**Republic of Serbia**
Supreme Court of Cassation

ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE WORK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CASSATION
IN 2020

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The Supreme Court of Cassation, as the highest court in the Republic, decides on extraordinary legal remedies filed against decisions of courts of the Republic of Serbia and in other matters determined by law (Article 30, paragraph 1 of the Law on Organization of Courts).
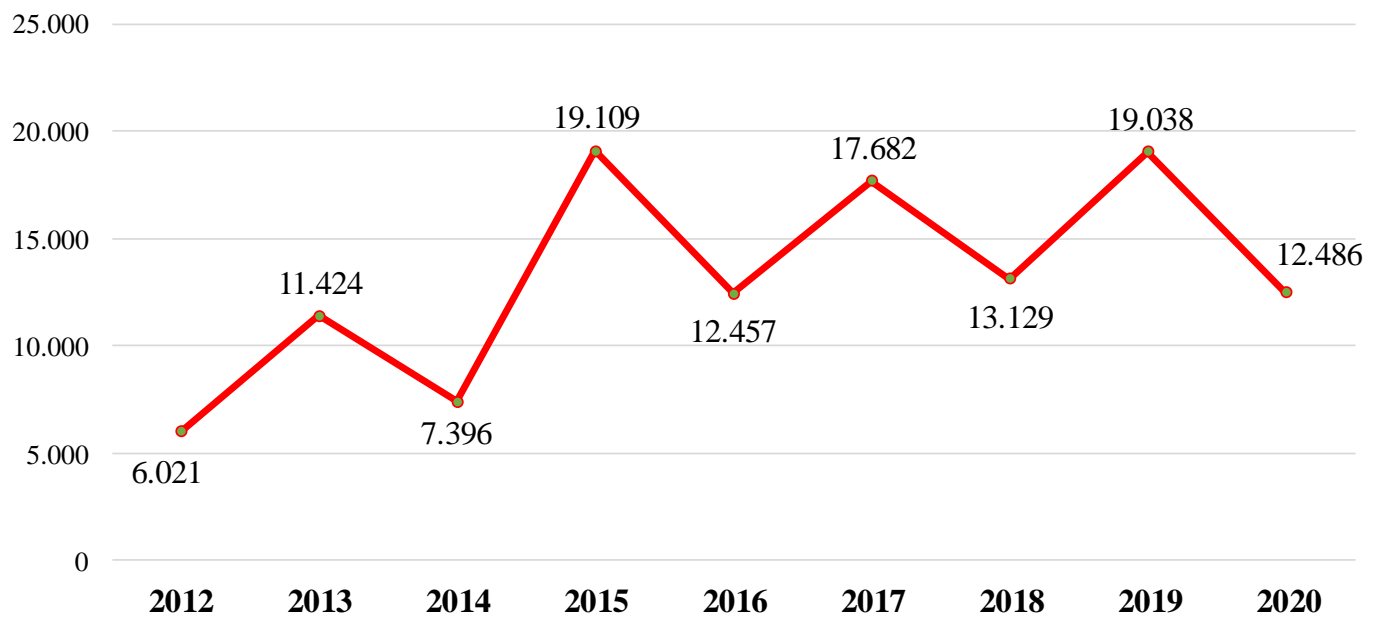
As the highest court in the judiciary, the Supreme Court of Cassation ensures uniform application of the law and equality of the parties in court proceedings, considers the application of laws and other regulations, as well as the performance of courts, thus exercising its statutory jurisdiction outside the trial (Article 31 paragraph 1. Of the Law on courts organization).

