

Table B-7.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Civil and Criminal Appeals Commenced, by Circuit and Nature of Suit or Offense
During the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2016

Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Total	40,341	488	1,257	3,231	2,442	4,073	6,505	3,644	2,396	2,556	6,985	1,720	5,044
Total Criminal Appeals	12,275	58	611	668	463	1,260	2,987	1,096	576	944	1,565	490	1,557
Total Civil Appeals	28,066	430	646	2,563	1,979	2,813	3,518	2,548	1,820	1,612	5,420	1,230	3,487
U.S. Appeals	6,689	278	146	494	446	961	765	516	498	408	1,013	336	828
U.S. Plaintiff	333	3	8	47	18	12	32	30	19	20	84	13	47
Negotiable Instruments	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other Contract Actions	20	-	-	1	1	-	3	3	1	-	8	1	2
Condemnation of Land	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Real Property Actions	9	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	-
Tort Actions	7	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	1
Civil Rights	25	-	-	-	-	3	5	1	4	-	3	3	6
Employment	12	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	-	-	2	3
Other Civil Rights	13	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	2	-	3	1	3
Forfeiture And Penalty	39	-	-	6	2	2	6	7	-	3	11	1	1
Fair Labor Standards Act	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Labor	14	-	3	3	2	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	1
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	63	1	1	23	3	-	2	1	2	2	6	2	20
Tax Suits	50	-	1	2	6	4	5	5	4	4	10	2	7
All Other	101	2	2	10	3	2	8	9	4	10	42	1	8
U.S. Defendant	6,356	275	138	447	428	949	733	486	479	388	929	323	781
Contract Actions	52	6	2	2	1	5	1	2	15	3	4	1	10
Real Property Actions	54	2	3	4	1	-	4	5	2	2	9	16	6
Tort Actions	202	7	9	18	6	27	19	7	7	8	72	13	9
Civil Rights	693	78	17	62	42	122	65	45	45	26	98	26	67
Employment	176	21	5	8	11	29	12	8	16	5	27	10	24
Other Civil Rights	517	57	12	54	31	93	53	37	29	21	71	16	43
Prisoner Petitions	4,082	77	81	247	323	711	583	331	305	285	391	188	560
Motions to Vacate Sentence	2,593	13	70	164	151	461	367	240	184	202	227	113	401
Habeas Corpus—General	801	22	3	45	86	116	115	63	57	44	109	45	96
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Prisoner Civil Rights	402	37	6	17	57	76	79	23	1	23	31	22	30

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	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
U.S. Defendant (Continued)													
Prison Condition	154	1	-	2	18	20	10	3	51	13	8	6	22
Other Prisoner Petitions	130	4	2	19	11	38	12	2	12	2	16	1	11
Labor Suits	19	-	1	4	1	1	4	3	1	-	3	-	1
Social Security Laws	670	-	9	62	25	35	30	57	72	52	198	48	82
Tax Suits	57	3	6	2	3	5	5	9	4	2	10	3	5
Environmental Matters	81	9	-	-	-	3	1	1	4	3	44	13	3
Freedom of Information Act	57	24	2	6	2	5	1	4	2	2	7	1	1
All Other	389	69	8	40	24	35	20	22	22	5	93	14	37
Total Private Appeals	21,377	152	500	2,069	1,533	1,852	2,753	2,032	1,322	1,204	4,407	894	2,659
Federal Question	18,283	139	353	1,800	1,298	1,582	2,349	1,784	1,233	1,026	3,814	716	2,189
Marine Contract	51	-	2	6	4	3	18	-	2	-	6	-	10
Other Contract Actions	443	10	5	152	25	26	43	32	20	21	61	13	35
Federal Employers Liability Act	9	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	2	-	1	1
Marine Injury	62	-	1	2	2	3	29	2	-	-	8	-	15
Other Tort Actions	421	8	11	46	21	38	56	34	59	19	69	17	43
Antitrust	112	1	6	12	23	1	5	12	4	10	22	10	6
Civil Rights	4,633	60	136	688	368	423	458	469	334	240	684	224	549
Employment	1,114	33	29	192	104	98	114	99	90	62	120	40	133
Other Civil Rights	3,519	27	107	496	264	325	344	370	244	178	564	184	416
Prisoner Petitions	9,600	15	102	500	616	907	1,452	990	626	620	2,259	299	1,214
Habeas Corpus—General	5,173	-	63	225	371	388	813	534	231	292	1,366	142	748
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	163	-	-	-	2	4	46	22	7	12	32	7	31
Prisoner Civil Rights	2,733	12	34	215	155	380	507	282	15	128	707	110	188
Prison Condition	1,479	3	4	57	87	125	76	147	369	186	149	40	236
Other Prisoner Petitions	52	-	1	3	1	10	10	5	4	2	5	-	11
Labor Management Relations Act	79	-	4	12	10	7	4	11	7	1	10	6	7
Other Labor	734	8	15	89	45	45	70	82	48	22	187	37	86
Copyright, Patent, & Trademark	349	6	8	51	14	21	34	13	18	8	125	13	38
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	118	-	9	35	9	2	8	6	2	5	29	6	7
Constitutionality of State Statutes	122	2	8	11	5	10	9	17	10	6	36	4	4
All Other	1,550	29	46	196	154	96	162	115	102	72	318	86	174

