

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 December 31, 2016

Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Total Cases	38,699	540	1,100	2,981	2,310	3,693	6,326	3,612	2,392	2,461	6,736	1,677	4,871
Total Criminal Appeals	10,921	49	469	648	420	1,183	2,743	971	514	832	1,374	410	1,308
Total Civil Appeals	27,778	491	631	2,333	1,890	2,510	3,583	2,641	1,878	1,629	5,362	1,267	3,563
U.S. Appeals	6,949	343	158	429	404	904	766	587	474	478	990	387	1,029
U.S. Plaintiff	279	11	7	28	18	22	39	25	15	18	46	10	40
Negotiable Instruments	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Contract Actions	11	-	-	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	3	-	1
Condemnation of Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Real Property Actions	5	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-
Tort Actions	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-
Civil Rights	32	-	-	2	2	4	8	3	2	2	4	3	2
Employment	15	-	-	1	2	4	1	3	-	-	1	1	2
Other Civil Rights	17	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	2	2	3	2	-
Forfeiture And Penalty	24	2	-	3	1	3	6	6	-	1	1	-	1
Fair Labor Standards Act	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Labor	10	-	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	47	2	-	11	2	1	7	-	5	2	6	1	10
Tax Suits	39	-	2	-	3	3	2	5	2	4	8	1	9
All Other	102	7	3	11	7	6	10	10	6	7	17	3	15
U.S. Defendant	6,670	332	151	401	386	882	727	562	459	460	944	377	989
Contract Actions	48	13	-	4	1	4	3	6	4	1	3	2	7
Real Property Actions	41	-	2	6	1	2	5	3	-	2	14	4	2
Tort Actions	153	1	9	12	6	26	14	7	9	4	40	12	13
Civil Rights	629	76	14	64	40	75	56	34	43	20	88	36	83
Employment	182	36	6	10	10	30	11	8	14	4	29	8	16
Other Civil Rights	447	40	8	54	30	45	45	26	29	16	59	28	67

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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)													
Prisoner Petitions	4,548	96	95	194	276	697	584	436	316	363	462	255	774
Motions to Vacate Sentence	3,190	12	74	150	119	502	443	312	207	297	305	157	612
Habeas Corpus—General	683	24	6	18	75	85	86	75	50	30	80	58	96
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Prisoner Civil Rights	389	44	11	16	59	57	42	37	2	19	45	27	30
Prison Condition	163	8	1	1	11	14	5	10	53	10	15	10	25
Other Prisoner Petitions	121	8	2	9	12	39	8	2	4	7	17	2	11
Labor Suits	28	2	2	7	-	4	1	1	3	-	5	3	-
Social Security Laws	572	1	10	62	33	36	16	38	53	54	176	23	70
Tax Suits	62	-	3	3	2	3	1	7	7	3	22	7	4
Environmental Matters	56	10	-	1	-	2	1	-	2	2	33	5	-
Freedom of Information Act	75	34	2	10	2	3	4	1	5	-	11	3	-
All Other	458	99	14	38	25	30	42	29	17	11	90	27	36
Total Private Appeals	20,829	148	473	1,904	1,486	1,606	2,817	2,054	1,404	1,151	4,372	880	2,534
Federal Question													
Marine Contract	55	-	2	24	3	1	13	-	2	-	4	-	6
Other Contract Actions	404	6	3	109	14	31	40	25	12	23	80	35	26
Federal Employers Liability Act	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-	1
Marine Injury	58	-	4	3	4	6	25	1	-	-	3	-	12
Other Tort Actions	541	12	11	40	26	29	132	32	71	18	109	18	43
Antitrust	128	1	4	24	8	2	14	12	3	5	36	4	15
Civil Rights	4,582	55	119	582	400	338	465	462	380	261	718	269	533
Employment	1,074	14	24	161	97	90	119	111	97	50	140	44	127
Other Civil Rights	3,508	41	95	421	303	248	346	351	283	211	578	225	406
Prisoner Petitions	9,254	15	86	501	609	790	1,418	1,018	649	587	2,095	306	1,180
Habeas Corpus—General	4,996	1	42	217	369	385	824	594	238	276	1,247	144	659
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	126	-	-	-	4	8	28	19	4	8	19	13	23
Prisoner Civil Rights	2,651	11	38	236	136	306	498	265	12	145	659	115	230
Prison Condition	1,428	3	6	42	96	79	65	138	394	154	160	32	259
Other Prisoner Petitions	53	-	-	6	4	12	3	2	1	4	10	2	9
Labor Management Relations Act	77	3	2	16	9	5	1	15	4	3	15	3	1
Other Labor	717	6	25	81	52	42	78	93	48	26	161	22	83

