

Table B-1A.

U.S. Courts of Appeals—Civil and Criminal Cases Commenced, Terminated, and Pending, by Nature of Suit or Offense, in Appeals Arising From the U.S. District Courts During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2015

Nature of Suit or Offense	Pending Oct. 1, 2014 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Sept. 30, 2015
					On Procedural Grounds				On the Merits					
		Total	Original	Re-opened ²	Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
Total	30,439	39,930	38,877	1,053	40,134	13,766	121	3,685	9,960	26,368	2,047	5,768	18,553	30,235
Total Criminal Appeals	9,549	11,380	11,240	140	11,214	2,572	3	659	1,910	8,642	872	1,675	6,095	9,715
Total Civil Appeals	20,890	28,550	27,637	913	28,920	11,194	118	3,026	8,050	17,726	1,175	4,093	12,458	20,520
U.S. Appeals	4,982	6,935	6,715	220	7,365	2,577	13	672	1,892	4,788	194	709	3,885	4,552
U.S. Plaintiff	290	342	334	8	292	115	3	32	80	177	27	79	71	340
Negotiable Instruments	1	2	2	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
Other Contract Actions	11	17	17	-	12	8	-	1	7	4	-	3	1	16
Condemnation of Land	2	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	1
Other Real Property Actions	6	10	10	-	7	3	-	-	3	4	1	1	2	9
Tort Actions	16	11	11	-	18	7	-	2	5	11	2	7	2	9
Civil Rights	29	26	25	1	31	12	1	2	9	19	3	11	5	24
Employment	13	15	15	-	11	5	1	-	4	6	1	4	1	17
Other Civil Rights	16	11	10	1	20	7	-	2	5	13	2	7	4	7
Forfeiture And Penalty	34	35	33	2	33	16	-	4	12	17	-	5	12	36
Fair Labor Standards Act	2	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1
Other Labor	15	15	15	-	12	2	-	1	1	10	1	7	2	18
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	48	53	52	1	36	17	-	8	9	19	4	7	8	65
Tax Suits	29	61	58	3	48	21	1	5	15	27	3	5	19	42
All Other	97	110	109	1	89	28	1	9	18	61	12	32	17	118
U.S. Defendant	4,692	6,593	6,381	212	7,073	2,462	10	640	1,812	4,611	167	630	3,814	4,212
Contract Actions	69	54	53	1	73	22	-	5	17	51	2	21	28	50
Real Property Actions	37	46	44	2	36	16	-	1	15	20	2	8	10	47
Tort Actions	136	219	217	2	200	97	1	44	52	103	9	29	65	155
Civil Rights	491	683	663	20	698	278	1	80	197	420	31	116	273	476
Employment	164	175	172	3	190	54	1	13	40	136	3	38	95	149
Other Civil Rights	327	508	491	17	508	224	-	67	157	284	28	78	178	327
Prisoner Petitions	2,685	4,187	4,035	152	4,684	1,581	1	414	1,166	3,103	65	138	2,900	2,188
Motions to Vacate Sentence	1,645	2,644	2,536	108	2,919	657	-	227	430	2,262	49	85	2,128	1,370

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					On Procedural Grounds					On the Merits				
		Total	Original	Re-opened ²	Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
U.S. Defendant (Continued)														
Habeas Corpus—General	519	872	855	17	900	346	1	67	278	554	13	24	517	491
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	4	3	2	1	5	1	-	-	1	4	-	4	-	2
Prisoner Civil Rights	355	380	368	12	556	404	-	95	309	152	1	12	139	179
Prison Condition	75	153	145	8	158	89	-	11	78	69	-	1	68	70
Other Prisoner Petitions	87	135	129	6	146	84	-	14	70	62	2	12	48	76
Labor Suits	18	16	16	-	21	10	-	3	7	11	1	6	4	13
Social Security Laws	581	681	662	19	627	186	-	34	152	441	1	92	348	635
Tax Suits	82	69	67	2	79	28	1	6	21	51	8	20	23	72
Environmental Matters	130	95	93	2	114	52	4	2	46	62	11	48	3	111
Freedom of Information Act	58	67	67	-	64	24	-	2	22	40	6	14	20	61
All Other	405	476	464	12	477	168	2	49	117	309	31	138	140	404
Total Private Appeals	15,908	21,615	20,922	693	21,555	8,617	105	2,354	6,158	12,938	981	3,384	8,573	15,968
Federal Question	12,750	18,624	18,023	601	18,548	7,295	55	2,064	5,176	11,253	775	2,622	7,856	12,826
Marine Contract	37	45	44	1	49	21	-	5	16	28	7	13	8	33
Other Contract Actions	427	378	366	12	486	248	7	86	155	238	55	106	77	319
Federal Employers Liability Act	7	5	5	-	9	4	-	-	4	5	-	2	3	3
Marine Injury	43	41	38	3	49	15	-	4	11	34	9	20	5	35
Other Tort Actions	463	473	449	24	561	189	1	41	147	372	136	89	147	375
Antitrust	143	129	129	-	92	30	-	11	19	62	19	34	9	180
Civil Rights	3,568	4,952	4,782	170	4,932	2,090	17	528	1,545	2,842	189	1,002	1,651	3,588
Employment	987	1,238	1,183	55	1,323	467	7	100	360	856	42	316	498	902
Other Civil Rights	2,581	3,714	3,599	115	3,609	1,623	10	428	1,185	1,986	147	686	1,153	2,686
Prisoner Petitions	5,459	9,713	9,421	292	9,563	3,555	1	1,135	2,419	6,008	176	526	5,306	5,609
Habeas Corpus—General	2,988	5,290	5,163	127	5,169	1,084	-	532	552	4,085	94	322	3,669	3,109
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	281	166	157	9	164	20	-	13	7	144	20	66	58	283
Prisoner Civil Rights	1,465	2,719	2,620	99	2,763	1,558	-	400	1,158	1,205	53	92	1,060	1,421
Prison Condition	708	1,489	1,433	56	1,421	864	1	186	677	557	9	46	502	776
Other Prisoner Petitions	17	49	48	1	46	29	-	4	25	17	-	-	17	20
Labor Management Relations Act	85	79	76	3	85	28	1	4	23	57	2	24	31	79

