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## Multistate Analysis of Time Consumption in Capital Appeals, 1992-2002

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## ICPSR CODEBOOK NOTES

- 1) ICPSR masked the some variables in this dataset due to confidentiality concerns. The original content of these variables is available through our restricted access procedures (see note 5 below). While certain date variables are only available through restricted access procedures, variables that provide the number of days between dates are available in the downloadable version.

ICPSR masked part or all of the following variables in the downloadable dataset:

CASE_NUM	“CASE NUMBER”
CASE_TIT	“CASE TITLE”
REPVOL	“CASE CITATION: REPORTER VOLUME”
REP	“CASE CITATION: REGIONAL OR STATE REPORTER”
REPPGE	“CASE CITATION: REPORTER PAGE”
SENTENCE	“SENTENCING DATE”
NOTICE_O	“NOTICE OF APPEAL DATE”
LAST_BRF	“LAST BRIEF FILED DATE”
ORAL_ARG	“ORAL ARGUMENT DATE”
SUP_CT	“US SUPREME COURT DECISION DATE”

- 2) For the following two date variables, ICPSR extracted and retained the four digit year as a numeric variable in the downloadable dataset. The full date is available in the restricted dataset, however, formatted as an ADATE11 character variable.

DEC1	“STATE COURT OF LAST RESORT DECISION DATE (TO COMPUTE ORAL ARGUMENT TO DECISION)”
DEC2	“STATE COURT OF LAST RESORT DECISION TO USE FOR DEC TO USSC BECUASE OF NJ PROPORTIONALITY”

- 3) ICPSR created the variable CASEID, which is a unique identifier in both the downloadable and restricted datasets. As indicated above, another variable, CASE\_NUM “CASE NUMBER”, was restricted in the downloadable version of this study. Users should be aware that unlike the CASEID variable, the CASE\_NUM “CASE NUMBER” variable is not unique and the restricted file retains the information to identify the 26 cases with multiple defendants.

- 4) ICPSR recoded blanks in numeric variables to -9 codes and labeled them Blank.
- 5) To protect respondent privacy, certain identifying information is restricted from general dissemination. Specifically, some variables that facilitate the identification of individual cases are restricted from general dissemination. Users interested in obtaining these data must complete a Restricted Data Use Agreement form and specify the reasons for the request. A copy of the Restricted Data Use Agreement form can be requested by calling 800-999-0960. Researchers can also download this form as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file from the download page associated with this dataset.

Completed forms should be returned to: Director, National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Institute for Social Research, P.O. Box 1248, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248, or by fax: 734-647-8200.

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### Dataset 1:

#### STATE STATE

Location: 9-10 (width: 2; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
1	AZ	114	6.8 %	6.8%
2	FL	423	25.2 %	25.2%
3	GA	87	5.2 %	5.2%
4	KY	27	1.6 %	1.6%
5	MO	96	5.7 %	5.7%
6	NV	70	4.2 %	4.2%
7	NJ	22	1.3 %	1.3%
8	NC	260	15.5 %	15.5%
9	OH	137	8.2 %	8.2%
10	SC	67	4.0 %	4.0%
11	TN	65	3.9 %	3.9%
12	TX	222	13.2 %	13.2%
13	VA	69	4.1 %	4.1%
14	WA	17	1.0 %	1.0%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	1.00	14.00	6.49	7.00	4.06

#### CASE\_NUM CASE NUMBER

Location: 11-50 (width: 40; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: character (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
Masked	1676	100.0 %	100.0%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### CASE\_TIT CASE TITLE

Location: 51-110 (width: 60; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: character (ISO)

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Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
Masked	1676	100.0 %	100.0%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**REPVOL CASE CITATION: REPORTER VOLUME**

Location: 111-114 (width: 4; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric (ISO)

Interval: discrete

Range of Missing Values (M): -9

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
-9 (M)	Blank	1	0.1 %	-
9997	Masked	1675	99.9 %	100.0%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1675	1	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	0.00

**REP CASE CITATION: REGIONAL OR STATE REPORTER**

Location: 115-122 (width: 8; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character (ISO)

Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
Masked	1676	100.0 %	100.0%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**REPPGE CASE CITATION: REPORTER PAGE**

Location: 123-128 (width: 6; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric (ISO)

Interval: discrete

Range of Missing Values (M): -9

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
-9 (M)	Blank	1	0.1 %	-
999997	Masked	1675	99.9 %	100.0%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1675	1	999997.00	999997.00	999997.00	999997.00	0.00

**IACREV INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT REVIEW**

Location: 129-129 (width: 1; decimal: 0)



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Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
0	No IAC review	1506	89.9 %	89.9%
1	IAC review	170	10.1 %	10.1%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	0.00	1.00	0.10	0.00	0.30

