



SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

2001 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2001 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Mississippi provides a synopsis of the appellate court system consisting of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals and the trial court system including chancery, circuit, county, and youth courts.

APPELLATE COURTS

There were 1189 new filings in 2001. The Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals disposed of 1215 cases in 2001. Of this number, 879 involved decisions on the merits. The remaining 336 were dismissed. In civil dispositions on the merits, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals affirmed

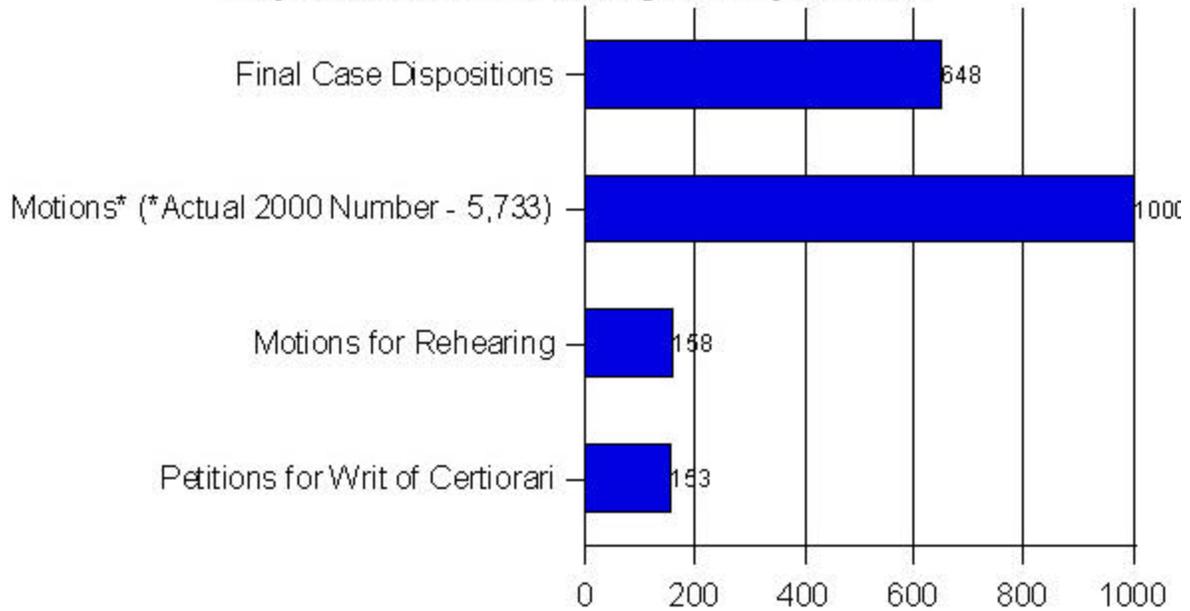
382 (or 68%) and reversed 178 (or 32%) for a total of 560 civil dispositions on the merits. In criminal dispositions on the merits, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals affirmed 276 (or 87%) and reversed 43 (or 13%) for a total of 319 criminal dispositions on the merits. There were 1546 cases on the merits pending before the Appellate Courts as of December 31, 2001.

SUPREME COURT

The 2001 Supreme Court disposed of 648 cases. Of this number, 331 involved decisions on the merits. The remaining 317 were dismissed. Of the cases disposed of on the merits, 218 (or 66%) were civil and 113 (or 34%) were criminal. Overall, the Court affirmed 211 (or 64%) of the cases disposed of in 2001, while reversing 120 (or 36%). In civil dispositions, the Court affirmed 123 (or 56%) and reversed 95 (or 44%) for a total of 218 cases. In criminal dispositions, the Court affirmed 88 (or 78%) and reversed 25 (or 22%) for a total of 113 criminal dispositions.

