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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Below is a statistical analysis for October 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 (ARD), and the number of applications for Full Board Review (FBR) processed by the Legal Affairs Division.

ADJUDICATION DIVISION

Hearings Held:	18,825 (Attachment A)
Cases Resolved at Hearing:	12,385
Continued w/Findings:	6,024
Continued w/o Findings:	91
Reserve Decisions:	315
Pre-Hearing Conferences:	1,546 (Attachment B)
Controverted Cases Established/ Resolved at PHC:	845
Waiver Agreements Finalized:	1,733 (Attachment C)
By Hearing:	1,435
By PD-32:	298

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW DIVISION (ARD)

ARD Applications Received:	897 (Attachment D)
ARD Applications Processed:	1,178
ARD Applications Pending:	6,973

Note: In October, ARD processed more cases than it received. The inventory decreased from 7,255 to 6,973 cases. As of November 1, 2026, 59% of review applications were processed within six months of the application date (Attachment E). The most common issue presented for review in October was Rates/Awards (255 cases). See Attachment F for a summary of review outcomes by primary issue.

LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

FBR Applications Received:	91
FBR Applications Processed:	89
FBR Case Inventory:	249

Note: The Legal Affairs Division processed less applications than it received this past month. The 249 case inventory pending at the end of October is down from the 247 case inventory pending at the end of September.