

Correction Made in February 2024: Updates to the underlying data resulted in revised totals for complaints against judges.

Table S-22

Judicial Complaints —Complaints Commenced, Terminated, and Pending with Allegations and Actions Taken Under Authority of 28 U.S.C. 351-364 During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2021

Summary of Activity	Circuit														National Court[1]	
	Total	Fed	DC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	CC	CIT
Complaints Pending on 10/1/2020[2]	661	0	22	29	96	29	57	20	123	17	19	98	51	84	16	0
Complaints Commenced	1,283	24	68	20	51	104	180	162	94	102	100	140	37	161	40	0
Source of Complaints																
Filed by Complainant	1,282	24	68	20	51	104	179	162	94	102	100	140	37	161	40	0
Identified by Circuit Chief Judge	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complainants[3]	1,305	24	68	20	52	104	180	165	94	103	102	147	39	167	40	0
Prison Inmates	451	0	22	0	21	24	62	65	54	45	45	56	8	45	4	0
Lawyers	12	0	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Litigants	777	24	35	19	24	78	114	92	40	56	24	89	26	120	36	0
Public Official	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial Employees	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	2	0	0
Other	54	0	11	1	3	0	4	6	0	1	25	0	3	0	0	0
Judges Complained About[4]																
Circuit Judges	319	18	39	6	5	21	36	49	21	25	18	47	8	26	0	0
District Judges	755	3	27	13	38	73	115	81	60	70	72	56	17	101	29	0
Bankruptcy Judges	24	0	0	0	3	1	5	3	2	0	0	3	0	6	1	0
Magistrate Judges	178	1	2	1	5	9	24	29	11	7	10	34	12	28	5	0
Court of Federal Claims Judges	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Court of International Trade Judges	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nature of Allegations[5]																
Special Treatment for Friend or Relative	33	0	1	0	4	0	3	5	0	12	3	0	1	4	0	0
Acceptance of Bribe, Gift, or Favor	13	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	0	0

Improper Ex Parte Communication with Party or Counsel	54	0	0	0	4	0	14	10	0	1	2	5	2	14	2	0
Partisan Political Activity or Statement	7	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Soliciting Funds for Organization	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Improper Outside Income	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial Disclosure Violation	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Unwanted, Abusive, or Offensive Sexual Conduct	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hostility Toward Litigant, Attorney, Judicial Employee, or Other	69	0	4	1	4	1	9	6	1	0	7	5	6	10	15	0
Hostile Work Environment	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0
Discrimination on the Basis of Race, Color, Sex, or Other	108	0	0	1	10	1	14	22	9	0	5	17	7	9	13	0
Retaliation for Participating in Complaint Process	30	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	6	0	6	3	3	4	2	0
Refusal to Cooperate in Complaint Proceeding	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	2	0	0
Failure to Report or Disclose Misconduct or Disability	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
Conduct Outside of Official Duties	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0
Related to Merits of Decision or Ruling	989	22	44	17	42	41	140	129	78	97	66	132	32	113	36	0
Delayed Decision	91	0	1	1	10	4	20	18	9	1	2	7	5	9	4	0
Other Misconduct	462	17	48	3	12	63	68	41	6	6	25	14	10	132	17	0
Disability	24	0	0	0	1	0	4	8	0	0	0	4	1	5	1	0

Actions Regarding Complaints

Complaint Withdrawn by Complainant	8	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
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Actions by Chief Circuit Judge

Matters returned from Judicial Council	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Complaints Dismissed in Whole or in Part[6]	1,410	23	66	25	105	106	205	157	181	98	86	116	27	186	29	0
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Not Misconduct or Disability	73	0	0	7	0	0	4	4	21	12	14	10	0	1	0	0
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Other	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Received Special Committee Report	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Action on Special Committee Report	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints Dismissed [6]	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Misconduct or Disability	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merits Related	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allegations Lack Sufficient Evidence	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otherwise Not Appropriate	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Complaints with Corrective Action Taken or Intervening Events	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Complaints Referred to Judicial Conference	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Complaints with Remedial Action Taken [7]																
Censure or Reprimand	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suspension of Assignments	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Action Against Magistrate Judge	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Removal of Bankruptcy Judge	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Requesting of Voluntary Retirement	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Certifying Disability of Circuit or District Judge	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Investigation Warranted																
Returned to Special Committee	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retained by Judicial Council	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Complaints Terminated as Final Between 10/1/2020 and 9/30/2021	1,442	23	71	28	110	112	212	159	185	96	64	136	27	189	30	0
Complaints Pending on 9/30/2021	560	1	19	25	43	21	25	23	95	23	54	102	47	56	26	0

[1] CC = U.S. Court of Federal Claims; CIT = U.S. Court of International Trade.

[2] Revised

[3] Number of complainants may not total the number of filings because each complaint may have multiple complainants.

[4] This does not represent a count of individual judges since a judge can be the subject of multiple complaints.

[5] Each Complaint may involve multiple allegations. Changes to the items appearing under "Nature of Allegations" reflect recent amendments to the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings and track the Rules language and provisions directly.

[6] Each complaint may have multiple reasons for dismissal.

[7] Each complaint may have multiple remedial actions.