The Rules of Procedure of the Supreme Court of Cassation stipulate that the Supreme Court of Cassation has: the Department of Judicial Practice, the Department for Protection of the Right to Trial within a Reasonable Time, the Criminal and Civil Departments, and other services, according to the following organizational scheme:
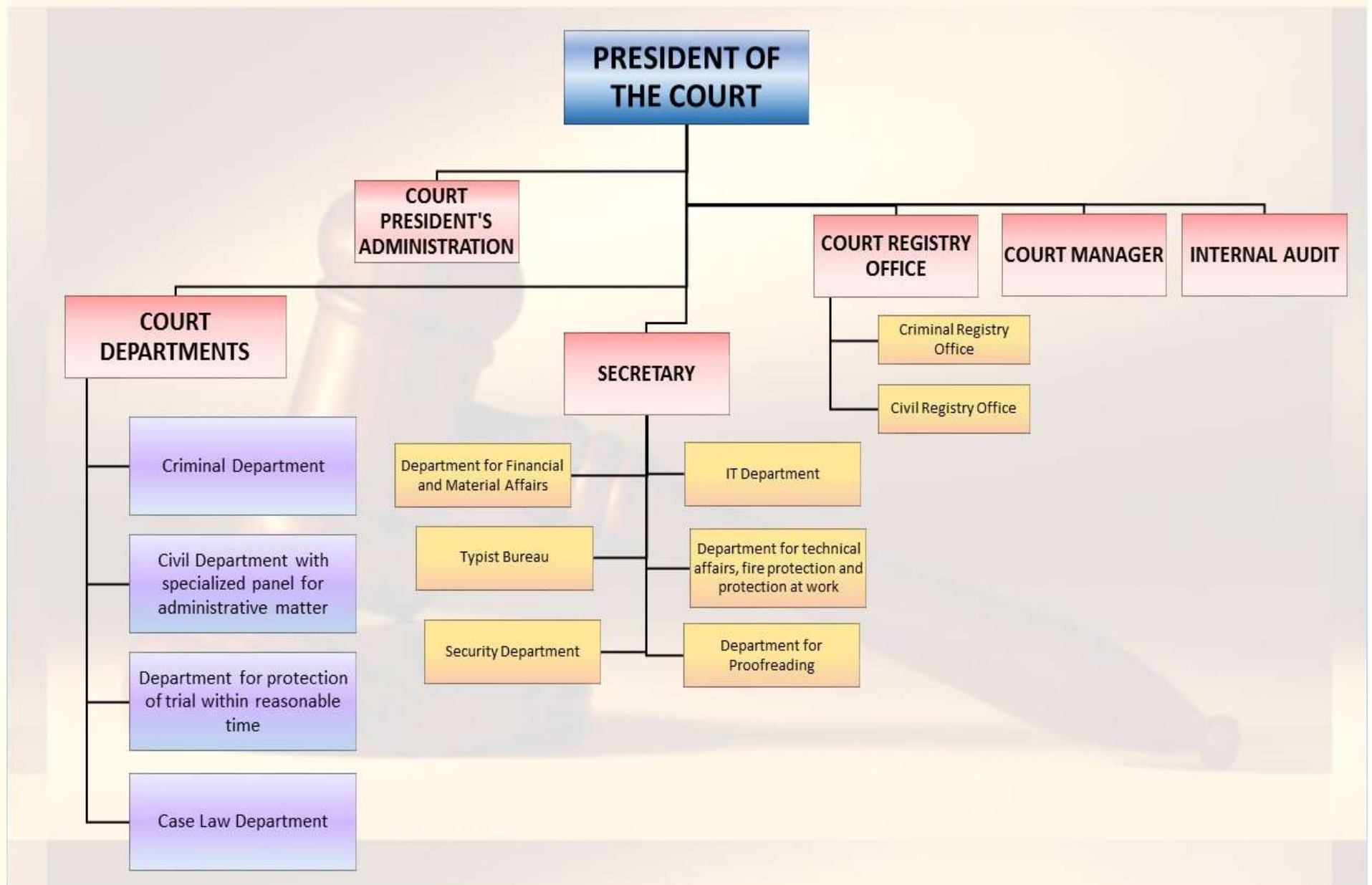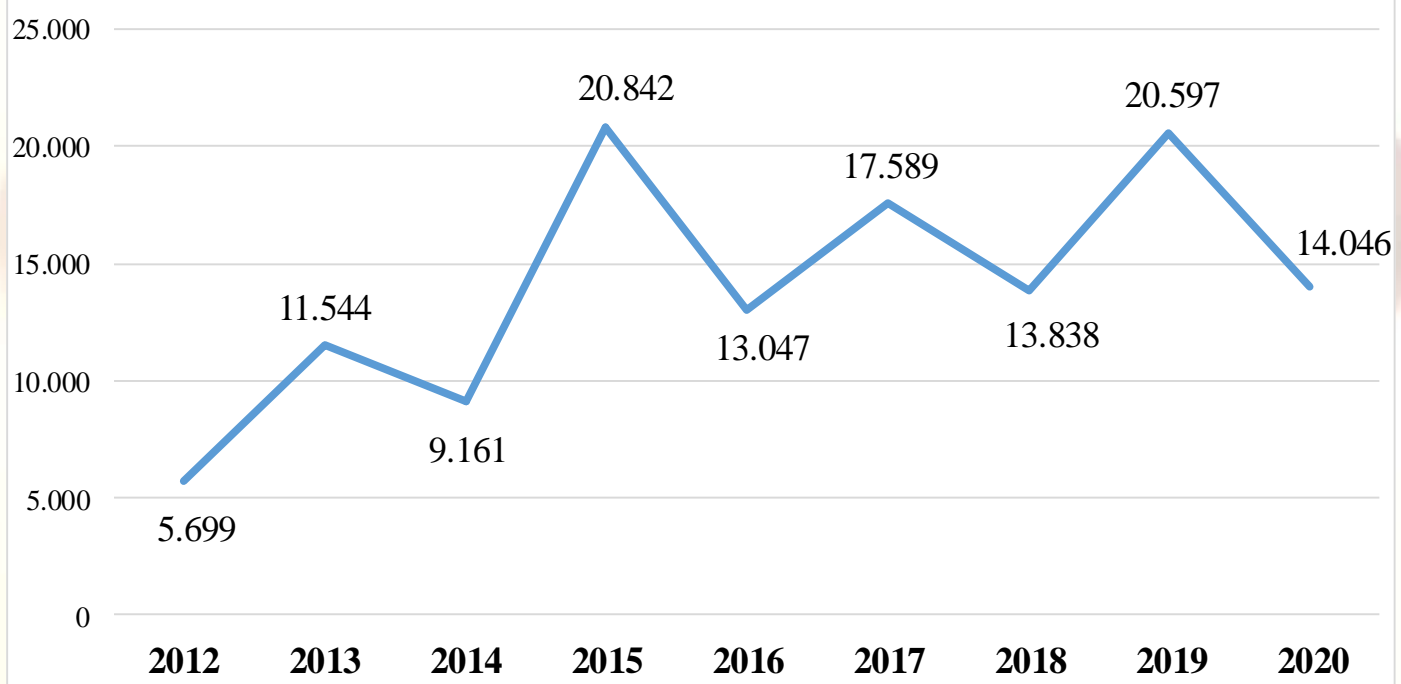

