

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

To: Chair, Vice Chair and Board Members

From: Keith Longden, Acting & Deputy General Counsel

Date: April 1, 2025

Subject: Office of General Counsel Report for April 2025 Board Meeting

Below is a statistical analysis for March 2025 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:	18,587 (Attachment A)
Cases Resolved at Hearing:	12,012
Continued w/Findings:	6,057
Continued w/o Findings:	86
Reserve Decisions:	416
 Pre-Hearing Conferences:	 1,538 (Attachment B)
Controverted Cases Established/ Resolved at PHC:	 819
 Waiver Agreements Finalized	 2,203 (Attachment C)
By Hearing	1,856
By PD-32	347

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW DIVISION

ARD Applications Received:	1,091 (Attachment D)
ARD Applications Processed:	962
ARD Applications Pending:	8,319

Note: In March, ARD processed less cases than it received. The inventory increased from 8,191 to 8,319 cases. As of April 1, 2025, 60% 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 (213 cases). See Attachment F for a summary of review outcomes by primary issue.

LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

FBR Applications Received:	120
FBR Applications Processed:	94
FBR Case Inventory:	228

Note: The Legal Affairs Division processed less applications than it received this past month. The 228 case inventory pending at the end of March, is up from the 202 case inventory pending at the end of February.