

Table B-7.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Civil and Criminal Cases Commenced, by Circuit and Nature of Suit or Offense,
During the 12-Month Period Ending June 30, 2015

Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Total	40,234	568	1,205	3,527	2,680	3,845	6,169	3,652	2,415	2,357	7,190	1,631	4,995
Total Criminal Cases	10,902	65	486	728	468	1,065	2,522	1,021	498	759	1,513	405	1,372
Total Civil Cases	29,332	503	719	2,799	2,212	2,780	3,647	2,631	1,917	1,598	5,677	1,226	3,623
U.S. Cases	7,471	339	174	593	539	969	936	517	488	465	1,156	340	955
U.S. Plaintiff	353	7	15	40	20	21	37	43	22	17	82	16	33
Negotiable Instruments	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Contract Actions	20	1	-	2	2	-	-	1	5	1	4	-	4
Condemnation of Land	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Real Property Actions	8	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
Tort Actions	18	-	-	1	-	1	3	2	1	1	2	1	6
Civil Rights	28	2	-	3	-	2	6	5	4	-	4	1	1
Employment	12	1	-	2	-	-	3	1	3	-	1	-	1
Other Civil Rights	16	1	-	1	-	2	3	4	1	-	3	1	-
Forfeiture And Penalty	35	-	2	3	1	3	5	4	-	1	14	1	1
Fair Labor Standards Act	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Other Labor	18	-	-	4	3	-	3	4	-	1	2	-	1
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	58	1	2	14	2	1	4	6	3	2	11	3	9
Tax Suits	52	-	4	1	5	6	4	8	2	2	12	2	6
All Other	112	3	4	10	7	8	12	11	6	8	32	6	5
U.S. Defendant	7,118	332	159	553	519	948	899	474	466	448	1,074	324	922
Contract Actions	58	6	1	3	1	5	5	9	4	5	10	1	8
Real Property Actions	44	4	1	1	1	1	4	9	2	2	12	4	3
Tort Actions	208	7	14	22	5	14	23	8	10	8	76	11	10
Civil Rights	695	74	22	61	63	79	78	43	49	28	99	24	75
Employment	172	23	3	7	10	30	14	5	15	3	30	6	26
Other Civil Rights	523	51	19	54	53	49	64	38	34	25	69	18	49
Prisoner Petitions	4,650	90	93	340	387	740	695	329	315	320	441	199	701
Motions to Vacate Sentence	2,812	18	69	161	193	451	410	232	188	213	271	109	497
Habeas Corpus—General	913	27	10	25	109	138	107	68	64	52	110	54	149
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Prisoner Civil Rights	599	38	5	140	51	78	156	19	2	23	37	26	24

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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	171	-	2	-	20	34	5	9	49	24	9	7	12
Other Prisoner Petitions	151	7	7	13	14	39	17	1	11	6	14	3	19
Labor Suits	20	1	1	2	1	1	4	5	-	1	4	-	-
Social Security Laws	702	-	11	58	34	57	37	53	60	50	218	46	78
Tax Suits	67	2	6	6	5	3	8	4	2	3	18	5	5
Environmental Matters	95	20	1	-	-	1	3	1	1	3	56	6	3
Freedom of Information Act	76	28	-	5	-	7	1	3	4	2	19	3	4
All Other	503	100	9	55	22	40	41	10	19	26	121	25	35
Total Private Cases	21,861	164	545	2,206	1,673	1,811	2,711	2,114	1,429	1,133	4,521	886	2,668
Federal Question	18,821	150	418	1,960	1,404	1,566	2,306	1,884	1,331	980	3,902	732	2,188
Marine Contract	51	-	2	11	-	7	20	2	-	-	2	-	7
Other Contract Actions	486	11	7	185	17	29	40	37	33	22	57	16	32
Federal Employers Liability Act	11	-	-	3	-	1	1	3	2	-	1	-	-
Marine Injury	39	-	-	3	1	-	21	-	1	1	3	1	8
Other Tort Actions	486	23	9	71	26	30	57	28	66	24	96	15	41
Antitrust	118	-	6	37	25	3	5	7	2	3	25	5	-
Civil Rights	5,044	48	195	719	493	366	463	516	390	255	736	282	581
Employment	1,260	25	28	209	103	104	115	114	121	69	123	74	175
Other Civil Rights	3,784	23	167	510	390	262	348	402	269	186	613	208	406
Prisoner Petitions	9,678	8	106	528	641	978	1,430	1,032	619	576	2,283	304	1,173
Habeas Corpus—General	5,285	1	65	235	389	415	862	583	249	277	1,377	145	687
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	178	-	-	-	13	7	39	31	3	15	21	11	38
Prisoner Civil Rights	2,704	6	38	235	145	409	455	288	16	134	710	114	154
Prison Condition	1,465	-	3	54	93	135	65	127	348	149	174	34	283
Other Prisoner Petitions	46	1	-	4	1	12	9	3	3	1	1	-	11
Labor Management Relations Act	90	2	3	7	14	4	5	23	5	3	10	2	12
Other Labor	663	5	22	80	58	34	49	72	48	30	164	27	74
Copyright, Patent, & Trademark	363	6	7	68	13	20	26	18	23	12	117	12	41
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	163	-	7	55	2	3	27	8	7	4	34	11	5
Constitutionality of State Statutes	147	4	12	6	8	13	12	7	13	10	47	7	8
All Other	1,482	43	42	187	106	78	150	131	122	40	327	50	206

