

U.S. Court of Appeals Summary -- 12 -Month Period Ending September 30, 2020

		DC	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH		
Appeals	Total	1,118	1,284	4,698	2,877	4,680	6,401	4,306	2,609	2,766	10,400	1,737	5,314		
	Prisoner	111	170	645	830	1,460	1,543	1,150	849	755	2,358	434	1,433		
	Other	484	618	2,663	1,219	1,681	2,180	1,841	1,085	1,014	3,791	766	2,337		
	Criminal	67	374	588	435	1,289	1,913	1,012	554	871	1,041	382	1,142		
	Administrative	456	122	802	393	250	765	303	121	126	3,210	155	402		
	Percent Change in Total Filings Current Year	Over Last Year	23.1	-4.3	10.3	-17.9	3.6	-8.8	1.5	-0.5	-1.6	2.9	-1.1	-1.5	
	Over 2015	-0.6	-14.6	6.4	-11.5	0.4	-14.0	-3.8	-10.8	-6.3	-12.4	-11.2	-13.1		
Overall Caseload Statistics	Terminated Appeals	Total	972	1,236	4,496	3,574	4,200	6,154	4,347	2,525	2,998	10,504	1,794	5,500	
		Consolidations & Cross Appeals ²	147	52	226	638	163	582	192	124	125	382	22	165	
		Procedural	359	297	1,818	940	1,269	1,862	1,155	1,041	592	3,442	538	2,098	
		On The Merits	Total	466	887	2,452	1,996	2,768	3,710	3,000	1,360	2,281	6,680	1,234	3,237
			Prisoner	43	184	366	633	786	703	881	337	595	1,597	309	831
			Other	293	411	1,164	835	1,007	1,278	1,216	712	827	2,605	604	1,359
			Criminal	38	241	511	321	857	1,519	755	263	782	828	242	851
			Administrative	92	51	411	207	118	210	148	48	77	1,650	79	196
			Percent by Active Judges	84.4	77.2	60.5	82.0	87.8	80.1	66.4	86.0	88.1	58.9	83.5	78.0
			Pending Appeals	1,246	1,443	4,298	2,108	3,209	4,879	2,715	1,796	1,536	11,164	1,195	3,142
Actions per Active Judge ¹	Termination on the Merits	143	429	389	445	521	600	357	335	578	427	261	532		
	Procedural Terminations	19	3	135	52	45	82	42	40	59	73	32	96		
	Written Decisions	Total	38	141	194	116	163	181	128	107	183	137	87	184	
		Signed	12	29	191	85	39	25	57	34	38	10	61	15	
		Unsigned	25	106	3	24	124	155	71	72	49	128	25	164	
Without Comment		-	7	-	8	-	1	-	-	96	-	-	4		

¹ Includes only judges active during the entire 12-month period.

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Number of Judgeships/ Number of Panels		11 / 3.7	6 / 2.0	13 / 4.3	14 / 4.7	15 / 5.0	17 / 5.7	16 / 5.3	11 / 3.7	11 / 3.7	29 / 9.7	12 / 4.0	12 / 4.0		
Number of Sitting Senior Judges		6	4	13	8	4	9	12	3	4	20	7	10		
Number of Vacant Judgeship Months ²		0.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0		
Actions per Panel ¹	A p p e a l s	Total	305	642	1,084	617	936	1,130	807	712	754	1,076	434	1,329	
		Prisoner	30	85	149	178	292	272	216	232	206	244	109	358	
		All Other Civil	132	309	615	261	336	385	345	296	277	392	192	584	
		Criminal	18	187	136	93	258	338	190	151	238	108	96	286	
		Administrative	124	61	185	84	50	135	57	33	34	332	39	101	
		Total	265	618	1,038	766	840	1,086	815	689	818	1,087	449	1,375	
		A p p e a l s	Consolidations & Cross Appeals ³	40	26	52	137	33	103	36	34	34	40	6	41
			Procedural	98	149	420	201	254	329	217	284	161	356	135	525
		O n T h e M e r i t s	Total	127	444	566	428	554	655	563	371	622	691	309	809
			Prisoner	12	92	84	136	157	124	165	92	162	165	77	208
	Other		80	206	269	179	201	226	228	194	226	269	151	340	
	Criminal		10	121	118	69	171	268	142	72	213	86	61	213	
		Administrative	25	26	95	44	24	37	28	13	21	171	20	49	
		Pending Appeals	340	722	992	452	642	861	509	490	419	1,155	299	786	
Median Time		Median Time From Filing Notice of Appeal to Disposition	11.1	12.6	12.8	8.5	6.2	9.4	7.9	9.0	6.1	12.5	10.1	7.4	
Other Caseload per Judgeship		Applications for Interlocutory Appeals	-	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	4	1	2	
		Petitions for Rehearing	21	41	34	69	61	36	55	23	95	57	32	73	

¹ See "Explanation of the Judicial Caseload Profiles."

² See "Explanation of Selected Terms."

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