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	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2019	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>73,015</b>	<b>56,264</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>3,832</b>	<b>14,064</b>	<b>37,297</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>2,631</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>1</b>
Franchise	13	16	-	-	5	11	-
Insurance	551	584	4	3	87	490	-
Marine	198	181	-	1	174	6	-
Miller Act	37	34	7	-	27	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	36	48	3	1	7	37	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	234	246	172	26	10	38	-
Defaulted Student Loans	57	59	56	1	2	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	78	78	78	-	-	-	-
Other	99	109	38	25	8	38	-
Other Contract Actions	1,338	1,522	22	13	277	1,209	1
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>1</b>
Foreclosure	187	242	21	11	33	176	1
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	14	13	1	-	4	8	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	185	185	4	11	26	144	-
Other Real Property Actions	188	211	7	37	55	112	-
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>55,325</b>	<b>36,017</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>34,862</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>54,060</b>	<b>34,852</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>33,933</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>49,003</b>	<b>33,254</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>32,994</b>	<b>-</b>
Airplane	6	6	-	-	4	2	-
Marine	6	6	-	-	4	2	-
Motor Vehicle	99	135	-	-	26	109	-
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	188	190	-	-	38	152	-
Health Care/Pharma	11,271	22,296	-	-	49	22,247	-

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Other	37,433	10,621	-	2	137	10,482	-
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>5,057</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>1</b>
Airplane	22	18	-	-	13	5	-
Marine	121	120	-	2	115	3	-
Motor Vehicle	204	223	1	21	39	162	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	31	45	-	1	12	32	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	72	77	-	2	75	-	-
Medical Malpractice	115	136	-	68	17	51	-
Other	4,492	979	-	36	256	686	1
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>929</b>	-
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	372	873	11	1	151	710	-
Other Personal Property Damage	893	292	-	4	69	219	-
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>14,709</b>	<b>16,965</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>12,354</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>5</b>	-	<b>1,073</b>	-	-
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>134</b>	-	-	<b>134</b>	-	-
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	102	99	-	-	99	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	38	35	-	-	35	-	-
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	-	-
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2,751</b>	<b>98</b>	-
Voting	13	13	1	-	12	-	-
Employment	929	963	26	75	803	59	-
Housing and Accommodations	46	50	4	1	42	3	-
ADA--Employment	77	105	6	6	90	3	-
ADA--Other	122	140	6	-	130	4	-
Education	30	44	2	-	41	1	-

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Other Civil Rights	1,648	1,760	19	80	1,633	28	-
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>148</b>	-	-
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	-
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>4,641</b>	<b>6,587</b>	-	<b>2,566</b>	<b>4,020</b>	-	<b>1</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	532	2,323	-	2,323	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus--General	1,301	1,379	-	105	1,273	-	1
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	461	446	-	21	425	-	-
Mandamus and Other	37	38	-	19	19	-	-
Civil Rights	1,426	1,500	-	66	1,434	-	-
Prison Condition	785	798	-	18	780	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	10	10	-	10	-	-	-
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	89	93	-	4	89	-	-
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	68	57	57	-	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	135	163	161	2	-	-	-
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>51</b>	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	468	626	13	-	613	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	132	129	5	3	121	-	-
Railway Labor Act	5	6	-	-	6	-	-
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	330	338	11	1	326	-	-
Family and Medical Leave Act	13	23	-	1	22	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	133	146	10	1	84	51	-

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<b>Immigration, Total <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	7	8	-	8	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	10	18	3	15	-	-	-
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>711</b>	-	-
Copyright	88	102	-	-	102	-	-
Patent	470	457	1	-	456	-	-
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Trademark	146	153	-	-	153	-	-
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>270</b>	-	-
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>535</b>	-	-	-
Disability Insurance	288	317	3	314	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	142	185	-	185	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	17	20	-	20	-	-	-
Other	17	16	-	16	-	-	-
<b>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>28</b>	-
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>38</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>11</b>	-
<b>Cable/Sat. TV</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>	-	-
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5</b>	-	-
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	-
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>9</b>	-

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NOTE: Total number of land condemnation cases omitted were 92.

The number of pending cases in this report includes cases that have been transferred under a Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) order. Large numbers of civil cases may be temporarily assigned by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to a district judge for pretrial management. As MDL cases vary greatly among districts, it is advisable to check with the relevant district court before drawing statistical conclusions about the number of pending cases for that district.

The higher number of pending cases reported for the Southern District of West Virginia is the result of reconciliation efforts conducted for pretrial management for the three-month period ending June 30, 2018.

<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.