

Appellate Courts

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## **SUPREME COURT Narrative Summary**

During fiscal year 2007, there were 1,161 cases filed in the Supreme Court, a decrease of 7.6% in total filings from the 1,256 cases filed in FY 2006. The categories with the largest percentage increases were the Civil Appeals cases, which increased 267.7% from 3 in FY 2006 to 11 in FY 2007, and Special Action Other cases (46.7%), which went from 30 in FY 2006 to 44 in FY 2007. Numerically and percentage wise, Criminal Petitions for Review case filings showed the greatest decrease (150) and accounted for a decrease of 27.3%.

In the same period, the Supreme Court disposed of 1,262 cases, an increase of 1.0% from the 1,250 cases disposed during the previous fiscal year.

The differences between filings and terminations resulted in a pending caseload decrease of 24.0%, from 420 cases on July 1, 2006 to 319 cases on June 30, 2007.

Detailed breakdowns of "State Bar Matters" and "All Other Cases" and a State Bar Activity Report follow the filings and terminations summaries.

**ABBREVIATIONS**  
**(Appellate)**

App. Sp. Examiner .....	Appointment of Special Examiner
Corp. Commission .....	Corporation
Decis .....	Decisions
DOC .....	Department of Corrections
Exam/Admiss .....	Examination/Admission
Extraord.....	Extraordinary
Ind./Industrial Comm. ....	Industrial Commission
Jud. Cond. Comm. ....	Commission on Judicial Conduct
Memo .....	Memorandum
MH Sexual Predator.....	Mental Health Sexual Predator
Post-Conv. Rel. ....	Post-Conviction Relief
P.R.....	Petition for Review
Ques. ....	Questions
S.A. ....	Special Action
Stat. Adj. ....	Statistical Adjustment
Susp. Spec. Rule .....	Suspensions Under Specific Rule
TERM. ....	Terminated
Trans. Disability.....	Disability Transfers
Trans. In .....	Transferred In
Trans. Out .....	Transferred Out
Unemp. Board .....	Unemployment Board

SUPREME COURT CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2007

ALL CASES ON FILE

TYPE OF ACTION	PENDING 7/1/2006	CASES FILED	REIN- STATED	TRANS- FER IN	TRANS- FER OUT	STAT ADJ	TOTAL CASES ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2006	
								PENDING 7/1/2005	CASES FILED
CIVIL APPEALS	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	0	3
CRIMINAL APPEALS	22	7	0	0	0	0	29	22	8
POST-CONV RELIEF	3	4	0	0	0	0	7	5	6
SPECIAL ACTION	1	21	0	0	0	0	22	1	21
SP ACTION-OTHER	2	44	0	0	0	0	46	5	30
STATE BAR MATTERS	9	190	0	0	0	0	199	10	186
HABEAS CORPUS	2	26	0	0	0	0	28	3	25
RULE 28	23	34	0	0	0	0	57	15	30
ALL OTHER CASES	12	20	0	0	0	0	32	12	12
SUBTOTAL	74	357	0	0	0	0	431	73	321
PET REV-CIVIL	134	342	0	0	0	0	476	132	325
PET REV-CRIMINAL	188	400	0	0	0	0	588	183	550
PET REV-IND COMM	6	21	0	0	0	0	27	8	22
PET REV-JUVENILE	15	36	0	0	0	0	51	7	35
PET REV-TAX	3	5	0	0	0	0	8	9	3
SUBTOTAL	346	804	0	0	0	0	1,150	339	935
TOTAL	420	1,161	0	0	0	0	1,581	412	1,256

