

Table B-5.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Decisions in Cases Terminated on the Merits, by Circuit and Nature of Proceeding,
During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2015

Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Total Cases Terminated	Terminated on the Merits									
		By Consolidation	Percent of Total Terminated	Total	Affirmed/Enforced ¹	Dismissed	Reversed	Remanded	Other	Certificate of Appealability	Percent Reversed ²
Total	53,213	2,622	59.4	31,622	20,493	2,691	2,553	501	57	5,327	8.3
Criminal	11,214	872	69.3	7,770	5,757	1,359	505	139	10	-	6.5
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	4,684	65	64.9	3,038	857	93	108	18	6	1,956	3.6
Other U.S. Civil	2,681	129	58.0	1,556	1,167	132	208	45	4	-	13.4
Private Prisoner Petitions	9,563	176	61.0	5,832	1,824	319	286	27	5	3,371	4.9
Other Private Civil	11,992	805	51.1	6,125	4,773	402	857	83	10	-	14.0
Bankruptcy	860	85	53.7	462	310	38	108	3	3	-	23.4
Administrative Agency Appeals	7,301	369	39.0	2,850	2,213	202	230	186	19	-	8.1
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	4,918	121	81.1	3,989	3,592	146	251	-	-	-	-
DC	1,134	286	45.1	511	383	34	70	19	1	4	14.8
Criminal	85	15	52.9	45	31	2	5	7	-	-	11.1
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	70	1	51.4	36	25	3	2	1	1	4	5.6
Other U.S. Civil	245	24	64.5	158	122	6	23	7	-	-	14.6
Private Prisoner Petitions	5	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Private Civil	173	20	54.9	95	73	2	20	-	-	-	21.1
Bankruptcy	9	1	-	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Agency Appeals	454	223	24.9	113	75	17	17	4	-	-	15.0
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	93	2	61.3	57	51	3	3	-	-	-	-
1st	1,589	79	57.5	914	714	24	89	10	2	75	10.2
Criminal	563	44	65.5	369	315	11	39	4	-	-	10.6
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	122	1	67.2	82	21	-	3	-	-	58	3.7
Other U.S. Civil	78	1	59.0	46	41	1	4	-	-	-	8.7
Private Prisoner Petitions	91	1	47.3	43	23	1	2	-	-	17	4.7
Other Private Civil	460	22	46.7	215	183	4	25	3	-	-	11.6
Bankruptcy	29	3	48.3	14	12	1	1	-	-	-	7.1
Administrative Agency Appeals	162	6	50.0	81	60	3	13	3	2	-	16.0
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	84	1	76.2	64	59	3	2	-	-	-	-

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2nd	4,942	286	53.2	2,628	1,503	651	182	45	1	246	7.4
Criminal	700	91	67.1	470	281	139	29	21	-	-	6.2
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	371	6	40.7	151	14	28	5	1	-	103	3.3
Other U.S. Civil	255	20	58.0	148	63	67	16	2	-	-	10.8
Private Prisoner Petitions	563	11	60.4	340	63	114	18	2	-	143	5.3
Other Private Civil	1,631	116	49.5	808	488	224	86	9	1	-	10.6
Bankruptcy	86	16	51.2	44	32	9	3	-	-	-	6.8
Administrative Agency Appeals	1,003	21	44.5	446	355	61	20	10	-	-	4.5
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	333	5	66.4	221	207	9	5	-	-	-	-
3rd	3,315	67	63.9	2,118	1,443	51	142	36	3	443	6.9
Criminal	464	15	72.4	336	309	4	17	6	-	-	5.1
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	401	4	74.3	298	114	5	16	1	-	162	5.4
Other U.S. Civil	142	2	64.1	91	73	3	12	2	1	-	13.2
Private Prisoner Petitions	633	5	64.6	409	117	2	9	-	-	281	2.2
Other Private Civil	967	32	49.8	482	415	11	52	4	-	-	10.8
Bankruptcy	52	1	59.6	31	24	1	6	-	-	-	19.4
Administrative Agency Appeals	262	4	58.4	153	110	5	13	23	2	-	8.5
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	394	4	80.7	318	281	20	17	-	-	-	-
4th	4,499	169	71.0	3,194	2,202	152	138	36	2	664	4.5
Criminal	1,131	76	78.3	886	754	79	44	9	-	-	5.0
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	754	6	78.0	588	190	11	13	-	-	374	2.2
Other U.S. Civil	217	9	70.5	153	129	17	7	-	-	-	4.6
Private Prisoner Petitions	901	7	62.7	565	245	13	16	1	-	290	2.8
Other Private Civil	810	56	58.9	477	415	19	39	4	-	-	8.2
Bankruptcy	54	6	64.8	35	33	1	1	-	-	-	2.9
Administrative Agency Appeals	251	6	61.8	155	116	5	10	22	2	-	6.5
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	381	3	87.9	335	320	7	8	-	-	-	-

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5th	7,330	698	55.2	4,045	2,352	812	247	70	-	564	6.0
Criminal	2,543	245	67.6	1,719	950	688	50	31	-	-	2.9
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	577	22	40.0	231	49	18	8	3	-	153	3.5
Other U.S. Civil	238	25	47.1	112	90	4	18	-	-	-	16.1
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,372	98	46.4	637	134	61	28	3	-	411	4.4
Other Private Civil	1,362	212	46.8	637	506	26	97	8	-	-	15.2
Bankruptcy	71	6	57.7	41	34	4	3	-	-	-	7.3
Administrative Agency Appeals	393	9	39.9	157	121	4	7	25	-	-	4.5
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	774	81	66.0	511	468	7	36	-	-	-	-
6th	4,654	158	67.6	3,147	2,130	140	255	41	-	581	9.2
Criminal	1,000	56	71.8	718	595	69	48	6	-	-	6.7
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	370	3	74.9	277	95	1	11	-	-	170	4.0
Other U.S. Civil	183	5	64.5	118	88	4	21	5	-	-	17.8
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,064	21	66.3	705	238	8	46	2	-	411	6.5
Other Private Civil	1,113	55	58.7	653	521	11	111	10	-	-	17.0
Bankruptcy	43	-	44.2	19	14	1	4	-	-	-	21.1
Administrative Agency Appeals	279	8	61.6	172	140	9	5	18	-	-	2.9
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	602	10	80.6	485	439	37	9	-	-	-	-
7th	2,842	151	55.9	1,588	941	85	281	37	24	220	17.3
Criminal	517	42	64.6	334	193	46	88	4	3	-	26.3
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	285	8	57.2	163	50	3	10	1	1	98	6.1
Other U.S. Civil	167	7	51.5	86	46	4	22	11	3	-	25.6
Private Prisoner Petitions	583	4	46.3	270	107	6	29	4	2	122	10.7
Other Private Civil	831	63	47.5	395	307	11	69	2	6	-	17.5
Bankruptcy	54	5	63.0	34	20	3	7	2	2	-	20.6
Administrative Agency Appeals	150	20	50.7	76	43	3	10	13	7	-	13.2
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	255	2	90.2	230	175	9	46	-	-	-	-

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8th	2,978	118	76.4	2,276	1,657	74	119	31	3	392	5.8
Criminal	786	46	80.2	630	564	42	18	6	-	-	2.9
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	344	3	79.9	275	98	1	8	4	1	163	2.9
Other U.S. Civil	143	2	73.4	105	90	1	13	1	-	-	12.4
Private Prisoner Petitions	630	7	71.4	450	194	4	17	6	-	229	3.8
Other Private Civil	561	41	69.0	387	315	10	53	9	-	-	13.7
Bankruptcy	34	6	64.7	22	17	4	1	-	-	-	4.5
Administrative Agency Appeals	130	8	53.8	70	53	8	2	5	2	-	2.9
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	350	5	96.3	337	326	4	7	-	-	-	-
9th	12,048	347	54.4	6,551	4,221	331	715	78	5	1,201	10.9
Criminal	1,641	135	66.1	1,084	804	142	124	13	1	-	11.4
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	466	3	74.9	349	65	9	19	2	-	254	5.4
Other U.S. Civil	620	20	52.3	324	251	13	56	4	-	-	17.3
Private Prisoner Petitions	2,273	17	69.5	1,579	520	18	89	4	1	947	5.6
Other Private Civil	2,116	99	48.0	1,016	767	43	198	7	1	-	19.5
Bankruptcy	221	14	44.3	98	76	10	12	-	-	-	12.2
Administrative Agency Appeals	3,786	59	32.7	1,239	994	74	121	48	2	-	9.8
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	925	-	93.2	862	744	22	96	-	-	-	-
10th	1,907	34	66.4	1,267	826	126	55	79	3	178	3.7
Criminal	444	5	75.2	334	222	71	12	28	1	-	3.6
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	206	-	74.8	154	46	4	3	4	1	96	1.9
Other U.S. Civil	129	5	70.5	91	73	3	4	11	-	-	4.4
Private Prisoner Petitions	306	-	57.8	177	76	12	3	4	-	82	1.7
Other Private Civil	543	19	57.3	311	255	19	14	23	-	-	4.5
Bankruptcy	26	2	61.5	16	10	2	3	1	-	-	18.8
Administrative Agency Appeals	123	3	61.0	75	50	12	4	8	1	-	5.3
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	130	-	83.8	109	94	3	12	-	-	-	-

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11th	5,975	229	56.6	3,383	2,121	211	260	19	13	759	8.6
Criminal	1,340	102	63.1	845	739	66	31	4	5	-	3.7
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	718	8	60.4	434	90	10	10	1	2	321	2.3
Other U.S. Civil	264	9	47.0	124	101	9	12	2	-	-	9.7
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,142	5	57.4	656	106	80	29	1	2	438	4.4
Other Private Civil	1,425	70	45.5	649	528	22	93	4	2	-	14.3
Bankruptcy	181	25	56.4	102	33	1	67	-	1	-	65.7
Administrative Agency Appeals	308	2	36.7	113	96	1	8	7	1	-	7.1
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	597	8	77.1	460	428	22	10	-	-	-	-

NOTE: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous cases not included previously.

¹ Affirmed includes appeals affirmed in part and reversed in part.

² Percent not shown where the total number of appeals terminated on the merits is less than 10. Percent reversed not computed for original proceedings and miscellaneous applications because of their difference from appeals, nor are original proceedings and miscellaneous applications included in the percentage of total appeals reversed.