

**Table B-5.  
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Appeals Terminated on the Merits, by Circuit  
During the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2001**

Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Total Appeals Terminated <sup>1</sup>	Terminations on the Merits							
		Percent of Total Terminations	Total	Affirmed/Enforced	Dismissed	Reversed	Remanded	Other	Percent Reversed <sup>2</sup>
<b>ALL CIRCUITS</b>	<b>56,210</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>27,820</b>	<b>21,854</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>9.6</b>
CRIMINAL	10,642	69.3	7,375	6,007	631	474	226	37	6.4
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	5,198	31.3	1,625	1,161	196	188	55	25	11.6
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	3,815	59.9	2,284	1,816	119	256	76	17	11.2
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	12,692	29.2	3,707	2,569	650	358	103	27	9.7
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	14,999	50.0	7,506	6,009	317	896	231	53	11.9
BANKRUPTCY	1,080	49.4	533	412	38	65	13	5	12.2
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	3,470	37.6	1,306	633	318	103	107	145	7.9
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	4,314	80.8	3,484	3,247	184	53	-	-	-
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10.2</b>
CRIMINAL	80	67.5	54	34	-	7	4	9	13.0
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	146	43.2	63	56	3	1	1	2	1.6
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	257	51.8	133	108	4	15	3	3	11.3
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	46	50.0	23	23	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	235	45.5	107	79	11	13	-	4	12.1
BANKRUPTCY	2	100.0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	510	24.9	127	84	7	16	8	12	12.6
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	87	73.6	64	58	5	1	-	-	-
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.9</b>
CRIMINAL	426	56.8	242	195	18	10	19	-	4.1
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	118	73.7	87	26	50	2	4	5	2.3
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	117	67.5	79	56	13	4	6	-	5.1
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	113	70.8	80	32	41	1	5	1	1.3
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	493	53.1	262	187	28	19	25	3	7.3
BANKRUPTCY	30	60.0	18	10	5	1	2	-	5.6
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	68	75.0	51	14	30	3	4	-	5.9
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	87	94.3	82	69	10	3	-	-	-
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>	<b>4,362</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1.6</b>
CRIMINAL	715	61.0	436	343	40	7	43	3	1.6
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	326	22.4	73	29	28	-	15	1	-
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	355	40.6	144	73	49	1	14	7	0.7
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	939	29.8	280	85	144	3	41	7	1.1
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	1,526	45.7	697	452	95	16	122	12	2.3
BANKRUPTCY	82	47.6	39	30	5	-	4	-	-
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	206	34.5	71	32	15	1	1	22	1.4
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	213	78.4	167	79	86	2	-	-	-

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		Percent of Total Terminations	Total	Affirmed/Enforced	Dismissed	Reversed	Remanded	Other	
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11.5</b>
CRIMINAL	508	69.5	353	286	11	31	19	6	8.8
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	292	38.0	111	64	24	17	3	3	15.3
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	253	65.2	165	119	4	20	22	-	12.1
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	613	23.7	145	76	48	14	7	-	9.7
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	1,066	50.4	537	416	44	70	7	-	13.0
BANKRUPTCY	80	37.5	30	26	3	-	1	-	-
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	168	32.1	54	40	3	9	1	1	16.7
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	271	89.3	242	232	6	4	-	-	-
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>4,730</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8.5</b>
CRIMINAL	884	72.1	637	556	40	34	7	-	5.3
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	646	30.8	199	164	10	23	-	2	11.6
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	289	69.2	200	171	2	21	6	-	10.5
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	1,130	30.4	344	280	38	22	4	-	6.4
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	1,096	56.1	615	528	13	68	6	-	11.1
BANKRUPTCY	78	50.0	39	34	1	3	1	-	7.7
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	184	58.7	108	88	6	10	4	-	9.3
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	423	94.6	400	385	13	2	-	-	-
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>8,649</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>2,993</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10.9</b>
CRIMINAL	1,739	68.1	1,184	871	247	61	5	-	5.2
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	727	24.8	180	113	34	30	2	1	16.7
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	408	61.3	250	192	19	32	7	-	12.8
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	2,632	25.1	661	348	218	85	10	-	12.9
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	1,877	53.9	1,011	818	38	145	10	-	14.3
BANKRUPTCY	162	53.1	86	62	5	17	2	-	19.8
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	282	21.3	60	52	2	3	3	-	5.0
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	822	66.7	548	537	6	5	-	-	-
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>4,801</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>2,166</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9.7</b>
CRIMINAL	824	66.5	548	495	4	46	3	-	8.4
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	311	37.0	115	105	1	7	2	-	6.1
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	323	65.0	210	195	1	14	-	-	6.7
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	1,230	35.0	431	392	1	37	1	-	8.6
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	1,505	49.0	738	640	2	92	4	-	12.5
BANKRUPTCY	87	40.2	35	30	1	4	-	-	11.4
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	143	51.7	74	65	1	8	-	-	10.8
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	378	73.3	277	244	28	5	-	-	-

