

Table B-7.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Civil and Criminal Cases Commenced, by Circuit and Nature of Suit or Offense,
During the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2015

Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Total	40,877	574	1,158	3,676	3,180	3,769	6,359	3,673	2,473	2,343	7,134	1,654	4,884
Total Criminal Cases	10,654	68	464	782	460	1,079	2,447	961	522	703	1,476	392	1,300
Total Civil Cases	30,223	506	694	2,894	2,720	2,690	3,912	2,712	1,951	1,640	5,658	1,262	3,584
U.S. Cases	7,636	327	180	620	557	922	999	546	501	489	1,169	340	986
U.S. Plaintiff	334	6	13	32	20	18	37	43	22	13	79	17	34
Negotiable Instruments	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Contract Actions	14	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	3
Condemnation of Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Real Property Actions	8	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
Tort Actions	16	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	1	3	1	6
Civil Rights	30	2	-	4	1	1	6	5	3	-	5	-	3
Employment	16	1	-	3	1	-	3	1	3	-	1	-	3
Other Civil Rights	14	1	-	1	-	1	3	4	-	-	4	-	-
Forfeiture And Penalty	33	-	2	2	1	2	3	6	-	-	12	1	4
Fair Labor Standards Act	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Other Labor	19	-	-	5	3	-	3	5	-	1	2	-	-
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	53	1	2	7	2	1	4	7	4	3	12	3	7
Tax Suits	50	-	4	1	4	5	5	9	1	-	12	3	6
All Other	108	2	3	9	7	8	14	8	8	6	32	7	4
U.S. Defendant	7,302	321	167	588	537	904	962	503	479	476	1,090	323	952
Contract Actions	66	8	1	5	3	3	5	10	3	5	13	1	9
Real Property Actions	39	2	-	3	1	1	3	6	2	3	12	2	4
Tort Actions	181	11	12	18	5	14	21	11	11	12	44	11	11
Civil Rights	650	66	19	60	58	59	74	40	50	27	98	26	73
Employment	169	25	3	5	8	29	15	5	16	3	29	6	25
Other Civil Rights	481	41	16	55	50	30	59	35	34	24	69	20	48
Prisoner Petitions	4,879	86	105	363	414	717	764	351	334	334	483	202	726
Motions to Vacate Sentence	2,909	13	78	178	203	454	420	232	195	240	292	98	506
Habeas Corpus—General	954	26	8	26	117	130	100	81	76	44	127	58	161
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Prisoner Civil Rights	694	37	7	145	60	64	228	24	3	24	40	34	28

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
U.S. Defendant (Continued)													
Prison Condition	166	-	2	1	19	31	2	12	50	18	9	9	13
Other Prisoner Petitions	152	10	10	12	15	38	14	2	9	6	15	3	18
Labor Suits	18	1	1	2	-	-	3	4	2	1	4	-	-
Social Security Laws	688	-	9	57	31	59	29	61	48	54	220	43	77
Tax Suits	78	3	7	10	4	2	8	3	2	4	23	4	8
Environmental Matters	111	25	2	6	-	2	3	1	3	3	57	6	3
Freedom of Information Act	70	25	-	5	-	5	1	3	4	2	20	2	3
All Other	522	94	11	59	21	42	51	13	20	31	116	26	38
Total Private Cases	22,587	179	514	2,274	2,163	1,768	2,913	2,166	1,450	1,151	4,489	922	2,598
Federal Question													
Marine Contract	45	-	3	14	-	8	11	2	-	-	2	-	5
Other Contract Actions	629	11	7	183	14	30	194	40	24	16	54	21	35
Federal Employers Liability Act	14	-	-	4	-	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	-
Marine Injury	45	-	1	3	1	-	28	-	1	1	4	1	5
Other Tort Actions	536	23	9	82	27	28	49	35	84	22	113	17	47
Antitrust	132	-	6	44	30	3	13	3	3	1	23	5	1
Civil Rights	5,065	53	175	742	487	324	487	525	407	256	770	283	556
Employment	1,273	27	24	213	101	105	126	123	124	61	121	77	171
Other Civil Rights	3,792	26	151	529	386	219	361	402	283	195	649	206	385
Prisoner Petitions	9,769	8	86	556	624	978	1,471	1,050	609	600	2,238	332	1,217
Habeas Corpus—General	5,385	1	53	250	366	434	882	612	256	295	1,386	155	695
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	175	-	-	-	14	5	38	27	2	15	26	9	39
Prisoner Civil Rights	2,720	6	29	249	147	391	470	295	12	146	671	127	177
Prison Condition	1,448	-	3	55	95	135	75	115	339	143	154	40	294
Other Prisoner Petitions	41	1	1	2	2	13	6	1	-	1	1	1	12
Labor Management Relations Act	96	2	4	11	15	5	5	21	4	4	13	3	9
Other Labor	654	5	22	80	55	34	52	88	45	28	153	24	68
Copyright, Patent, & Trademark	350	3	13	63	15	23	25	21	21	8	111	12	35
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	153	-	4	54	5	2	25	7	7	4	32	7	6
Constitutionality of State Statutes	134	4	9	2	9	10	11	3	13	11	47	7	8
All Other	1,453	50	40	178	97	81	145	123	123	49	322	49	196

