

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 December 31, 2015

Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Total	40,351	526	1,321	3,238	2,488	4,047	6,312	3,640	2,426	2,495	7,090	1,704	5,064
Total Criminal Appeals	12,099	67	605	669	451	1,233	2,799	1,115	559	930	1,598	490	1,583
Total Civil Appeals	28,252	459	716	2,569	2,037	2,814	3,513	2,525	1,867	1,565	5,492	1,214	3,481
U.S. Appeals	6,773	313	171	501	457	968	777	512	491	399	1,025	324	835
U.S. Plaintiff	344	4	9	42	21	17	33	32	19	18	90	12	47
Negotiable Instruments	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other Contract Actions	18	1	-	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	7	1	3
Condemnation of Land	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Real Property Actions	12	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	2	-
Tort Actions	9	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	3
Civil Rights	25	-	-	1	-	2	5	1	4	-	3	3	6
Employment	13	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	3	-	-	2	3
Other Civil Rights	12	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	-	3	1	3
Forfeiture And Penalty	35	-	-	4	2	2	4	4	-	3	14	1	1
Fair Labor Standards Act	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Other Labor	16	-	2	3	4	-	1	3	-	-	2	-	1
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	55	1	1	17	4	-	4	1	2	1	5	2	17
Tax Suits	58	-	2	3	5	8	5	7	3	3	15	1	6
All Other	112	2	1	11	4	5	11	10	4	10	42	2	10
U.S. Defendant	6,429	309	162	459	436	951	744	480	472	381	935	312	788
Contract Actions	58	6	3	2	2	4	1	6	14	3	7	2	8
Real Property Actions	53	4	2	3	1	1	4	5	2	2	7	15	7
Tort Actions	202	8	12	22	4	21	17	6	9	8	69	14	12
Civil Rights	693	79	24	62	54	120	64	41	51	27	89	17	65
Employment	170	27	4	6	9	28	13	7	17	5	22	8	24
Other Civil Rights	523	52	20	56	45	92	51	34	34	22	67	9	41
Prisoner Petitions	4,095	85	89	251	333	711	591	329	296	276	385	176	573
Motions to Vacate Sentence	2,570	16	72	161	160	441	383	231	184	190	218	113	401
Habeas Corpus—General	834	24	6	49	88	128	111	73	54	41	109	37	114
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Prisoner Civil Rights	398	38	6	21	52	77	77	20	1	22	36	21	27