In the period from 2012 till 2020, the Supreme Court of Cassation receive twice as many cases than expected, without the cases delegated from Higher Courts in Belgrade and Novi Sad in 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 (5.000 + 7.000 + 5.000 + 6.200), as a result of changes in regulations regarding the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Cassation, the reduction of the revision threshold to 40.000 € in RSD equivalent, introduction of special revision as the new extraordinary legal remedy, as well as extending the jurisdiction of the highest court to decide on revision, i.e. to decide on new extraordinary legal remedies. The number of disposed cases was generally accompanied by an increased inflow of cases, but the clearance rate was below 100%, so the Supreme Court of Cassation could not absorb increased inflow and reduce its backlog, therefore the number of pending cases continued to grow. The increase in the number of pending cases was particularly noted in civil matter in 2014 – 2020.

OVERVIEW OF THE NUMBER OF DISPOSED CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CASSATION

Year	Value
2012	6.021
2013	11.424
2014	7.396
2015	19.109
2016	12.457
2017	17.682
2018	13.129
2019	19.038
2020	12.486

OVERVIEW OF THE NUMBER OF THE INCOMING CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CASSATION

Year	Value
2012	5.699
2013	11.544
2014	9.161
2015	20.842
2016	13.047
2017	17.589
2018	13.838
2019	20.597
2020	14.046

OWERVIEV OF THE NUMBER OF PENDING CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CASSATION

Year	Value
2012	1.617
2013	1.737
2014	3.582
2015	5.315
2016	5.905
2017	5.812
2018	6.521
2019	8.080
2020	9.642
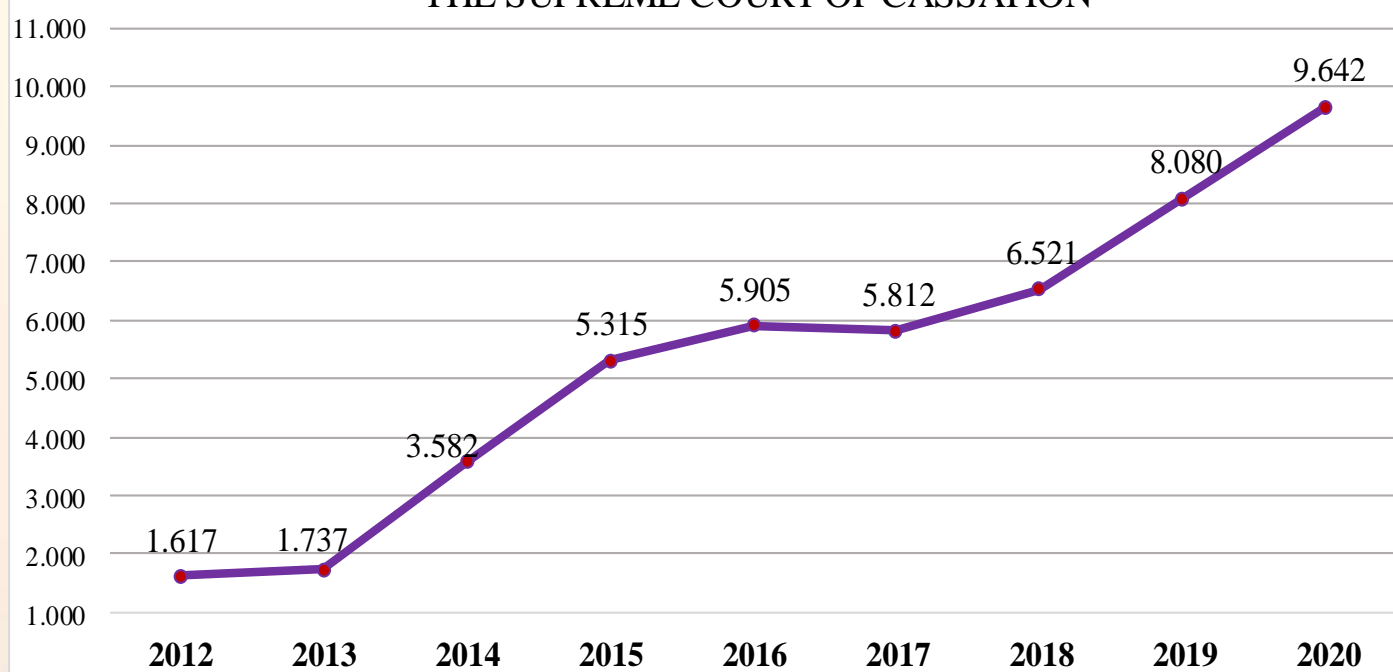
OWERVIEV OF THE WORK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CASSATION OF THE PERIOD 2012 - 2020