**RULE** **RULE/STATUTE DIRECTED TO REDUCING PROCESSING TIME OF CAPITAL APPEALS**

Location: 130-130 (width: 1; decimal: 0)  
Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
0	No rule or statute	737	44.0 %	44.0%
1	Rule or statute	939	56.0 %	56.0%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	0.00	1.00	0.56	1.00	0.50

**SCOPE** **SCOPE OF REVIEW**

Location: 131-131 (width: 1; decimal: 0)  
Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
0	Review of sentence only	199	11.9 %	11.9%
1	Review of conviction and sentence	1477	88.1 %	88.1%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	0.00	1.00	0.88	1.00	0.32

**AFFORREV** **STATE COURT OF LAST RESORT DATE DECISION TO AFFIRM OR REVERSE**

Location: 132-132 (width: 1; decimal: 0)  
Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
0	Affirm	1235	73.7 %	73.7%
1	Reverse (sentence only or conviction)	441	26.3 %	26.3%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	0.00	1.00	0.26	0.00	0.44

**CONCOPS** **NUMBER OF CONCURRING OPINIONS**

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Location: 133-134 (width: 2; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete  
 Range of Missing Values (M): -9

Value	Label	Frequency	%	Valid %
-9 (M)	Blank	1	0.1 %	-
0	-	1221	72.9 %	72.9%
1	-	349	20.8 %	20.8%
2	-	86	5.1 %	5.1%
3	-	15	0.9 %	0.9%
4	-	4	0.2 %	0.2%

Valid	Invalid	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Stdev
1675	1	0.00	4.00	0.35	0.00	0.64

**DISSOPS NUMBER OF DISSENTING OPINIONS**

Location: 135-136 (width: 2; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete  
 Range of Missing Values (M): -9

Value	Label	Frequency	%	Valid %
-9 (M)	Blank	1	0.1 %	-
0	-	1222	72.9 %	73.0%
1	-	389	23.2 %	23.2%
2	-	64	3.8 %	3.8%

Valid	Invalid	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Stdev
1675	1	0.00	2.00	0.31	0.00	0.54

**MAJPAGE PAGE LENGTH OF MAJORITY OPINION**

Location: 137-138 (width: 2; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete  
 Range of Missing Values (M): -9

Value	Label
-9 (M)	Blank

\* Frequencies not displayed for this variable.

Valid	Invalid	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Stdev
1674	2	1.00	72.00	11.67	10.00	7.99

**ALLPAGES PAGE LENGTH OF ALL OPINIONS**

Location: 139-141 (width: 3; decimal: 0)

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Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete  
 Range of Missing Values (M): -9

Value	Label
-9 (M)	Blank

\* Frequencies not displayed for this variable.

Valid	Invalid	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Stdev
1674	2	1.00	109.00	12.98	11.00	9.75

**SENTENCE SENTENCING DATE**

Location: 142-152 (width: 11; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete

Value	Label	Frequency	%	Valid %
9997	Masked	1676	100.0 %	100.0%

Valid	Invalid	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Stdev
1676	0	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	0.00

**NOTICE\_O NOTICE OF APPEAL DATE**

Location: 153-163 (width: 11; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete

Value	Label	Frequency	%	Valid %
9997	Masked	1607	95.9 %	100.0%
. (M)	-	69	4.1 %	-

Valid	Invalid	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Stdev
1607	69	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	0.00

**LAST\_BRF LAST BRIEF FILED DATE**

Location: 164-174 (width: 11; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete

Value	Label	Frequency	%	Valid %
9997	Masked	1676	100.0 %	100.0%

Valid	Invalid	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Stdev
1676	0	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	0.00

**ORAL\_ARG ORAL ARGUMENT DATE**

Location: 175-185 (width: 11; decimal: 0)

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Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
9997	Masked	1667	99.5 %	100.0%
. (M)	-	9	0.5 %	-

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1667	9	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	0.00

**DEC1 STATE COURT OF LAST RESORT DECISION DATE (TO COMPUTE ORAL ARGUMENT TO DECISION)**

Location: 186-196 (width: 11; decimal: 0)  
Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
1992	132	7.9 %	7.9%
1993	154	9.2 %	9.2%
1994	175	10.4 %	10.4%
1995	165	9.8 %	9.8%
1996	165	9.8 %	9.8%
1997	203	12.1 %	12.1%
1998	172	10.3 %	10.3%
1999	137	8.2 %	8.2%
2000	133	7.9 %	7.9%
2001	129	7.7 %	7.7%
2002	111	6.6 %	6.6%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	1992.00	2002.00	1996.77	1997.00	2.98

