

Table B-7.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Civil and Criminal Cases Commenced, by Circuit and Nature of Suit or Offense,
During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2014

Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Total	40,629	561	1,119	3,684	3,131	3,845	6,400	3,673	2,479	2,405	6,813	1,683	4,836
Total Criminal Cases	10,476	66	463	781	459	1,145	2,433	899	533	678	1,380	394	1,245
Total Civil Cases	30,153	495	656	2,903	2,672	2,700	3,967	2,774	1,946	1,727	5,433	1,289	3,591
U.S. Cases	7,788	308	176	616	550	976	993	577	534	539	1,138	363	1,018
U.S. Plaintiff	323	7	13	33	18	14	33	42	22	15	71	21	34
Negotiable Instruments	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Contract Actions	15	-	-	4	1	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	3
Condemnation of Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Real Property Actions	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	2
Tort Actions	14	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	2	2	4
Civil Rights	35	2	1	3	1	1	8	4	2	1	5	1	6
Employment	15	1	-	3	1	-	2	-	2	1	1	-	4
Other Civil Rights	20	1	1	-	-	1	6	4	-	-	4	1	2
Forfeiture And Penalty	39	-	3	2	1	4	2	6	-	3	12	1	5
Fair Labor Standards Act	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Labor	14	-	-	4	1	-	3	3	-	1	2	-	-
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	51	1	2	8	1	1	2	8	4	2	13	2	7
Tax Suits	43	-	4	1	4	2	5	7	2	-	8	5	5
All Other	104	4	3	9	8	5	12	10	8	6	29	8	2
U.S. Defendant	7,465	301	163	583	532	962	960	535	512	524	1,067	342	984
Contract Actions	72	8	-	4	5	3	10	7	4	7	15	2	7
Real Property Actions	35	-	1	2	1	-	3	5	2	3	10	4	4
Tort Actions	176	11	7	12	7	19	23	14	9	13	38	13	10
Civil Rights	658	70	13	60	49	53	68	50	45	33	116	32	69
Employment	181	26	3	8	10	24	14	7	11	7	34	9	28
Other Civil Rights	477	44	10	52	39	29	54	43	34	26	82	23	41
Prisoner Petitions	5,094	79	116	380	411	788	754	376	378	367	476	214	755
Motions to Vacate Sentence	3,099	11	96	192	197	528	405	250	209	283	295	95	538
Habeas Corpus—General	977	19	8	26	112	133	105	83	100	40	123	65	163
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-
Prisoner Civil Rights	680	42	3	144	73	54	223	24	2	22	32	35	26

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
U.S. Defendant (Continued)													
Prison Condition	176	-	2	2	15	34	4	17	55	12	5	15	15
Other Prisoner Petitions	156	7	7	15	14	39	17	2	9	8	21	4	13
Labor Suits	19	1	1	2	-	-	4	4	2	2	3	-	-
Social Security Laws	667	-	10	57	34	50	34	57	45	61	195	38	86
Tax Suits	76	4	5	9	5	2	11	1	1	3	18	6	11
Environmental Matters	114	23	1	6	-	2	3	1	2	2	63	6	5
Freedom of Information Act	64	22	1	6	-	3	1	2	4	2	19	1	3
All Other	490	83	8	45	20	42	49	18	20	31	114	26	34
Total Private Cases	22,365	187	480	2,287	2,122	1,724	2,974	2,197	1,412	1,188	4,295	926	2,573
Federal Question													
Marine Contract	39	-	3	11	-	8	6	2	2	-	2	-	5
Other Contract Actions	654	12	6	184	16	29	205	48	23	18	55	23	35
Federal Employers Liability Act	13	-	-	4	2	1	1	2	1	1	-	1	-
Marine Injury	51	-	1	2	1	-	33	-	-	1	4	2	7
Other Tort Actions	478	19	12	68	24	33	39	42	69	23	94	14	41
Antitrust	135	3	4	52	21	1	14	3	2	1	27	6	1
Civil Rights	4,945	60	137	737	481	299	472	540	387	257	745	282	548
Employment	1,312	28	27	205	125	99	127	121	138	58	130	79	175
Other Civil Rights	3,633	32	110	532	356	200	345	419	249	199	615	203	373
Prisoner Petitions	9,694	7	85	567	614	947	1,520	1,038	622	617	2,125	341	1,211
Habeas Corpus—General	5,300	-	53	270	364	434	891	609	259	285	1,305	154	676
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	176	-	-	-	8	5	44	23	2	22	25	8	39
Prisoner Civil Rights	2,707	7	28	244	143	362	499	275	9	156	666	133	185
Prison Condition	1,466	-	3	51	97	135	80	128	349	152	128	45	298
Other Prisoner Petitions	45	-	1	2	2	11	6	3	3	2	1	1	13
Labor Management Relations Act	99	1	2	13	14	4	7	22	3	4	17	4	8
Other Labor	659	3	23	92	56	41	54	91	40	22	149	21	67
Copyright, Patent, & Trademark	350	3	13	57	13	27	28	23	22	7	110	12	35
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	160	2	3	55	5	2	26	4	5	4	39	9	6
Constitutionality of State Statutes	109	4	5	1	5	8	10	9	12	10	31	7	7
All Other	1,481	54	49	185	93	89	144	129	104	58	333	57	186