SUPREME COURT CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2007

ALL CASES TERMINATED

TYPE OF ACTION	CASES TERMINATED				TOTAL CASES TERM	PENDING 6/30/2007	FISCAL YEAR 2006	
	WRITTEN OPINION	MEMO DECIS	ORDER	OTHER DECIS			TOTAL CASES TERM	PENDING 6/30/2006
	CIVIL APPEALS	7	2	1			1	11
CRIMINAL APPEALS	6	0	0	0	6	23	8	22
POST-CONV RELIEF	0	0	4	0	4	3	8	3
SPECIAL ACTION	2	0	14	0	16	6	21	1
SP ACTION-OTHER	0	0	43	0	43	3	33	2
STATE BAR MATTERS	2	0	190	0	192	7	188	9
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0	22	0	22	6	26	2
RULE 28	0	0	17	0	17	40	23	23
ALL OTHER CASES	1	0	18	0	19	13	12	12
SUBTOTAL	18	2	309	1	330	101	322	74
PET REV-CIVIL	10	0	354	0	364	112	323	134
PET REV-CRIMINAL	4	0	490	0	494	94	545	188
PET REV-IND COMM	0	0	24	0	24	3	24	6
PET REV-JUVENILE	0	0	45	0	45	6	27	15
PET REV-TAX	0	0	5	0	5	3	9	3
SUBTOTAL	14	0	918	0	932	218	928	346
TOTAL	32	2	1,227	1	1,262	319	1,250	420

SUPREME COURT CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2007

"ALL OTHER CASES" DETAIL  
CASES ON FILE

TYPE OF ACTION	PENDING 7/1/2006	CASES FILED	REIN- STATED	TRANS- FER IN	TRANS- FER OUT	STAT ADJ	TOTAL CASES ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2006	
								PENDING 7/1/2005	CASES FILED
EXTRAORD MATTERS	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
JUDICIAL CONDUCT	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0	1
TRANSFERS	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	3
WATER CASES	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0
WCIR CASES	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	3	1
GRAND JURY	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
CERTIFIED QUESTION	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
ORIGINAL COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

"ALL OTHER CASES" DETAIL  
CASES TERMINATED

TYPE OF ACTION	CASES TERMINATED				TOTAL CASES TERM	PENDING 6/30/2007	FISCAL YEAR 2006	
	WRITTEN OPINION	MEMO DECIS	ORDER	OTHER DECIS			TOTAL CASES TERM	PENDING 6/30/2006
EXTRAORD MATTERS	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
JUDICIAL CONDUCT	1	0	5	0	6	0	1	0
TRANSFERS	0	0	8	0	8	1	3	0
WATER CASES	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
WCIR CASES	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	4
GRAND JURY	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
CERTIFIED QUESTION	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	1
ORIGINAL COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

SUPREME COURT CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2007

"STATE BAR MATTERS" DETAIL  
MATTERS ON FILE

TYPE OF MATTER	PENDING 7/1/2006	MATTERS FILED	REIN- STATED	STAT ADJ	TOTAL MATTERS ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2006	
						PENDING 7/1/2005	MATTERS FILED
DISCIPLINARY	5	79	0	0	84	3	68
TRANSFER TO DISB.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONDITIONAL ADMISS	1	19	0	0	20	0	19
PR EXAM/ADMISS	2	5	0	0	7	2	7
APPT SP EXAMINER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RESIG IN GOOD STAND	0	61	0	0	61	0	74
RULE 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RULE 40	0	3	0	0	3	0	6
REINSTATEMENTS	0	5	0	0	5	3	2
MISCELLANEOUS	1	18	0	0	19	2	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>186</b>

"STATE BAR MATTERS" DETAIL  
MATTERS TERMINATED

TYPE OF MATTER	MATTERS TERMINATED				TOTAL MATTERS TERM	PENDING 6/30/2007	FISCAL YEAR 2006	
	WRITTEN OPINION	MEMO DECIS	ORDER	OTHER DECIS			TOTAL MATTERS TERM	PENDING 6/30/2006
DISCIPLINARY	1	0	80	0	81	3	67	5
TRANSFER TO DISB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONDITIONAL ADMISS	0	0	19	0	19	1	18	1
PR EXAM/ADMISS	1	0	4	0	5	2	7	2
APPT SP EXAMINER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RESIG IN GOOD STAND	0	0	61	0	61	0	74	0
RULE 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RULE 40	0	0	3	0	3	0	6	0
REINSTATEMENTS	0	0	4	0	4	1	5	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	19	0	19	0	11	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>9</b>

