

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 September 30, 2021

Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Pending Oct. 1, 2020 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Sept. 30, 2021
		Total	Original	Reopened	Total	On Procedural Grounds			On the Merits					
						Total	By Consoli- dation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consoli- dation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
Total	38,754	44,546	42,939	1,607	47,748	17,148	65	3,934	13,149	30,600	2,115	6,152	22,333	35,552
Criminal	8,965	10,625	10,448	177	11,056	2,895	2	355	2,538	8,161	653	1,439	6,069	8,534
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	2,739	3,242	3,113	129	3,774	1,435	1	250	1,184	2,339	97	175	2,067	2,207
Other U.S. Civil	2,176	2,211	2,124	87	2,611	836	4	194	638	1,775	196	521	1,058	1,776
Private Prisoner Petitions	4,741	7,252	7,012	240	7,540	3,147	2	876	2,269	4,393	149	357	3,887	4,453
Other Private Civil	8,868	10,551	10,095	456	10,865	4,449	43	1,355	3,051	6,416	607	2,891	2,918	8,554
Bankruptcy	496	733	672	61	684	279	1	77	201	405	63	110	232	545
Administrative Agency Appeals	9,429	6,356	5,952	404	7,146	3,312	11	752	2,549	3,834	255	638	2,941	8,639
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	1,340	3,576	3,523	53	4,072	795	1	75	719	3,277	95	21	3,161	844
DC	1,246	878	865	13	1,022	419	8	112	299	603	131	221	251	1,102
Criminal	74	81	80	1	90	26	-	3	23	64	9	28	27	65
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	66	69	62	7	92	60	-	17	43	32	1	6	25	43
Other U.S. Civil	238	223	220	3	267	80	1	14	65	187	17	77	93	194
Private Prisoner Petitions	10	9	9	-	16	14	-	7	7	2	-	-	2	3
Other Private Civil	107	110	109	1	113	34	-	7	27	79	6	32	41	104
Bankruptcy	1	2	2	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Administrative Agency Appeals	722	314	314	-	375	183	7	62	114	192	95	75	22	661
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	28	70	69	1	69	22	-	2	20	47	3	3	41	29
1st	1,445	1,077	1,067	10	1,207	299	1	20	278	908	80	272	556	1,315
Criminal	530	348	344	4	420	106	-	3	103	314	44	99	171	458
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	101	76	76	-	89	16	-	-	16	73	-	10	63	88
Other U.S. Civil	82	71	71	-	83	26	-	3	23	57	8	16	33	70
Private Prisoner Petitions	79	61	61	-	64	16	-	-	16	48	1	8	39	76
Other Private Civil	423	332	330	2	356	106	1	10	95	250	20	107	123	399
Bankruptcy	46	34	34	-	46	12	-	2	10	34	5	15	14	34
Administrative Agency Appeals	132	104	100	4	86	16	-	1	15	70	2	14	54	150
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	52	51	51	-	63	1	-	1	-	62	-	3	59	40