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Diversity of Citizenship	3,512	20	135	258	784	241	395	246	107	150	606	160	410
Insurance	585	2	8	34	50	41	62	42	34	36	132	58	86
Other Contract Actions	999	6	42	123	77	70	103	88	73	52	179	48	138
Real Property Actions	421	1	35	7	11	32	114	50	-	17	96	7	51
Personal Injury/Product Liability	687	-	2	7	565	15	25	10	-	10	19	8	26
Other Personal Injury	352	8	16	32	41	36	45	26	-	18	51	18	61
Personal Property Damage	228	-	10	32	16	13	21	22	-	5	64	12	33
All Other	240	3	22	23	24	34	25	8	-	12	65	9	15
General Location Jurisdiction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Criminal Cases	10,654	68	464	782	460	1,079	2,447	961	522	703	1,476	392	1,300
Violent Offenses	509	8	25	42	33	67	53	48	38	33	81	18	63
Homicide	52	-	-	2	1	2	6	3	2	7	20	5	4
Robbery	157	1	6	4	12	18	19	20	23	8	16	3	27
Assault	85	3	2	6	3	13	7	4	2	12	25	5	3
Kidnapping	33	1	2	7	-	1	8	-	2	-	5	2	5
Racketeering—Violent Crime	93	-	5	20	12	20	4	6	7	1	5	2	11
Carjacking	48	1	9	-	3	7	9	4	2	2	1	-	10
Terrorism	16	-	-	2	1	6	-	-	-	1	2	1	3
Other Violent Offenses	25	2	1	1	1	-	-	11	-	2	7	-	-
Property Offenses	1,434	12	44	198	87	121	197	126	69	60	216	39	265
Burglary	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Larceny & Theft, Total	132	-	7	7	3	8	21	6	5	5	24	5	41
Bank	5	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Postal	16	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	1	5	1	-
Theft, U.S. Property	85	-	6	5	1	3	9	5	3	1	17	2	33
Transportation of Stolen Property	25	-	1	1	2	5	2	1	2	3	1	1	6