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		Total	Original	Re-opened ²	Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total Merit Terminations	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
Federal Question (Continued)														
Other Labor	626	675	652	23	674	268	6	45	217	406	32	230	144	627
Copyright, Patent, and Trademark	343	334	323	11	337	131	9	20	102	206	38	95	73	340
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	162	127	121	6	133	47	-	5	42	86	5	60	21	156
Constitutionality of State Statutes	130	145	143	2	141	40	4	16	20	101	23	49	29	134
All Other	1,257	1,528	1,474	54	1,437	629	9	164	456	808	84	372	352	1,348
Diversity of Citizenship	3,158	2,991	2,899	92	3,007	1,322	50	290	982	1,685	206	762	717	3,142
Insurance	565	559	550	9	570	229	12	42	175	341	54	187	100	554
Other Contract Actions	857	988	962	26	982	440	21	100	319	542	68	286	188	863
Real Property Actions	378	361	338	23	436	192	3	32	157	244	20	68	156	303
Personal Injury/Product Liability	679	243	239	4	198	97	3	23	71	101	16	47	38	724
Other Personal Injury	294	375	362	13	373	166	3	43	120	207	17	79	111	296
Personal Property Damage	203	224	214	10	222	98	5	22	71	124	15	52	57	205
All Other	182	241	234	7	226	100	3	28	69	126	16	43	67	197
General Location Jurisdiction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Criminal Appeals	9,549	11,380	11,240	140	11,214	2,572	3	659	1,910	8,642	872	1,675	6,095	9,715
Violent Offenses	479	481	480	1	470	88	-	23	65	382	51	77	254	490
Homicide	52	52	52	-	37	5	-	1	4	32	3	10	19	67
Robbery	119	124	124	-	149	32	-	4	28	117	15	16	86	94
Assault	69	84	84	-	73	12	-	4	8	61	3	12	46	80
Kidnapping	51	35	35	-	46	7	-	3	4	39	9	9	21	40

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Violent Offenses (Continued)														
Racketeering—Violent														
Crime	111	91	91	-	79	18	-	6	12	61	8	19	34	123
Carjacking	52	55	54	1	54	8	-	3	5	46	5	5	36	53
Terrorism	13	14	14	-	14	3	-	-	3	11	6	3	2	13
Other Violent Offenses	12	26	26	-	18	3	-	2	1	15	2	3	10	20
Property Offenses	1,502	1,430	1,400	30	1,556	377	2	103	272	1,179	204	349	626	1,376
Burglary	6	3	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	2	2	1	4
Larceny & Theft, Total	108	141	139	2	131	36	-	9	27	95	6	22	67	118
Bank	3	3	2	1	4	1	-	-	1	3	-	1	2	2
Postal	15	21	21	-	15	4	-	-	4	11	-	2	9	21
Theft, U.S. Property	66	88	87	1	83	23	-	6	17	60	5	14	41	71
Transportation of Stolen Property	21	27	27	-	27	7	-	2	5	20	1	4	15	21
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	3	2	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3
Embezzlement	35	25	24	1	34	9	-	7	2	25	5	15	5	26
Fraud, Total	1,279	1,211	1,184	27	1,299	310	2	81	227	989	187	297	505	1,191
Tax	65	44	43	1	58	11	-	6	5	47	4	25	18	51
Financial Institutions	62	41	41	-	59	18	-	3	15	41	4	13	24	44
Securities and Exchange	34	40	40	-	27	6	1	1	4	21	4	11	6	47
Mail	68	70	68	2	73	17	-	2	15	56	11	14	31	65
Wire, Radio, or Television	91	84	84	-	99	24	-	3	21	75	12	20	43	76
Social Security	21	19	18	1	21	3	-	-	3	18	1	1	16	19
Citizenship and Naturalization	5	4	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	1	5
Passport	15	10	10	-	18	4	-	-	4	14	-	4	10	7
Identification Documents and Information	50	65	64	1	65	18	-	6	12	47	3	7	37	50
False Claims and Services, Government	73	60	58	2	81	17	-	4	13	64	19	18	27	52
False Statements	42	41	39	2	44	11	-	3	8	33	1	14	18	39

