

Table B-1A.

U.S. Courts of Appeals—Civil and Criminal Appeals Commenced, Terminated, and Pending, by Circuit and Nature of Proceeding, in Appeals Arising From the U.S. District Courts During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2019

Nature of Suit or Offense	Pending Oct. 1, 2018 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Sept. 30, 2019
		Total	Original	Reopened ²	Total	On Procedural Grounds			On the Merits					
						Total	By Consol- idation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consol- idation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
Total	27,696	36,937	35,860	1,077	36,044	12,436	98	3,001	9,337	23,608	1,863	5,351	16,394	28,589
Total Criminal Appeals	8,876	10,001	9,871	130	9,613	2,178	3	355	1,820	7,435	702	1,532	5,201	9,264
Total Civil Appeals	18,820	26,936	25,989	947	26,431	10,258	95	2,646	7,517	16,173	1,161	3,819	11,193	19,325
U.S. Appeals	5,217	6,591	6,340	251	6,997	2,201	13	457	1,731	4,796	260	690	3,846	4,811
U.S. Plaintiff	234	197	185	12	236	82	2	13	67	154	29	75	50	195
Other Contract Actions	3	9	7	2	7	6	-	-	6	1	-	-	1	5
Condemnation of Land	3	3	3	-	5	3	-	1	2	2	-	-	2	1
Other Real Property Actions	6	4	4	-	6	3	-	-	3	3	-	2	1	4
Tort Actions	9	4	4	-	7	3	-	-	3	4	-	3	1	6
Civil Rights	16	15	15	-	17	3	-	-	3	14	1	7	6	14
Employment	7	10	10	-	6	2	-	-	2	4	1	2	1	11
Other Civil Rights	9	5	5	-	11	1	-	-	1	10	-	5	5	3
Forfeiture And Penalty	9	23	23	-	15	8	-	2	6	7	-	4	3	17
Fair Labor Standards Act	11	4	3	1	11	3	-	-	3	8	2	6	-	4
Other Labor	2	7	7	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	6
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	47	32	30	2	45	12	-	2	10	33	11	18	4	34
Tax Suits	21	23	21	2	26	11	1	3	7	15	-	5	10	18
All Other	107	73	68	5	94	27	1	5	21	67	15	30	22	86
U.S. Defendant	4,983	6,394	6,155	239	6,761	2,119	11	444	1,664	4,642	231	615	3,796	4,616
Contract Actions	28	49	49	-	44	25	-	4	21	19	3	8	8	33
Real Property Actions	28	42	42	-	36	15	-	3	12	21	1	9	11	34
Tort Actions	139	175	169	6	195	54	-	12	42	141	33	28	80	119
Civil Rights	406	623	610	13	656	232	-	63	169	424	36	82	306	373
Employment	116	131	126	5	144	32	-	12	20	112	4	24	84	103
Other Civil Rights	290	492	484	8	512	200	-	51	149	312	32	58	222	270
Prisoner Petitions	3,249	4,107	3,916	191	4,558	1,394	1	287	1,106	3,164	101	189	2,874	2,798
Motions to Vacate Sentence	2,332	2,478	2,348	130	2,984	651	-	163	488	2,333	75	132	2,126	1,826
Habeas Corpus--General	482	804	777	27	768	270	-	42	228	498	11	30	457	518
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	3	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	5
Prisoner Civil Rights	234	462	437	25	455	273	-	53	220	182	7	9	166	241
Prison Condition	72	132	128	4	145	84	-	10	74	61	1	1	59	59
Other Prisoner Petitions	126	228	223	5	205	116	1	19	96	89	7	16	66	149