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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	152	1	-	2	21	22	9	4	45	20	9	4	15
Other Prisoner Petitions	140	6	5	18	12	43	11	1	12	2	13	1	16
Labor Suits	15	-	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	-	2	-	1
Social Security Laws	664	-	14	55	15	44	31	59	65	46	203	54	78
Tax Suits	62	3	6	4	3	5	7	8	3	1	13	4	5
Environmental Matters	89	12	1	-	-	3	-	1	5	4	47	13	3
Freedom of Information Act	65	30	1	4	2	5	1	4	3	2	9	2	2
All Other	433	82	9	55	21	36	24	18	23	12	104	15	34
Total Private Appeals	21,479	146	545	2,068	1,580	1,846	2,736	2,013	1,376	1,166	4,467	890	2,646
Federal Question													
Other Contract Actions	396	11	8	107	22	22	38	30	26	24	63	9	36
Federal Employers Liability Act	7	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Marine Injury	47	-	-	3	-	-	25	1	1	-	8	-	9
Other Tort Actions	483	11	9	69	24	32	60	36	68	21	93	18	42
Antitrust	126	1	8	29	29	3	1	7	5	8	19	10	6
Civil Rights	4,755	58	177	700	387	422	456	456	360	230	714	233	562
Employment	1,166	30	33	199	97	113	112	101	94	66	124	48	149
Other Civil Rights	3,589	28	144	501	290	309	344	355	266	164	590	185	413
Prisoner Petitions	9,628	8	114	503	628	930	1,458	1,012	619	600	2,264	301	1,191
Habeas Corpus—General	5,180	1	68	225	372	380	847	554	228	265	1,363	141	736
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	166	-	-	-	7	3	43	24	3	11	34	9	32
Prisoner Civil Rights	2,734	6	43	220	160	402	479	293	18	132	703	110	168
Prison Condition	1,494	-	2	55	88	135	79	136	366	191	158	41	243
Other Prisoner Petitions	54	1	1	3	1	10	10	5	4	1	6	-	12
Labor Management Relations Act	76	1	5	9	8	5	3	12	8	2	10	4	9
Other Labor	695	7	14	83	47	33	69	66	52	27	181	37	79
Copyright, Patent, & Trademark	345	5	9	55	17	15	26	16	20	9	121	15	37
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	123	-	9	44	3	3	9	9	4	2	26	8	6
Constitutionality of State Statutes	140	1	12	9	9	11	7	14	10	8	49	3	7
All Other	1,557	29	44	191	153	88	156	117	122	64	321	88	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	3,050	14	135	260	247	278	405	236	80	170	591	164	470
Insurance	576	-	10	42	40	31	67	41	31	34	117	50	113
Other Contract Actions	979	7	46	136	78	88	121	69	48	53	171	47	115
Real Property Actions	362	1	31	9	16	29	86	40	-	16	84	8	42
Personal Injury/Product Liability	230	-	2	3	20	23	26	19	-	12	42	8	75
Other Personal Injury	406	1	23	22	51	41	58	27	1	32	45	32	73
Personal Property Damage	247	-	7	25	27	25	22	19	-	11	64	12	35
All Other	250	5	16	23	15	41	25	21	-	12	68	7	17
General Location Jurisdiction	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Criminal Appeals	12,099	67	605	669	451	1,233	2,799	1,115	559	930	1,598	490	1,583
Violent Offenses	498	7	18	33	39	51	55	66	26	49	74	32	48
Homicide	59	1	-	3	6	5	2	3	2	4	20	11	2
Robbery	118	-	1	3	4	14	17	22	6	20	14	2	15
Assault	83	2	-	4	6	7	3	4	2	14	25	11	5
Kidnapping	42	-	5	1	4	5	11	-	4	-	2	5	5
Racketeering—Violent Crime	106	3	1	17	14	9	10	20	8	4	6	1	13
Carjacking	52	-	10	2	4	7	8	5	4	3	1	1	7
Terrorism	14	1	-	3	-	2	3	1	-	1	2	-	1
Other Violent Offenses	24	-	1	-	1	2	1	11	-	3	4	1	-
Property Offenses	1,462	15	53	124	94	136	201	133	83	64	221	52	286
Burglary	4	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Larceny & Theft, Total	139	2	4	13	7	15	25	8	3	4	21	4	33
Bank	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Postal	24	-	-	-	-	-	9	3	-	1	7	1	3
Theft, U.S. Property	88	1	3	8	3	12	14	3	2	1	11	2	28
Transportation of Stolen Property	23	1	1	4	4	3	2	2	1	2	-	1	2
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	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)													
Embezzlement	30	-	4	1	7	-	7	3	-	2	1	1	4
Fraud, Total	1,225	12	45	107	76	114	157	117	73	54	190	43	237
Tax	53	1	1	4	7	3	9	8	2	1	7	4	6
Financial Institutions	38	1	4	5	3	5	3	3	3	2	5	1	3
Securities and Exchange	37	-	4	8	4	2	1	-	2	-	15	-	1
Mail	81	1	3	8	6	5	5	6	11	7	22	1	6
Wire, Radio, or Television	87	1	1	10	7	10	11	4	10	4	16	3	10
Social Security	19	-	1	1	-	1	2	-	4	5	-	1	4
Citizenship and Naturalization	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	1
Passport	11	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	1
Identification Documents and Information	69	-	3	5	2	7	9	4	7	3	12	-	17
False Claims and													
Services, Government	49	1	1	2	2	5	1	8	8	2	4	4	11
False Statements	42	-	1	2	1	4	9	4	1	3	6	1	10
Conspiracy to													
Defraud the U.S.	89	4	4	8	7	6	17	9	2	-	5	11	16
Unauthorized													
Access Devices	122	-	5	10	5	9	9	14	5	10	17	1	37
Health Care	101	1	4	5	2	10	23	8	14	2	15	1	16
Other Fraud Offenses	422	2	13	38	30	47	55	47	4	15	58	15	98
Forgery and Counterfeiting	57	1	-	2	2	5	10	5	6	4	8	3	11
Other Property Offenses	7	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	1
Drug Offenses	4,916	21	288	268	145	514	1,051	502	242	381	571	223	710
Marijuana, Total	421	-	15	15	1	12	190	37	4	11	73	22	41
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	371	-	12	11	1	12	180	32	2	11	54	18	38
Import/Export	20	-	-	4	-	-	8	1	-	-	6	-	1
Manufacture	27	-	3	-	-	-	2	4	2	-	13	1	2
Possession	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-

