

Table 2.15
U.S. District Courts. Copyright, Patent and Trademark Cases Filed

Fiscal Year	Grand Total	U.S. Cases			Private Cases			
		Total	Patent	Trademark	Total	Copyright	Patent	Trademark
1988	6,034	50	35	15	5,984	2,265	1,189	2,530
1989	5,865	31	22	9	5,834	2,251	1,140	2,443
1990	5,729	37	24	13	5,692	2,075	1,212	2,405
1991	5,186	31	16	15	5,155	1,795	1,155	2,205
1992	5,830	37	24	13	5,793	2,080	1,450	2,263
1993	6,560	38	25	13	6,522	2,588	1,528	2,406
1994	6,902	30	14	16	6,872	2,828	1,603	2,441
1995	6,866	27	17	10	6,839	2,417	1,706	2,716
1996	7,028	36	28	8	6,992	2,263	1,812	2,917
1997	7,559	23	14	9	7,536	2,258	2,098	3,180
1998	7,748	41	31	10	7,707	2,082	2,187	3,438
1999	8,242	41	32	9	8,201	2,093	2,286	3,822
2000	8,738	41	24	17	8,697	2,050	2,460	4,187
2001	8,314	32	24	8	8,282	2,446	2,496	3,340
2002	8,254	32	20	12	8,222	2,084	2,680	3,458
2003	8,934	41	26	15	8,893	2,448	2,788	3,657

NOTE: These filings increased steadily from 1991 through 2000, due to a rapid growth in advanced technology and an increase in the number of companies and individuals who view their intellectual property (patents, trademarks and copyrights) as assets to be protected. Filings decreased between 2000 and 2002, primarily because of a significant decline in trademark filings, but increased in 2003.

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