new format is also more useful for optical character recognition that makes scanned documents searchable.
- Judge Ezra H. Friedlander retired after 22 years of distinguished court service and was succeeded by Judge Robert R. Altice, Jr.
- We said goodbye to Senior Judge Patrick Sullivan, who died in October. Judge Sullivan was the longest serving judge in Court of Appeals history and the last serving judge to have been elected to the Court.
- We also said goodbye and best wishes to our longtime Court Administrator Steve Lancaster, who retired in September after 20 years, and we said hello to new Administrator Larry Morris.

One thing that hasn't changed? The Court's commitment to the efficient administration of justice and its proud role in the third great branch of Indiana government. On behalf of the entire Court, I assure you that those commitments will continue as strong as ever in Indiana's bicentennial year of 2016.



**Nancy H. Vaidik**

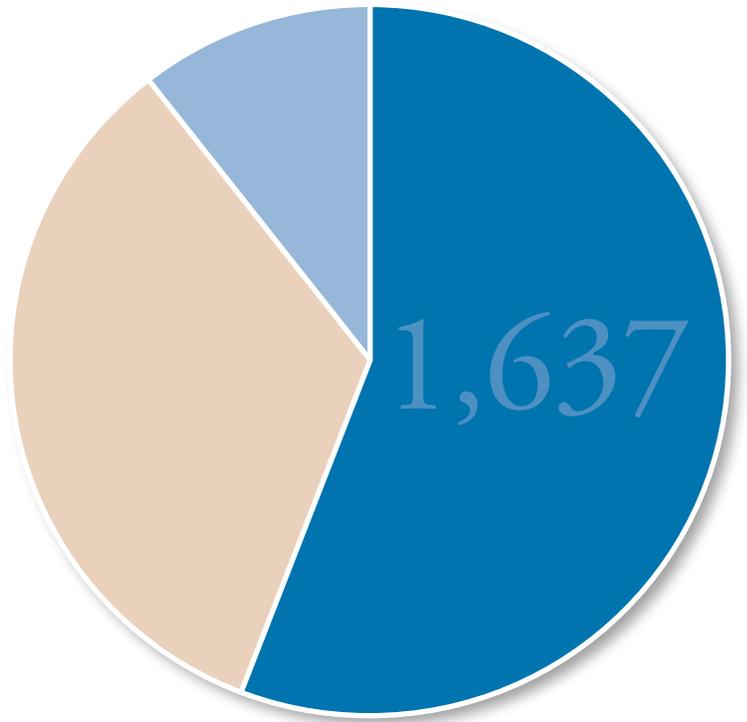
CHIEF JUDGE & PRESIDING JUDGE  
FIFTH DISTRICT

# TOTAL CASELOAD\*

YEAR	FILED	DISPOSED
2011	4,315	3,950
2012	4,160	3,510
2013	3,931	3,362
2014	3,413	3,383
2015	3,267	2,920

## TOTAL CASES DISPOSED (BY TYPE)

■ CRIMINAL    
 ■ CIVIL    
 ■ OTHER



\* Total caseload is defined by the National Center for State Courts in “Appellate Court Tools” as all appellate cases that have been disposed of in a year. A case is an appellate case when a notice of appeal is filed, when a petition for a permissive interlocutory appeal is filed, or when a petition requesting permission to file a successive petition for post-conviction relief is filed.

## CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASELOADS

	CRIMINAL		CIVIL		OTHER	
	FILED	DISPOSED	FILED	DISPOSED	FILED	DISPOSED
2011	2,288	2,050	1,190	1,104	837	796
2012	2,175	1,863	1,259	1,034	726	613
2013	2,107	1,843	1,134	980	690	539
2014	1,818	1,823	1,049	1,002	546	558
2015	1,838	1,637	1,048	976	381	307

