

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 March 31, 2017

Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Pending Apr. 1, 2016 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Mar. 31, 2017
		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	40,904	58,951	57,310	1,641	59,040	18,089	118	4,806	13,165	40,951	3,241	6,361	31,349	40,815
Criminal	10,027	10,355	10,175	180	11,088	2,757	2	671	2,084	8,331	765	1,498	6,068	9,294
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	2,182	4,809	4,666	143	4,023	1,389	2	340	1,047	2,634	47	112	2,475	2,968
Other U.S. Civil	2,339	2,414	2,329	85	2,636	885	11	217	657	1,751	146	589	1,016	2,117
Private Prisoner Petitions	5,503	9,216	8,957	259	9,228	3,505	6	1,127	2,372	5,723	121	445	5,157	5,491
Other Private Civil	10,409	11,632	11,235	397	12,488	4,705	76	1,128	3,501	7,783	1,470	2,989	3,324	9,553
Bankruptcy	761	671	650	21	774	290	3	74	213	484	65	165	254	658
Administrative Agency Appeals	8,098	6,463	5,998	465	6,388	3,275	18	852	2,405	3,113	339	544	2,230	8,173
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	1,585	13,391	13,300	91	12,415	1,283	-	397	886	11,132	288	19	10,825	2,561
DC	1,452	1,184	1,155	29	1,190	421	13	102	306	769	220	259	290	1,446
Criminal	116	56	56	-	74	25	-	2	23	49	17	30	2	98
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	75	95	94	1	94	58	1	23	34	36	3	7	26	76
Other U.S. Civil	207	257	255	2	240	67	2	21	44	173	17	74	82	224
Private Prisoner Petitions	13	10	10	-	14	6	-	1	5	8	-	-	8	9
Other Private Civil	144	148	147	1	158	49	-	18	31	109	22	53	34	134
Bankruptcy	6	1	1	-	6	1	-	-	1	5	2	1	2	1
Administrative Agency Appeals	851	476	454	22	449	172	10	30	132	277	158	92	27	878
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	40	141	138	3	155	43	-	7	36	112	1	2	109	26
1st	1,356	1,538	1,535	3	1,488	494	4	125	365	994	54	264	676	1,406
Criminal	651	458	457	1	499	165	-	29	136	334	20	82	232	610
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	70	116	116	-	73	26	-	6	20	47	3	3	41	113
Other U.S. Civil	51	74	74	-	69	20	2	5	13	49	2	24	23	56
Private Prisoner Petitions	78	88	88	-	89	29	-	6	23	60	5	8	47	77
Other Private Civil	312	364	363	1	389	175	2	42	131	214	18	122	74	287
Bankruptcy	25	31	30	1	28	12	-	4	8	16	1	8	7	28
Administrative Agency Appeals	114	81	81	-	125	52	-	29	23	73	5	14	54	70
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	55	326	326	-	216	15	-	4	11	201	-	3	198	165