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Fraud (Continued)														
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	88	83	81	2	77	23	-	5	18	54	11	18	25	94
Unauthorized Access Devices	125	124	123	1	141	35	-	9	26	106	17	23	66	108
Health Care	111	92	90	2	102	24	1	9	14	79	20	28	30	101
Other Fraud Offenses	429	434	421	13	430	99	-	30	69	331	80	98	153	433
Forgery and Counterfeiting	68	46	46	-	81	22	-	6	16	59	4	11	44	33
Other Property Offenses	6	4	4	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	4	4
Drug Offenses	3,012	4,378	4,319	59	3,793	1,021	1	256	764	2,772	258	397	2,117	3,597
Marijuana, Total	295	407	392	15	367	108	-	25	83	259	30	37	192	335
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	259	367	352	15	320	92	-	22	70	228	26	32	170	306
Import/Export	16	17	17	-	22	8	-	-	8	14	1	4	9	11
Manufacture	20	20	20	-	24	8	-	3	5	16	3	1	12	16
Possession	-	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
All Other Drugs, Total	2,656	3,916	3,872	44	3,371	906	1	230	675	2,465	221	351	1,893	3,201
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	2,463	3,615	3,575	40	3,130	831	1	215	615	2,299	214	326	1,759	2,948
Import/Export	137	187	183	4	158	56	-	11	45	102	2	17	83	166
Manufacture	52	113	113	-	78	18	-	4	14	60	4	7	49	87
Possession	4	1	1	-	5	1	-	-	1	4	1	1	2	-
Other Drug Offenses	61	55	55	-	55	7	-	1	6	48	7	9	32	61
Firearms and Explosives														
Offenses	1,394	1,603	1,590	13	1,612	314	-	75	239	1,298	87	279	932	1,385
Firearms, Total	1,356	1,555	1,543	12	1,566	302	-	72	230	1,264	83	268	913	1,345
Possession by Prohibited Persons	637	778	775	3	766	134	-	32	102	632	22	140	470	649
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	521	568	561	7	590	130	-	33	97	460	47	82	331	499
Other Firearms Offenses	198	209	207	2	210	38	-	7	31	172	14	46	112	197
Explosives	38	48	47	1	46	12	-	3	9	34	4	11	19	40

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Sex Offenses	701	758	748	10	831	191	-	44	147	640	27	187	426	628
Sexual Abuse of Adults	33	16	16	-	25	3	-	1	2	22	2	7	13	24
Sexual Abuse of Minors	244	268	264	4	281	66	-	18	48	215	13	67	135	231
Sexually Explicit Material	266	337	331	6	344	91	-	16	75	253	9	69	175	259
Other Sex Offenses	158	137	137	-	181	31	-	9	22	150	3	44	103	114
Justice System Offenses	144	157	154	3	164	27	-	13	14	137	30	36	71	137
Obstruction of Justice	92	97	94	3	99	13	-	4	9	86	20	29	37	90
Escape from Custody	23	25	25	-	28	8	-	4	4	20	4	2	14	20
Failure to Appear	11	12	12	-	13	2	-	1	1	11	5	1	5	10
Other Justice System Offenses	18	23	23	-	24	4	-	4	-	20	1	4	15	17
Immigration Offenses	1,294	1,428	1,420	8	1,588	268	-	79	189	1,320	88	145	1,087	1,134
Alien Smuggling	114	121	121	-	115	25	-	7	18	90	10	13	67	120
Improper Entry by Alien	18	14	14	-	13	4	-	2	2	9	-	2	7	19
Improper Reentry by Alien	1,140	1,264	1,256	8	1,433	231	-	66	165	1,202	78	126	998	971
Other Immigration Offenses	22	29	29	-	27	8	-	4	4	19	-	4	15	24
General Offenses	330	265	263	2	312	65	-	22	43	247	38	74	135	283
Money Laundering	227	169	167	2	219	40	-	15	25	179	25	53	101	177
RICO ³	42	27	27	-	29	6	-	2	4	23	5	8	10	40
Extortion and Threats	30	39	39	-	32	12	-	4	8	20	4	5	11	37
Other General Offenses	31	30	30	-	32	7	-	1	6	25	4	8	13	29
Regulatory Offenses	139	133	128	5	143	40	-	7	33	103	9	45	49	129
Traffic Offenses	1	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Unclassified Offenses	553	746	737	9	743	180	-	37	143	563	80	86	397	556

NOTE: This table includes appeals reopened and remanded as well as original appeals. This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Beginning in 2005, categories for criminal offenses were modified. Therefore, offense data for 2005 and thereafter are not comparable to offense data published in previous years.

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² In 2007, the category entitled "Reopened," which includes all reopened appeals, replaced the category entitled "Reinstated." Therefore, data on reopened cases for 2007 and thereafter are not comparable to data published previously on reinstated cases.

³ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations.