

STATE OF NEW YORK - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL COMMUNICATION

To: Chair, Vice Chair and Board Members

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Subject: Office of General Counsel Report for April 2026 Board Meeting

Below is a statistical analysis for March 2026 of the workflow of the three divisions of the Office of Issue Resolution, within the Office of General Counsel, responsible for deciding cases. This report summarizes the number of hearings held in the Adjudication Division, the number of reviews handled by the Administrative Review Division, and the number of applications for Full Board Review processed by the Legal Affairs Division.

ADJUDICATION DIVISION

Hearings Held:	18,186 (Attachment A)
Cases Resolved at Hearing:	11,788
Continued w/Findings:	5,868
Continued w/o Findings:	166
Reserve Decisions:	347
Pre-Hearing Conferences:	1,609 (Attachment B)
Controverted Cases Established/ Resolved at PHC:	861
Waiver Agreements Finalized	1,953 (Attachment C)
By Hearing	1,273
By PD-32	680

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW DIVISION

ARD Applications Received:	935 (Attachment D)
ARD Applications Processed:	1,074
ARD Applications Pending:	7,589

Note: In March, ARD processed more cases than it received. The inventory decreased from 7,729 to 7,589 cases. As of April 1, 2026, 55% of review applications were processed within six months of the application date (Attachment E). The most common issue presented for review in March was ANCR/ODNCR (245 cases). See Attachment F for a summary of review outcomes by primary issue.

LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

FBR Applications Received:	84
FBR Applications Processed:	94
FBR Case Inventory:	218

Note: The Legal Affairs Division processed more applications than it received this past month. The 218 case inventory pending at the end of March is down from the 228 case inventory pending at the end of February.