The Supreme Court disposed of 158 motions for rehearing in 2001; 145 were denied, 12 were granted and 1 was dismissed. The number of other motions disposed of in 2001 by the Court was 5380. Pursuant to M.R.A.P. 5, this Court disposed of 85 petitions for interlocutory appeal in 2001; 12 were granted, 68 were denied, and 5 had other dispositions. The Court disposed of 153 Petitions for Writ of Certiorari: 126 were denied, 25 were granted, and 2 were dismissed. The following chart represents a summary of the cases, motions, and petitions disposed of by the Supreme Court in 2001.

Supreme Court Summary of Dispositions



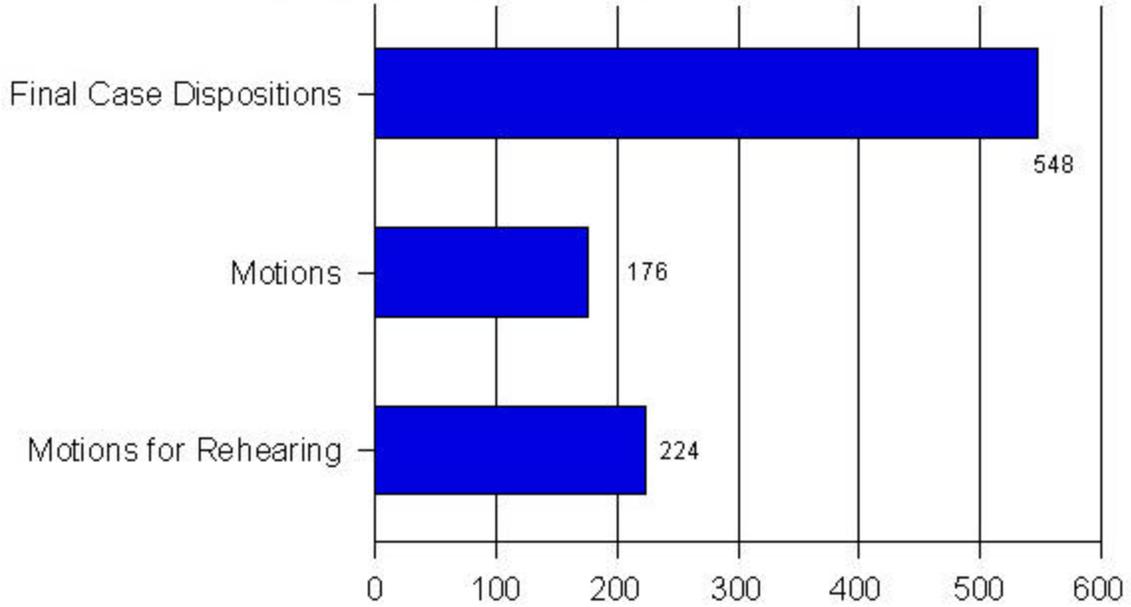
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COURT OF APPEALS

In 2001, the Court of Appeals disposed of 567 cases. Of this number, 548 involved decisions on the merits. The remaining 19 were dismissed. Of the cases disposed of on the merits, 342 (or 62%) were civil and 206 (or 38%) were criminal. Overall, the Court of Appeals affirmed 447 (or 82%) of the cases disposed of in 2001, while reversing 101 (or 18%). In civil dispositions, the Court of Appeals affirmed 259 (or 76%) and reversed 83 (or 24%) for a total of 342 civil dispositions. In criminal dispositions, the Court of Appeals affirmed 188 (or 91%) and reversed 18 (or 9%) for a total of 206 criminal dispositions. Nineteen (19) cases originated in the Workers' Compensation Commission, and 17 cases originated from other state boards or agencies.

The Court of Appeals disposed of 224 motions for rehearing in 2001: 205 were denied, 5 were granted and 14 were dismissed. The number of other motions disposed of in 2001 was 176. The following chart represents a summary of the cases and motions disposed of by the Court of Appeals in 2001.

Court of Appeals Summary of Dispositions



The Court of Appeals heard oral argument in 47 cases in 2001. The majority of cases disposed of by the Court of Appeals originated in circuit court.

TRIAL COURT SYSTEM

Due to problems identified with the import of data from the trial courts, the trial court system data will be provided at a later date.