# COURT SUMMARY

## AVERAGE AGE OF CASES PENDING

# 1.2 MONTHS

AS OF 12/31/2015

# 1.5 MONTHS

AS OF 12/31/2014

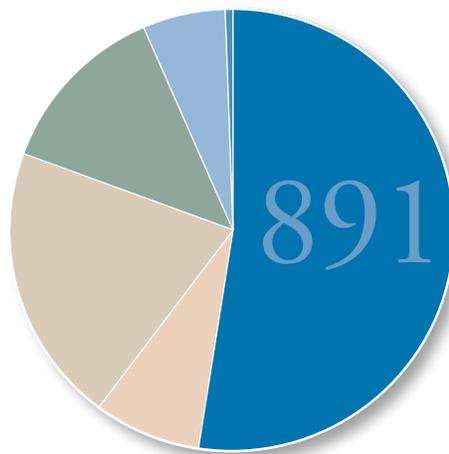
	CRIMINAL	POST - CONVICTION	CIVIL	EXPEDITE	OTHER	TOTAL
Cases Pending 12/31/2014	134	13	92	2	16	257
Cases Fully-Briefed Received	997	115	581	24	188	1,905
<i>Geographic District One</i>	295	24	198	0	53	570
<i>Geographic District Two</i>	490	49	220	24	95	878
<i>Geographic District Three</i>	212	42	163	0	40	457
Cases Disposed	1,038	113	580	24	176	1,931
<i>By Majority Opinion</i>	1,032	113	570	24	176	1,915
<i>By Order</i>	6	0	10	0	0	16
Net Increase/Decrease	(41)	2	1	0	12	(26)
Cases Pending 12/31/2015	93	15	93	2	28	231
Cases Affirmed	891	107	345	19	155	1,517
<i>Cases Affirmed Percent</i>	86.3%	94.7%	60.5%	79.2%	88.1%	79.2%
Cases Reversed	133	6	215	4	20	378
<i>Cases Reversed Percent</i>	12.9%	5.3%	37.7%	16.7%	11.4%	19.7%
Cases Remanded	8	0	10	1	1	20
<i>Cases Remanded Percent</i>	0.8%	0.0%	1.8%	4.2%	0.6%	1.0%
Oral Arguments Heard	17	1	41	1	1	61

# 6,375

Total number of Motions, Petitions for Time, Misc. Motions Received

# 6,516

Total Motions, Petitions for Time, Misc. Orders Issued



## CASES AFFIRMED & REVERSED

- CRIMINAL AFFIRMED
- CRIMINAL REVERSED
- CIVIL AFFIRMED
- CIVIL REVERSED
- POST-CONVICTION AFFIRMED
- POST-CONVICTION REVERSED

## SUMMARY BY JUDGE

JUDGES (DISTRICT)	MAJORITY OPINIONS ISSUED	ALL OPINIONS ISSUED	ORDERS ISSUED	CASES VOTED ON	ORAL ARGUMENTS HEARD	CASES PENDING 12/31/2014	CASES PENDING 12/31/2015
Altice (2nd)**	28	30	2	93	5	0	19
Bailey (1st)	122	131	1	388	9	10	8
Baker (1st)	164	183	0	418	19	12	6
Barnes (3rd)	127	136	1	367	13	18	16
Bradford (2nd)	134	139	1	386	16	9	6
Brown (5th)	124	136	0	355	10	11	12
Crone (3rd)	142	151	2	402	12	10	10
Friedlander (2nd)*	67	71	1	266	6	20	0
Kirsch (2nd)	109	112	0	370	9	16	17
Mathias (3rd)	107	114	2	348	10	17	24
May (4th)	130	137	1	392	12	35	20
Najam (1st)	118	118	1	367	11	8	10
Pyle (4th)	89	90	1	373	6	22	21
Riley (4th)	118	130	0	364	14	20	20
Robb (5th)	112	125	0	349	18	19	19
Vaidik (5th)	97	104	3	370	10	13	10
<b>SENIOR JUDGES</b>						<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>
Barreau	28	29	0	30	2	0	0
Darden	28	28	0	28	0	0	0
Friedlander	10	11	0	17	0	0	0
Garrard	12	12	0	12	0	0	0
Sharpnack	28	28	0	28	0	0	0
Shepard	16	16	0	17	1	0	0
Sullivan	5	6	0	5	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5,745</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>231</b>

\* Judge Ezra H. Friedlander retired on August 31, 2015. \*\* Judge Robert R. Altice, Jr. was sworn in September 2, 2015.