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						Total	By Consoli- dation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consoli- dation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
2nd	3,184	4,450	4,214	236	4,382	1,564	14	380	1,170	2,818	321	749	1,748	3,252
Criminal	793	620	610	10	674	134	1	24	109	540	67	186	287	739
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	113	187	176	11	169	52	-	8	44	117	1	8	108	131
Other U.S. Civil	154	241	222	19	252	100	1	15	84	152	18	57	77	143
Private Prisoner Petitions	208	488	456	32	489	193	-	41	152	296	1	31	264	207
Other Private Civil	1,055	1,384	1,282	102	1,521	617	12	89	516	904	199	415	290	918
Bankruptcy	47	74	74	-	63	20	-	2	18	43	8	15	20	58
Administrative Agency Appeals	733	807	747	60	759	390	-	198	192	369	17	34	318	781
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	81	649	647	2	455	58	-	3	55	397	10	3	384	275
3rd	2,566	3,477	3,423	54	3,745	985	7	303	675	2,760	593	231	1,936	2,298
Criminal	396	391	388	3	435	99	-	33	66	336	12	41	283	352
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	163	290	278	12	319	88	1	24	63	231	1	6	224	134
Other U.S. Civil	100	128	122	6	130	45	1	18	26	85	4	17	64	98
Private Prisoner Petitions	350	612	606	6	676	180	-	66	114	496	3	22	471	286
Other Private Civil	1,217	839	821	18	1,376	363	5	93	265	1,013	559	118	336	680
Bankruptcy	67	47	47	-	64	22	-	8	14	42	6	5	31	50
Administrative Agency Appeals	172	256	252	4	253	120	-	57	63	133	8	22	103	175
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	101	914	909	5	492	68	-	4	64	424	-	-	424	523
4th	2,550	6,136	6,106	30	6,185	1,053	10	301	742	5,132	202	337	4,593	2,501
Criminal	794	1,133	1,127	6	1,098	174	1	38	135	924	50	82	792	829
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	306	723	719	4	605	135	-	30	105	470	5	8	457	424
Other U.S. Civil	143	208	205	3	249	54	1	19	34	195	37	27	131	102
Private Prisoner Petitions	364	781	774	7	825	283	-	86	197	542	6	26	510	320
Other Private Civil	539	871	865	6	839	244	7	77	160	595	60	145	390	571
Bankruptcy	45	48	48	-	64	23	1	7	15	41	5	12	24	29
Administrative Agency Appeals	151	242	240	2	232	81	-	38	43	151	9	32	110	161
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	208	2,130	2,128	2	2,273	59	-	6	53	2,214	30	5	2,179	65

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						Total	By Consoli- dation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consoli- dation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
5th	4,995	8,270	7,893	377	8,235	2,792	15	736	2,041	5,443	713	758	3,972	5,030
Criminal	2,235	2,456	2,363	93	2,753	654	-	173	481	2,099	269	231	1,599	1,938
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	347	583	533	50	487	255	-	55	200	232	25	9	198	443
Other U.S. Civil	117	197	188	9	199	93	-	26	67	106	14	51	41	115
Private Prisoner Petitions	900	1,462	1,384	78	1,272	678	1	198	479	594	87	30	477	1,090
Other Private Civil	830	1,424	1,354	70	1,384	566	8	161	397	818	223	364	231	870
Bankruptcy	46	61	58	3	68	22	-	5	17	46	11	24	11	39
Administrative Agency Appeals	364	410	394	16	405	189	6	96	87	216	33	48	135	369
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	156	1,677	1,619	58	1,667	335	-	22	313	1,332	51	1	1,280	166
6th	3,228	5,164	5,117	47	5,195	1,385	14	425	946	3,810	207	454	3,149	3,197
Criminal	865	936	931	5	1,061	239	-	73	166	822	97	81	644	740
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	190	483	480	3	343	112	-	52	60	231	-	10	221	330
Other U.S. Civil	128	166	162	4	161	50	-	15	35	111	5	24	82	133
Private Prisoner Petitions	614	1,026	1,011	15	961	349	2	146	201	612	4	60	548	679
Other Private Civil	790	1,002	991	11	1,088	391	10	96	285	697	63	250	384	704
Bankruptcy	30	41	41	-	46	10	-	3	7	36	6	8	22	25
Administrative Agency Appeals	226	270	265	5	260	79	2	24	53	181	15	21	145	236
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	385	1,240	1,236	4	1,275	155	-	16	139	1,120	17	-	1,103	350
7th	1,792	3,332	3,290	42	3,452	1,129	5	231	893	2,323	124	666	1,533	1,672
Criminal	417	477	473	4	551	182	-	45	137	369	39	196	134	343
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	169	324	312	12	340	132	-	18	114	208	5	19	184	153
Other U.S. Civil	115	148	146	2	168	53	-	15	38	115	5	52	58	95
Private Prisoner Petitions	346	667	649	18	654	363	-	55	308	291	6	58	227	359
Other Private Civil	568	777	773	4	754	314	4	65	245	440	47	279	114	591
Bankruptcy	40	35	35	-	36	13	1	1	11	23	3	11	9	39
Administrative Agency Appeals	102	116	115	1	137	46	-	16	30	91	18	51	22	81
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	35	788	787	1	812	26	-	16	10	786	1	-	785	11