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Diversity of Citizenship	3,498	19	137	259	777	235	415	244	120	165	564	147	416
Insurance	587	2	11	33	47	50	65	40	40	42	122	46	89
Other Contract Actions	960	7	41	121	78	68	91	81	80	56	158	46	133
Real Property Actions	437	1	33	10	8	25	138	53	-	20	84	8	57
Personal Injury/Product Liability	706	-	3	7	573	16	29	10	-	11	22	10	25
Other Personal Injury	342	7	19	33	35	29	47	35	-	13	53	14	57
Personal Property Damage	221	-	8	31	9	11	21	20	-	7	60	12	42
All Other	245	2	22	24	27	36	24	5	-	16	65	11	13
General Location Jurisdiction				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Criminal Cases	10,476	66	463	781	459	1,145	2,433	899	533	678	1,380	394	1,245
Violent Offenses	490	7	29	41	29	68	53	43	41	30	69	20	60
Homicide	46	-	-	2	1	3	5	3	2	7	17	3	3
Robbery	158	1	7	5	14	13	23	19	26	6	12	4	28
Assault	84	2	2	6	3	14	7	4	2	11	23	6	4
Kidnapping	32	1	1	8	-	1	6	2	2	-	5	2	4
Racketeering—Violent													
Crime	94	-	8	17	6	23	5	9	9	2	4	3	8
Carjacking	49	1	10	1	2	8	6	5	-	3	1	1	11
Terrorism	13	-	-	1	2	6	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Other Violent Offenses	14	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	6	-	-
Property Offenses	1,448	11	47	199	85	129	198	113	89	53	209	40	275
Burglary	5	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Larceny & Theft, Total	128	-	4	6	2	5	26	6	12	5	19	3	40
Bank	5	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Postal	15	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	3	1	1
Theft, U.S. Property	81	-	4	4	1	1	13	5	5	4	14	1	29
Transportation of Stolen Property	25	-	-	1	1	4	2	1	7	1	1	-	7