# CASELOAD

JUDGES (DISTRICT)	CASES PENDING 1/1/2015	CASES ASSIGNED	INTAKE			DISPOSITIONS			CASES PENDING 12/31/2015
			TRANSFERS			MAJORITY OPINIONS	ORDERS	TOTALS	
			IN	OUT	TOTAL				
Altice (2nd)	0	40	13	4	49	28	2	30	19
Bailey (1st)	10	120	7	6	121	122	1	123	8
Baker (1st)	12	118	43	3	158	164	0	164	6
Barnes (3rd)	18	117	9	0	126	127	1	128	16
Bradford (2nd)	9	121	14	3	132	134	1	135	6
Brown (5th)	11	122	4	1	125	124	0	124	12
Crone (3rd)	10	120	27	3	144	142	2	144	10
Friedlander (2nd)	20	81	1	34	48	67	1	68	0
Kirsch (2nd)	16	120	3	13	110	109	0	109	17
Mathias (3rd)	17	120	5	9	116	107	2	109	24
May (4th)	35	123	4	11	116	130	1	131	20
Najam (1st)	8	121	6	6	121	118	1	119	10
Pyle (4th)	22	119	2	32	89	89	1	90	21
Riley (4th)	20	118	4	4	118	118	0	118	20
Robb (5th)	19	124	5	17	112	112	0	112	19
Vaidik (5th)*	13	101	6	10	97	97	3	100	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>218</b>

\*By Court policy, the Chief Judge's case load is 80% of that of other judges to accommodate the time needed for administrative tasks.

JUDGES	CASES PENDING 1/1/2015	CASES ASSIGNED	INTAKE			DISPOSITIONS			CASES PENDING 12/31/2015
			TRANSFERS			MAJORITY OPINIONS	ORDERS	TOTALS	
			IN	OUT	TOTAL				
<b>SENIOR JUDGES</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>(127)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(127)</b>	<b>13</b>
Barteau	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28	0
Darden	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28	0
Friedlander	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0
Garrard	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	0
Sharpnack	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28	0
Shepard	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	0
Sullivan	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>231</b>

# OPINIONS ISSUED

## PORTION OF ISSUED OPINIONS THAT ARE MAJORITY OPINIONS

TOTAL ISSUED MAJORITY OPINIONS - 1,915

TOTAL ISSUED OPINIONS - 2,037

JUDGES (DISTRICT)	MAJORITY OPINIONS			CONCURRING OPINIONS	DISSENTING OPINIONS	REHEARING OPINIONS	OTHER OPINIONS	TOTAL OPINIONS
	ISSUED	PUBLISHED	PERCENT PUBLISHED					
Altice (2nd)	28	4	14.3%	2	0	0	0	30
Bailey (1st)	122	28	23.0%	2	4	3	0	131
Baker (1st)	164	43	26.2%	4	11	4	0	183
Barnes (3rd)	127	26	20.5%	1	6	2	0	136
Bradford (2nd)	134	25	18.7%	0	4	1	0	139
Brown (5th)	124	41	33.1%	0	9	3	0	136
Crone (3rd)	142	29	20.4%	3	4	2	0	151
Friedlander (2nd)	67	13	19.4%	1	3	0	0	71
Kirsch (2nd)	109	15	13.8%	0	2	1	0	112
Mathias (3rd)	107	26	24.3%	2	4	1	0	114
May (4th)	130	39	30.0%	1	6	0	0	137
Najam (1st)	118	41	34.7%	0	0	0	0	118
Pyle (4th)	89	30	33.7%	0	1	0	0	90
Riley (4th)	118	34	28.8%	0	9	3	0	130
Robb (5th)	112	32	28.6%	5	5	3	0	125
Vaidik (5th)	97	29	29.9%	2	5	0	0	104
<b>SENIOR JUDGES</b>								
Barteau	28	3	10.7%	0	0	1	0	29
Darden	28	6	21.4%	0	0	0	0	28
Friedlander	10	0	0.0%	0	1	0	0	11
Garrard	12	1	8.3%	0	0	0	0	12
Sharpnack	28	16	57.1%	0	0	0	0	28
Shepard	16	4	25.0%	0	0	0	0	16
Sullivan	5	0	0.0%	0	0	1	0	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,037</b>