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						Total	By Consol- idation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consol- idation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
Labor Suits	17	24	23	1	27	10	-	2	8	17	1	6	10	14
Social Security Laws	458	582	573	9	492	121	-	23	98	371	4	86	281	548
Tax Suits	61	83	81	2	77	25	1	6	18	52	3	23	26	67
Environmental Matters	63	94	91	3	83	39	4	7	28	44	8	25	11	74
Freedom of Information Act	77	65	64	1	68	14	-	1	13	54	4	21	29	74
All Other	457	550	537	13	525	190	5	36	149	335	37	138	160	482
Total Private Appeals	13,603	20,345	19,649	696	19,434	8,057	82	2,189	5,786	11,377	901	3,129	7,347	14,514
Federal Question	11,240	17,097	16,497	600	16,715	6,928	48	1,967	4,913	9,787	731	2,356	6,700	11,622
Marine Contract	31	45	44	1	37	14	-	1	13	23	-	16	7	39
Other Contract Actions	273	298	281	17	302	128	4	35	89	174	24	69	81	269
Federal Employers Liability Act	17	16	15	1	21	4	-	-	4	17	1	10	6	12
Marine Injury	21	47	46	1	33	12	-	2	10	21	4	11	6	35
Other Tort Actions	318	461	453	8	455	194	-	63	131	261	55	69	137	324
Antitrust	121	75	73	2	95	17	-	3	14	78	22	42	14	101
Civil Rights	3,216	5,013	4,824	189	4,459	1,846	15	522	1,309	2,613	181	960	1,472	3,770
Employment	698	1,388	1,347	41	950	358	3	88	267	592	21	225	346	1,136
Other Civil Rights	2,518	3,625	3,477	148	3,509	1,488	12	434	1,042	2,021	160	735	1,126	2,634
Prisoner Petitions	4,674	8,258	7,994	264	8,280	3,395	6	1,054	2,335	4,885	171	413	4,301	4,652
Habeas Corpus--General	2,261	3,914	3,803	111	3,974	911	2	374	535	3,063	78	189	2,796	2,201
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	257	87	80	7	131	15	2	9	4	116	9	57	50	213
Prisoner Civil Rights	1,390	2,824	2,737	87	2,732	1,586	1	421	1,164	1,146	67	113	966	1,482
Prison Condition	734	1,381	1,322	59	1,386	850	1	241	608	536	16	54	466	729
Other Prisoner Petitions	32	52	52	-	57	33	-	9	24	24	1	-	23	27
Labor Management Relations Act	43	67	66	1	53	18	-	1	17	35	5	18	12	57
Other Labor	574	586	560	26	648	291	8	35	248	357	51	181	125	512
Copyright, Patent, & Trademark	282	332	315	17	301	125	3	17	105	176	29	98	49	313
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	123	98	94	4	122	37	-	9	28	85	11	57	17	99
Constitutionality of State Statutes	103	164	159	5	108	34	1	8	25	74	5	41	28	159
All Other	1,444	1,637	1,573	64	1,801	813	11	217	585	988	172	371	445	1,280
Diversity of Citizenship	2,363	3,247	3,151	96	2,719	1,129	34	222	873	1,590	170	773	647	2,891
Insurance	440	503	480	23	513	214	6	26	182	299	35	167	97	430
Other Contract Actions	753	849	825	24	885	366	15	82	269	519	74	279	166	717

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Real Property Actions	318	364	350	14	317	148	2	25	121	169	12	47	110	365
Personal Injury/Product Liability	137	699	687	12	153	65	-	20	45	88	7	51	30	683
Other Personal Injury	288	370	355	15	370	149	4	28	117	221	15	100	106	288
Personal Property Damage	218	218	215	3	239	90	4	13	73	149	20	73	56	197
All Other	209	244	239	5	242	97	3	28	66	145	7	56	82	211
General Location Jurisdiction	0	1	1	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
All Other	0	1	1	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total Criminal Appeals	8,876	10,001	9,871	130	9,613	2,178	3	355	1,820	7,435	702	1,532	5,201	9,264
Violent Offenses	539	540	537	3	499	114	-	30	84	385	38	106	241	580
Homicide	50	51	50	1	47	8	-	3	5	39	2	10	27	54
Robbery	114	124	124	-	138	27	-	6	21	111	11	24	76	100
Assault	94	94	94	-	95	24	-	3	21	71	2	23	46	93
Kidnapping	46	28	28	-	37	9	-	4	5	28	5	9	14	37
Racketeering--Violent Crime	121	89	87	2	73	16	-	6	10	57	12	19	26	137
Carjacking	63	91	91	-	67	18	-	2	16	49	4	10	35	87
Terrorism	25	29	29	-	20	10	-	6	4	10	-	6	4	34
Other Violent Offenses	26	34	34	-	22	2	-	-	2	20	2	5	13	38
Property Offenses	1,219	1,163	1,133	30	1,207	298	1	47	250	909	124	257	528	1,175
Burglary	2	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	2
Larceny & Theft, Total	112	99	96	3	108	20	-	3	17	88	7	18	63	103
Bank	4	0	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	0
Postal	17	18	18	-	20	3	-	-	3	17	1	3	13	15
Theft, U.S. Property	75	66	65	1	67	15	-	3	12	52	2	10	40	74
Transportation of Stolen Property	11	14	12	2	13	2	-	-	2	11	3	3	5	12
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	5	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	1	2
Embezzlement	20	18	18	-	16	2	-	-	2	14	-	6	8	22
Fraud, Total	1,029	986	959	27	1,022	265	1	41	223	757	113	222	422	993
Tax	50	49	40	9	55	9	-	1	8	46	14	16	16	44
Financial Institutions	34	45	44	1	37	9	-	1	8	28	3	11	14	42
Securities and Exchange	18	36	35	1	12	2	-	-	2	10	1	5	4	42

