

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 February 2026 Board Meeting

Below is a statistical analysis for January 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:	16,974 (Attachment A)
Cases Resolved at Hearing:	1,173
Continued w/Findings:	5,290
Continued w/o Findings:	186
Reserve Decisions:	309
 Pre-Hearing Conferences:	 1,569 (Attachment B)
Controverted Cases Established/ Resolved at PHC:	 859
 Waiver Agreements Finalized	 1,764 (Attachment C)
By Hearing	1,216
By PD-32	548

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW DIVISION

ARD Applications Received:	871 (Attachment D)
ARD Applications Processed:	934
ARD Applications Pending:	7,891

Note: In January, ARD processed more cases than it received. The inventory decreased from 7,954 to 7,891 cases. As of February 1, 2026, 56% of review applications were processed within six months of the application date (Attachment E). The most common issue presented for review in January was Rates/Awards (176 cases). See Attachment F for a summary of review outcomes by primary issue.

LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

FBR Applications Received:	101
FBR Applications Processed:	119
FBR Case Inventory:	258

Note: The Legal Affairs Division processed more applications than it received this past month. The 258 case inventory pending at the end of January is down from the 277 case inventory pending at the end of December.