

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, 2016

Circuit and Nature of Proceeding	Pending Apr. 1, 2015 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Mar. 31, 2016
					On Procedural Grounds					On the Merits				
		Total	Original	Reopened	Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
Total	40,946	53,649	52,077	1,572	53,673	18,991	179	4,939	13,873	34,682	2,593	6,492	25,597	40,922
Criminal	9,578	12,275	12,109	166	11,801	2,967	5	693	2,269	8,834	853	1,681	6,300	10,052
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	2,241	4,082	3,918	164	4,154	1,330	1	338	991	2,824	65	134	2,625	2,169
Other U.S. Civil	2,386	2,607	2,531	76	2,657	950	12	243	695	1,707	119	586	1,002	2,336
Private Prisoner Petitions	5,500	9,600	9,284	316	9,595	3,607	2	1,135	2,470	5,988	168	485	5,335	5,505
Other Private Civil	10,588	11,777	11,402	375	11,941	5,052	122	1,220	3,710	6,889	724	2,873	3,292	10,424
Bankruptcy	763	808	783	25	808	309	4	84	221	499	68	170	261	763
Administrative Agency Appeals Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	8,857	6,866	6,461	405	7,641	4,006	12	1,100	2,894	3,635	458	541	2,636	8,082
DC	1,519	1,147	1,140	7	1,214	343	8	103	232	871	332	313	226	1,452
Criminal	152	58	58	-	94	19	-	2	17	75	26	40	9	116
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	81	77	76	1	84	46	-	22	24	38	5	12	21	74
Other U.S. Civil	236	201	200	1	229	64	-	13	51	165	14	86	65	208
Private Prisoner Petitions	8	15	15	-	10	7	-	2	5	3	-	-	3	13
Other Private Civil	186	137	135	2	179	59	-	17	42	120	17	67	36	144
Bankruptcy	4	6	6	-	4	2	-	2	-	2	-	1	1	6
Administrative Agency Appeals Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	813	546	543	3	508	111	8	28	75	397	267	102	28	851
1st	1,393	1,559	1,555	4	1,598	596	11	189	396	1,002	84	280	638	1,354
Criminal	612	611	610	1	572	174	1	44	129	398	44	113	241	651
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	97	81	81	-	108	40	-	18	22	68	1	10	57	70
Other U.S. Civil	63	65	64	1	77	31	3	11	17	46	2	15	29	51
Private Prisoner Petitions	75	102	102	-	102	46	-	22	24	56	1	11	44	75
Other Private Civil	355	398	397	1	438	201	7	40	154	237	26	109	102	315
Bankruptcy	25	32	32	-	32	15	-	4	11	17	3	9	5	25
Administrative Agency Appeals Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	147	137	136	1	171	68	-	36	32	103	7	12	84	113
	19	133	133	-	98	21	-	14	7	77	-	1	76	54

