

U.S. Court of Appeals Summary -- 12 -Month Period Ending December 31, 2023

			DC	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH	
Overall Caseload Statistics	A p p e a l s	Total		1,084	1,127	3,585	2,373	3,647	5,499	3,355	2,588	2,809	7,813	1,751	4,265
		Prisoner		81	140	520	577	1,008	1,128	747	932	688	1,542	454	1,105
		Other		446	597	1,691	1,157	1,269	2,088	1,456	1,008	1,084	3,112	714	1,954
		Criminal		220	286	643	448	1,090	1,935	917	559	915	910	466	1,021
		Administrative		337	104	731	191	280	348	235	89	122	2,249	117	185
		Percent Change in Total Filings Current Year	Over Last Year	9.4	9.3	-9.6	-7.6	-4.7	-4.9	4.0	9.6	7.2	-5.5	6.3	-6.9
			Over 2018	1.9	-4.3	-11.0	-19.0	-16.4	-26.9	-19.4	-8.0	0.2	-25.6	-2.1	-25.4
	A p p e a l s	Total		803	987	3,488	2,510	3,858	5,868	3,451	2,529	2,847	8,429	1,735	4,331
		Consolidations & Cross Appeals ²		129	38	198	109	150	532	165	71	123	233	32	87
		Procedural		282	282	1,408	823	1,018	1,887	1,142	1,259	733	3,153	582	1,893
		On The Merits	Total	392	667	1,882	1,578	2,690	3,449	2,144	1,199	1,991	5,043	1,121	2,351
			Prisoner	24	100	301	438	637	552	464	299	500	1,053	257	513
			Other	255	312	928	685	943	1,092	851	573	632	1,944	467	1,063
			Criminal	41	196	374	326	930	1,547	675	289	787	530	324	683
			Administrative	72	59	279	129	180	258	154	38	72	1,516	73	92
			Percent by Active Judges	83.6	47.6	60.8	78.0	78.7	81.2	68.5	79.4	95.0	60.5	80.3	85.5
Pending Appeals			1,528	1,467	3,801	1,879	2,800	3,292	2,537	1,851	1,504	7,070	1,139	3,172	
Actions per Active Judge ¹	Termination on the Merits		125	226	270	273	504	581	272	284	548	328	252	512	
	Procedural Terminations		17	6	29	40	44	67	30	56	58	44	34	51	
	Written Decisions	Total	34	72	126	86	160	160	91	96	172	107	84	163	
		Signed	11	19	123	58	36	21	46	26	37	7	65	17	
		Unsigned	23	51	2	21	124	139	46	70	47	100	19	140	
		Without Comment	-	3	-	7	-	-	-	-	88	-	-	6	

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

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Actions per Panel ¹		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	6	15	10	4	8	13	4	3	22	7	10	
		Number of Vacant Judgeship Months ²		4.4	5.6	0.0	3.1	14.9	12.0	8.7	5.9	0.0	5.4	0.0	4.5	
		Total		296	564	827	509	729	970	629	706	766	808	438	1,066	
	A p p e a l s	Prisoner		22	70	120	124	202	199	140	254	188	160	114	276	
		All Other Civil		122	299	390	248	254	368	273	275	296	322	179	489	
		Criminal		60	143	148	96	218	341	172	152	250	94	117	255	
		Administrative		92	52	169	41	56	61	44	24	33	233	29	46	
		A p p e a l s	Total		219	494	805	538	772	1,036	647	690	776	872	434	1,083
			Consolidations & Cross Appeals ³		35	19	46	23	30	94	31	19	34	24	8	22
			Procedural		77	141	325	176	204	333	214	343	200	326	146	473
			On The Merits	Total	107	334	434	338	538	609	402	327	543	522	280	588
				Prisoner	7	50	69	94	127	97	87	82	136	109	64	128
				Other	70	156	214	147	189	193	160	156	172	201	117	266
				Criminal	11	98	86	70	186	273	127	79	215	55	81	171
			Administrative	20	30	64	28	36	46	29	10	20	157	18	23	
		Pending Appeals			417	734	877	403	560	581	476	505	410	731	285	793
Median Time	Median Time From Filing Notice of Appeal to Disposition		11.1	13.3	13.6	8.2	8.8	8.0	8.8	9.2	5.1	13.6	9.5	9.5		
Other Caseload per Judgeship	Applications for Interlocutory Appeals		-	2	4	3	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	2		
	Petitions for Rehearing		16	42	32	65	58	36	43	23	86	41	31	58		

¹ See "Explanation of the Judicial Caseload Profiles."

² See "Explanation of Selected Terms."

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