

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, 2015

Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Total	39,930	551	1,246	3,258	2,528	3,916	6,141	3,571	2,435	2,446	7,150	1,683	5,005
Total Criminal Cases	11,380	66	522	705	441	1,122	2,620	1,056	513	844	1,549	451	1,491
Total Civil Cases	28,550	485	724	2,553	2,087	2,794	3,521	2,515	1,922	1,602	5,601	1,232	3,514
U.S. Cases	6,935	333	166	481	469	951	800	500	492	423	1,116	318	886
U.S. Plaintiff	342	5	13	37	20	20	32	34	18	18	95	12	38
Negotiable Instruments	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Other Contract Actions	17	1	-	1	2	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	4
Condemnation of Land	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Real Property Actions	10	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-
Tort Actions	11	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	1	-	1	-	3
Civil Rights	26	-	-	3	-	2	6	2	4	-	5	1	3
Employment	15	-	-	2	-	1	5	1	3	-	1	-	2
Other Civil Rights	11	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	1	1
Forfeiture And Penalty	35	-	1	4	2	1	4	3	-	3	16	1	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Other Labor	15	-	-	2	4	-	2	4	-	-	2	-	1
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	53	2	2	16	2	1	4	1	3	2	4	2	14
Tax Suits	61	-	3	1	4	9	6	9	3	3	16	2	5
All Other	110	2	4	8	6	6	7	10	4	9	42	4	8
U.S. Defendant	6,593	328	153	444	449	931	768	466	474	405	1,021	306	848
Contract Actions	54	6	1	3	1	3	3	7	9	4	7	2	8
Real Property Actions	46	4	2	2	1	1	6	8	3	1	9	5	4
Tort Actions	219	10	13	21	3	22	19	9	9	10	78	13	12
Civil Rights	683	78	23	68	55	76	80	39	50	24	95	22	73
Employment	175	28	4	8	8	29	16	5	15	3	25	7	27
Other Civil Rights	508	50	19	60	47	47	64	34	35	21	70	15	46
Prisoner Petitions	4,187	86	88	232	343	729	586	319	308	279	411	174	632
Motions to Vacate Sentence	2,644	17	69	160	170	442	382	226	191	187	260	105	435
Habeas Corpus—General	872	28	8	42	93	132	112	67	60	44	105	42	139
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Prisoner Civil Rights	380	35	5	19	47	83	71	21	2	23	29	19	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	153	-	2	1	22	27	7	5	44	20	8	5	12
Other Prisoner Petitions	135	6	4	10	11	45	14	-	10	3	9	3	20
Labor Suits	16	-	1	-	1	1	4	4	-	1	4	-	-
Social Security Laws	681	-	13	55	18	47	31	58	64	53	215	53	74
Tax Suits	69	4	4	6	4	4	9	5	3	2	20	4	4
Environmental Matters	95	21	1	-	-	1	-	1	5	2	55	8	1
Freedom of Information Act	67	27	-	5	1	5	1	3	4	2	13	3	3
All Other	476	92	7	52	22	42	29	13	19	27	114	22	37
Total Private Cases	21,615	152	558	2,072	1,618	1,843	2,721	2,015	1,430	1,179	4,485	914	2,628
Federal Question	18,624	138	435	1,847	1,381	1,586	2,306	1,791	1,343	1,019	3,884	743	2,151
Marine Contract	45	-	-	8	-	4	24	1	-	-	2	-	6
Other Contract Actions	378	12	7	95	16	24	35	26	36	22	59	11	35
Federal Employers Liability Act	5	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
Marine Injury	41	-	-	2	1	-	19	1	1	-	8	-	9
Other Tort Actions	473	14	9	72	25	34	55	26	67	20	93	19	39
Antitrust	129	-	10	35	28	2	2	8	5	8	21	5	5
Civil Rights	4,952	46	202	709	471	415	455	469	389	246	725	256	569
Employment	1,238	26	37	206	98	117	118	107	110	69	131	64	155
Other Civil Rights	3,714	20	165	503	373	298	337	362	279	177	594	192	414
Prisoner Petitions	9,713	10	112	525	630	961	1,453	1,021	625	617	2,287	306	1,166
Habeas Corpus—General	5,290	1	69	238	376	402	854	572	239	295	1,385	149	710
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	166	-	-	-	12	3	44	28	3	14	21	11	30
Prisoner Civil Rights	2,719	8	40	227	152	406	473	292	17	131	699	113	161
Prison Condition	1,489	-	2	57	90	139	74	125	362	176	178	33	253
Other Prisoner Petitions	49	1	1	3	-	11	8	4	4	1	4	-	12
Labor Management Relations Act	79	2	5	7	9	5	3	19	6	3	10	2	8
Other Labor	675	6	15	82	54	35	56	65	52	32	163	35	80
Copyright, Patent, & Trademark	334	5	8	53	16	14	20	12	23	11	122	12	38
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	127	-	8	51	4	2	12	9	4	1	25	6	5
Constitutionality of State Statutes	145	4	16	10	9	15	7	8	11	9	44	5	7
All Other	1,528	39	43	198	117	75	164	125	123	50	324	86	184

