

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 September 30, 2020

Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Pending Oct. 1, 2019 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Sept. 30, 2020
		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	38,841	48,190	46,840	1,350	48,300	15,504	93	4,211	11,200	32,796	2,725	5,817	24,254	38,731
Criminal	9,255	9,668	9,558	110	9,952	2,075	-	344	1,731	7,877	669	1,406	5,802	8,971
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	2,811	4,014	3,893	121	4,094	1,344	1	325	1,018	2,750	98	160	2,492	2,731
Other U.S. Civil	2,010	2,642	2,552	90	2,479	807	5	172	630	1,672	143	549	980	2,173
Private Prisoner Petitions	4,650	7,724	7,516	208	7,634	2,885	1	952	1,932	4,749	136	385	4,228	4,740
Other Private Civil	9,867	11,146	10,749	397	12,160	4,970	67	1,585	3,318	7,190	1,276	2,571	3,343	8,853
Bankruptcy	552	621	561	60	678	251	5	48	198	427	63	165	199	495
Administrative Agency Appeals	8,282	7,105	6,805	300	5,958	2,382	14	647	1,721	3,576	289	554	2,733	9,429
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	1,414	5,270	5,206	64	5,345	790	-	138	652	4,555	51	27	4,477	1,339
DC	1,100	1,118	1,105	13	972	363	4	88	271	609	143	212	254	1,246
Criminal	78	67	67	-	71	24	-	1	23	47	9	20	18	74
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	78	97	96	1	109	66	-	22	44	43	1	9	33	66
Other U.S. Civil	213	278	275	3	253	78	-	19	59	175	21	73	81	238
Private Prisoner Petitions	3	14	13	1	8	7	-	2	5	1	-	-	1	9
Other Private Civil	119	135	134	1	146	43	-	11	32	103	12	36	55	108
Bankruptcy	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Administrative Agency Appeals	569	456	451	5	303	112	4	25	83	191	99	68	24	722
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	39	70	68	2	81	32	-	7	25	49	1	6	42	28
1st	1,395	1,284	1,270	14	1,236	298	1	7	290	938	51	210	677	1,443
Criminal	516	374	373	1	357	89	-	-	89	268	27	76	165	533
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	142	88	87	1	132	15	-	-	15	117	-	2	115	98
Other U.S. Civil	65	86	82	4	66	22	-	1	21	44	1	13	30	85
Private Prisoner Petitions	76	82	82	-	79	12	-	-	12	67	-	5	62	79
Other Private Civil	395	376	372	4	352	116	1	2	113	236	14	88	134	419
Bankruptcy	38	45	44	1	38	11	-	1	10	27	3	12	12	45
Administrative Agency Appeals	93	122	119	3	83	26	-	1	25	57	6	13	38	132
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	70	111	111	-	129	7	-	2	5	122	-	1	121	52

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2nd	4,096	4,698	4,510	188	4,496	1,829	11	788	1,030	2,667	215	866	1,586	4,298
Criminal	894	588	581	7	695	114	-	8	106	581	70	263	248	787
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	153	276	266	10	230	70	1	14	55	160	12	13	135	199
Other U.S. Civil	190	209	191	18	243	92	-	16	76	151	10	61	80	156
Private Prisoner Petitions	274	369	352	17	387	167	-	42	125	220	2	40	178	256
Other Private Civil	1,312	2,089	2,012	77	1,798	1,087	6	629	452	711	66	388	257	1,603
Bankruptcy	54	46	36	10	60	21	-	4	17	39	5	24	10	40
Administrative Agency Appeals	962	802	755	47	675	240	4	73	163	435	24	73	338	1,089
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	257	319	317	2	408	38	-	2	36	370	26	4	340	168
3rd	2,805	2,877	2,828	49	3,574	941	1	260	680	2,633	637	228	1,768	2,108
Criminal	488	435	430	5	455	106	-	35	71	349	28	33	288	468
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	210	305	298	7	320	104	-	21	83	216	-	12	204	195
Other U.S. Civil	114	111	109	2	151	55	-	9	46	96	11	15	70	74
Private Prisoner Petitions	378	525	517	8	556	134	-	48	86	422	5	21	396	347
Other Private Civil	1,217	702	692	10	1,345	306	1	94	211	1,039	563	106	370	574
Bankruptcy	39	50	45	5	49	11	-	2	9	38	8	13	17	40
Administrative Agency Appeals	285	393	385	8	366	141	-	49	92	225	18	28	179	312
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	74	356	352	4	332	84	-	2	82	248	4	-	244	98
4th	2,729	4,680	4,640	40	4,200	1,271	2	254	1,015	2,929	161	225	2,543	3,209
Criminal	1,088	1,289	1,283	6	1,139	212	-	33	179	927	70	84	773	1,238
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	406	751	743	8	713	247	-	35	212	466	16	12	438	444
Other U.S. Civil	117	221	218	3	179	49	-	19	30	130	13	19	98	159
Private Prisoner Petitions	345	709	698	11	701	353	-	67	286	348	12	16	320	353
Other Private Civil	512	752	749	3	682	238	2	77	159	444	32	79	333	582
Bankruptcy	45	62	61	1	70	43	-	6	37	27	3	-	24	37
Administrative Agency Appeals	131	250	247	3	186	58	-	16	42	128	10	10	108	195
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	85	646	641	5	530	71	-	1	70	459	5	5	449	201

