

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 September 30, 2016

Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Total	39,373	546	1,208	3,079	2,368	3,853	6,509	3,643	2,384	2,448	6,707	1,723	4,905
Total Criminal Appeals	11,536	59	574	656	420	1,235	2,894	1,030	561	856	1,416	447	1,388
Total Civil Appeals	27,837	487	634	2,423	1,948	2,618	3,615	2,613	1,823	1,592	5,291	1,276	3,517
U.S. Appeals	6,764	322	146	473	408	900	761	548	475	447	947	386	951
U.S. Plaintiff	301	7	10	34	21	19	43	28	15	15	56	13	40
Negotiable Instruments	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Contract Actions	14	-	-	-	-	2	4	2	1	-	3	1	1
Condemnation of Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Real Property Actions	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Tort Actions	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Civil Rights	35	-	-	2	2	2	8	2	3	2	5	4	5
Employment	15	-	-	1	2	2	1	2	1	-	-	3	3
Other Civil Rights	20	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	2	2	5	1	2
Forfeiture And Penalty	29	2	-	3	1	3	6	8	-	1	3	-	2
Fair Labor Standards Act	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Labor	11	-	2	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	50	-	1	12	4	1	7	-	2	2	7	1	13
Tax Suits	40	-	3	2	4	3	3	5	3	3	7	1	6
All Other	111	5	4	12	7	7	13	11	5	6	26	4	11
U.S. Defendant	6,463	315	136	439	387	881	718	520	460	432	891	373	911
Contract Actions	54	10	2	4	1	5	3	6	9	1	5	1	7
Real Property Actions	46	-	1	6	-	1	4	4	-	3	8	14	5
Tort Actions	154	2	9	15	5	26	14	7	9	5	38	12	12
Civil Rights	680	76	13	58	42	119	60	37	46	24	90	36	79
Employment	190	30	6	7	11	35	14	8	16	5	30	11	17
Other Civil Rights	490	46	7	51	31	84	46	29	30	19	60	25	62

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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)													
Prisoner Petitions	4,249	94	75	222	280	654	572	381	309	332	405	236	689
Motions to Vacate Sentence	2,855	12	52	164	117	448	421	277	199	263	227	146	529
Habeas Corpus—General	723	23	6	24	79	103	88	65	52	38	99	52	94
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Prisoner Civil Rights	401	48	12	15	64	58	51	29	1	19	46	28	30
Prison Condition	151	6	1	2	10	13	5	8	50	9	14	8	25
Other Prisoner Petitions	117	5	3	17	10	32	7	2	7	3	19	1	11
Labor Suits	24	-	3	7	-	3	2	1	1	-	4	2	1
Social Security Laws	601	1	10	70	29	36	21	43	53	53	174	31	80
Tax Suits	62	-	6	2	2	5	1	7	7	3	21	6	2
Environmental Matters	74	11	-	1	-	2	1	1	2	3	41	10	2
Freedom of Information Act	71	31	2	10	2	3	5	2	3	1	10	2	-
All Other	448	90	15	44	26	27	35	31	21	7	95	23	34
Total Private Appeals	21,073	165	488	1,950	1,540	1,718	2,854	2,065	1,348	1,145	4,344	890	2,566
Federal Question	18,121	153	336	1,672	1,298	1,487	2,443	1,812	1,240	977	3,780	751	2,172
Marine Contract	50	-	2	12	5	3	13	-	2	-	6	-	7
Other Contract Actions	436	6	4	134	18	32	35	36	10	26	73	29	33
Federal Employers Liability Act	9	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	4	-	-	1
Marine Injury	61	-	3	4	3	4	31	1	-	-	4	-	11
Other Tort Actions	531	13	8	50	25	33	138	35	59	21	85	20	44
Antitrust	121	2	4	15	18	1	11	11	1	2	32	10	14
Civil Rights	4,584	70	129	588	384	375	464	477	354	250	699	256	538
Employment	1,053	24	23	157	93	92	119	106	93	49	132	40	125
Other Civil Rights	3,531	46	106	431	291	283	345	371	261	201	567	216	413
Prisoner Petitions	9,302	14	93	491	604	820	1,437	989	636	561	2,150	309	1,198
Habeas Corpus—General	5,021	1	48	223	366	379	814	559	239	259	1,272	155	706
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	137	-	-	-	1	6	33	21	5	9	26	8	28
Prisoner Civil Rights	2,689	10	39	220	141	331	519	273	15	121	698	109	213
Prison Condition	1,403	3	6	43	91	94	65	133	376	168	144	36	244
Other Prisoner Petitions	52	-	-	5	5	10	6	3	1	4	10	1	7
Labor Management Relations Act	79	2	3	10	10	6	3	15	7	1	16	4	2
Other Labor	746	6	25	83	46	48	81	95	48	29	179	25	81