# CASES HANDED DOWN

JUDGES (DISTRICT)	CRIMINAL		POST-CONVICTION		CIVIL	
	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL
Altice (2nd)	20	37	1	4	3	19
Bailey (1st)	64	157	5	11	40	64
Baker (1st)	83	144	8	13	54	75
Barnes (3rd)	70	133	5	15	41	67
Bradford (2nd)	63	135	11	14	49	72
Brown (5th)	68	120	7	16	32	71
Crone (3rd)	69	143	8	13	50	74
Friedlander (2nd)	39	101	2	10	22	71
Kirsch (2nd)	57	143	10	15	30	79
Mathias (3rd)	60	136	6	13	27	67
May (4th)	67	136	7	15	40	86
Najam (1st)	60	133	10	16	36	75
Pyle (4th)	57	146	6	19	18	86
Riley (4th)	64	129	7	13	37	83
Robb (5th)	63	124	5	16	30	67
Vaidik (5th)	51	143	5	23	27	78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>1,134</b>

JUDGES (DISTRICT)	EXPEDITE		OTHER		TOTAL	
	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL
Altice (2nd)	1	1	3	4	28	65
Bailey (1st)	1	4	12	30	122	266
Baker (1st)	2	3	17	19	164	254
Barnes (3rd)	2	3	9	22	127	240
Bradford (2nd)	2	2	9	29	134	252
Brown (5th)	2	3	15	21	124	231
Crone (3rd)	1	4	14	26	142	260
Friedlander (2nd)	1	1	3	16	67	199
Kirsch (2nd)	1	1	11	23	109	261
Mathias (3rd)	1	3	13	22	107	241
May (4th)	2	5	14	20	130	262
Najam (1st)	1	2	11	23	118	249
Pyle (4th)	0	6	8	27	89	284
Riley (4th)	1	3	9	18	118	246
Robb (5th)	2	4	12	26	112	237
Vaidik (5th)	1	3	13	26	97	273
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>3,820</b>

# CASES HANDED DOWN

## SENIOR JUDGES

SENIOR JUDGES	CRIMINAL		POST-CONVICTION		CIVIL	
	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL
Barteau	18	1	1	0	6	1
Darden	21	0	4	0	3	0
Friedlander	6	3	1	0	3	4
Garrard	7	0	1	0	4	0
Sharpnack	12	0	2	0	12	0
Shepard	8	0	1	0	6	1
Sullivan	5	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>

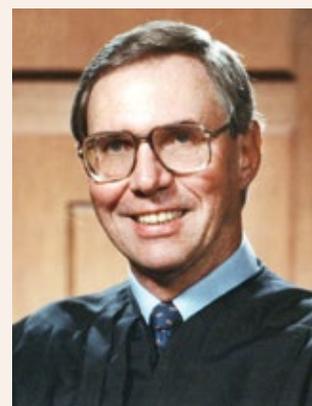
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	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL
Barteau	1	0	2	0	28	2
Darden	0	0	0	0	28	0
Friedlander	0	0	0	0	10	7
Garrard	0	0	0	0	12	0
Sharpnack	1	0	1	0	28	0
Shepard	1	0	0	0	16	1
Sullivan	0	0	0	0	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>10</b>

The Court of Appeals handed down **1,915 written decisions** in 2015.

## Judge Patrick D. Sullivan

COURT OF APPEALS OF INDIANA: 1968 - 2015

Judge Sullivan was the longest-serving judge in the court's history and the last serving member to have won popular election to the court, in 1968. He won retention elections in 1972, 1982, 1992 and 2002, and retired from the court on July 31, 2007. From that time until his death in October 2015, Judge Sullivan served the court as a senior judge.