SUPREME COURT CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2007

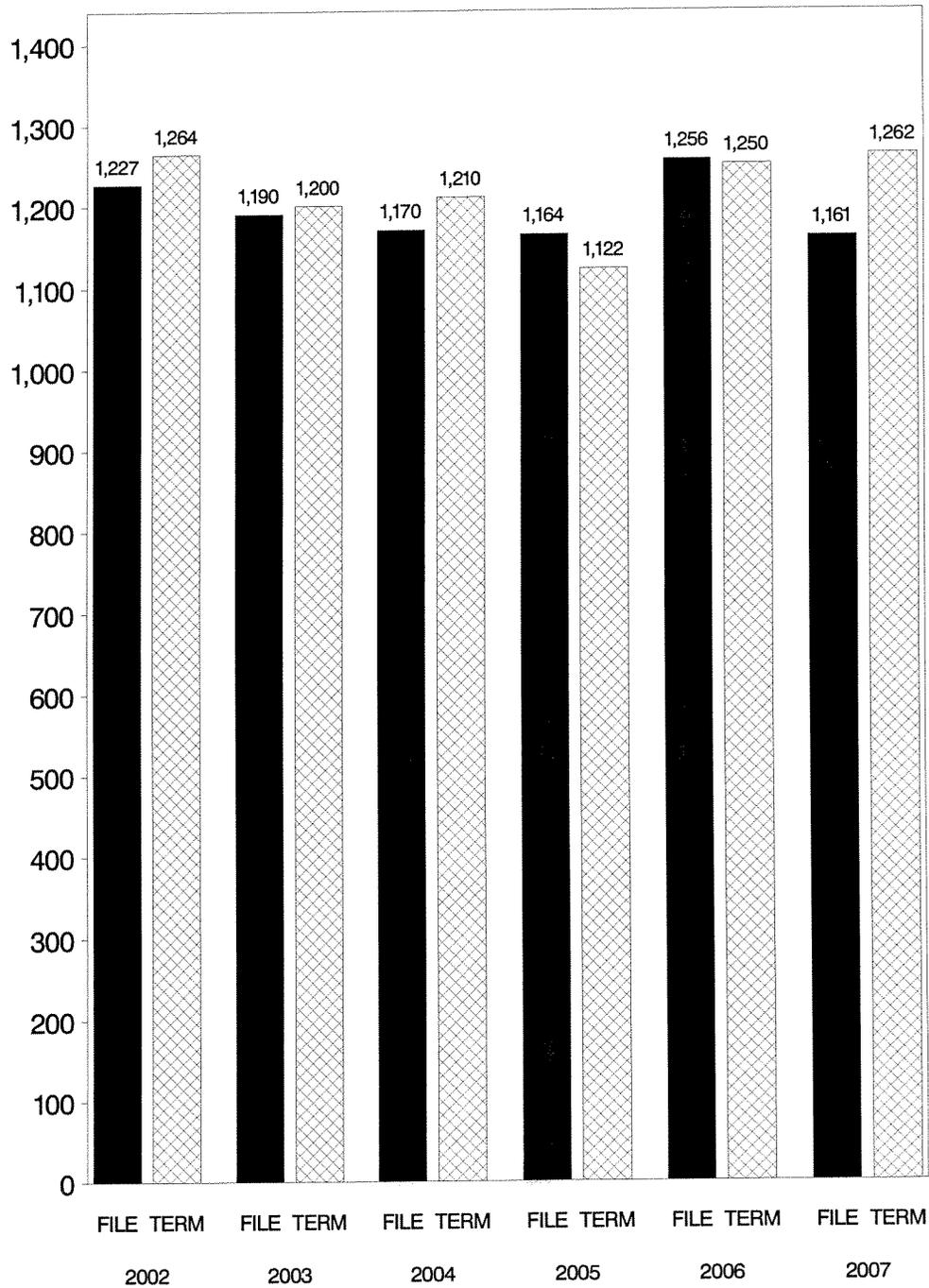
STATE BAR ACTIVITY REPORT

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	NUMBER	FISCAL YEAR 2006 NUMBER
ADMISSIONS	67	69
ADMISSIONS BY MAIL	685	684
REINSTATEMENTS	7	50
SERVICE OF COMPLAINT AND SUBPOENAS	0	0
CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING	284	196
ATTORNEYS SUSPENDED	46	9
EXPUNGED	4	12
RULE 38 (CERTIFICATIONS)	153	171
TRANSFERS TO DISABILITY	1	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>1,194</b>

# SUPREME COURT

## ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2002 – 2007

### CASES FILED AND TERMINATED



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**COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION ONE**  
**Narrative Summary**

Division One of the Court of Appeals experienced an decrease in case filings in fiscal year 2007. Total filings decreased by 5.3%, from 2,825 in FY 2006 to 2,676 in FY 2007. Post Conviction Relief and Juvenile case categories showed the greatest numerical decrease in filings, decreasing by 129 (26.0%) and 46 (17.8%) respectively, from the previous fiscal year. Criminal case filings experienced the largest numerical increase (75 or 11.8%). Civil, Mental Health, Industrial Commission showed very small change from FY 2006 to FY 2007.

Total case dispositions showed a decrease, from 3,104 in FY 2006 to 2,738 in FY 2006, a decrease of 11.8%.

The total pending caseload figure increased from 2,329 on July 1, 2006 to 2,738 on June 30, 2007, an increase of 17.6%.

