

Table B-1.

U.S. Courts of Appeals—Cases Commenced, Terminated, and Pending, by Circuit and Nature of Proceeding, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2015

Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Pending Jan. 1, 2015 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Dec. 31, 2015
					On Procedural Grounds					On the Merits				
		Total	Original	Reopened	Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
Total	41,233	53,266	51,686	1,580	52,881	18,846	183	4,927	13,736	34,035	2,554	6,332	25,149	41,618
Criminal	9,468	12,099	11,943	156	11,532	2,838	5	682	2,151	8,694	871	1,662	6,161	10,035
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	2,387	4,095	3,936	159	4,281	1,322	1	336	985	2,959	61	131	2,767	2,201
Other U.S. Civil	2,422	2,678	2,613	65	2,619	963	15	248	700	1,656	116	559	981	2,481
Private Prisoner Petitions	5,597	9,628	9,323	305	9,605	3,613	2	1,132	2,479	5,992	180	509	5,303	5,620
Other Private Civil	10,553	11,851	11,444	407	11,686	4,948	119	1,194	3,635	6,738	699	2,762	3,277	10,718
Bankruptcy	779	826	800	26	828	306	4	103	199	522	71	177	274	777
Administrative Agency Appeals	8,842	7,023	6,601	422	7,399	4,090	16	1,119	2,955	3,309	418	499	2,392	8,466
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	1,185	5,066	5,026	40	4,931	766	21	113	632	4,165	138	33	3,994	1,320
DC	1,503	1,154	1,151	3	1,197	333	11	84	238	864	321	297	246	1,460
Criminal	161	67	67	-	93	26	-	1	25	67	20	37	10	135
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	74	85	85	-	79	39	-	15	24	40	1	10	29	80
Other U.S. Civil	240	228	228	-	260	73	-	14	59	187	18	85	84	208
Private Prisoner Petitions	6	8	8	-	8	5	-	2	3	3	-	-	3	6
Other Private Civil	190	138	138	-	173	59	1	20	38	114	19	59	36	155
Bankruptcy	8	6	6	-	8	2	-	2	-	6	-	1	5	6
Administrative Agency Appeals	790	519	516	3	484	105	10	21	74	379	260	98	21	825
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	34	103	103	-	92	24	-	9	15	68	3	7	58	45
1st	1,345	1,605	1,598	7	1,595	614	10	212	392	981	82	273	626	1,355
Criminal	604	605	605	-	569	169	1	36	132	400	48	113	239	640
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	100	89	87	2	114	38	-	19	19	76	1	10	65	75
Other U.S. Civil	55	82	81	1	75	31	3	11	17	44	1	11	32	62
Private Prisoner Petitions	70	114	114	-	101	50	-	25	25	51	1	9	41	83
Other Private Civil	324	431	430	1	440	221	6	65	150	219	20	104	95	315
Bankruptcy	27	32	32	-	30	12	-	3	9	18	3	11	4	29
Administrative Agency Appeals	138	152	149	3	172	74	-	40	34	98	7	13	78	118
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	27	100	100	-	94	19	-	13	6	75	1	2	72	33

