

Table B-5.

U.S. Courts of Appeals—Decisions in Cases Terminated on the Merits, by Circuit and Nature of Proceeding, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2015

Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Total Cases Terminated	Terminated on the Merits									
		By Consolidation	Percent of Total Terminated	Total	Affirmed/Enforced ¹	Dismissed	Reversed	Remanded	Other	Certificate of Appealability	Percent Reversed ²
Total	52,881	2,554	59.5	31,481	20,267	2,752	2,677	511	55	5,219	8.6
Criminal	11,532	871	67.8	7,823	5,723	1,408	536	148	8	-	6.9
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	4,281	61	67.7	2,898	816	98	121	22	5	1,836	4.2
Other U.S. Civil	2,619	116	58.8	1,540	1,134	130	231	40	5	-	15.0
Private Prisoner Petitions	9,605	180	60.5	5,812	1,791	318	281	35	4	3,383	4.8
Other Private Civil	11,686	699	51.7	6,039	4,697	397	855	78	12	-	14.2
Bankruptcy	828	71	54.5	451	295	41	110	2	3	-	24.4
Administrative Agency Appeals	7,399	418	39.1	2,891	2,252	209	226	186	18	-	7.8
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	4,931	138	81.7	4,027	3,559	151	317	-	-	-	-
DC	1,197	321	45.4	543	422	35	72	10	2	2	14.0
Criminal	93	20	50.5	47	34	3	7	3	-	-	14.9
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	79	1	49.4	39	29	3	4	-	1	2	10.3
Other U.S. Civil	260	18	65.0	169	136	5	22	5	1	-	13.0
Private Prisoner Petitions	8	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Private Civil	173	19	54.9	95	75	1	19	-	-	-	20.0
Bankruptcy	8	-	-	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Agency Appeals	484	260	24.6	119	85	17	15	2	-	-	12.6
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	92	3	70.7	65	55	5	5	-	-	-	-
1st	1,595	82	56.4	899	701	19	99	10	2	68	10.8
Criminal	569	48	61.9	352	302	9	36	5	-	-	10.2
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	114	1	65.8	75	25	-	3	-	-	47	4.0
Other U.S. Civil	75	1	57.3	43	37	1	5	-	-	-	11.6
Private Prisoner Petitions	101	1	49.5	50	26	1	2	-	-	21	4.0
Other Private Civil	440	20	45.2	199	167	5	25	2	-	-	12.6
Bankruptcy	30	3	50.0	15	13	1	1	-	-	-	6.7
Administrative Agency Appeals	172	7	52.9	91	68	1	17	3	2	-	18.7
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	94	1	78.7	74	63	1	10	-	-	-	-

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2nd	4,539	226	55.6	2,523	1,465	615	180	39	1	223	7.4
Criminal	681	78	65.5	446	288	115	24	19	-	-	5.4
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	224	7	64.7	145	15	31	5	1	-	93	3.4
Other U.S. Civil	248	16	61.3	152	60	69	20	2	1	-	13.2
Private Prisoner Petitions	546	6	59.2	323	63	108	19	3	-	130	5.9
Other Private Civil	1,506	82	53.6	807	498	216	85	8	-	-	10.5
Bankruptcy	74	11	59.5	44	29	11	4	-	-	-	9.1
Administrative Agency Appeals	935	21	41.4	387	306	61	14	6	-	-	3.6
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	325	5	67.4	219	206	4	9	-	-	-	-
3rd	3,380	67	65.4	2,209	1,449	60	149	41	2	508	6.7
Criminal	470	21	68.9	324	299	4	14	7	-	-	4.3
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	424	1	77.8	330	119	4	17	1	-	189	5.2
Other U.S. Civil	138	-	67.4	93	75	4	13	1	-	-	14.0
Private Prisoner Petitions	653	4	68.9	450	117	5	9	-	-	319	2.0
Other Private Civil	976	34	50.9	497	425	13	55	4	-	-	11.1
Bankruptcy	60	1	56.7	34	26	2	6	-	-	-	17.6
Administrative Agency Appeals	287	6	60.3	173	126	3	14	28	2	-	8.1
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	372	-	82.8	308	262	25	21	-	-	-	-
4th	4,541	227	70.8	3,214	2,188	183	159	42	3	639	5.3
Criminal	1,145	80	76.6	877	718	91	59	9	-	-	6.7
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	737	6	78.4	578	202	12	17	3	-	344	2.9
Other U.S. Civil	206	12	68.4	141	118	12	11	-	-	-	7.8
Private Prisoner Petitions	924	17	64.2	593	258	22	17	1	-	295	2.9
Other Private Civil	797	72	58.0	462	398	25	35	4	-	-	7.6
Bankruptcy	45	6	60.0	27	23	2	2	-	-	-	7.4
Administrative Agency Appeals	267	12	66.3	177	128	10	11	25	3	-	6.2
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	420	22	85.5	359	343	9	7	-	-	-	-