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<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>3,783</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>14.2</b>
CRIMINAL	616	60.2	371	266	59	31	7	8	8.4
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	415	34.9	145	109	-	26	4	6	17.9
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	206	53.9	111	84	1	20	3	3	18.0
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	914	27.6	252	201	-	38	3	10	15.1
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	1,175	45.7	537	428	1	79	8	21	14.7
BANKRUPTCY	48	56.3	27	17	-	9	-	1	33.3
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	125	40.8	51	34	1	9	1	6	17.6
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	284	71.1	202	198	3	1	-	-	-
<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9.2</b>
CRIMINAL	612	70.9	434	384	10	35	4	1	8.1
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	341	34.6	118	102	3	9	4	-	7.6
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	224	74.1	166	136	5	24	1	-	14.5
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	733	35.3	259	237	5	13	4	-	5.0
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	817	61.0	498	430	15	52	-	1	10.4
BANKRUPTCY	36	75.0	27	21	3	3	-	-	11.1
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	92	39.1	36	25	4	6	1	-	16.7
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	333	94.3	314	309	2	3	-	-	-
<b>NINTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>9,569</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>9.4</b>
CRIMINAL	1,828	73.2	1,338	1,014	131	91	94	8	6.8
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	603	30.8	186	134	14	19	15	4	10.2
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	708	54.4	385	317	9	43	12	4	11.2
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	1,822	30.4	553	453	18	49	25	8	8.9
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	2,210	45.9	1,014	790	38	140	37	9	13.8
BANKRUPTCY	321	46.7	150	113	10	21	2	4	14.0
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	1,443	38.5	556	100	243	30	81	102	5.4
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	634	93.5	593	571	6	16	-	-	-
<b>TENTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12.2</b>
CRIMINAL	462	79.2	366	314	11	25	16	-	6.8
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	395	29.9	118	82	18	15	2	1	12.7
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	215	70.7	152	114	6	31	1	-	20.4
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	590	33.4	197	141	26	28	2	-	14.2
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	847	54.8	464	385	7	66	6	-	14.2
BANKRUPTCY	35	57.1	20	17	1	1	1	-	5.0
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	99	68.7	68	58	3	3	2	2	4.4
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	199	60.8	121	104	12	5	-	-	-

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<b>ELEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>	<b>8,220</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>3,386</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10.7</b>
CRIMINAL	1,948	72.5	1,412	1,249	60	96	5	2	6.8
U.S. PRISONER PETITIONS	878	26.2	230	177	11	39	3	-	17.0
OTHER U.S. CIVIL	460	62.8	289	251	6	31	1	-	10.7
PRIV. PRISONER PETITIONS	1,930	25.0	482	301	111	68	1	1	14.1
OTHER PRIVATE CIVIL	2,152	47.7	1,026	856	25	136	6	3	13.3
BANKRUPTCY	119	50.4	60	50	4	6	-	-	10.0
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS	150	33.3	50	41	3	5	1	-	10.0
ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS <sup>3</sup>	583	81.3	474	461	7	6	-	-	-

NOTE: THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE DATA FOR THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT.

<sup>1</sup> TOTALS INCLUDE REOPENED, REMANDED, AND REINSTATED APPEALS AS WELL AS ORIGINAL APPEALS.

<sup>2</sup> PERCENT NOT SHOWN WHERE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES TERMINATED ON THE MERITS IS LESS THAN 10. NO PERCENTAGES OF CASES REVERSED OR DENIED HAVE BEEN COMPUTED FOR ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS BECAUSE OF THEIR DIFFERENCE FROM APPEALS, NOR HAVE THEY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL APPEALS REVERSED.

<sup>3</sup> BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1998, DATA ARE REPORTED FOR TYPES OF PROCEEDINGS PREVIOUSLY NOT PRESENTED IN THIS TABLE.