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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	3,040	14	127	246	269	245	405	230	98	153	619	154	480
Insurance	592	-	12	34	52	41	60	39	32	38	133	53	98
Other Contract Actions	1,009	6	46	125	82	78	116	78	65	57	170	44	142
Real Property Actions	381	1	23	6	13	32	99	39	-	14	102	4	48
Personal Injury/Product Liability	215	-	4	6	29	16	27	12	-	9	28	6	78
Other Personal Injury	370	4	14	25	53	36	51	25	1	22	52	25	62
Personal Property Damage	237	-	7	30	19	13	28	22	-	4	67	12	35
All Other	236	3	21	20	21	29	24	15	-	9	67	10	17
General Location Jurisdiction				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Criminal Appeals	10,902	65	486	728	468	1,065	2,522	1,021	498	759	1,513	405	1,372
Violent Offenses	483	8	23	38	37	53	49	52	31	46	66	16	64
Homicide	50	-	-	2	6	4	4	3	2	9	13	5	2
Robbery	140	-	3	2	10	17	18	19	13	11	17	1	29
Assault	92	3	2	7	5	10	7	5	2	16	24	6	5
Kidnapping	28	-	6	5	-	4	3	-	3	-	1	1	5
Racketeering—Violent Crime	89	2	2	18	10	12	7	10	9	2	3	2	12
Carjacking	48	1	9	1	4	6	9	4	2	3	-	-	9
Terrorism	11	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	3	1	2
Other Violent Offenses	25	2	1	1	1	-	-	11	-	4	5	-	-
Property Offenses	1,420	12	45	167	94	141	186	146	63	67	214	42	243
Burglary	5	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Larceny & Theft, Total	129	-	6	7	4	10	23	7	3	5	23	7	34
Bank	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Postal	18	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	1	5	2	2
Theft, U.S. Property	85	-	5	5	-	5	14	5	3	1	17	3	27
Transportation of Stolen Property	23	-	1	2	4	5	1	2	-	3	1	1	3
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