**DEC2 STATE COURT OF LAST RESORT DECISION TO USE FOR DEC TO USSC BECUASE OF NJ PROPORTIONALITY**

Location: 197-207 (width: 11; decimal: 0)  
Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
1992	131	7.8 %	7.8%
1993	153	9.1 %	9.1%
1994	176	10.5 %	10.5%
1995	166	9.9 %	9.9%
1996	164	9.8 %	9.8%
1997	200	11.9 %	11.9%
1998	169	10.1 %	10.1%

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<i>Value</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
1999	140	8.4 %	8.4%
2000	136	8.1 %	8.1%
2001	129	7.7 %	7.7%
2002	112	6.7 %	6.7%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	1992.00	2002.00	1996.79	1997.00	2.98

**SUP\_CT US SUPREME COURT DECISION DATE**

Location: 208-218 (width: 11; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
9997	Masked	1141	68.1 %	100.0%
. (M)	-	535	31.9 %	-

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1141	535	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	9997.00	0.00

**USSC\_DEC US SUPREME COURT DECISION**

Location: 219-219 (width: 1; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Valid %</i>
0	Cert denied	1121	66.9 %	66.9%
1	Cert granted and decision on merits	20	1.2 %	1.2%
9	Not filed with USSC	535	31.9 %	31.9%

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	0.00	9.00	2.88	0.00	4.19

**SENTODEC SENTENCE DATE TO STATE COURT OF LAST RESORT DECISION DATE (IN DAYS)**

Location: 220-223 (width: 4; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	101.00	6889.00	1055.00	-	512.18

**DECTOSCT STATE COURT OF LAST RESORT DECISION DATE TO US SUPREME COURT DECISION DATE ON CERT OR MERITS (IN DAYS)**

Location: 224-227 (width: 4; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)

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Interval: discrete  
 Range of Missing Values (M): -9

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>
-9 (M)	Blank

\* Frequencies not displayed for this variable.

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1141	535	31.00	1972.00	201.17	188.00	86.00

**SENTOSCT SENTENCE TO US SUPREME COURT DECISION DATE ON CERT OR MERITS (IN DAYS)**

Location: 228-231 (width: 4; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete  
 Range of Missing Values (M): -9

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>
-9 (M)	Blank

\* Frequencies not displayed for this variable.

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1141	535	346.00	7169.00	1276.72	-	548.93

**SENTONOA SENTENCE DATE TO NOTICE OF APPEAL DATE (IN DAYS)**

Location: 232-235 (width: 4; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete  
 Range of Missing Values (M): -99

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>
-99 (M)	Blank

\* Frequencies not displayed for this variable.

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1607	69	-23.00	5884.00	87.80	-	233.58

**SENTOLBR SENTENCE DATE TO DATE OF LAST BRIEF (IN DAYS)**

Location: 236-239 (width: 4; decimal: 0)  
 Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
 Interval: discrete

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	73.00	6641.00	676.68	-	423.98

**NOATOLBR NOTICE OF APPEAL DATE TO LAST BRIEF DATE (IN DAYS)**

Location: 240-243 (width: 4; decimal: 0)

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Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete  
Range of Missing Values (M): -9

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>
-9 (M)	Blank

\* Frequencies not displayed for this variable.

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1607	69	57.00	4045.00	609.03	-	378.16

**LBRTOOA LAST BRIEF DATE TO ORAL ARGUMENT DATE (IN DAYS)**

Location: 244-247 (width: 4; decimal: 0)  
Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete  
Range of Missing Values (M): -999

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>
-999 (M)	Blank

\* Frequencies not displayed for this variable.

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1667	9	-813.00	1001.00	87.47	-	142.07

**OATODEC ORAL ARGUMENT DATE TO COURT OF LAST RESORT DECISION DATE (IN DAYS)**

Location: 248-251 (width: 4; decimal: 0)  
Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete  
Range of Missing Values (M): -9

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>
-9 (M)	Blank

\* Frequencies not displayed for this variable.

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1667	9	14.00	2814.00	291.02	-	274.70

**NOATODEC NOTICE OF APPEAL DATE TO STATE COURT OF LAST RESORT DECISION DATE (IN DAYS)**

Location: 252-255 (width: 4; decimal: 0)  
Variable Type: numeric (ISO)  
Interval: discrete  
Range of Missing Values (M): -9

<i>Value</i>	<i>Label</i>
-9 (M)	Blank

\* Frequencies not displayed for this variable.

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<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1607	69	101.00	4389.00	998.48	-	481.82

**NOADEC2**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL DATE TO STATE COURT OF LAST RESORT DECISION DATE USING SENTENCING DATE FOR VA CASES (IN DAYS)**

Location: 256-259 (width: 4; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric (ISO)

Interval: discrete

<i>Valid</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Stdev</i>
1676	0	101.00	4389.00	970.15	-	491.43