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8th	1,685	3,571	3,543	28	3,154	530	1	190	339	2,624	123	386	2,115	2,102
Criminal	566	815	804	11	781	121	-	29	92	660	37	119	504	600
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	109	362	362	-	312	49	-	21	28	263	1	5	257	159
Other U.S. Civil	74	120	120	-	114	30	-	14	16	84	3	24	57	80
Private Prisoner Petitions	201	542	538	4	513	149	-	72	77	364	3	17	344	230
Other Private Civil	474	545	538	7	529	113	1	42	70	416	55	195	166	490
Bankruptcy	18	18	18	-	16	3	-	1	2	13	4	7	2	20
Administrative Agency Appeals	119	193	189	4	135	45	-	2	43	90	15	19	56	177
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	124	976	974	2	754	20	-	9	11	734	5	-	729	346
9th	13,316	11,504	11,002	502	12,032	4,467	20	962	3,485	7,565	318	1,541	5,706	12,788
Criminal	1,691	1,350	1,322	28	1,483	407	-	71	336	1,076	92	288	696	1,558
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	255	522	515	7	408	122	-	36	86	286	2	23	261	369
Other U.S. Civil	944	514	498	16	657	216	4	41	171	441	30	180	231	801
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,694	2,064	2,025	39	2,310	651	2	296	353	1,659	4	150	1,505	1,448
Other Private Civil	3,073	2,306	2,228	78	2,477	984	13	203	768	1,493	104	658	731	2,902
Bankruptcy	351	226	212	14	262	102	1	19	82	160	15	59	86	315
Administrative Agency Appeals	5,030	3,236	2,919	317	3,294	1,928	-	289	1,639	1,366	53	178	1,135	4,972
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	278	1,286	1,283	3	1,141	57	-	7	50	1,084	18	5	1,061	423
10th	1,237	2,275	2,257	18	2,296	689	11	206	472	1,607	22	356	1,229	1,216
Criminal	318	397	391	6	436	124	-	34	90	312	8	96	208	279
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	76	283	282	1	238	88	-	26	62	150	1	3	146	121
Other U.S. Civil	137	122	118	4	141	39	-	15	24	102	1	34	67	118
Private Prisoner Petitions	126	303	302	1	300	119	1	45	73	181	-	9	172	129
Other Private Civil	459	563	559	4	636	232	10	46	176	404	12	195	197	386
Bankruptcy	32	17	17	-	34	15	-	1	14	19	-	2	17	15
Administrative Agency Appeals	68	69	67	2	76	27	-	12	15	49	-	17	32	61
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	21	521	521	-	435	45	-	27	18	390	-	-	390	107

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11th	3,543	8,050	7,775	275	7,686	2,580	4	845	1,731	5,106	344	360	4,402	3,907
Criminal	1,185	1,266	1,253	13	1,243	433	-	120	313	810	57	66	687	1,208
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	309	841	799	42	635	272	-	41	231	363	-	11	352	515
Other U.S. Civil	169	239	219	20	256	118	-	13	105	138	10	25	103	152
Private Prisoner Petitions	609	1,173	1,114	59	1,125	505	-	115	390	620	2	34	584	657
Other Private Civil	948	1,409	1,314	95	1,337	657	4	196	457	680	108	195	377	1,020
Bankruptcy	54	72	69	3	87	47	-	23	24	40	4	13	23	39
Administrative Agency Appeals	168	307	275	32	263	146	-	61	85	117	8	16	93	212
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	101	2,743	2,732	11	2,740	402	-	276	126	2,338	155	-	2,183	104

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.

Totals for cases terminated on the merits in the Third Circuit and in the nation have been revised following resolution of a technical issue affecting the data.

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