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						Total	By Consoli- dation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consoli- dation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
2nd	4,315	4,079	3,897	182	4,585	2,050	7	764	1,279	2,535	172	1,068	1,295	3,809
Criminal	789	641	630	11	668	199	1	10	188	469	58	189	222	762
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	198	219	210	9	275	157	1	9	147	118	9	13	96	142
Other U.S. Civil	160	186	172	14	205	83	-	16	67	122	15	58	49	141
Private Prisoner Petitions	256	375	357	18	406	204	-	33	171	202	15	28	159	225
Other Private Civil	1,615	1,638	1,571	67	1,942	970	4	541	425	972	43	720	209	1,311
Bankruptcy	40	55	51	4	51	18	-	7	11	33	6	18	9	44
Administrative Agency Appeals	1,089	764	710	54	732	372	1	148	223	360	14	38	308	1,121
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	168	201	196	5	306	47	-	-	47	259	12	4	243	63
3rd	2,107	2,630	2,570	60	2,701	920	1	237	682	1,781	101	229	1,451	2,036
Criminal	465	480	467	13	489	125	-	33	92	364	22	46	296	456
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	198	221	219	2	244	97	-	19	78	147	2	7	138	175
Other U.S. Civil	73	95	93	2	94	36	-	10	26	58	2	5	51	74
Private Prisoner Petitions	348	446	436	10	475	161	-	57	104	314	-	22	292	319
Other Private Civil	574	767	749	18	725	280	1	72	207	445	65	103	277	616
Bankruptcy	40	57	56	1	56	19	-	2	17	37	2	10	25	41
Administrative Agency Appeals	311	330	318	12	361	119	-	38	81	242	8	34	200	280
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	98	234	232	2	257	83	-	6	77	174	-	2	172	75
4th	3,209	4,226	4,166	60	4,259	1,248	6	251	991	3,011	210	289	2,512	3,176
Criminal	1,235	1,484	1,472	12	1,411	342	-	36	306	1,069	44	82	943	1,308
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	446	466	453	13	546	182	-	31	151	364	33	22	309	366
Other U.S. Civil	159	156	153	3	191	50	1	19	30	141	16	37	88	124
Private Prisoner Petitions	353	633	618	15	594	255	-	66	189	339	7	16	316	392
Other Private Civil	582	683	674	9	653	251	5	74	172	402	45	108	249	612
Bankruptcy	37	45	44	1	44	7	-	2	5	37	5	1	31	38
Administrative Agency Appeals	195	279	278	1	239	55	-	15	40	184	7	22	155	235
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	202	480	474	6	581	106	-	8	98	475	53	1	421	101

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						Total	By Consoli- dation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consoli- dation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
5th	4,880	6,427	6,088	339	6,754	2,580	5	510	2,065	4,174	529	838	2,807	4,553
Criminal	1,614	2,091	2,025	66	2,099	480	-	31	449	1,619	232	229	1,158	1,606
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	424	485	445	40	608	278	-	29	249	330	38	27	265	301
Other U.S. Civil	128	189	167	22	184	89	-	15	74	95	13	39	43	133
Private Prisoner Petitions	913	1,107	1,048	59	1,235	607	-	103	504	628	89	57	482	785
Other Private Civil	863	1,186	1,094	92	1,180	488	2	127	359	692	111	401	180	869
Bankruptcy	50	86	78	8	67	33	1	7	25	34	11	18	5	69
Administrative Agency Appeals	687	758	730	28	768	389	1	191	197	379	25	66	288	677
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	201	525	501	24	613	216	1	7	208	397	10	1	386	113
6th	2,714	3,866	3,819	47	4,028	1,153	9	293	851	2,875	214	348	2,313	2,552
Criminal	794	1,177	1,170	7	1,229	302	-	66	236	927	67	79	781	742
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	174	269	263	6	276	86	-	23	63	190	3	4	183	167
Other U.S. Civil	181	138	134	4	222	62	1	15	46	160	73	18	69	97
Private Prisoner Petitions	400	684	671	13	630	240	-	94	146	390	7	39	344	454
Other Private Civil	585	795	789	6	771	279	7	64	208	492	29	182	281	609
Bankruptcy	46	36	36	-	56	20	-	9	11	36	5	12	19	26
Administrative Agency Appeals	257	283	281	2	291	44	1	15	28	247	15	14	218	249
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	277	484	475	9	553	120	-	7	113	433	15	-	418	208
7th	1,796	2,524	2,485	39	2,622	1,104	3	236	865	1,518	113	447	958	1,698
Criminal	422	690	687	3	635	279	-	49	230	356	32	123	201	477
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	304	211	201	10	311	116	-	14	102	195	2	20	173	204
Other U.S. Civil	104	130	129	1	145	46	-	10	36	99	5	53	41	89
Private Prisoner Petitions	414	541	520	21	635	328	-	55	273	307	6	42	259	320
Other Private Civil	438	596	593	3	614	275	2	79	194	339	55	182	102	420
Bankruptcy	10	64	64	-	14	5	-	1	4	9	3	3	3	60
Administrative Agency Appeals	97	127	126	1	105	45	1	20	24	60	10	24	26	119
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	7	165	165	-	163	10	-	8	2	153	-	-	153	9