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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	3,093	13	147	269	234	270	404	248	89	178	593	178	470
Insurance	569	-	11	46	37	35	67	43	38	32	117	40	103
Other Contract Actions	980	7	49	138	79	84	120	69	50	52	169	56	107
Real Property Actions	349	2	34	10	12	23	84	38	-	17	80	9	40
Personal Injury/Product Liability	262	-	2	3	17	23	30	23	-	17	43	12	92
Other Personal Injury	420	-	23	24	53	43	59	34	1	32	48	34	69
Personal Property Damage	256	-	8	29	22	22	20	18	-	12	67	17	41
All Other	257	4	20	19	14	40	24	23	-	16	69	10	18
General Location Jurisdiction	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Criminal Appeals	12,275	58	611	668	463	1,260	2,987	1,096	576	944	1,565	490	1,557
Violent Offenses	488	6	21	30	42	50	56	54	32	46	66	33	52
Homicide	54	1	1	3	7	5	-	3	2	4	17	10	1
Robbery	129	-	4	4	6	10	23	18	8	22	14	3	17
Assault	81	1	-	3	9	7	4	4	2	11	23	12	5
Kidnapping	43	-	4	3	4	5	9	-	7	-	1	5	5
Racketeering—Violent Crime	90	3	1	13	8	7	10	21	7	4	4	1	11
Carjacking	57	-	11	2	4	8	5	7	5	2	1	1	11
Terrorism	13	1	-	2	-	2	3	1	-	-	3	-	1
Other Violent Offenses	21	-	-	-	4	6	2	-	1	3	3	1	1
Property Offenses	1,448	12	51	119	88	134	203	120	98	59	212	50	302
Burglary	4	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Larceny & Theft, Total	138	2	2	13	9	13	28	8	3	3	18	2	37
Bank	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Postal	22	-	-	-	-	-	9	3	-	-	5	1	4
Theft, U.S. Property	91	1	2	7	5	11	17	3	2	3	9	1	30
Transportation of Stolen Property	20	1	-	5	4	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	3

