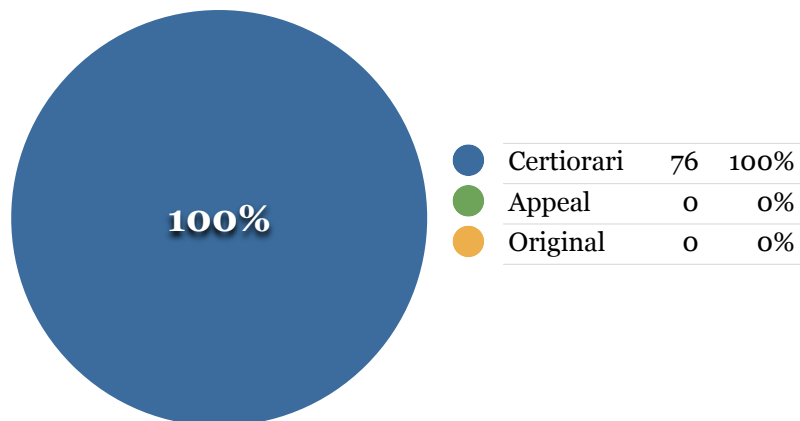


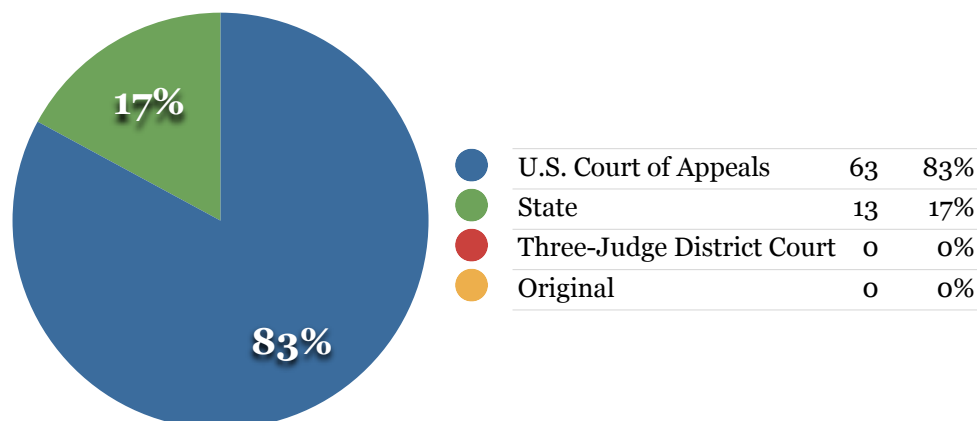
Make-up of the Merits Docket

The following charts depict different characteristics of the cases that were released with merits opinions - cases disposed of with signed opinions, summary reversals, or those that were affirmed by an equally divided Court.

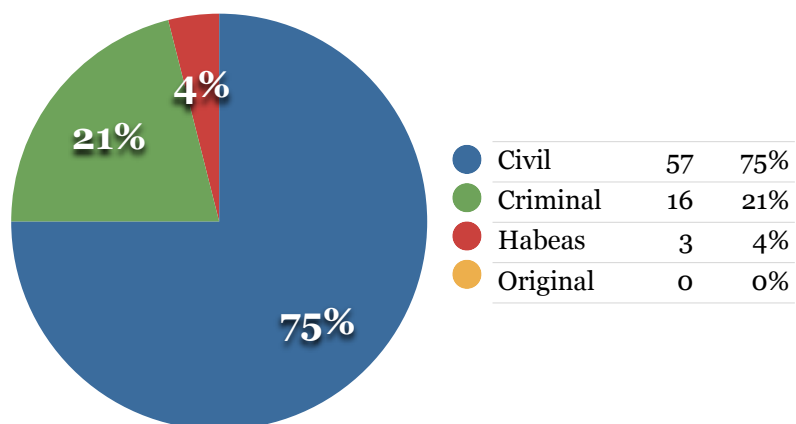
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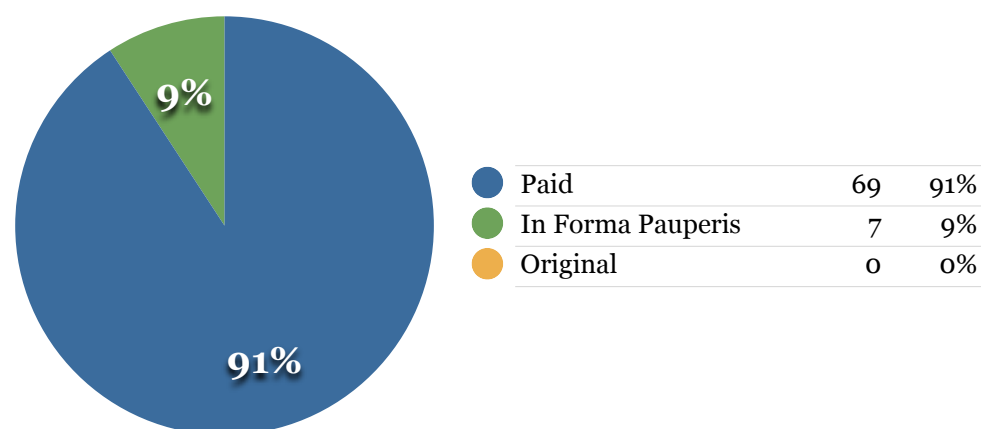
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Docket³



³ Technically, all paid and *in forma pauperis* cases are on the same docket. Prior to 1971, paid and IFP cases were on truly on separately numbered dockets. Since that date, however, they occupy the same docket, with paid cases beginning each year with case number 1, and IFP cases beginning at number 5001, *e.g.*, the first paid case of this Term was numbered 12-1 and the first IFP case was numbered 12-5001. Original cases remain on a separate docket and follow a separate numbering convention. For more information on the dockets, see EUGENE GRESSMAN ET AL., SUPREME COURT PRACTICE 55-56 (9th ed. 2007).