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Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Pending Jan. 1, 2015 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Dec. 31, 2015
					Total	On Procedural Grounds			On the Merits					
		Total	Original	Reopened		Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	
2nd	3,520	4,398	4,174	224	4,539	1,790	42	535	1,213	2,749	226	765	1,758	3,379
Criminal	827	669	653	16	681	157	-	23	134	524	78	186	260	815
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	91	251	241	10	224	72	-	6	66	152	7	8	137	118
Other U.S. Civil	160	250	245	5	248	80	1	9	70	168	16	58	94	162
Private Prisoner Petitions	256	503	475	28	546	217	2	49	166	329	6	37	286	213
Other Private Civil	1,115	1,565	1,460	105	1,506	617	17	108	492	889	82	416	391	1,174
Bankruptcy	54	60	57	3	74	19	-	5	14	55	11	24	20	40
Administrative Agency Appeals	929	808	753	55	935	527	1	323	203	408	21	35	352	802
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	88	292	290	2	325	101	21	12	68	224	5	1	218	55
3rd	2,809	3,216	3,161	55	3,380	1,104	4	303	797	2,276	67	216	1,993	2,645
Criminal	407	451	449	2	470	125	1	36	88	345	21	22	302	388
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	273	333	325	8	424	93	-	24	69	331	1	13	317	182
Other U.S. Civil	111	124	119	5	138	45	-	18	27	93	-	24	69	97
Private Prisoner Petitions	410	628	622	6	653	199	-	82	117	454	4	26	424	385
Other Private Civil	1,285	952	932	20	976	445	3	86	356	531	34	104	393	1,261
Bankruptcy	54	73	73	-	60	25	-	8	17	35	1	12	22	67
Administrative Agency Appeals	205	271	265	6	287	108	-	49	59	179	6	14	159	189
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	64	384	376	8	372	64	-	-	64	308	-	1	307	76
4th	2,224	4,831	4,775	56	4,541	1,100	12	258	830	3,441	227	287	2,927	2,514
Criminal	723	1,233	1,222	11	1,145	188	-	37	151	957	80	84	793	811
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	330	711	700	11	737	153	-	36	117	584	6	13	565	304
Other U.S. Civil	95	257	255	2	206	53	-	14	39	153	12	19	122	146
Private Prisoner Petitions	360	930	918	12	924	314	-	76	238	610	17	15	578	366
Other Private Civil	454	916	902	14	797	263	12	66	185	534	72	124	338	573
Bankruptcy	31	59	58	1	45	12	-	2	10	33	6	2	25	45
Administrative Agency Appeals	175	246	243	3	267	78	-	21	57	189	12	29	148	154
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	56	479	477	2	420	39	-	6	33	381	22	1	358	115

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Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Pending Jan. 1, 2011 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Dec. 31, 2015
					Total	On Procedural Grounds			On the Merits					
		Total	Original	Reopened		Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	
5th	4,638	7,636	7,293	343	7,398	2,667	17	719	1,931	4,731	639	750	3,342	4,876
Criminal	2,021	2,799	2,726	73	2,721	653	-	171	482	2,068	254	202	1,612	2,099
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	303	591	534	57	544	292	-	62	230	252	26	14	212	350
Other U.S. Civil	146	186	173	13	215	97	-	28	69	118	23	50	45	117
Private Prisoner Petitions	845	1,458	1,377	81	1,396	675	-	179	496	721	102	41	578	907
Other Private Civil	842	1,278	1,197	81	1,278	522	16	134	372	756	132	375	249	842
Bankruptcy	50	77	74	3	68	20	1	8	11	48	6	31	11	59
Administrative Agency Appeals	263	487	470	17	398	227	-	130	97	171	13	29	129	352
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	168	760	742	18	778	181	-	7	174	597	83	8	506	150
6th	3,249	4,594	4,538	56	4,497	1,357	17	380	960	3,140	157	499	2,484	3,346
Criminal	828	1,115	1,112	3	1,010	243	-	62	181	767	57	117	593	933
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	213	329	316	13	349	85	-	31	54	264	3	6	255	193
Other U.S. Civil	152	183	180	3	183	58	-	13	45	125	10	32	83	152
Private Prisoner Petitions	688	1,012	992	20	1,063	355	-	131	224	708	15	52	641	637
Other Private Civil	885	1,001	990	11	1,089	406	14	97	295	683	57	274	352	797
Bankruptcy	29	38	38	-	29	16	1	7	8	13	-	5	8	38
Administrative Agency Appeals	219	307	304	3	279	98	2	28	68	181	8	13	160	247
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	235	609	606	3	495	96	-	11	85	399	7	-	392	349
7th	1,811	2,977	2,928	49	2,906	1,167	13	204	950	1,739	129	605	1,005	1,882
Criminal	411	559	557	2	526	156	-	32	124	370	33	194	143	444
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	125	296	283	13	250	109	-	16	93	141	6	12	123	171
Other U.S. Civil	113	195	194	1	164	67	2	21	44	97	7	50	40	144
Private Prisoner Petitions	320	619	596	23	602	349	-	32	317	253	5	45	203	337
Other Private Civil	669	757	748	9	823	387	11	56	320	436	57	238	141	603
Bankruptcy	36	46	46	-	52	16	-	4	12	36	4	22	10	30
Administrative Agency Appeals	112	162	161	1	153	60	-	27	33	93	14	44	35	121
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	25	343	343	-	336	23	-	16	7	313	3	-	310	32