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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	29	1	2	-	5	-	9	3	1	1	4	1	2
Fraud, Total	1,187	11	36	158	80	121	140	128	53	57	177	30	196
Tax	50	-	3	3	7	4	6	7	2	2	10	2	4
Financial Institutions	45	1	2	6	4	8	3	5	4	4	4	1	3
Securities and Exchange	42	-	1	17	4	2	1	-	1	-	16	-	-
Mail	65	3	2	7	3	3	4	5	6	7	18	2	5
Wire, Radio, or Television	87	1	5	7	7	7	11	6	11	6	14	5	7
Social Security	20	-	2	2	-	2	-	2	2	5	-	2	3
Citizenship and Naturalization	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	-
Passport	11	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	1	1
Identification Documents and Information	63	2	2	4	3	7	7	7	5	6	8	-	12
False Claims and Services, Government	59	1	-	8	5	3	1	8	3	7	9	5	9
False Statements	41	-	3	3	1	4	8	7	1	2	4	-	8
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	64	-	2	8	8	11	8	9	-	1	1	2	14
Unauthorized Access Devices	128	-	4	12	7	11	14	13	4	5	23	1	34
Health Care	86	1	4	5	1	7	27	8	8	-	16	1	8
Other Fraud Offenses	421	2	6	74	30	52	45	48	6	12	50	8	88
Forgery and Counterfeiting	65	-	1	1	4	8	13	7	4	3	9	4	11
Other Property Offenses	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
Drug Offenses	3,843	17	203	254	138	393	823	428	195	252	463	148	529
Marijuana, Total	382	-	11	12	2	10	183	42	7	11	61	12	31
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	338	-	8	11	2	10	170	37	4	11	47	11	27
Import/Export	19	-	-	1	-	-	10	-	-	-	7	-	1
Manufacture	22	-	3	-	-	-	3	4	3	-	7	-	2
Possession	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
All Other Drugs, Total	3,411	17	189	227	134	380	638	374	185	238	398	134	497
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	3,146	15	173	216	131	372	601	339	181	218	297	133	470
Import/Export	168	2	13	8	3	2	22	1	-	4	91	-	22
Manufacture	95	-	3	3	-	6	15	34	4	16	9	1	4
Possession	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other Drug Offenses	50	-	3	15	2	3	2	12	3	3	4	2	1
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,560	13	98	91	70	179	185	213	91	151	140	76	253
Firearms, Total	1,511	13	98	87	69	177	173	206	87	149	125	74	253
Possession by Prohibited Persons	768	3	38	25	29	55	100	134	50	102	67	47	118
Furtherance of Violent/ Drug-Trafficking Crimes	551	9	41	30	29	83	55	60	32	38	42	18	114
Other Firearms Offenses	192	1	19	32	11	39	18	12	5	9	16	9	21
Explosives	49	-	-	4	1	2	12	7	4	2	15	2	-

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Sex Offenses	786	5	49	40	45	52	140	78	44	75	109	40	109
Sexual Abuse of Adults	16	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	2	4	2	2
Sexual Abuse of Minors	278	-	19	12	18	15	45	28	24	27	50	11	29
Sexually Explicit Material	349	2	16	25	24	20	66	36	13	31	42	20	54
Other Sex Offenses	143	3	14	3	3	14	28	13	6	15	13	7	24
Justice System Offenses	169	-	7	15	14	14	23	19	10	17	30	5	15
Obstruction of Justice	95	-	2	10	9	11	14	9	5	9	15	3	8
Escape from Custody	31	-	-	2	1	3	7	3	1	6	5	-	3
Failure to Appear	11	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	1	1	2	-	2
Other Justice System Offenses	32	-	5	2	3	-	2	4	3	1	8	2	2
Immigration Offenses	1,491	-	12	16	10	26	929	25	13	13	340	36	71
Alien Smuggling	123	-	1	1	1	-	76	2	-	-	36	-	6
Improper Entry by Alien	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	3
Improper Reentry by Alien	1,322	-	9	10	7	26	846	22	13	12	288	36	53
Other Immigration Offenses	31	-	2	5	2	-	7	1	-	1	4	-	9
General Offenses	289	1	19	20	26	21	44	24	21	14	57	12	30
Money Laundering	190	-	8	13	11	15	30	18	9	11	43	9	23
RICO ¹	29	1	7	3	-	2	2	1	4	-	8	-	1
Extortion and Threats	40	-	3	2	7	3	3	3	6	-	6	3	4
Other General Offenses	30	-	1	2	8	1	9	2	2	3	-	-	2
Regulatory Offenses	135	3	8	8	5	8	21	11	7	6	30	10	18
Traffic Offenses	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified Offenses	724	6	22	79	29	176	122	25	23	118	64	20	40

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.