# ORAL ARGUMENTS

JUDGES (DISTRICT)	CRIMINAL		POST-CONVICTION		CIVIL	
	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL
Altice (2nd)	0	1	0	0	1	3
Bailey (1st)	1	2	0	0	1	5
Baker (1st)	3	3	0	0	10	3
Barnes (3rd)	1	3	0	1	0	6
Bradford (2nd)	1	5	0	0	7	3
Brown (5th)	1	1	0	0	3	5
Crone (3rd)	1	6	0	0	1	4
Friedlander (2nd)	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kirsch (2nd)	1	1	0	0	3	4
Mathias (3rd)	5	2	0	0	1	2
May (4th)	2	1	1	0	3	3
Najam (1st)	0	1	0	0	4	6
Pyle (4th)	0	1	0	0	0	3
Riley (4th)	0	2	0	0	3	9
Robb (5th)	1	1	0	0	2	14
Vaidik (5th)	0	3	0	1	2	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>80</b>

JUDGES (DISTRICT)	EXPEDITE		OTHER		TOTAL	
	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL
Altice (2nd)	0	0	0	0	1	4
Bailey (1st)	0	0	0	0	2	7
Baker (1st)	0	0	0	0	13	6
Barnes (3rd)	1	0	0	1	2	11
Bradford (2nd)	0	0	0	0	8	8
Brown (5th)	0	0	0	0	4	6
Crone (3rd)	0	0	0	0	2	10
Friedlander (2nd)	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kirsch (2nd)	0	0	0	0	4	5
Mathias (3rd)	0	0	0	0	6	4
May (4th)	0	1	0	1	6	6
Najam (1st)	0	0	0	0	4	7
Pyle (4th)	0	1	1	0	1	5
Riley (4th)	0	0	0	0	3	11
Robb (5th)	0	0	0	0	3	15
Vaidik (5th)	0	0	0	0	2	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>119</b>



## ORAL ARGUMENTS

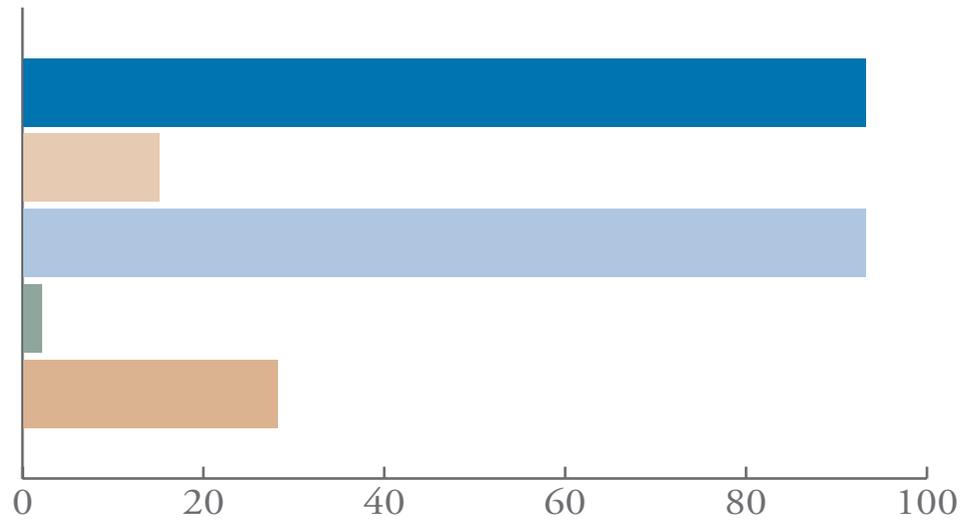
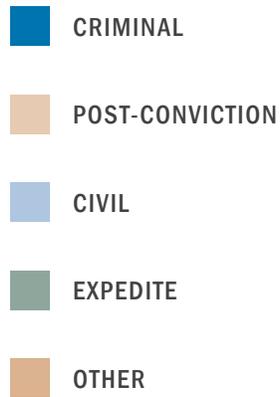
### SENIOR JUDGES

SENIOR JUDGES	CRIMINAL		POST-CONVICTION		CIVIL	
	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL
Barteau	0	1	0	0	0	1
Darden	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friedlander	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garrard	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharpnack	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shepard	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sullivan	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

SENIOR JUDGES	EXPEDITE		OTHER		TOTAL	
	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL	WRITING	PANEL
Barteau	0	0	0	0	0	2
Darden	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friedlander	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garrard	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharpnack	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shepard	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sullivan	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