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		Total	Original	Reopened		Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	
2nd	3,545	4,406	4,191	215	4,772	1,885	41	588	1,256	2,887	248	814	1,825	3,179
Criminal	848	668	657	11	719	146	-	20	126	573	84	207	282	797
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	87	247	234	13	225	75	-	5	70	150	7	7	136	109
Other U.S. Civil	169	247	231	16	262	89	-	10	79	173	16	64	93	154
Private Prisoner Petitions	234	500	475	25	529	217	2	46	169	312	5	43	264	205
Other Private Civil	1,127	1,569	1,478	91	1,642	725	17	179	529	917	100	445	372	1,054
Bankruptcy	40	68	66	2	61	19	-	2	17	42	5	15	22	47
Administrative Agency Appeals	946	794	739	55	1,008	517	1	317	199	491	27	32	432	732
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	94	313	311	2	326	97	21	9	67	229	4	1	224	81
3rd	2,823	3,222	3,162	60	3,477	1,146	3	311	832	2,331	68	204	2,059	2,568
Criminal	383	463	460	3	450	123	1	37	85	327	21	23	283	396
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	273	323	314	9	434	95	-	29	66	339	2	10	327	162
Other U.S. Civil	113	123	118	5	136	50	-	16	34	86	-	16	70	100
Private Prisoner Petitions	429	616	609	7	695	206	-	87	119	489	4	18	467	350
Other Private Civil	1,316	917	892	25	1,013	457	2	82	373	556	32	110	414	1,220
Bankruptcy	51	74	74	-	58	27	-	7	20	31	1	8	22	67
Administrative Agency Appeals	203	288	281	7	319	124	-	53	71	195	7	17	171	172
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	55	418	414	4	372	64	-	-	64	308	1	2	305	101
4th	2,152	4,994	4,941	53	4,597	1,098	13	257	828	3,499	252	281	2,966	2,549
Criminal	700	1,260	1,248	12	1,167	197	-	40	157	970	73	79	818	793
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	302	711	699	12	704	152	-	32	120	552	7	16	529	309
Other U.S. Civil	101	250	250	-	209	55	-	16	39	154	12	20	122	142
Private Prisoner Petitions	339	907	895	12	883	293	-	71	222	590	16	14	560	363
Other Private Civil	447	945	933	12	853	272	13	65	194	581	95	123	363	539
Bankruptcy	30	67	66	1	52	18	-	3	15	34	8	2	24	45
Administrative Agency Appeals	183	245	242	3	277	79	-	26	53	198	13	27	158	151
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	50	609	608	1	452	32	-	4	28	420	28	-	392	207

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		Total	Original	Reopened	Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
5th	4,678	7,878	7,506	372	7,560	2,708	18	714	1,976	4,852	646	762	3,444	4,996
Criminal	2,046	2,987	2,902	85	2,797	693	-	162	531	2,104	259	209	1,636	2,236
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	332	583	530	53	569	304	-	64	240	265	28	9	228	346
Other U.S. Civil	137	182	168	14	202	80	-	24	56	122	24	47	51	117
Private Prisoner Petitions	846	1,452	1,362	90	1,398	691	-	189	502	707	93	37	577	900
Other Private Civil	828	1,301	1,221	80	1,298	507	17	131	359	791	129	394	268	831
Bankruptcy	50	70	68	2	74	20	1	6	13	54	9	31	14	46
Administrative Agency Appeals	294	480	458	22	410	219	-	128	91	191	21	34	136	364
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	145	823	797	26	812	194	-	10	184	618	83	1	534	156
6th	3,154	4,658	4,605	53	4,541	1,375	15	399	961	3,166	134	530	2,502	3,271
Criminal	842	1,096	1,094	2	1,058	243	-	65	178	815	59	130	626	880
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	189	331	318	13	330	92	-	33	59	238	2	5	231	190
Other U.S. Civil	134	185	183	2	188	65	-	15	50	123	9	28	86	131
Private Prisoner Petitions	703	990	970	20	1,070	375	-	144	231	695	13	57	625	623
Other Private Civil	839	1,042	1,032	10	1,085	401	14	95	292	684	43	284	357	796
Bankruptcy	23	37	37	-	29	12	1	2	9	17	2	7	8	31
Administrative Agency Appeals	194	313	310	3	277	92	-	33	59	185	5	18	162	230
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	230	664	661	3	504	95	-	12	83	409	1	1	407	390
7th	1,768	2,989	2,936	53	2,958	1,168	7	212	949	1,790	126	637	1,027	1,799
Criminal	403	576	573	3	557	177	-	40	137	380	35	198	147	422
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	118	305	291	14	258	101	-	15	86	157	6	17	134	165
Other U.S. Civil	101	193	192	1	177	67	-	17	50	110	6	55	49	117
Private Prisoner Petitions	306	626	601	25	582	342	-	35	307	240	3	42	195	350
Other Private Civil	694	696	687	9	821	384	7	56	321	437	60	254	123	569
Bankruptcy	34	50	50	-	44	14	-	3	11	30	1	24	5	40
Administrative Agency Appeals	103	149	148	1	151	59	-	30	29	92	12	47	33	101
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	9	394	394	-	368	24	-	16	8	344	3	-	341	35

