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Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	September 30, 2020	September 30, 2021	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>53,606</b>	<b>68,687</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>3,636</b>	<b>17,280</b>	<b>46,486</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>1</b>
Franchise	21	22	-	-	6	16	-
Insurance	598	762	2	3	170	587	-
Marine	160	144	-	1	135	8	-
Miller Act	48	48	9	1	38	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	54	64	8	1	9	46	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	276	280	181	33	21	45	-
Defaulted Student Loans	58	63	59	1	3	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	88	88	88	-	-	-	-
Other	130	129	34	32	18	45	-
Other Contract Actions	1,570	1,830	29	19	290	1,491	1
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>1</b>
Foreclosure	270	256	49	11	31	164	1
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	19	17	1	-	7	9	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	204	272	4	3	35	230	-
Other Real Property Actions	189	198	6	35	83	74	-
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>32,303</b>	<b>44,850</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>43,406</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>31,627</b>	<b>43,957</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>42,641</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>28,855</b>	<b>40,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>40,614</b>	<b>-</b>
Airplane	6	7	-	-	2	5	-
Marine	4	5	-	-	2	3	-
Motor Vehicle	55	63	-	-	13	50	-
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	192	200	-	-	50	150	-
Health Care/Pharma	20,295	34,584	-	9	69	34,506	-

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Other	8,303	6,015	-	3	112	5,900	-
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>1</b>
Airplane	30	46	-	-	23	23	-
Marine	328	316	1	4	288	23	-
Motor Vehicle	277	347	-	37	45	265	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	42	70	-	1	13	56	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	98	112	-	6	106	-	-
Medical Malpractice	249	295	-	89	16	190	-
Other	1,748	1,897	-	61	365	1,470	1
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>765</b>	-
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	495	625	4	1	86	534	-
Other Personal Property Damage	181	268	-	4	33	231	-
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>17,894</b>	<b>19,944</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>15,232</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>4</b>	-	<b>838</b>	-	-
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>137</b>	-	-
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	90	95	-	-	95	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	33	43	1	-	42	-	-
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	-	-
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>4,177</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>3,730</b>	<b>157</b>	-
Voting	12	12	1	-	11	-	-
Employment	1,131	1,330	22	115	1,095	98	-
Housing and Accommodations	57	62	6	1	53	2	-
ADA--Employment	127	169	13	10	136	10	-
ADA--Other	173	183	3	3	174	3	-
Education	69	68	1	-	65	2	-

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Other Civil Rights	2,031	2,353	20	95	2,196	42	-
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>139</b>	-	-
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	-	<b>9</b>	-	-	-
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>6,632</b>	<b>6,922</b>	-	<b>1,961</b>	<b>4,961</b>	-	-
Motions to Vacate Sentence	1,763	1,662	-	1,662	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus--General	1,466	1,452	-	124	1,328	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	445	441	-	16	425	-	-
Mandamus and Other	45	47	-	24	23	-	-
Civil Rights	1,839	2,085	-	78	2,007	-	-
Prison Condition	964	1,124	-	23	1,101	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	22	30	-	30	-	-	-
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	88	81	-	4	77	-	-
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>5</b>	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	56	91	91	-	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	169	172	167	5	-	-	-
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>93</b>	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	639	740	25	1	714	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	144	155	5	2	148	-	-
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	3	3	-	-	3	-	-
Railway Labor Act	9	8	-	-	8	-	-
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	399	383	12	1	370	-	-
Family and Medical Leave Act	34	41	-	-	41	-	-

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Other Labor Litigation	170	193	10	1	89	93	-
<b>Immigration, Total <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>30</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37</b>	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	6	12	-	12	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	24	32	7	25	-	-	-
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>934</b>	-	-
Copyright	149	137	-	-	137	-	-
Patent	515	542	1	-	541	-	-
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	15	42	-	-	42	-	-
Trademark	177	214	-	-	214	-	-
Defend Trade Secrets Act	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>325</b>	-	-
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>604</b>	-	-	-
Disability Insurance	348	364	4	360	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	207	203	-	203	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	24	25	-	25	-	-	-
Other	16	16	-	16	-	-	-
<b>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>4</b>	-	<b>918</b>	<b>124</b>	-
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>	-	-	<b>3</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>293</b>	<b>16</b>	-
<b>Cable/Sat. TV</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	-	-	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	-
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>219</b>	-	<b>208</b>	<b>11</b>	-	-
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	-
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>12</b>	-

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NOTE: Total number of land condemnation cases omitted were 191.

The number of pending cases in this report includes cases that have been transferred under a Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) order. Large numbers of civil cases may be temporarily assigned by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to a district judge for pretrial management. As MDL cases vary greatly among districts, it is advisable to check with the relevant district court before drawing statistical conclusions about the number of pending cases for that district.

The higher number of pending cases reported for the Southern District of West Virginia is the result of reconciliation efforts conducted for pretrial management for the three-month period ending June 30, 2018.

<sup>1</sup> Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

<sup>2</sup> Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.