A new mental health case filing category was added in fiscal year 2000, called Mental Health (MH) Sexual Predator. This category tracks the division-reported number of sexual predator cases filed. Division One began breaking out sexual predator cases from the mental health case category in fiscal year 2003, while Division Two began reporting sexual predator cases separately from mental health cases in fiscal year 2000.

COURT OF APPEALS CASE ACTIVITY  
 FISCAL YEAR 2007  
 DIVISION ONE  
 ALL CASES ON FILE

TYPE OF ACTION	PENDING 7/1/2006	CASES FILED	REIN- STATED	TRANS- FER IN	TRANS- FER OUT	STAT ADJ	TOTAL CASES ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2006	
								PENDING 7/1/2005	CASES FILED
CIVIL	714	869	19	46	43	41	1,646	649	895
RULE 29	2	0	0	21	21	-1	1	4	0
SETTLEMENT CONF	9	0	0	21	25	0	5	4	0
MENTAL HEALTH	14	31	0	0	0	0	45	7	32
MH SEXUAL PREDATOR	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	.	4
SPECIAL ACTIONS	56	279	0	0	0	0	335	85	280
CRIMINAL	681	711	4	0	0	40	1,436	637	636
POST CONV RELIEF	506	368	1	0	0	19	894	797	497
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION	71	114	2	0	13	6	180	95	113
JUVENILE	205	213	0	0	0	-17	401	135	259
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT BOARD	42	77	0	0	0	8	127	63	87
TAX	25	14	0	0	0	0	39	21	20
CORP COMM/ELECTR POWER	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
TOTAL	2,329	2,676	26	88	102	96	5,113	2,499	2,825

COURT OF APPEALS CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2007  
DIVISION ONE