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	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Federal Question (Continued)													
Copyright, Patent, and Trademark	299	2	10	59	7	20	28	13	10	6	109	8	27
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	109	-	4	26	11	3	11	6	3	6	30	4	5
Constitutionality of State Statutes	134	2	12	13	3	6	12	14	10	5	41	10	6
All Other	1,626	36	42	185	112	126	172	113	95	55	399	72	219
Diversity of Citizenship	2,838	10	149	241	228	207	407	250	115	153	572	129	377
Insurance	520	1	10	45	38	32	67	35	47	28	111	37	69
Other Contract Actions	940	5	39	94	89	61	114	86	67	54	157	37	137
Real Property Actions	336	1	33	11	5	14	87	35	-	13	101	5	31
Personal Injury/Product Liability	181	-	4	3	12	12	44	19	-	15	19	10	43
Other Personal Injury	389	3	30	28	40	57	58	31	-	15	52	20	55
Personal Property Damage	224	-	7	28	25	9	14	14	-	12	74	10	31
All Other	248	-	26	32	19	22	23	30	1	16	58	10	11
General Location Jurisdiction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Criminal Appeals	10,921	49	469	648	420	1,183	2,743	971	514	832	1,374	410	1,308
Violent Offenses	508	-	29	37	40	70	63	44	35	35	75	22	58
Homicide	39	-	1	3	2	2	6	2	-	3	10	8	2
Robbery	127	-	11	7	11	7	16	16	11	14	16	7	11
Assault	88	-	2	5	8	3	15	8	5	7	23	7	5
Kidnapping	29	-	-	4	-	5	6	2	7	-	2	-	3
Racketeering—Violent Crime	106	-	5	15	8	31	10	5	4	3	12	-	13
Carjacking	58	-	7	1	4	4	6	5	7	4	1	-	19
Terrorism	17	-	-	1	-	5	2	2	-	-	5	-	2
Other Violent Offenses	44	-	3	1	7	13	2	4	1	4	6	-	3