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Mail	48	37	37	-	44	12	-	2	10	32	5	11	16	41
Wire, Radio, or Television	87	53	51	2	79	12	-	-	12	67	10	21	36	61
Social Security	10	18	18	-	14	3	-	2	1	11	-	1	10	14
Citizenship and Naturalization	8	6	5	1	7	1	-	-	1	6	2	-	4	7
Passport	14	14	14	-	16	5	-	-	5	11	-	4	7	12
Identification Documents and Information	56	48	46	2	62	17	-	3	14	45	3	14	28	42
False Claims and Services, Government	23	24	24	-	34	10	-	3	7	24	2	3	19	13
False Statements	29	41	40	1	39	12	-	-	12	27	1	6	20	31
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	40	55	54	1	59	21	1	2	18	38	2	10	26	36
Unauthorized Access Devices	88	100	100	-	104	25	-	3	22	79	9	17	53	84
Health Care	104	109	108	1	96	23	-	3	20	73	10	28	35	117
Other Fraud Offenses	420	351	343	8	364	104	-	21	83	260	51	75	134	407
Forgery and Counterfeiting	45	42	42	-	46	7	-	2	5	39	2	8	29	41
Other Property Offenses	11	15	15	-	12	4	-	1	3	8	1	2	5	14
Drug Offenses	2,799	3,494	3,450	44	3,157	752	-	106	646	2,405	223	347	1,835	3,136
Marijuana, Total	181	231	226	5	218	34	-	5	29	184	23	30	131	194
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	170	199	196	3	197	30	-	5	25	167	19	27	121	172
Import/Export	4	26	24	2	14	3	-	-	3	11	4	2	5	16
Manufacture	6	6	6	-	7	1	-	-	1	6	-	1	5	5
Possession	1	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
All Other Drugs, Total	2,574	3,212	3,173	39	2,895	709	-	99	610	2,186	199	313	1,674	2,891
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	2,434	3,093	3,055	38	2,759	688	-	99	589	2,071	191	296	1,584	2,768
Import/Export	108	80	79	1	95	14	-	-	14	81	5	11	65	93
Manufacture	30	38	38	-	39	7	-	-	7	32	3	4	25	29
Possession	2	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1
Other Drug Offenses	44	51	51	-	44	9	-	2	7	35	1	4	30	51
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,874	2,014	1,993	21	1,903	411	1	81	329	1,492	93	361	1,038	1,985
Firearms, Total	1,833	1,974	1,954	20	1,865	400	1	79	320	1,465	93	351	1,021	1,942
Possession by Prohibited Persons	949	1,050	1,041	9	1,049	195	-	30	165	854	39	209	606	950
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	596	688	682	6	551	158	-	41	117	393	33	76	284	733

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Other Firearms Offenses	288	236	231	5	265	47	1	8	38	218	21	66	131	259
Explosives	41	40	39	1	38	11	-	2	9	27	-	10	17	43
Sex Offenses	709	778	772	6	754	156	-	35	121	598	31	167	400	733
Sexual Abuse of Adults	22	33	32	1	31	9	-	1	8	22	-	9	13	24
Sexual Abuse of Minors	257	291	290	1	256	45	-	16	29	211	16	57	138	292
Sexually Explicit Material	306	310	308	2	319	60	-	7	53	259	12	73	174	297
Other Sex Offenses	124	144	142	2	148	42	-	11	31	106	3	28	75	120
Justice System Offenses	131	150	149	1	151	35	-	1	34	116	24	40	52	130
Obstruction of Justice	79	91	91	-	79	17	-	-	17	62	13	26	23	91
Escape from Custody	16	30	30	-	30	11	-	1	10	19	1	4	14	16
Failure to Appear	10	6	5	1	10	1	-	-	1	9	4	1	4	6
Other Justice System Offenses	26	23	23	-	32	6	-	-	6	26	6	9	11	17
Immigration Offenses	696	916	906	10	959	206	1	12	193	753	70	95	588	653
Alien Smuggling	101	107	105	2	126	32	-	4	28	94	9	16	69	82
Improper Entry by Alien	12	15	15	-	15	4	-	-	4	11	2	5	4	12
Improper Reentry by Alien	559	773	767	6	793	163	1	8	154	630	56	70	504	539
Other Immigration Offenses	24	21	19	2	25	7	-	-	7	18	3	4	11	20
General Offenses	291	233	231	2	265	69	-	16	53	196	30	60	106	259
Money Laundering	183	124	123	1	175	49	-	7	42	126	25	38	63	132
RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations)	41	43	42	1	25	5	-	-	5	20	4	4	12	59
Extortion and Threats	28	37	37	-	28	10	-	6	4	18	-	9	9	37
Other General Offenses	39	29	29	-	37	5	-	3	2	32	1	9	22	31
Regulatory Offenses	123	113	110	3	122	27	-	3	24	95	13	33	49	114
Traffic Offenses	2	5	5	-	4	2	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	3
Unclassified Offenses	493	595	585	10	592	108	-	24	84	484	56	65	363	496

NOTE: This table includes Appeals reopened and remanded as well as Original Appeals. This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Beginning in 2005, Categories for Criminal Offenses were modified. Therefore, offense data for 2005 and thereafter are not comparable to offense data published in previous years.

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² Beginning in 2007, the category entitled "Reopened," which includes all reopened Appeals, has replaced the category entitled "Reinstated." Therefore, data on reopened cases for 2007 and thereafter are not comparable to data published previously on reinstated cases.