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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	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Embezzlement	33	-	4	2	6	-	7	3	1	2	3	1	4
Fraud, Total	1,194	9	45	98	70	114	156	102	83	50	184	40	243
Tax	54	1	2	6	4	1	12	11	3	2	6	4	2
Financial Institutions	45	1	7	6	2	6	3	3	3	2	8	1	3
Securities and Exchange	21	-	4	3	2	2	1	-	1	-	5	-	3
Mail	72	1	3	4	8	6	7	5	9	6	18	1	4
Wire, Radio, or Television	88	-	2	10	7	7	13	2	17	3	14	2	11
Social Security	19	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	4	5	-	-	5
Citizenship and Naturalization	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
Passport	11	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	7	-	1
Identification Documents and Information	58	-	1	3	3	4	7	3	8	3	12	-	14
False Claims and Services, Government	40	-	1	-	1	5	1	7	7	1	5	1	11
False Statements	52	-	1	3	2	6	10	3	2	4	5	1	15
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	93	4	5	7	7	10	17	6	2	1	7	12	15
Unauthorized Access Devices	116	-	6	9	5	10	12	11	6	11	13	1	32
Health Care	98	-	3	5	4	12	14	9	13	2	16	2	18
Other Fraud Offenses	423	2	9	42	24	44	54	40	8	10	67	15	108
Forgery and Counterfeiting	71	1	-	5	1	5	11	7	10	4	5	6	16
Other Property Offenses	8	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	1
Drug Offenses	5,092	22	303	255	157	533	1,205	512	243	383	563	224	692
Marijuana, Total	436	1	12	12	1	16	227	32	6	9	60	23	37
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	392	1	11	8	1	16	217	26	3	9	48	19	33
Import/Export	17	-	-	4	-	-	7	1	-	-	4	-	1
Manufacture	24	-	1	-	-	-	3	5	3	-	8	1	3
Possession	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
All Other Drugs, Total	4,574	20	286	221	154	506	972	467	235	371	493	197	652
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	4,236	20	274	202	151	497	898	426	222	346	388	197	615
Import/Export	208	-	6	17	3	2	49	-	-	4	97	-	30
Manufacture	127	-	6	2	-	6	25	41	13	20	8	-	6
Possession	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Other Drug Offenses	82	1	5	22	2	11	6	13	2	3	10	4	3
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,775	4	139	97	65	226	229	224	110	162	189	80	250
Firearms, Total	1,727	4	137	94	64	220	217	216	109	158	183	77	248
Possession by Prohibited Persons	864	2	53	28	32	73	108	127	63	109	101	36	132
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	644	2	56	41	24	93	79	77	42	39	61	29	101
Other Firearms Offenses	219	-	28	25	8	54	30	12	4	10	21	12	15
Explosives	48	-	2	3	1	6	12	8	1	4	6	3	2

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	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Sex Offenses	712	5	30	40	28	48	154	80	34	80	92	28	93
Sexual Abuse of Adults	16	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	7	3	-
Sexual Abuse of Minors	252	-	8	10	9	14	51	31	17	27	42	12	31
Sexually Explicit Material	296	5	12	16	16	20	69	34	8	31	31	9	45
Other Sex Offenses	148	-	10	14	3	13	34	14	9	18	12	4	17
Justice System Offenses	132	-	7	10	5	14	17	17	10	12	21	5	14
Obstruction of Justice	69	-	3	5	3	13	14	2	3	4	11	2	9
Escape from Custody	19	-	-	1	1	-	2	3	2	3	4	2	1
Failure to Appear	20	-	-	2	1	-	1	8	3	2	1	-	2
Other Justice System Offenses	24	-	4	2	-	1	-	4	2	3	5	1	2
Immigration Offenses	1,403	-	12	18	8	31	933	26	10	12	266	38	49
Alien Smuggling	118	-	5	1	-	-	84	1	-	-	22	-	5
Improper Entry by Alien	13	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	-	2
Improper Reentry by Alien	1,251	-	6	14	8	30	838	22	10	11	234	37	41
Other Immigration Offenses	21	-	1	3	-	1	9	3	-	1	1	1	1
General Offenses	272	-	18	12	29	22	37	25	21	16	60	5	27
Money Laundering	180	-	13	8	14	16	24	20	9	12	41	5	18
RICO ¹	21	-	3	2	4	1	2	1	1	-	7	-	-
Extortion and Threats	36	-	1	1	5	3	3	-	8	4	4	-	7
Other General Offenses	35	-	1	1	6	2	8	4	3	-	8	-	2
Regulatory Offenses	131	4	5	12	2	10	24	10	9	7	23	8	17
Traffic Offenses	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified Offenses	821	5	25	75	39	191	129	28	9	167	73	19	61

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.