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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	2,991	14	123	225	237	257	415	224	87	160	601	171	477
Insurance	559	-	9	36	38	35	66	29	26	35	119	57	109
Other Contract Actions	988	7	48	108	78	78	124	70	60	58	175	45	137
Real Property Actions	361	-	23	10	11	34	88	41	-	13	84	9	48
Personal Injury/Product Liability	243	-	4	3	20	21	31	16	-	14	43	9	82
Other Personal Injury	375	4	16	22	48	35	62	29	1	23	50	28	57
Personal Property Damage	224	-	4	24	22	18	24	19	-	8	64	13	28
All Other	241	3	19	22	20	36	20	20	-	9	66	10	16
General Location Jurisdiction				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Criminal Cases	11,380	66	522	705	441	1,122	2,620	1,056	513	844	1,549	451	1,491
Violent Offenses	481	8	21	34	33	49	50	63	32	45	64	21	61
Homicide	52	-	-	2	6	5	3	5	4	7	11	7	2
Robbery	124	-	3	2	5	15	14	21	9	12	15	1	27
Assault	84	2	1	6	7	11	4	3	1	15	23	7	4
Kidnapping	35	-	6	3	-	4	9	-	4	-	2	1	6
Racketeering—Violent Crime	91	3	1	15	9	8	6	16	11	3	4	3	12
Carjacking	55	1	9	2	5	5	10	7	3	3	1	1	8
Terrorism	14	-	-	3	1	-	3	-	-	1	3	1	2
Other Violent Offenses	26	2	1	1	-	1	1	11	-	4	5	-	-
Property Offenses	1,430	13	50	154	88	134	186	134	73	67	212	48	271
Burglary	3	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Larceny & Theft, Total	141	1	7	9	5	15	26	7	2	4	25	6	34
Bank		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Postal	21	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	-	1	7	2	3
Theft, U.S. Property	88	1	6	6	-	9	16	4	1	-	15	3	27
Transportation of Stolen Property	27	-	1	3	5	6	3	2	1	3	-	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 (Continued)													
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Embezzlement	25	-	3	-	5	-	7	3	-	2	2	1	2
Fraud, Total	1,211	12	40	143	75	115	145	118	66	58	176	38	225
Tax	44	1	1	3	8	3	7	5	2	2	7	1	4
Financial Institutions	41	1	2	8	4	6	1	4	3	3	4	2	3
Securities and Exchange	40	-	4	12	3	2	1	-	2	-	15	-	1
Mail	70	1	3	8	2	4	5	6	7	6	20	1	7
Wire, Radio, or Television	84	1	3	6	7	8	11	5	11	4	15	3	10
Social Security	19	-	1	2	-	2	1	-	4	4	-	2	3
Citizenship and Naturalization	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
Passport	10	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-	1
Identification													
Documents and Information	65	2	2	3	2	6	10	4	6	6	10	-	14
False Claims and Services, Government	60	1	-	7	4	3	1	8	7	6	9	5	9
False Statements	41	-	1	2	1	4	8	5	1	3	4	-	12
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	83	2	3	10	7	8	10	9	2	1	6	8	17
Unauthorized Access Devices	124	-	5	12	6	11	13	12	5	7	18	2	33
Health Care	92	1	4	5	1	5	24	11	12	2	14	1	12
Other Fraud Offenses	434	2	11	63	30	53	50	47	4	14	49	13	98
Forgery and Counterfeiting	46	-	-	1	2	3	7	6	4	3	8	2	10
Other Property Offenses	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