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Federal Question (Continued)													
Copyright, Patent, and Trademark	333	3	13	59	11	25	33	16	12	4	114	9	34
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	109	-	6	31	9	3	8	7	2	6	28	4	5
Constitutionality of State Statutes	119	2	5	9	5	7	11	18	7	5	37	8	5
All Other	1,641	35	41	186	159	130	177	112	100	68	357	77	199
Diversity of Citizenship	2,951	12	152	278	241	231	411	253	108	168	564	139	394
Insurance	547	-	12	47	37	31	69	43	50	30	111	35	82
Other Contract Actions	968	6	43	119	88	70	120	82	57	53	167	42	121
Real Property Actions	357	2	36	11	11	19	94	33	-	17	91	4	39
Personal Injury/Product Liability	181	-	4	4	13	19	38	20	-	15	20	10	38
Other Personal Injury	401	1	31	27	48	46	54	32	-	22	47	26	67
Personal Property Damage	236	-	9	33	27	16	14	18	-	13	61	12	33
All Other	261	3	17	37	17	30	22	25	1	18	67	10	14
General Location Jurisdiction	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Criminal Appeals	11,536	59	574	656	420	1,235	2,894	1,030	561	856	1,416	447	1,388
Violent Offenses	492	3	27	32	38	62	59	46	31	38	72	31	53
Homicide	47	1	1	2	2	2	5	1	-	3	17	12	1
Robbery	132	-	10	7	11	9	18	18	10	18	12	6	13
Assault	78	1	2	1	7	5	12	6	6	6	21	8	3
Kidnapping	37	-	-	3	4	4	9	1	6	-	2	4	4
Racketeering—Violent Crime	99	-	4	16	8	23	8	9	4	4	12	-	11
Carjacking	53	-	7	1	2	6	5	7	4	4	-	-	17
Terrorism	11	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	3	-	2
Other Violent Offenses	35	-	3	2	4	9	2	3	1	3	5	1	2

