

U.S. Court of Appeals Summary -- 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2011

		DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	
A p p l e a l s	Total	1,132	1,507	5,541	3,645	4,576	7,401	4,725	3,038	2,876	12,141	2,311	6,233	
	Prisoner	94	216	996	1,095	1,449	2,347	1,466	988	928	3,600	660	1,839	
	Other	479	656	2,248	1,423	1,341	2,191	1,732	1,293	1,043	3,787	989	2,518	
	Criminal	87	464	822	678	1,526	2,430	1,202	608	770	1,624	554	1,433	
	Administrative	472	171	1,475	449	260	433	325	149	135	3,130	108	443	
	Percent Change in Total Filings Current Year Over	Last Year	-3.9	-1.5	3.2	-7.8	-5.7	-0.8	-4.6	-2.8	-0.1	1.3	1.8	-3.2
2007		-11.6	-18.6	-21.2	-19.1	-16.2	-21.9	-8.3	-16.4	-13.2	-17.1	-15.7	-17.3	
Overall Caseload Statistics	Total		1,113	1,437	5,101	4,326	5,069	7,695	5,163	3,064	2,967	13,025	2,209	6,188
	Consolidations & Cross Appeals^		169	76	310	56	158	136	185	208	88	481	58	129
	Procedural		398	542	2,157	1,786	1,734	3,678	2,203	1,460	1,031	6,027	944	3,053
	On the Merits	Total	546	819	2,634	2,484	3,177	3,881	2,775	1,396	1,848	6,517	1,207	3,006
		Prisoner	78	90	276	432	486	466	555	208	310	1,066	223	363
		Other	323	371	1,023	1,000	1,001	1,255	1,003	666	760	2,154	530	1,249
		Criminal	53	266	523	615	1,533	1,937	977	439	709	1,119	392	1,139
		Administrative	92	92	812	437	157	223	240	83	69	2,178	62	255
Percent by Active Judges		91.1	90.6	57.0	76.5	91.4	82.0	64.5	70.8	82.9	65.6	69.5	77.9	
Pending Appeals		1,311	1,282	4,644	2,439	2,738	4,471	4,677	1,856	1,325	14,041	1,416	3,433	
Actions per Active Judge*	Termination on the Merits		166	362	418	417	701	634	356	297	420	520	260	671
	Procedural Terminations		30	90	125	151	209	173	89	89	140	207	124	282
	Written Decisions	Total	55	119	205	129	245	199	120	99	139	168	89	225
		Signed	18	34	200	73	45	24	50	45	44	19	76	17
		Unsigned	37	84	5	49	200	174	69	52	44	111	13	193
		Without Comment	-	1	-	7	-	1	1	2	51	38	-	15

* Includes only judges active during the entire 12-month period.

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Number of Judgeships/ Number of Panels		11/3.7	6/2.0	13/4.3	14/4.7	15/5.0	17/5.7	16/5.3	11/3.7	11/3.7	29/9.7	12/4.0	12/4.0		
Number of Sitting Senior Judges		4	2	12	10	1	6	9	6	5	18	9	6		
Number of Vacant Judgeship Months**		24.0	0.0	22.1	3.0	20.8	16.4	9.5	12.0	0.0	39.0	22.8	19.1		
Actions per Panel*	A p p e l e s	Total	309	754	1,279	781	915	1,306	886	829	784	1,256	578	1,558	
		Prisoner	26	108	230	235	290	414	275	269	253	372	165	460	
		Other	130	328	519	305	268	387	325	353	284	392	247	629	
		Criminal	24	232	190	145	305	429	225	166	210	168	139	358	
		Administrative	129	86	340	96	52	76	61	41	37	324	27	111	
	T A e r m i n a t e d	Total	304	719	1,177	927	1,014	1,358	968	836	809	1,347	552	1,547	
		Consolidations & Cross Appeals^	46	38	71	12	32	24	35	57	24	50	14	32	
		Procedural	109	271	498	383	347	649	413	398	281	623	236	763	
		On the Merits	Total	149	410	608	532	635	685	520	381	504	674	302	752
			Prisoner	21	45	64	93	97	82	104	57	85	110	56	91
			Other	89	186	236	213	200	222	188	181	207	223	132	312
			Criminal	14	133	121	132	307	342	183	120	193	116	98	285
	Administrative	25	46	187	94	31	39	45	23	19	225	16	64		
	Pending Appeals		358	641	1,072	523	548	789	877	506	361	1,453	354	858	
Median Time	Median Time From Filing Notice of Appeal to Final Disposition	10.3	11.5	12.1	9.7	8.2	10.2	15.3	9.6	6.9	17.4	9.0	8.6		
Other Caseload per Judgeship	Applications for Interlocutory Appeals	-	2	-	2	2	1	2	5	2	4	1	1		
	Petitions for Rehearing	28	52	29	110	65	30	57	32	75	72	29	56		

* See "Explanation of the Judicial Caseload Profiles."

** See "Explanation of Selected Terms."

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