

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 August 2026 Board Meeting

Below is a statistical analysis for July 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:	18,489 (Attachment A)
Cases Resolved at Hearing:	12,022
Continued w/Findings:	6,050
Continued w/o Findings:	89
Reserve Decisions:	315
 Pre-Hearing Conferences:	 1,576 (Attachment B)
Controverted Cases Established/ Resolved at PHC:	 830
 Waiver Agreements Finalized:	 2,057 (Attachment C)
By Hearing:	1,435
By PD-32:	622

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW DIVISION (ARD)

ARD Applications Received:	920 (Attachment D)
ARD Applications Processed:	941
ARD Applications Pending:	7,359

Note: In July, ARD processed more cases than it received. The inventory decreased from 7,380 to 7,359 cases. As of August 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 July was Rates/Awards (206 cases). See Attachment F for a summary of review outcomes by primary issue.

LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

FBR Applications Received:	98
FBR Applications Processed:	99
FBR Case Inventory:	248

Note: The Legal Affairs Division processed more applications than it received this past month. The 248 case inventory pending at the end of July is down from the 249 case inventory pending at the end of June.