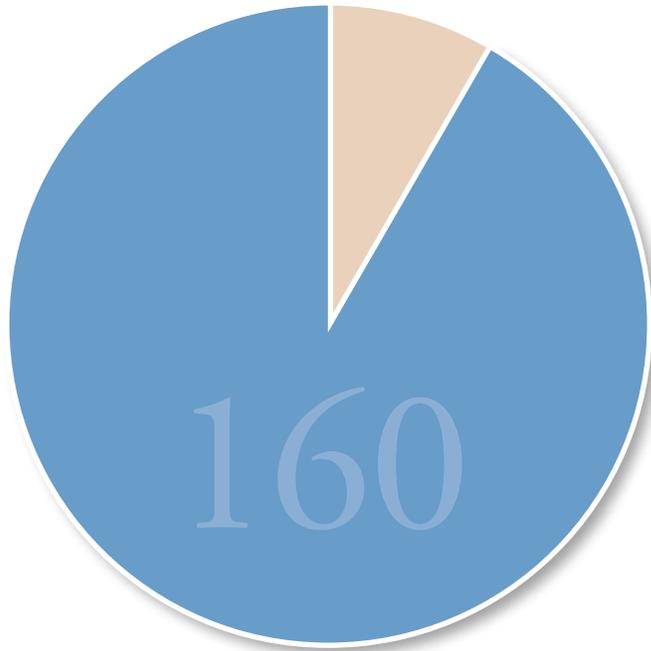
# CASES PENDING

## TOTAL CASES PENDING (PER TYPE)



JUDGES (DISTRICT)	CRIMINAL	POST - CONVICTION	CIVIL	EXPEDITE	OTHER	TOTAL
Altice (2nd)	7	1	9	0	2	19
Bailey (1st)	3	2	2	0	1	8
Baker (1st)	1	2	2	0	1	6
Barnes (3rd)	7	1	7	0	1	16
Bradford (2nd)	2	1	2	0	1	6
Brown (5th)	3	0	8	0	1	12
Crone (3rd)	2	1	5	1	1	10
Kirsch (2nd)	7	1	6	0	3	17
Mathias (3rd)	10	0	9	1	4	24
May (4th)	13	0	6	0	1	20
Najam (1st)	6	0	3	0	1	10
Pyle (4th)	9	1	9	0	2	21
Riley (4th)	7	2	9	0	2	20
Robb (5th)	7	1	7	0	4	19
Vaidik (5th)	4	0	4	0	2	10
SENIOR JUDGES	5	2	5	0	1	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>231</b>

## SUCCESSIVE PETITIONS FOR POST-CONVICTION RELIEF



15

Pending as of 12/31/2014

160

Petitions filed

175

Total petitions

## AUTHORIZATION

10

Petitions authorized to be filed in trial court for hearing

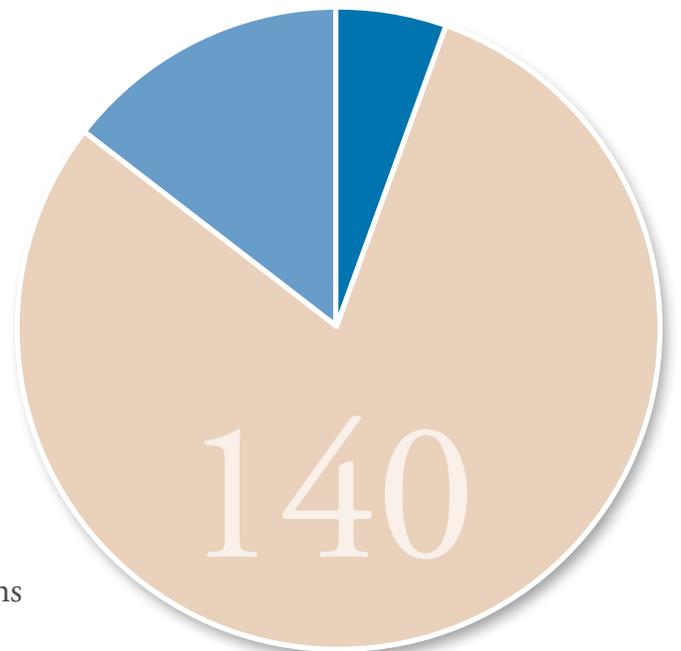
140

Petitions not authorized to be filed in trial court for hearing (“No Merit”)