Drug Offenses	4,378	20	228	252	138	454	970	457	216	317	528	188	610
Marijuana, Total	407	-	13	14	2	7	202	38	4	8	68	16	35
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	367	-	10	13	2	7	192	35	3	8	52	13	32
Import/Export	17	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	-	7	-	1
Manufacture	20	-	3	-	-	-	2	3	1	-	9	1	1
Possession	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	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	3,916	19	213	223	135	444	767	404	209	305	453	170	574
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	3,615	17	197	211	131	434	731	366	202	279	339	169	539
Import/Export	187	2	12	9	4	4	20	1	-	4	102	-	29
Manufacture	113	-	4	3	-	6	16	37	7	22	11	1	6
Possession	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Drug Offenses	55	1	2	15	1	3	1	15	3	4	7	2	1
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,603	8	114	89	72	192	191	216	92	154	151	71	253
Firearms, Total	1,555	8	112	85	71	189	178	211	90	152	140	68	251
Possession by Prohibited Persons	778	1	43	23	30	52	100	135	50	110	73	39	122
Furtherance of Violent/ Drug-Trafficking Crimes	568	6	47	33	30	88	53	64	36	30	51	21	109
Other Firearms Offenses	209	1	22	29	11	49	25	12	4	12	16	8	20
Explosives	48	-	2	4	1	3	13	5	2	2	11	3	2
Sex Offenses	758	6	46	44	34	45	144	73	38	80	103	32	113
Sexual Abuse of Adults	16	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4	4	2	1
Sexual Abuse of Minors	268	-	19	9	11	15	52	24	21	24	51	10	32
Sexually Explicit Material	337	4	15	26	19	16	62	33	12	39	37	15	59
Other Sex Offenses	137	2	12	9	4	13	29	14	4	13	11	5	21
Justice System Offenses	157	-	7	13	11	15	19	19	10	17	21	6	19
Obstruction of Justice	97	-	2	11	8	13	14	9	7	9	11	3	10
Escape from Custody	25	-	-	-	2	2	4	3	1	6	3	1	3
Failure to Appear	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	-	4
Other Justice System Offenses	23	-	5	1	1	-	1	3	1	1	6	2	2
Immigration Offenses	1,428	-	14	16	11	28	882	31	11	13	316	43	63
Alien Smuggling	121	-	5	-	1	-	77	2	-	-	32	-	4
Improper Entry by Alien	14	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	-	3
Improper Reentry by Alien	1,264	-	7	12	9	27	794	26	11	12	272	43	51
Other Immigration Offenses	29	-	2	4	1	1	9	3	-	1	3	-	5

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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	265	-	15	18	24	24	34	24	20	13	56	9	28
Money Laundering	169	-	5	11	8	17	19	20	7	12	41	9	20
RICO ¹	27	-	7	3	1	3	1	1	2	-	8	-	1
Extortion and Threats	39	-	3	2	7	3	4	2	8	1	4	-	5
Other General Offenses	30	-	-	2	8	1	10	1	3	-	3	-	2
Regulatory Offenses	133	3	4	6	4	10	26	10	4	7	26	11	22
Traffic Offenses	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified Offenses	746	8	23	79	26	170	118	29	17	131	72	22	51

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.