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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	4,423	20	269	235	143	495	859	449	235	367	487	198	666
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	4,090	18	257	221	140	486	807	404	222	338	369	197	631
Import/Export	198	2	8	12	3	3	31	1	-	4	105	-	29
Manufacture	133	-	4	2	-	6	21	44	13	24	12	1	6
Possession	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Other Drug Offenses	72	1	4	18	1	7	2	16	3	3	11	3	3
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,702	5	139	85	68	213	210	223	107	159	165	77	251
Firearms, Total	1,655	5	137	82	67	207	197	218	105	157	157	74	249
Possession by Prohibited Persons	820	1	54	25	28	64	100	134	58	109	77	42	128
Furtherance of Violent/ Drug-Trafficking Crimes	628	3	57	32	31	94	68	72	43	38	65	22	103
Other Firearms Offenses	207	1	26	25	8	49	29	12	4	10	15	10	18
Explosives	47	-	2	3	1	6	13	5	2	2	8	3	2
Sex Offenses	726	5	37	34	30	47	145	79	43	80	97	27	102
Sexual Abuse of Adults	14	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	4	4	2	1
Sexual Abuse of Minors	260	-	13	7	11	12	51	28	23	26	46	9	34
Sexually Explicit Material	303	5	12	15	16	18	62	36	11	34	35	12	47
Other Sex Offenses	149	-	12	12	3	16	31	14	9	16	12	4	20
Justice System Offenses	141	-	5	10	7	16	18	20	11	15	16	5	18
Obstruction of Justice	83	-	3	8	5	14	13	6	6	7	7	2	12
Escape from Custody	21	-	-	-	1	1	4	4	1	4	2	2	2
Failure to Appear	18	-	-	1	1	-	1	5	4	2	1	-	3
Other Justice System Offenses	19	-	2	1	-	1	-	5	-	2	6	1	1
Immigration Offenses	1,441	-	14	17	11	34	927	26	12	9	289	39	63
Alien Smuggling	117	-	4	1	-	-	77	2	-	-	28	-	5
Improper Entry by Alien	13	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	-	2
Improper Reentry by Alien	1,284	-	9	12	11	33	838	21	12	8	251	38	51
Other Immigration Offenses	27	-	1	4	-	1	10	3	-	1	1	1	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	281	-	22	14	27	22	39	29	19	13	62	7	27
Money Laundering	184	-	15	7	10	14	26	23	7	11	45	7	19
RICO ¹	23	-	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	-	9	-	1
Extortion and Threats	37	-	3	2	6	3	3	-	8	2	4	-	6
Other General Offenses	37	-	1	2	9	3	9	5	3	-	4	-	1
Regulatory Offenses	131	6	5	9	2	12	23	9	4	5	28	12	16
Traffic Offenses	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified Offenses	800	8	24	75	28	187	130	28	12	155	75	16	62

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.