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Property Offenses (Continued)													
Other Larceny and													
Theft Offenses	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Embezzlement	32	1	4	-	3	1	8	1	3	-	8	-	3
Fraud, Total	1,201	10	38	188	74	106	147	99	69	41	175	31	223
Tax	53	-	2	5	8	2	8	5	4	3	11	3	2
Financial Institutions	69	2	2	7	6	7	6	11	11	2	8	1	6
Securities and Exchange	24	-	-	15	2	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	4
Mail	62	3	5	3	4	7	7	4	4	4	15	3	3
Wire, Radio, or Television	81	-	6	10	3	3	11	5	11	4	14	7	7
Social Security	28	-	2	1	1	4	2	4	4	4	2	2	2
Citizenship and													
Naturalization	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	-	-
Passport	19	-	1	4	-	-	7	-	-	-	5	1	1
Identification													
Documents and Information	62	2	5	6	2	5	5	5	3	3	10	2	14
False Claims and													
Services, Government	72	1	-	10	6	2	6	4	5	7	9	1	21
False Statements	36	-	5	4	1	2	5	7	1	1	3	-	7
Conspiracy to													
Defraud the U.S.	65	-	3	15	5	11	9	4	2	3	3	-	10
Unauthorized													
Access Devices	131	-	2	7	7	10	15	13	5	1	21	2	48
Health Care	89	-	4	6	4	4	29	9	8	-	10	-	15
Other Fraud Offenses	404	2	1	95	25	49	36	27	11	8	58	9	83
Forgery and Counterfeiting	76	-	1	4	5	16	16	5	4	5	6	5	9
Other Property Offenses	6	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Drug Offenses	3,356	24	183	237	140	419	742	334	208	216	354	135	364
Marijuana, Total	328	-	11	10	2	18	151	33	8	16	47	11	21
Sell, Distribute,													
or Dispense	297	-	9	10	2	18	141	30	5	16	40	9	17
Import/Export	14	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	4	-	1
Manufacture	14	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	3	1	2
Possession	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
All Other Drugs, Total	2,981	24	167	215	135	395	587	293	194	199	307	122	343
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	2,782	23	151	202	133	385	558	275	192	189	225	121	328
Import/Export	138	1	16	11	2	2	18	-	-	-	78	-	10
Manufacture	59	-	-	2	-	8	11	18	2	10	4	-	4
Possession	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Drug Offenses	47	-	5	12	3	6	4	8	6	1	-	2	-
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,529	11	100	94	73	184	162	221	88	138	124	72	262
Firearms, Total	1,492	11	100	92	70	182	157	216	85	132	114	71	262
Possession by													
Prohibited Persons	762	3	40	32	30	59	84	127	43	96	71	43	134
Furtherance of Violent/ Drug-Trafficking Crimes	519	8	37	32	30	71	53	76	35	27	29	19	102
Other Firearms Offenses	211	-	23	28	10	52	20	13	7	9	14	9	26
Explosives	37	-	-	2	3	2	5	5	3	6	10	1	-
Sex Offenses	779	8	43	40	46	51	125	84	37	76	104	43	122
Sexual Abuse of Adults	20	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	1	1	7	3	2
Sexual Abuse of Minors	254	1	18	17	15	16	33	25	18	28	43	9	31
Sexually Explicit Material	335	-	17	19	23	15	65	43	11	25	42	20	55
Other Sex Offenses	170	7	8	4	6	17	27	15	7	22	12	1	34
Justice System Offenses	159	-	5	17	9	17	25	15	7	14	30	11	9
Obstruction of Justice	89	-	2	9	4	12	14	8	3	9	21	6	1
Escape from Custody	37	-	-	2	1	4	8	5	1	5	4	3	4
Failure to Appear	7	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other Justice System Offenses	26	-	3	3	3	1	2	2	3	-	4	2	3
Immigration Offenses	1,454	-	10	14	9	25	880	26	17	21	348	36	68
Alien Smuggling	129	-	1	2	2	-	86	1	-	-	26	-	11
Improper Entry by Alien	18	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	9	-	3
Improper Reentry by Alien	1,282	-	6	10	5	24	784	24	17	21	307	36	48
Other Immigration Offenses	25	-	3	2	2	1	5	-	-	-	6	-	6

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
General Offenses	318	1	21	34	21	32	43	29	26	17	49	15	30
Money Laundering	204	-	15	19	16	14	32	20	11	10	37	9	21
RICO ¹	41	1	4	10	-	3	6	3	7	-	3	-	4
Extortion and Threats	39	-	1	4	2	4	1	5	7	1	6	6	2
Other General Offenses			34	-	1	1	3	11	4	1	1	6	3
Regulatory Offenses	141	2	7	8	12	11	22	8	9	7	35	1	19
Traffic Offenses	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified Offenses	800	2	18	97	35	207	183	26	11	106	58	21	36

NOTE: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.