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
■ Pending at the beginning	1939	1617	1817	3582	5315	5905	5812	6521	8082
■ Total incoming	5699	11544	9161	20842	13047	17589	13838	20597	14046
■ Total disposed	6021	11424	7396	19109	12457	17682	13129	19038	12486
■ Pending at the end	1617	1737	3582	5315	5905	5812	6521	8080	9642
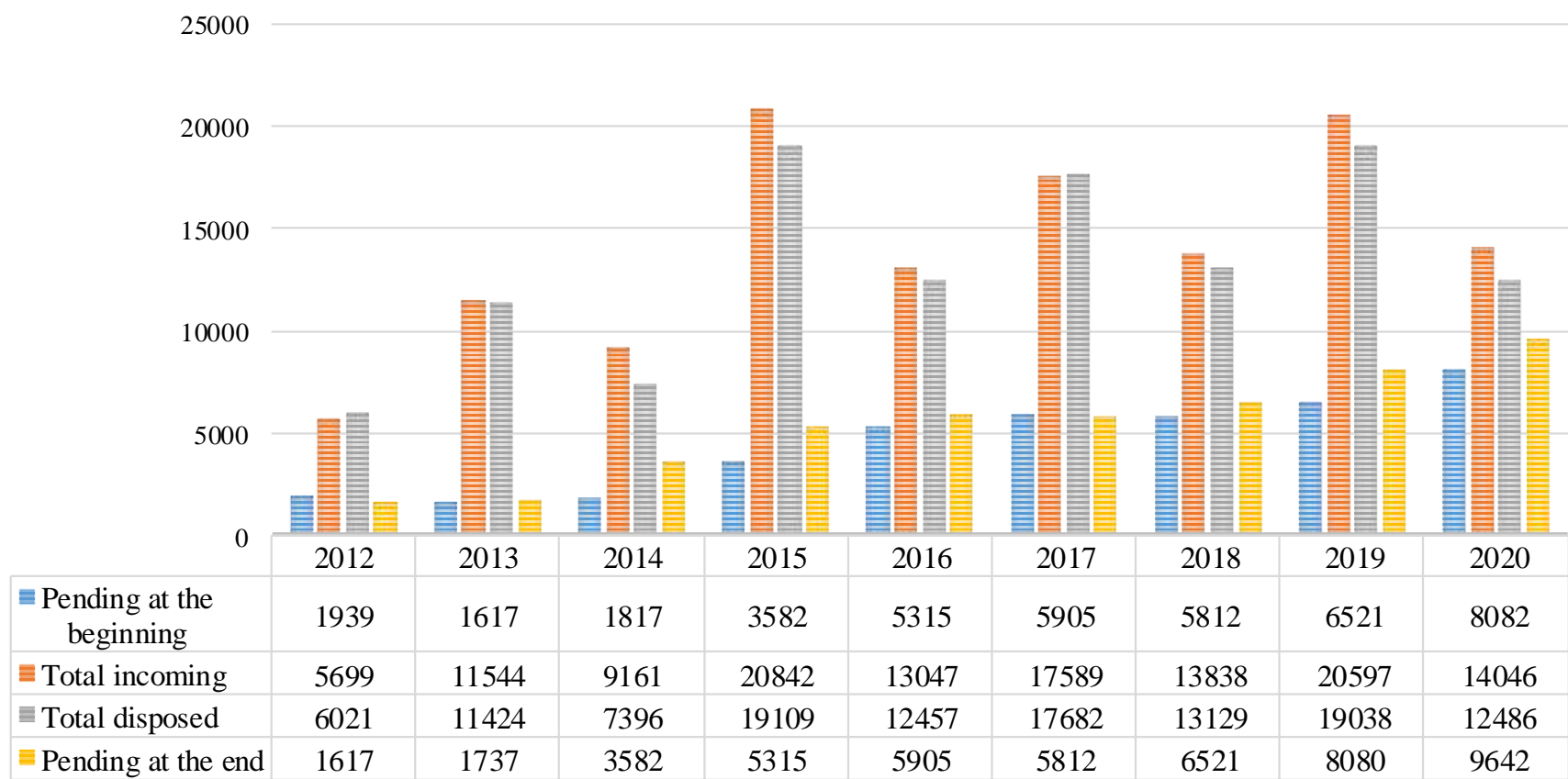
OWERVIEV OF THE WORK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CASSATIONIN 2020 BROKENDOWN BY DEPARTMENS

CIVIL: 7.634, 11.475, 9.964, 9.145
ADMINISTRATIVE: 116, 409, 389, 136
CRIMINAL: 300, 1.851, 1.837, 314
REASONABLE TIME: 32, 311, 296, 47

■ Pending at the beginning ■ Total incoming ■ Total disposed ■ Pending at the end