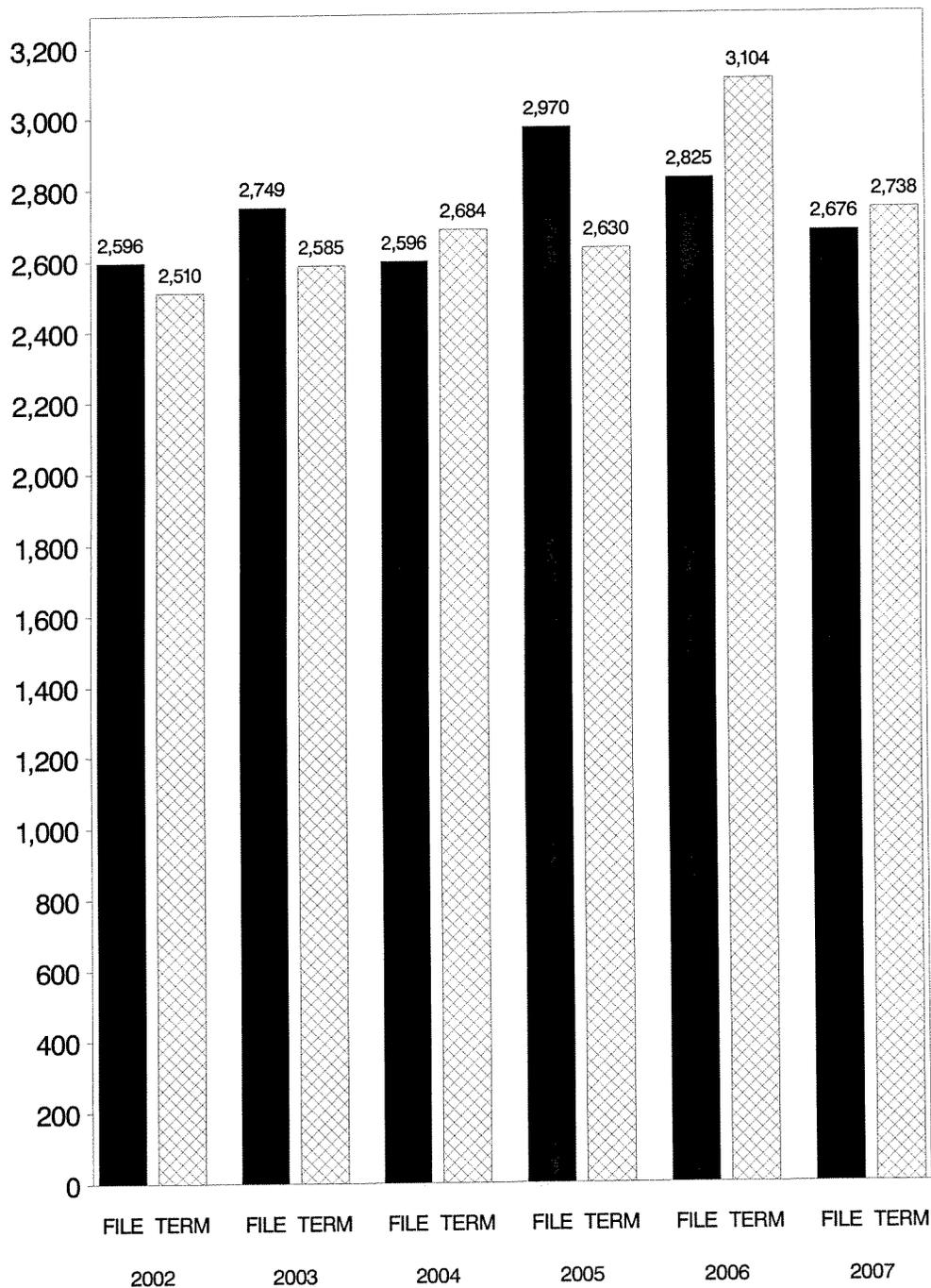
ALL CASES TERMINATED

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CIVIL	43	408	9	468	928	718	878	714
RULE 29	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
SETTLEMENT CONF	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	9
MENTAL HEALTH	2	10	0	20	32	13	25	14
MH SEXUAL PREDATOR	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	3
SPECIAL ACTIONS	10	6	23	224	263	72	308	56
CRIMINAL	9	409	9	190	617	819	620	681
POST-CONV RELIEF	0	1	16	470	487	407	821	506
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION	5	60	1	34	100	80	105	71
JUVENILE	7	164	2	49	222	179	215	205
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT BOARD	0	6	0	66	72	55	108	42
TAX	3	6	0	6	15	24	17	25
CORP COMM/ELECTR POWER	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>3,104</b>	<b>2,329</b>

# COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION 1

ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2002 – 2007

CASES FILED AND TERMINATED



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## **COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION TWO**

### **Narrative Summary**

Division Two of the Court of Appeals experienced a decrease in case filings. In fiscal year 2007, total filings decreased by 3.6%, from 891 in FY 2006 to 859 in FY 2007. The most notable decrease was in Post Conviction Relief filings which decreased by 18.1%, from 160 filings in FY 2006 to 131 in FY 2007. The other category that showed a significant decrease in filings was the Civil case category which decreased from 187 in FY 2006 to 158 in FY 2007, or 15.5%. Special Action cases reported an increase of 14.5%, from 110 in FY2006 to 126 in FY2007. Criminal cases also reported an increase of 5.9%, from 287 in FY2006 to 304 in FY2007.

Dispositions showed a large increase of 17.3%, from 891 in FY 2006 to 1,045 in FY 2007. The increase was across all categories but "Civil" and "Criminal" categories reported the largest numerical increase.

The total pending caseload figure decreased from 1,007 on July 1, 2006 to 843 on June 30, 2007 a decrease of 16.3%. Post Conviction Relief and Civil case categories showed the greatest numerical decrease in pending caseload, decreasing by 63 (52.1%) and 60 (45.8%) respectively, from the previous fiscal year.

A new mental health case filing category was added in fiscal year 2000, called Mental Health (MH) Sexual Predator. This category tracks the division-reported number of sexual predator cases filed. Division One began breaking out sexual predator cases from the mental health case category in fiscal year 2003, while Division Two began reporting sexual predator cases separately from mental health cases in fiscal year 2000.

COURT OF APPEALS CASE ACTIVITY  
 FISCAL YEAR 2007  
 DIVISION TWO  
 ALL CASES ON FILE

TYPE OF ACTION	PENDING 7/1/2006	CASES FILED	REIN- STATED	TRANS- FER IN	TRANS- FER OUT	STAT ADJ	TOTAL CASES ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2006	
								PENDING 7/1/2005	CASES FILED
CIVIL	131	158	1	4	0	1	295	114	187
RULE 29	2	0	0	0	0	-2	0	1	2
SETTLEMENT CONF	93	41	0	0	0	0	134	79	42
MENTAL HEALTH	4	6	0	0	0	0	10	0	8
MH SEXUAL PREDATOR	3	1	0	0	0	2	6	.	1
SPECIAL ACTIONS	52	126	0	0	0	1	179	34	110
CRIMINAL	475	304	1	0	0	-2	778	464	287
POST CONV RELIEF	121	131	2	0	0	0	254	133	160
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION	29	0	0	15	0	1	45	23	0
JUVENILE	90	89	0	0	0	0	179	92	88
HABEAS CORPUS	6	3	0	0	0	-2	7	7	6
CORP COMM/ELECTR POWER	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>891</b>

COURT OF APPEALS CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2007  
DIVISION TWO

