

8th Congress State of the Judiciary Message

I. Introduction

This Judiciary Message is my 4th.

In the last Judiciary Message, I focused heavily on shining the light on the paralegal program. I want to emphasize too that the program could not have come into fruition if it were not for people's selfless love for the judiciary and want in seeing it succeed. Although the paralegal program no longer exists, it made strides in one area: accessibility.

Accessibility to the Judiciary is important because the Judiciary's role is important. We are a forum for citizens to vindicate their most sacred constitutional rights. We are the body affording equal justice to the commoners. We are the body correcting injustice without fear or favor. But one is unable to find refuge with our writs without first making it inside our adversarial Courts. Our adversarial system of justice is a topic for another day.

Here, I wanted to briefly highlight the importance of accessibility. Indeed, in mandating the delivery of a Judiciary Message, it also requires evaluating accessibility. Let me be frank: the judiciary is well accessible, and Courts continue to find ways to increase accessibility. Specifically in the Supreme Court, case processing times are well below 12 hours, documents can be filed in two different ways, and all case filings, orders,

and opinions are able to be publicly viewed and downloaded on our website and Trello. Recently in the District Court, more administrative staff have been hired, which has significantly reduced case processing times for litigants. Additionally, the usage of Magistrate Judges has become more common, which has reduced the workload of District Court Judges and ensures timely proceedings.

More work can be done. In the future, I hope to publish guidance on the numerous processes and procedures in the Supreme Court for our litigants. And I am currently in the process of furnishing templates for litigants without the time or resources to replicate uber realistic Supreme Court documents.

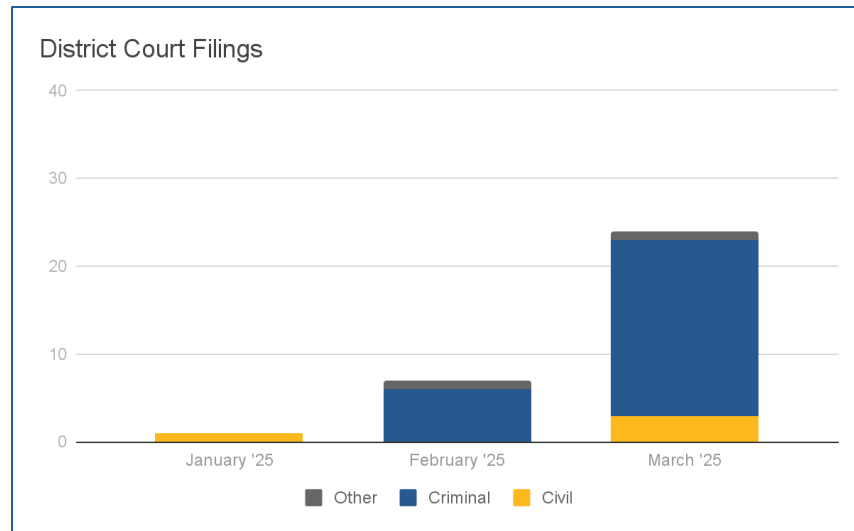
II. Supreme Court's Caseload

This figure analyzes all initiated appeals starting February 1, 2025, until March 31, 2025. The total number of appeals filed in the Supreme Court in February was 0. There was no change from the previous month. The total number of appeals filed in the Supreme Court in March was 3. A percentage change cannot be discerned because the number of appeals filed in the previous month was zero. 1 question certified from the District Court was received in March.

III. District Court's Caseload

This figure analyzes all initiated cases starting February 1, 2025, until March 31, 2025. A total of 7 cases have been filed or initiated in the District Court during February which is a 600% increase from the previous month. Of those cases, 6 were criminal actions, and 1 was a criminal contempt case or disciplinary proceeding. A total of 24 cases have been filed or initiated in the District Court during March which is a 242.86%

increase from February. Of those cases, 3 were civil actions, 20 were criminal actions, and 1 was a criminal contempt case or disciplinary proceeding. Of the criminal actions, 1 was a reopening of a case.



IV. Conclusion

My best wishes.

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