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		Total	Original	Reopened		Total	Total	By Consolidation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolidation	After Oral Argument	
8th	1,487	3,167	3,150	17	2,969	567	7	250	310	2,402	120	428	1,854	1,685
Criminal	440	944	944	-	818	112	-	44	68	706	42	104	560	566
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	96	285	281	4	272	47	-	22	25	225	1	11	213	109
Other U.S. Civil	103	123	123	-	151	31	-	13	18	120	3	45	72	75
Private Prisoner Petitions	194	620	616	4	614	185	-	110	75	429	11	16	402	200
Other Private Civil	435	584	578	6	545	120	7	46	67	425	36	203	186	474
Bankruptcy	24	20	20	-	26	5	-	1	4	21	5	7	9	18
Administrative Agency Appeals	124	149	146	3	154	52	-	11	41	102	19	41	42	119
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	71	442	442	-	389	15	-	3	12	374	3	1	370	124
9th	13,675	11,467	11,028	439	11,841	5,058	35	933	4,090	6,783	344	1,508	4,931	13,301
Criminal	1,678	1,565	1,547	18	1,550	431	3	60	368	1,119	109	338	672	1,693
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	252	391	385	6	390	108	1	37	70	282	2	24	256	253
Other U.S. Civil	969	622	609	13	649	267	8	70	189	382	20	169	193	942
Private Prisoner Petitions	1,637	2,259	2,195	64	2,202	650	-	253	397	1,552	13	188	1,351	1,694
Other Private Civil	3,035	2,148	2,107	41	2,109	986	21	151	814	1,123	110	555	458	3,074
Bankruptcy	337	238	224	14	223	105	1	18	86	118	19	44	55	352
Administrative Agency Appeals	5,556	3,380	3,100	280	3,923	2,467	1	340	2,126	1,456	70	182	1,204	5,013
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	211	864	861	3	795	44	-	4	40	751	1	8	742	280
10th	1,203	1,988	1,972	16	1,954	603	10	175	418	1,351	37	350	964	1,237
Criminal	300	490	489	1	472	135	-	56	79	337	5	134	198	318
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	64	188	185	3	175	39	-	15	24	136	-	6	130	77
Other U.S. Civil	109	148	148	-	123	24	-	4	20	99	4	20	75	134
Private Prisoner Petitions	138	299	295	4	312	120	-	43	77	192	1	19	172	125
Other Private Civil	451	595	589	6	584	224	9	37	178	360	23	147	190	462
Bankruptcy	22	33	33	-	23	8	-	-	8	15	-	9	6	32
Administrative Agency Appeals	102	82	82	-	116	34	1	14	19	82	4	14	64	68
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	17	153	151	2	149	19	-	6	13	130	-	1	129	21

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11th	3,549	6,174	5,891	283	6,192	2,444	11	808	1,625	3,748	202	385	3,161	3,531
Criminal	1,174	1,557	1,527	30	1,547	517	-	123	394	1,030	96	106	828	1,184
U.S. Prisoner Petitions	350	560	524	36	605	231	-	46	185	374	4	7	363	305
Other U.S. Civil	151	268	245	23	254	127	1	34	92	127	9	21	97	165
Private Prisoner Petitions	591	1,214	1,149	65	1,198	475	-	133	342	723	8	40	675	607
Other Private Civil	875	1,445	1,353	92	1,374	716	8	321	387	658	53	182	423	946
Bankruptcy	123	113	107	6	182	64	1	36	27	118	15	13	90	54
Administrative Agency Appeals	192	303	276	27	327	184	1	84	99	143	6	15	122	168
Original Proceedings and Miscellaneous Applications	93	714	710	4	705	130	-	31	99	575	11	1	563	102

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.