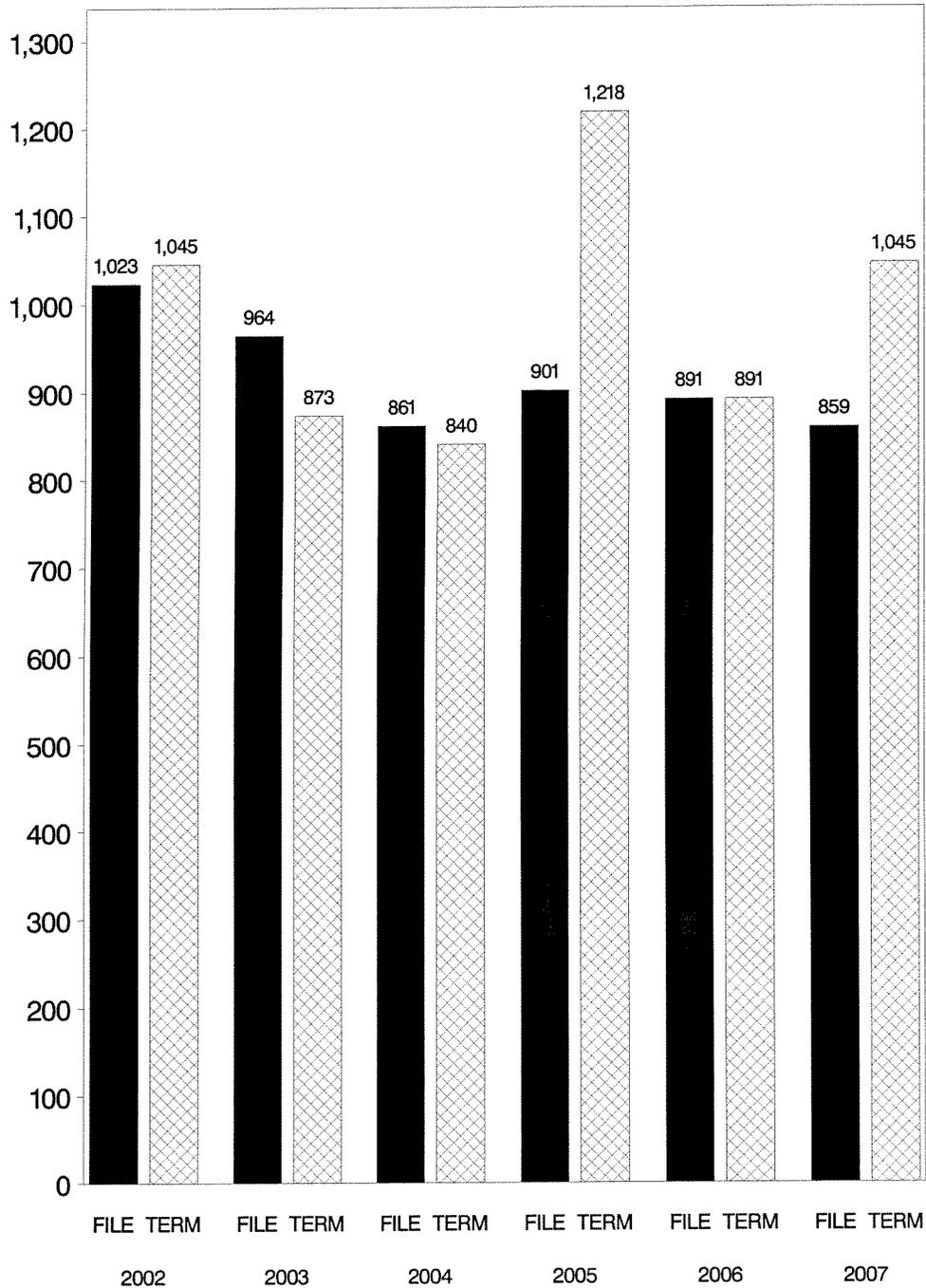
ALL CASES TERMINATED

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CIVIL	26	124	1	73	224	71	175	131
RULE 29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SETTLEMENT CONF	0	0	0	26	26	108	28	93
MENTAL HEALTH	0	7	0	2	9	1	4	4
MH SEXUAL PREDATOR	0	2	0	0	2	4	5	3
SPECIAL ACTIONS	12	1	6	95	114	65	93	52
CRIMINAL	14	242	1	72	329	449	286	475
POST-CONV RELIEF	1	149	29	17	196	58	175	121
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION	2	16	0	7	25	20	27	29
JUVENILE	2	72	0	39	113	66	91	90
HABEAS CORPUS	0	5	0	1	6	1	7	6
CORP COMM/ELECTR POWER	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>1,007</b>

# COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION 2

ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2002 – 2007

CASES FILED AND TERMINATED



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