25

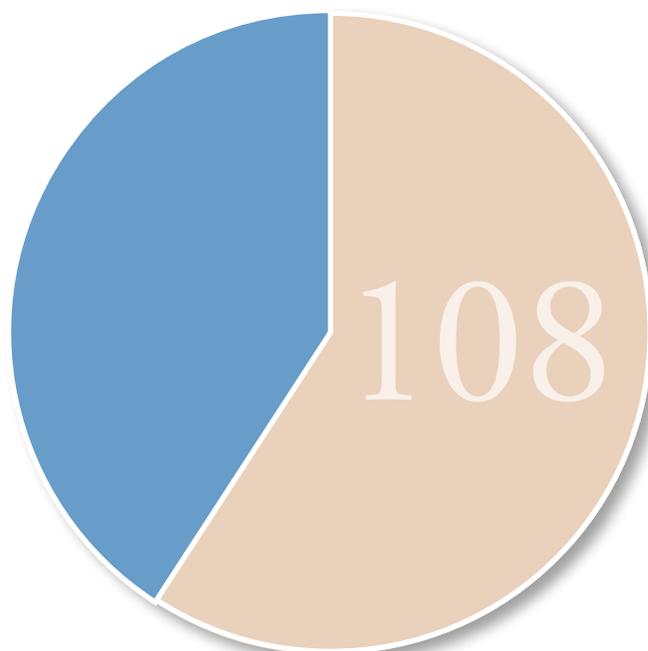
Petitions pending

175 Total petitions



## APPELLEE'S MOTIONS TO DISMISS

MOTIONS TO DISMISS GRANTED	MOTION TO DISMISS DENIED
108	74
PER CURIAM OPINIONS	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS
0	182



21	191	212
Pending as of 12/31/2014	Motions filed	Total motions

**30** Pending motions as of 12/31/2015

# STATISTICS REGARDING DISPOSITION OF CHIEF JUDGE MATTERS

**6,375** Motions, Petitions for Time, Misc. Motions Received

## JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015

Orders Granting Petitions to File Belated Notice of Appeal	10
Orders Denying Petitions to File Belated Notice of Appeal	11
Orders Granting Pre-Appeal Conferences	1
Orders Denying Pre-Appeal Conferences	4
Orders with Instructions from Pre-Appeal Conference	0
Orders Granting Permissive Interlocutory Appeals	80
Orders Denying Permissive Interlocutory Appeals	117
Orders Granting Successive Petitions for Post-Conviction Relief	10
Orders Denying Successive Petitions for Post-Conviction Relief	140
Orders Granting Consolidations of Appeals	82
Orders Denying Consolidations of Appeals	9
Orders Granting Petitions to Amend Brief	43
Orders Denying Petitions to Amend Brief	6
Orders Granting Withdrawals of Record	312
Orders Denying Withdrawals of Record	31
Miscellaneous Orders	2,935

## REHEARINGS

Petitions for Rehearing Granted without Opinion	0
Petitions for Rehearing Denied without Opinion	190
Petitions for Rehearing Granted with Opinion	25
Petitions for Rehearing Denied with Opinion	0

## TIME GRANTS

Petitions for Time to File Record Granted	161
Petitions for Time to File Record Denied	5
Petitions for Time to File Appellant's Brief Granted	942
Petitions for Time to File Appellant's Brief Denied	28
Petitions for Time to File Appellee's Brief Granted	290
Petitions for Time to File Appellee's Brief Denied	4
Petitions for Time to File Appellant's Reply Brief Granted	99
Petitions for Time to File Appellant's Reply Brief Denied	4

## ORAL ARGUMENT ACTION

Orders Setting Oral Arguments	68
Orders Denying Petitions for Oral Arguments	62

## DISMISSALS

Orders Granting Appellant's Motions to Dismiss	240
Orders Denying Appellant's Motions to Dismiss	28
Orders Granting Appellee's Motions to Dismiss	108
Orders Denying Appellee's Motions to Dismiss	74
Court-Directed Orders of Dismissal	397

**6,516** TOTAL



# COURT OF APPEALS OF INDIANA

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