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Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2017	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>52,767</b>	<b>57,023</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>14,926</b>	<b>39,037</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>2,409</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>1</b>
Franchise	15	15	-	-	4	11	-
Insurance	539	582	6	2	103	471	-
Marine	237	236	1	1	225	9	-
Miller Act	35	46	15	-	31	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	42	43	6	2	10	25	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	252	245	185	20	17	23	-
Defaulted Student Loans	75	78	72	2	4	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	78	78	78	-	-	-	-
Other	99	89	35	18	13	23	-
Other Contract Actions	1,289	1,365	34	10	292	1,028	1
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1</b>
Foreclosure	139	152	16	10	31	94	1
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	10	13	1	-	6	6	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	164	191	4	13	49	125	-
Other Real Property Actions	159	167	5	45	41	76	-
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>35,691</b>	<b>39,040</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>37,021</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>34,678</b>	<b>37,965</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>36,573</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>33,175</b>	<b>35,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>34,809</b>	<b>-</b>
Airplane	4	6	-	-	3	3	-
Marine	12	13	-	-	12	1	-
Motor Vehicle	54	80	-	-	17	63	-
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	809	578	-	-	53	525	-
Health Care/Pharma	4,152	6,053	-	-	363	5,690	-

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Other	28,144	28,689	-	3	159	28,527	-
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>1</b>
Airplane	22	21	-	-	15	6	-
Marine	153	165	-	3	157	5	-
Motor Vehicle	202	195	-	23	40	132	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	37	34	-	2	11	21	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	75	80	-	3	77	-	-
Medical Malpractice	93	96	-	48	6	42	-
Other	921	1,955	1	41	354	1,558	1
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>-</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	276	321	12	1	98	210	-
Other Personal Property Damage	737	754	1	5	510	238	-
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>14,195</b>	<b>14,928</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>12,242</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	90	106	-	-	106	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	73	60	-	-	60	-	-
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-</b>
Voting	14	16	1	-	15	-	-
Employment	903	937	20	83	792	42	-
Housing and Accommodations	38	49	8	2	38	1	-
ADA--Employment	76	84	5	3	73	3	-
ADA--Other	92	116	2	-	112	2	-
Education	8	20	1	-	18	1	-

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Other Civil Rights	1,595	1,591	20	88	1,453	30	-
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>840</b>	-	-
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	-
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>4,344</b>	<b>4,556</b>	-	<b>766</b>	<b>3,789</b>	-	<b>1</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	501	529	-	529	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus--General	1,235	1,304	-	99	1,204	-	1
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	435	438	-	23	415	-	-
Mandamus and Other	40	42	-	23	19	-	-
Civil Rights	1,391	1,406	-	59	1,347	-	-
Prison Condition	653	737	-	18	719	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	10	12	-	12	-	-	-
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	79	88	-	3	85	-	-
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>5</b>	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	75	77	76	1	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	122	136	132	4	-	-	-
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>34</b>	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	399	446	7	1	438	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	124	139	5	-	134	-	-
Railway Labor Act	3	2	-	-	2	-	-
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	360	356	8	1	347	-	-
Family and Medical Leave Act	11	14	-	-	14	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	116	139	12	2	91	34	-

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<b>Immigration, Total <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Naturalization Applications	6	5	-	5	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	11	7	1	6	-	-	-
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Copyright	89	99	-	-	99	-	-
Patent	564	567	1	-	566	-	-
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Trademark	175	158	-	-	158	-	-
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Disability Insurance	305	327	3	324	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	194	174	-	174	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	14	17	-	17	-	-	-
Other	19	20	-	20	-	-	-
<b>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cable/Sat. TV</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>

NOTE: Total number of land condemnation cases omitted was 132.

<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.