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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	1,361	9	41	122	82	149	193	105	86	56	192	47	279
Burglary	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Larceny and Theft, Total	117	2	2	13	10	14	22	8	4	5	13	1	23
Bank	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Postal	19	-	-	2	-	1	6	3	-	-	6	-	1
Theft, U.S. Property	77	-	2	6	8	12	14	3	1	5	6	1	19
Transportation of Stolen Property	14	1	-	3	2	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	2
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Embezzlement	35	-	3	2	5	4	5	1	1	3	5	2	4
Fraud, Total	1,120	6	36	101	62	126	147	90	68	44	164	38	238
Tax	61	1	2	4	2	1	9	10	5	6	11	6	4
Financial Institutions	44	-	8	2	3	5	4	2	2	3	9	-	6
Securities and Exchange	16	-	3	3	1	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	4
Mail	66	-	2	2	12	5	15	6	6	3	12	1	2
Wire, Radio, or Television	97	1	3	12	4	5	16	3	16	4	16	2	15
Social Security	13	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	5
Citizenship and Naturalization	7	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
Passport	11	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	3	-	4
Identification Documents and Information	59	-	2	3	4	7	5	4	4	3	13	2	12
False Claims and Services, Government	42	-	1	1	3	5	2	11	5	1	4	1	8
False Statements	52	-	-	3	4	4	6	3	5	3	9	2	13
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	67	2	4	6	5	9	14	4	-	1	3	9	10
Unauthorized Access Devices	101	-	2	7	3	10	10	8	5	9	10	1	36
Health Care	99	2	3	6	6	19	12	7	8	1	15	3	17
Other Fraud Offenses	385	-	5	52	13	52	48	30	11	7	55	11	101
Forgery and Counterfeiting	75	1	-	6	1	3	18	6	13	3	6	6	12
Other Property Offenses	11	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	1
Drug Offenses	4,529	33	285	230	149	478	1,146	428	231	312	493	188	556
Marijuana, Total	373	2	10	6	1	21	189	20	8	9	60	11	36
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	330	2	9	3	1	21	173	16	6	9	48	9	33
Import/Export	24	-	-	3	-	-	14	1	-	-	6	-	-
Manufacture	17	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	2	-	6	-	3
Possession	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-

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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	4,076	31	268	205	145	446	945	399	222	302	424	173	516
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	3,792	30	258	191	144	435	861	376	215	289	335	168	490
Import/Export	182	1	6	14	1	2	58	1	1	-	78	-	20
Manufacture	95	-	4	-	-	7	26	22	6	12	10	3	5
Possession	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	2	1
Other Drug Offenses	80	-	7	19	3	11	12	9	1	1	9	4	4
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,829	3	131	89	55	234	249	239	118	169	188	88	266
Firearms, Total	1,787	3	130	87	55	228	243	230	114	163	183	86	265
Possession by Prohibited Persons	928	1	51	31	27	95	118	135	63	120	101	49	137
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	627	1	48	33	19	88	84	82	46	35	53	29	109
Other Firearms Offenses	232	1	31	23	9	45	41	13	5	8	29	8	19
Explosives	42	-	1	2	-	6	6	9	4	6	5	2	1
Sex Offenses	768	4	18	47	23	52	164	120	41	82	105	29	83
Sexual Abuse of Adults	23	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	4	11	1	1
Sexual Abuse of Minors	286	-	2	21	9	16	56	56	20	26	41	12	27
Sexually Explicit Material	311	2	10	14	12	20	73	53	9	32	36	11	39
Other Sex Offenses	148	1	6	11	2	15	35	8	12	20	17	5	16
Justice System Offenses	127	-	8	10	2	8	19	11	11	8	30	3	17
Obstruction of Justice	62	-	5	4	1	6	10	1	4	1	17	-	13
Escape from Custody	16	-	1	1	-	-	3	1	1	4	4	1	-
Failure to Appear	23	-	-	4	1	-	3	6	3	1	2	1	2
Other Justice System Offenses	26	-	2	1	-	2	3	3	3	2	7	1	2
Immigration Offenses	1,260	-	15	19	9	25	869	20	9	9	212	26	47
Alien Smuggling	104	-	2	2	-	-	75	1	-	-	18	-	6
Improper Entry by Alien	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	5
Improper Reentry by Alien	1,132	-	13	14	8	25	789	17	9	9	191	23	34
Other Immigration Offenses	14	-	-	2	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	3	2

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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	258	1	23	16	24	21	33	26	13	15	51	9	26
Money Laundering	172	-	18	6	16	11	25	18	9	9	32	9	19
RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations)	23	-	2	8	4	-	2	1	-	-	6	-	-
Extortion and Threats	25	1	2	-	1	4	-	1	3	4	4	-	5
Other General Offenses	38	-	1	2	3	6	6	6	1	2	9	-	2
Regulatory Offenses	115	3	5	13	3	9	18	11	10	5	20	6	12
Traffic Offenses	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified Offenses	795	3	21	78	35	195	144	24	11	162	53	20	49

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