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Property Offenses (Continued)													
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Embezzlement	30	1	2	-	3	-	8	1	2	1	9	-	3
Fraud, Total	1,197	11	34	188	76	104	149	112	58	49	174	31	211
Tax	48	-	2	5	6	3	6	5	2	2	10	3	4
Financial Institutions	54	1	2	5	5	7	6	8	9	2	5	1	3
Securities and Exchange	41	-	-	20	4	-	-	-	1	-	12	-	4
Mail	64	3	2	7	4	4	7	4	5	5	17	2	4
Wire, Radio, or Television	92	1	5	9	6	4	14	8	11	5	17	5	7
Social Security	21	-	2	2	-	3	-	2	3	4	1	3	1
Citizenship and Naturalization	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	4	-	-
Passport	18	-	1	5	-	-	7	-	-	-	3	1	1
Identification Documents and Information	63	2	4	5	2	7	7	7	5	3	7	1	13
False Claims and Services, Government	73	2	-	10	6	2	3	7	2	8	11	4	18
False Statements	35	-	3	5	1	2	4	8	-	2	3	-	7
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	62	-	2	12	6	8	7	6	-	3	3	1	14
Unauthorized Access Devices	123	-	2	10	6	8	15	13	3	3	25	2	36
Health Care	93	1	5	5	4	8	32	7	6	-	11	-	14
Other Fraud Offenses	403	1	4	88	26	48	41	35	11	11	45	8	85
Forgery and Counterfeiting	68	-	1	3	4	8	18	6	3	4	8	3	10
Other Property Offenses	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Drug Offenses	3,506	24	179	260	130	398	751	366	195	230	394	144	435
Marijuana, Total	330	-	10	12	2	12	150	37	7	12	52	10	26
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	292	-	6	12	2	12	137	34	4	12	43	8	22
Import/Export	15	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	3	-	1
Manufacture	20	-	4	-	-	-	2	2	3	-	6	1	2
Possession	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
All Other Drugs, Total	3,129	24	166	235	126	381	598	319	182	216	340	133	409
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	2,904	21	150	223	124	374	568	295	181	202	246	131	389
Import/Export	155	3	16	10	2	3	20	1	-	-	85	-	15
Manufacture	67	-	-	2	-	4	10	23	1	14	8	1	4
Possession	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Other Drug Offenses	47	-	3	13	2	5	3	10	6	2	2	1	-
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,539	13	107	88	73	181	155	223	99	142	135	68	255
Firearms, Total	1,497	13	107	86	71	178	147	218	95	139	122	66	255
Possession by Prohibited Persons	759	3	41	27	28	58	82	131	51	104	65	45	124
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	542	9	39	28	32	84	48	73	38	27	41	15	108
Other Firearms Offenses	196	1	27	31	11	36	17	14	6	8	16	6	23
Explosives	42	-	-	2	2	3	8	5	4	3	13	2	-

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Sex Offenses	803	3	45	43	52	50	138	88	42	68	116	43	115
Sexual Abuse of Adults	15	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	1	1	4	1	2
Sexual Abuse of Minors	277	-	18	17	18	17	44	26	23	23	50	12	29
Sexually Explicit Material	355	-	15	22	27	13	66	46	12	28	47	22	57
Other Sex Offenses	156	3	12	4	6	17	27	15	6	16	15	8	27
Justice System Offenses	170	-	4	20	11	14	24	18	9	15	33	8	14
Obstruction of Justice	100	-	1	12	6	10	14	11	5	9	21	5	6
Escape from Custody	33	-	-	2	1	4	8	3	-	6	4	1	4
Failure to Appear	9	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	2
Other Justice System Offenses	28	-	3	3	3	-	2	3	3	-	7	2	2
Immigration Offenses	1,527	-	13	15	11	24	939	28	18	21	354	36	68
Alien Smuggling	128	-	1	1	1	-	82	2	-	-	35	-	6
Improper Entry by Alien	19	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	9	-	4
Improper Reentry by Alien	1,351	-	9	11	8	24	846	24	18	21	306	36	48
Other Immigration Offenses	29	-	3	3	2	-	6	1	-	-	4	-	10
General Offenses	303	1	17	33	25	24	42	29	23	17	54	12	26
Money Laundering	193	-	10	16	14	12	31	21	10	12	40	8	19
RICO ¹	38	1	4	10	-	3	3	3	4	-	7	-	3
Extortion and Threats	40	-	2	5	3	5	1	3	8	1	5	4	3
Other General Offenses	32	-	1	2	8	4	7	2	1	4	2	-	1
Regulatory Offenses	144	2	8	8	9	9	20	9	9	7	35	6	22
Traffic Offenses	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified Offenses	717	5	22	75	29	189	128	26	20	110	58	18	37

NOTE: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.