

ANNUAL CASELOAD COMPARISON REPORT

Below is a summary comparison of the major statistical categories relating to the Supreme Court Caseload between the years 2006 and 2007.

| | 2006 | 2007 | Percentage Difference |
|--|------|------|-----------------------|
| Total notices of appeals filed: | 672 | 600 | - 10.71 % |
| Total number of appeals reaching briefing: | 611 | 525 | - 16.38 % |
| Total number of appeals sent to mediation: | 183 | 188 | + 2.77 % |
| Total number of successfully mediated appeals: | 30 | 39 | + 30.00 % |
| Total new case filings: | 821 | 751 | - 8.53% |
| Direct Appeal: | 611 | 600 | -10.71% |
| Original Proceedings: | 125 | 130 | + 4.00% |
| Disciplinary Cases: | 24 | 21 | -12.50 % |
| Total number of Pro Se cases: | 254 | 193 | -24.01 % |
| Total number of opinions issued: | 352 | 358 | +1.7 % |
| Total number of cases closed: | 736 | 713 | -3.66% |
| Total number of pending cases carried over: | 593 | 694* | +17.03% |

***Note:** This total reflects a significant increase in the number of pending cases carried over. The increase represents a “one time” occurrence due to the fact that the caseload numbers on this and subsequent reports will now reflect original proceedings, attorney disciplinary proceedings, and all direct appeals, *including newly initiated cases where just the notice of appeal has been filed*. This is done in correlation with the revised rules of appellate procedure (effective Oct. 1, 2007), which require the notice of appeal to be filed with this office. Reporting the active cases in this fashion will allow for accurate caseload comparisons going forward from 2007.

Statistics compiled by the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court