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5th	4,632	6,401	6,108	293	6,154	1,875	13	505	1,357	4,279	569	848	2,862	4,879
Criminal	1,661	1,913	1,880	33	1,962	247	-	25	222	1,715	196	207	1,312	1,612
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	394	453	415	38	424	145	-	44	101	279	29	26	224	423
Other U.S. Civil	131	192	172	20	195	85	1	15	69	110	24	52	34	128
Private Prisoner Petitions	755	1,090	1,031	59	930	408	-	136	272	522	69	45	408	915
Other Private Civil	1,031	1,209	1,134	75	1,377	530	10	134	386	847	218	415	214	863
Bankruptcy	69	66	56	10	85	19	1	5	13	66	8	37	21	50
Administrative Agency Appeals	439	765	745	20	517	290	1	132	157	227	17	65	145	687
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	152	713	675	38	664	151	-	14	137	513	8	1	504	201
6th	2,756	4,306	4,248	58	4,347	1,160	5	368	787	3,187	187	406	2,594	2,715
Criminal	813	1,012	1,003	9	1,031	231	-	47	184	800	45	80	675	794
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	257	361	356	5	443	127	-	52	75	316	10	13	293	175
Other U.S. Civil	102	236	231	5	158	47	-	16	31	111	10	24	77	180
Private Prisoner Petitions	440	789	780	9	829	245	-	102	143	584	9	51	524	400
Other Private Civil	678	835	822	13	927	330	5	89	236	597	88	215	294	586
Bankruptcy	25	51	51	-	30	8	-	5	3	22	8	8	6	46
Administrative Agency Appeals	167	303	291	12	213	52	-	26	26	161	13	15	133	257
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	274	719	714	5	716	120	-	31	89	596	4	-	592	277
7th	1,712	2,609	2,577	32	2,525	1,047	6	183	858	1,478	118	506	854	1,796
Criminal	369	554	553	1	498	195	-	35	160	303	40	136	127	425
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	277	238	228	10	213	96	-	18	78	117	8	14	95	302
Other U.S. Civil	97	185	183	2	178	70	-	13	57	108	10	59	39	104
Private Prisoner Petitions	355	611	596	15	553	319	-	35	284	234	6	49	179	413
Other Private Civil	506	623	621	2	691	305	6	57	242	386	46	216	124	438
Bankruptcy	28	12	12	-	30	15	-	-	15	15	2	5	8	10
Administrative Agency Appeals	60	121	119	2	84	31	-	15	16	53	5	26	22	97
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	20	265	265	-	278	16	-	10	6	262	1	1	260	7

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8th	1,768	2,766	2,745	21	2,998	594	2	239	353	2,404	123	370	1,911	1,536
Criminal	647	871	867	4	964	147	-	54	93	817	35	113	669	554
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	125	268	265	3	309	59	-	30	29	250	11	10	229	84
Other U.S. Civil	87	143	143	-	129	21	-	6	15	108	3	23	82	101
Private Prisoner Petitions	214	487	483	4	536	165	-	92	73	371	15	16	340	165
Other Private Civil	461	519	510	9	541	143	2	48	93	398	41	176	181	439
Bankruptcy	16	16	16	-	19	4	-	2	2	15	4	7	4	13
Administrative Agency Appeals	138	126	125	1	135	44	-	3	41	91	14	25	52	129
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	80	336	336	-	365	11	-	4	7	354	-	-	354	51
9th	11,268	10,400	10,040	360	10,504	3,471	29	898	2,544	7,033	353	1,269	5,411	11,164
Criminal	1,236	1,041	1,026	15	1,208	306	-	20	286	902	74	217	611	1,069
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	399	454	451	3	445	115	-	37	78	330	8	27	295	408
Other U.S. Civil	667	652	634	18	615	179	4	42	133	436	33	151	252	704
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,226	1,904	1,868	36	1,842	561	1	299	261	1,281	6	94	1,181	1,288
Other Private Civil	2,334	2,160	2,061	99	2,522	1,021	21	222	778	1,501	131	534	836	1,972
Bankruptcy	173	160	136	24	197	69	2	12	55	128	21	36	71	136
Administrative Agency Appeals	5,087	3,210	3,047	163	2,888	1,158	1	264	893	1,730	80	201	1,449	5,409
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	146	819	817	2	787	62	-	2	60	725	-	9	716	178
10th	1,252	1,737	1,720	17	1,794	541	3	136	402	1,253	19	316	918	1,195
Criminal	289	382	380	2	337	93	-	29	64	244	2	88	154	334
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	93	161	160	1	184	55	-	14	41	129	-	12	117	70
Other U.S. Civil	97	101	100	1	110	26	-	4	22	84	3	38	43	88
Private Prisoner Petitions	142	273	269	4	277	97	-	25	72	180	-	13	167	138
Other Private Civil	398	495	488	7	487	198	3	44	151	289	12	140	137	406
Bankruptcy	18	25	25	-	22	4	-	-	4	18	1	10	7	21
Administrative Agency Appeals	97	155	154	1	125	46	-	12	34	79	-	15	64	127
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	118	145	144	1	252	22	-	8	14	230	1	-	229	11

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11th	3,328	5,314	5,049	265	5,500	2,114	16	485	1,613	3,386	149	361	2,876	3,142
Criminal	1,176	1,142	1,115	27	1,235	311	-	57	254	924	73	89	762	1,083
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	277	562	528	34	572	245	-	38	207	327	3	10	314	267
Other U.S. Civil	130	228	214	14	202	83	-	12	71	119	4	21	94	156
Private Prisoner Petitions	442	871	827	44	936	417	-	104	313	519	12	35	472	377
Other Private Civil	904	1,251	1,154	97	1,292	653	10	178	465	639	53	178	408	863
Bankruptcy	46	87	78	9	77	45	2	10	33	32	-	13	19	56
Administrative Agency Appeals	254	402	367	35	383	184	4	31	149	199	3	15	181	273
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	99	771	766	5	803	176	-	55	121	627	1	-	626	67

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.

¹ Revised.