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					Total	On Procedural Grounds			On the Merits					
		Total	Original	Reopened		Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	
8th	1,500	3,048	3,032	16	2,845	573	8	254	311	2,272	108	417	1,747	1,703
Criminal	413	930	930	-	772	105	-	39	66	667	43	95	529	571
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	118	276	272	4	286	58	-	34	24	228	1	8	219	108
Other U.S. Civil	106	123	123	-	137	34	-	11	23	103	3	39	61	92
Private Prisoner Petitions	224	600	595	5	612	181	-	104	77	431	7	24	400	212
Other Private Civil	425	566	560	6	546	129	8	50	71	417	38	210	169	445
Bankruptcy	27	22	22	-	32	5	-	-	5	27	6	10	11	17
Administrative Agency Appeals	116	145	144	1	122	49	-	13	36	73	6	30	37	139
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	71	386	386	-	338	12	-	3	9	326	4	1	321	119
9th	13,975	11,705	11,236	469	12,029	5,184	29	1,027	4,128	6,845	354	1,495	4,996	13,651
Criminal	1,694	1,598	1,577	21	1,629	432	2	65	365	1,197	132	369	696	1,663
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	280	385	379	6	416	99	1	34	64	317	3	27	287	249
Other U.S. Civil	969	640	623	17	619	270	7	71	192	349	18	142	189	990
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,706	2,264	2,202	62	2,252	686	-	273	413	1,566	16	203	1,347	1,718
Other Private Civil	3,052	2,203	2,157	46	2,113	985	17	175	793	1,128	106	540	482	3,142
Bankruptcy	339	246	233	13	223	113	1	25	87	110	15	34	61	362
Administrative Agency Appeals	5,614	3,525	3,223	302	3,866	2,538	1	379	2,158	1,328	63	170	1,095	5,273
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	321	844	842	2	911	61	-	5	56	850	1	10	839	254
10th	1,172	1,975	1,965	10	1,888	599	9	167	423	1,289	35	338	916	1,259
Criminal	297	490	489	1	456	125	-	53	72	331	5	135	191	331
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	73	176	173	3	178	39	-	17	22	139	-	4	135	71
Other U.S. Civil	113	148	148	-	118	30	1	6	23	88	3	23	62	143
Private Prisoner Petitions	125	301	298	3	299	121	-	44	77	178	1	18	159	127
Other Private Civil	432	589	587	2	548	213	7	31	175	335	21	132	182	473
Bankruptcy	19	27	27	-	23	8	-	-	8	15	-	9	6	23
Administrative Agency Appeals	109	96	96	-	134	47	1	14	32	87	5	16	66	71
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	4	148	147	1	132	16	-	2	14	116	-	1	115	20

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					Total	On Procedural Grounds			On the Merits					
		Total	Original	Reopened		Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	
11th	3,487	6,127	5,835	292	6,066	2,358	11	784	1,563	3,708	209	390	3,109	3,548
Criminal	1,082	1,583	1,556	27	1,460	459	1	127	331	1,001	100	108	793	1,205
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	407	573	541	32	680	245	-	42	203	435	6	6	423	300
Other U.S. Civil	162	262	244	18	256	125	1	32	92	131	5	26	100	168
Private Prisoner Petitions	587	1,191	1,126	65	1,149	461	-	135	326	688	6	39	643	629
Other Private Civil	880	1,455	1,343	112	1,397	701	7	306	388	696	61	186	449	938
Bankruptcy	105	140	134	6	184	58	1	39	18	126	19	16	91	61
Administrative Agency Appeals	172	305	277	28	302	179	1	74	104	123	3	8	112	175
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	92	618	614	4	638	130	-	29	101	508	9	1	498	72

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 Revised.