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5th	7,398	639	55.3	4,092	2,339	903	241	72	-	537	5.6
Criminal	2,721	254	66.7	1,814	956	775	49	34	-	-	2.7
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	544	26	41.5	226	50	20	9	3	-	144	4.0
Other U.S. Civil	215	23	44.2	95	71	6	18	-	-	-	18.9
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,396	102	44.3	619	133	61	26	6	-	393	4.2
Other Private Civil	1,278	132	48.8	624	496	27	93	8	-	-	14.9
Bankruptcy	68	6	61.8	42	35	5	2	-	-	-	4.8
Administrative Agency Appeals	398	13	39.7	158	128	4	5	21	-	-	3.2
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	778	83	66.1	514	470	5	39	-	-	-	-
6th	4,497	157	66.3	2,983	1,986	133	256	34	-	574	9.6
Criminal	1,010	57	70.3	710	582	67	54	7	-	-	7.6
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	349	3	74.8	261	75	1	12	-	-	173	4.6
Other U.S. Civil	183	10	62.8	115	85	4	22	4	-	-	19.1
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,063	15	65.2	693	236	8	46	2	-	401	6.6
Other Private Civil	1,089	57	57.5	626	504	8	106	8	-	-	16.9
Bankruptcy	29	-	44.8	13	10	-	3	-	-	-	23.1
Administrative Agency Appeals	279	8	62.0	173	144	10	6	13	-	-	3.5
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	495	7	79.2	392	350	35	7	-	-	-	-
7th	2,906	129	55.4	1,610	970	81	312	46	24	177	18.3
Criminal	526	33	64.1	337	201	41	89	2	4	-	26.4
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	250	6	54.0	135	49	1	10	1	1	73	7.4
Other U.S. Civil	164	7	54.9	90	47	3	22	15	3	-	24.4
Private Prisoner Petitions	602	5	41.2	248	95	7	33	7	2	104	13.3
Other Private Civil	823	57	46.1	379	295	8	67	2	7	-	17.7
Bankruptcy	52	4	61.5	32	20	2	7	1	2	-	21.9
Administrative Agency Appeals	153	14	51.6	79	44	2	10	18	5	-	12.7
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	336	3	92.3	310	219	17	74	-	-	-	-

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8th	2,845	108	76.1	2,164	1,590	72	144	24	2	332	6.1
Criminal	772	43	80.8	624	559	41	18	6	-	-	2.9
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	286	1	79.4	227	87	1	7	4	-	128	3.1
Other U.S. Civil	137	3	73.0	100	86	-	14	-	-	-	14.0
Private Prisoner Petitions	612	7	69.3	424	199	2	15	4	-	204	3.5
Other Private Civil	546	38	69.4	379	303	13	56	7	-	-	14.8
Bankruptcy	32	6	65.6	21	18	2	1	-	-	-	4.8
Administrative Agency Appeals	122	6	54.9	67	52	8	2	3	2	-	3.0
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	338	4	95.3	322	286	5	31	-	-	-	-
9th	12,029	354	54.0	6,491	4,134	332	732	86	4	1,203	11.3
Criminal	1,629	132	65.4	1,065	774	143	130	17	1	-	12.2
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	416	3	75.5	314	49	6	23	2	-	234	7.3
Other U.S. Civil	619	18	53.5	331	245	13	69	4	-	-	20.8
Private Prisoner Petitions	2,252	16	68.8	1,550	474	19	81	7	-	969	5.2
Other Private Civil	2,113	106	48.4	1,022	762	40	212	7	1	-	20.7
Bankruptcy	223	15	42.6	95	74	12	9	-	-	-	9.5
Administrative Agency Appeals	3,866	63	32.7	1,265	1,020	81	113	49	2	-	8.9
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	911	1	93.2	849	736	18	95	-	-	-	-
10th	1,888	35	66.4	1,254	816	110	62	86	3	177	4.7
Criminal	456	5	71.5	326	216	60	14	35	1	-	4.3
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	178	-	78.1	139	34	5	4	4	1	91	2.9
Other U.S. Civil	118	3	72.0	85	70	3	4	8	-	-	4.7
Private Prisoner Petitions	299	1	59.2	177	72	9	5	5	-	86	2.8
Other Private Civil	548	21	57.3	314	254	18	20	22	-	-	6.4
Bankruptcy	23	-	65.2	15	11	2	2	-	-	-	13.3
Administrative Agency Appeals	134	5	61.2	82	55	10	4	12	1	-	4.9
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	132	-	87.9	116	104	3	9	-	-	-	-

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11th	6,066	209	57.7	3,499	2,207	209	271	21	12	779	8.7
Criminal	1,460	100	61.7	901	794	59	42	4	2	-	4.7
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	680	6	63.1	429	82	14	10	3	2	318	2.3
Other U.S. Civil	256	5	49.2	126	104	10	11	1	-	-	8.7
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,149	6	59.4	682	115	76	28	-	2	461	4.1
Other Private Civil	1,397	61	45.5	635	520	23	82	6	4	-	12.9
Bankruptcy	184	19	58.2	107	31	1	73	1	1	-	68.2
Administrative Agency Appeals	302	3	39.7	120	96	2	15	6	1	-	12.5
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	638	9	78.2	499	465	24	10	-	-	-	-

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 Affirmed includes appeals affirmed in part and reversed in part.

² Percent not shown where the total number of appeals terminated on the merits is less than 10. Percent reversed not computed for original proceedings and miscellaneous applications because of their difference from appeals, nor are original proceedings and miscellaneous applications included in the percentage of total appeals reversed.