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8th	1,536	2,942	2,921	21	3,129	608	1	196	411	2,521	123	458	1,940	1,349
Criminal	554	1,109	1,106	3	1,135	129	-	47	82	1,006	30	143	833	528
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	84	244	243	1	257	48	-	16	32	209	2	6	201	71
Other U.S. Civil	101	116	112	4	146	46	-	8	38	100	12	22	66	71
Private Prisoner Petitions	165	559	556	3	572	173	-	70	103	399	9	25	365	152
Other Private Civil	439	543	535	8	593	144	1	47	96	449	63	226	160	389
Bankruptcy	13	14	14	-	17	3	-	1	2	14	2	5	7	10
Administrative Agency Appeals	129	133	131	2	151	60	-	6	54	91	5	31	55	111
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	51	224	224	-	258	5	-	1	4	253	-	-	253	17
9th	11,165	9,487	8,907	580	10,872	4,235	18	816	3,401	6,637	293	1,287	5,057	9,780
Criminal	1,069	994	977	17	1,152	354	1	17	336	798	58	212	528	911
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	409	419	412	7	471	154	-	37	117	317	3	37	277	357
Other U.S. Civil	705	603	576	27	738	206	1	61	144	532	28	147	357	570
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,287	1,625	1,586	39	1,764	571	2	271	298	1,193	10	73	1,110	1,148
Other Private Civil	1,973	2,184	2,011	173	2,335	949	14	190	745	1,386	104	519	763	1,822
Bankruptcy	136	262	219	43	248	128	-	38	90	120	23	17	80	150
Administrative Agency Appeals	5,408	2,822	2,549	273	3,528	1,829	-	198	1,631	1,699	65	276	1,358	4,702
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	178	578	577	1	636	44	-	4	40	592	2	6	584	120
10th	1,194	1,599	1,572	27	1,697	585	-	128	457	1,112	20	309	783	1,096
Criminal	334	343	337	6	402	100	-	18	82	302	2	114	186	275
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	69	160	157	3	143	61	-	28	33	82	1	6	75	86
Other U.S. Civil	88	102	102	-	115	37	-	8	29	78	4	21	53	75
Private Prisoner Petitions	138	275	270	5	293	138	-	27	111	155	-	18	137	120
Other Private Civil	405	473	466	7	474	183	-	34	149	291	10	128	153	404
Bankruptcy	21	14	14	-	23	9	-	3	6	14	-	5	9	12
Administrative Agency Appeals	128	135	129	6	150	39	-	8	31	111	3	17	91	113
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	11	97	97	-	97	18	-	2	16	79	-	-	79	11

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11th	3,147	4,811	4,582	229	4,872	1,947	6	371	1,570	2,925	129	386	2,410	3,086
Criminal	1,085	1,187	1,153	34	1,326	453	-	42	411	873	55	95	723	946
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	266	403	372	31	462	180	-	27	153	282	3	17	262	207
Other U.S. Civil	157	202	195	7	221	75	-	15	60	146	3	28	115	138
Private Prisoner Petitions	378	937	880	57	856	440	-	93	347	416	5	29	382	459
Other Private Civil	864	1,244	1,174	70	1,109	490	6	110	374	619	56	183	380	999
Bankruptcy	56	64	60	4	62	25	-	5	20	37	1	6	30	58
Administrative Agency Appeals	274	307	286	21	360	161	-	50	111	199	6	27	166	221
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	67	467	462	5	476	123	-	29	94	353	-	1	352	58

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.