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Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	2021	2022	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>68,687</b>	<b>85,417</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>3,794</b>	<b>18,689</b>	<b>61,603</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>3,334</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>1</b>
Franchise	22	28	-	-	5	23	-
Insurance	762	759	3	3	92	661	-
Marine	144	141	-	1	133	7	-
Miller Act	48	54	12	1	41	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	64	78	7	1	8	62	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	280	301	177	53	27	44	-
Defaulted Student Loans	63	59	55	1	3	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	88	88	88	-	-	-	-
Other	129	154	34	52	24	44	-
Other Contract Actions	1,830	1,973	28	18	308	1,618	1
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>1</b>
Foreclosure	256	281	71	9	28	172	1
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	17	18	1	-	8	9	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	272	361	5	8	49	299	-
Other Real Property Actions	198	222	7	38	83	94	-
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>44,850</b>	<b>59,769</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>58,048</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>43,957</b>	<b>58,725</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>57,150</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>40,874</b>	<b>54,819</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>54,514</b>	<b>-</b>
Airplane	7	12	-	-	5	7	-
Marine	5	7	-	-	2	5	-
Motor Vehicle	63	65	-	-	15	50	-
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	200	199	-	-	52	147	-
Health Care/Pharma	34,584	47,781	-	9	118	47,654	-
Other	6,015	6,755	-	4	100	6,651	-
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>3,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>1</b>
Airplane	46	75	-	4	29	42	-

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Marine	316	307	-	3	233	71	-
Motor Vehicle	347	355	-	37	48	270	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	70	91	-	1	19	71	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	112	113	-	7	106	-	-
Medical Malpractice	295	330	-	83	24	223	-
Other	1,897	2,635	-	68	607	1,959	1
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>-</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	625	763	3	1	94	665	-
Other Personal Property Damage	268	281	-	5	43	233	-
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>19,944</b>	<b>21,432</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>16,412</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	95	105	-	-	105	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	43	40	-	-	40	-	-
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>4,177</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>-</b>
Voting	12	13	1	-	12	-	-
Employment	1,330	1,475	18	132	1,206	119	-
Housing and Accommodations	62	71	6	2	61	2	-
ADA--Employment	169	185	11	12	155	7	-
ADA--Other	183	207	3	2	198	4	-
Education	68	86	1	-	83	2	-
Other Civil Rights	2,353	2,484	21	94	2,335	34	-
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>6,922</b>	<b>7,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>5,114</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	1,662	1,656	-	1,656	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus--General	1,452	1,520	-	117	1,403	-	-

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Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	441	446	-	16	430	-	-
Mandamus and Other	47	60	-	24	36	-	-
Civil Rights	2,085	2,209	-	78	2,131	-	-
Prison Condition	1,124	1,061	-	27	1,034	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	30	34	-	34	-	-	-
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	81	84	-	4	80	-	-
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	91	76	76	-	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	172	159	158	1	-	-	-
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>117</b>	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	740	749	21	1	727	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	155	150	7	2	141	-	-
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	3	3	-	-	3	-	-
Railway Labor Act	8	5	-	-	5	-	-
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	383	405	12	1	392	-	-
Family and Medical Leave Act	41	42	-	-	42	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	193	228	10	4	97	117	-
<b>Immigration, Total <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	12	15	-	15	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	32	35	6	29	-	-	-
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>954</b>	-	-
Copyright	137	159	-	-	159	-	-
Patent	542	524	1	-	523	-	-
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	42	41	-	-	41	-	-
Trademark	214	231	-	-	231	-	-

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Defend Trade Secrets Act	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>323</b>	-	-
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>630</b>	-	-	-
Disability Insurance	364	380	4	376	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	203	213	-	213	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	25	25	-	25	-	-	-
Other	16	16	-	16	-	-	-
<b>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>4</b>	-	<b>1,481</b>	<b>252</b>	-
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>	-	-
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>42</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>326</b>	-	-	<b>315</b>	<b>11</b>	-
<b>Cable/Sat. TV</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	-	-	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>270</b>	-	<b>254</b>	<b>16</b>	-	-
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	-
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>2,242</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>12</b>	-

Note: Total number of land condemnation cases omitted were 70.

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.