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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	1,294	6	36	126	75	140	191	109	82	60	176	42	251
Burglary	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1
Larceny and Theft, Total	100	1	2	9	7	12	20	5	5	3	15	1	20
Bank	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Postal	15	-	-	2	-	1	5	1	-	-	5	-	1
Theft, U.S. Property	67	-	2	4	5	11	13	2	1	3	9	1	16
Transportation of Stolen Property	12	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	2
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Embezzlement	34	-	2	2	4	4	6	1	2	3	6	2	2
Fraud, Total	1,080	5	32	108	60	121	147	97	66	48	145	35	216
Tax	58	2	2	4	1	1	9	7	6	8	11	4	3
Financial Institutions	40	-	6	2	2	6	3	2	1	3	9	-	6
Securities and Exchange	20	-	3	4	2	2	2	-	-	-	2	1	4
Mail	62	-	1	2	10	4	20	6	4	2	9	1	3
Wire, Radio, or Television	98	1	5	8	4	3	17	2	21	5	10	2	20
Social Security	16	-	2	1	2	-	1	-	1	4	1	-	4
Citizenship and Naturalization	8	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	2
Passport	11	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	1	-	5
Identification Documents and Information	54	-	1	3	4	5	5	3	3	5	13	2	10
False Claims and Services, Government	37	-	-	2	4	3	1	12	3	1	5	1	5
False Statements	61	-	-	5	7	4	7	4	5	3	9	2	15
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	57	-	3	4	4	9	8	4	-	3	7	6	9
Unauthorized Access Devices	92	-	3	7	4	9	11	4	5	6	10	3	30
Health Care	102	2	3	12	5	16	16	9	6	2	16	3	12
Other Fraud Offenses	364	-	3	54	11	56	42	42	11	5	42	10	88
Forgery and Counterfeiting	67	-	-	7	2	2	17	6	9	2	6	4	12
Other Property Offenses	8	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	4	-	-
Drug Offenses	4,074	28	216	207	141	449	1,078	383	199	268	466	150	489
Marijuana, Total	353	3	10	5	1	15	187	17	9	7	53	11	35
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	321	3	9	5	1	15	171	14	8	7	45	10	33
Import/Export	20	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	6	-	-
Manufacture	11	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	1	-	2	-	2
Possession	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
All Other Drugs, Total	3,661	25	203	185	137	427	879	361	189	260	407	136	452
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	3,407	23	192	171	136	417	810	349	186	251	318	131	423
Import/Export	180	2	7	14	1	2	50	1	2	-	80	-	21
Manufacture	68	-	4	-	-	6	19	11	1	9	8	3	7
Possession	6	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Other Drug Offenses	60	-	3	17	3	7	12	5	1	1	6	3	2
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,875	4	115	88	65	237	254	236	109	184	200	102	281
Firearms, Total	1,833	4	113	85	65	232	249	230	105	178	192	101	279
Possession by Prohibited Persons	999	1	44	32	33	102	120	141	61	145	115	61	144
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	592	2	39	30	19	86	85	77	39	25	43	31	116
Other Firearms Offenses	242	1	30	23	13	44	44	12	5	8	34	9	19
Explosives	42	-	2	3	-	5	5	6	4	6	8	1	2
Sex Offenses	756	7	15	48	23	52	148	113	37	88	118	29	78
Sexual Abuse of Adults	31	2	-	1	-	2	-	5	-	5	13	1	2
Sexual Abuse of Minors	285	-	2	22	9	16	53	53	21	23	50	14	22
Sexually Explicit Material	312	4	7	18	12	23	61	48	7	40	39	10	43
Other Sex Offenses	128	1	6	7	2	11	34	7	9	20	16	4	11
Justice System Offenses	140	-	9	12	7	13	20	9	9	8	29	3	21
Obstruction of Justice	75	-	6	5	6	11	9	3	4	2	15	-	14
Escape from Custody	18	-	1	2	-	-	3	-	1	5	5	-	1
Failure to Appear	18	-	-	4	-	-	3	5	-	-	2	1	3
Other Justice System Offenses	29	-	2	1	1	2	5	1	4	1	7	2	3
Immigration Offenses	1,154	-	14	16	9	18	800	14	9	12	196	25	41
Alien Smuggling	111	-	2	1	-	-	82	-	-	-	20	-	6
Improper Entry by Alien	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	5
Improper Reentry by Alien	1,023	-	12	13	8	18	714	12	9	11	175	22	29
Other Immigration Offenses	12	-	-	1	1	-	4	1	-	1	-	3	1

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Nature of Suit or Offense	Circuit												
	Total	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
General Offenses	256	1	13	20	21	24	34	21	14	19	51	8	30
Money Laundering	170	-	8	10	14	13	24	16	11	12	30	8	24
RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations)	22	-	3	8	5	1	1	1	-	-	3	-	-
Extortion and Threats	24	1	2	-	1	5	-	1	2	4	4	-	4
Other General Offenses	40	-	-	2	1	5	9	3	1	3	14	-	2
Regulatory Offenses	122	1	7	13	4	10	19	15	10	7	18	5	13
Traffic Offenses	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified Offenses	738	2	15	81	35	166	136	27	10	151	45	24	46

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