

Table C-7
U.S.District Courts—Intellectual Property Cases, Securities/Commodities/Exchanges Cases,
and Bankruptcy Appeals Filed, Terminated, and Pending
During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2020

Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Total					
Filed	3,224	3,909	2,831	1,840	1,633
Terminated	3,705	3,720	3,007	1,657	1,566
Pending	2,507	4,024	2,537	2,206	1,395
DC					
Filed	18	8	12	4	14
Terminated	21	7	8	8	14
Pending	19	6	15	6	7
First Circuit					
Filed	58	45	63	38	53
Terminated	53	44	64	45	42
Pending	71	66	61	62	34
Maine					
Filed	4	2	2	-	2
Terminated	5	-	3	1	4
Pending	2	4	2	2	-
Massachusetts					
Filed	39	41	45	38	21
Terminated	36	40	53	41	21
Pending	37	58	33	56	14
New Hampshire					
Filed	2	1	6	-	3
Terminated	7	3	4	-	3
Pending	1	1	6	1	1
Rhode Island					
Filed	3	1	3	-	3
Terminated	1	1	2	1	2
Pending	4	3	5	3	1
Puerto Rico					
Filed	10	-	7	-	24
Terminated	4	-	2	2	12
Pending	27	-	15	-	18

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Second Circuit					
Filed	997	177	337	658	248
Terminated	1,172	174	354	612	200
Pending	688	196	433	757	462
Connecticut					
Filed	22	6	13	16	30
Terminated	52	11	22	36	40
Pending	19	8	33	20	17
New York Northern					
Filed	22	7	12	2	13
Terminated	42	3	11	6	10
Pending	17	10	10	2	8
New York Eastern					
Filed	283	32	86	125	56
Terminated	316	42	91	85	55
Pending	199	38	117	168	60
New York Southern					
Filed	642	108	218	513	132
Terminated	719	109	215	482	89
Pending	426	111	256	553	357
New York Western					
Filed	26	24	7	2	12
Terminated	38	7	15	2	5
Pending	26	27	15	13	12
Vermont					
Filed	2	-	1	-	5
Terminated	5	2	-	1	1
Pending	1	2	2	1	8

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Third Circuit					
Filed	205	976	167	414	185
Terminated	291	1,090	207	390	190
Pending	189	1,166	176	349	132
Delaware					
Filed	14	790	20	275	40
Terminated	15	884	22	272	51
Pending	14	960	24	181	41
New Jersey					
Filed	100	158	81	102	108
Terminated	167	177	115	89	96
Pending	104	171	90	126	55
Pennsylvania Eastern					
Filed	64	20	32	26	25
Terminated	71	22	37	17	24
Pending	49	25	31	33	14
Pennsylvania Middle					
Filed	11	3	3	3	6
Terminated	14	1	4	2	8
Pending	16	4	6	3	9
Pennsylvania Western					
Filed	16	5	31	8	5
Terminated	24	6	28	9	7
Pending	6	6	25	6	2
Virgin Islands					
Filed	-	-	-	-	1
Terminated	-	-	1	1	4
Pending	-	-	-	-	11

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Fourth Circuit					
Filed	157	94	131	46	167
Terminated	152	77	135	35	178
Pending	157	116	111	59	109
Maryland					
Filed	63	11	17	24	40
Terminated	65	5	23	19	49
Pending	69	13	15	27	27
North Carolina Eastern					
Filed	4	8	11	1	25
Terminated	9	8	9	-	23
Pending	6	18	12	4	13
North Carolina Middle					
Filed	3	10	11	2	8
Terminated	3	12	19	1	6
Pending	6	12	5	2	4
North Carolina Western					
Filed	11	10	12	8	6
Terminated	22	13	8	5	8
Pending	6	12	17	11	5
South Carolina					
Filed	11	2	18	3	6
Terminated	11	5	19	3	5
Pending	13	4	14	5	7
Virginia Eastern					
Filed	60	37	56	6	65
Terminated	33	22	53	6	63
Pending	55	35	37	8	35
Virginia Western					
Filed	2	4	5	-	5
Terminated	6	4	2	-	10
Pending	-	4	6	-	1

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
West Virginia Northern					
Filed	1	11	-	2	9
Terminated	1	8	2	1	6
Pending	1	15	-	2	7
West Virginia Southern²					
Filed	2	1	1	-	3
Terminated	2	-	-	-	8
Pending	1	3	5	-	10
Fifth Circuit					
Filed	240	1,259	201	73	214
Terminated	388	920	228	79	228
Pending	179	1,051	216	102	126
Louisiana Eastern					
Filed	12	1	14	1	15
Terminated	7	3	21	3	11
Pending	16	1	14	2	8
Louisiana Middle					
Filed	-	1	-	4	4
Terminated	2	1	1	2	3
Pending	1	-	-	2	3
Louisiana Western					
Filed	2	5	7	3	6
Terminated	1	5	3	6	6
Pending	3	6	8	8	5
Mississippi Northern					
Filed	2	2	2	-	1
Terminated	4	-	2	-	3
Pending	1	4	2	-	-
Mississippi Southern					
Filed	2	4	3	3	5
Terminated	3	3	2	1	12
Pending	1	3	3	6	5

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Texas Northern					
Filed	68	65	48	27	60
Terminated	130	84	65	27	66
Pending	32	45	40	23	25
Texas Eastern					
Filed	12	397	32	3	7
Terminated	13	423	33	4	22
Pending	16	411	41	6	6
Texas Southern					
Filed	63	59	50	21	68
Terminated	104	48	60	29	64
Pending	63	62	49	38	49
Texas Western					
Filed	79	725	45	11	48
Terminated	124	353	41	7	41
Pending	46	519	59	17	25
Sixth Circuit					
Filed	92	124	174	47	82
Terminated	138	95	222	44	61
Pending	77	158	172	61	70
Kentucky Eastern					
Filed	3	5	4	3	5
Terminated	8	4	6	-	4
Pending	3	4	4	3	2
Kentucky Western					
Filed	2	2	8	-	4
Terminated	5	1	5	3	3
Pending	4	5	13	2	5
Michigan Eastern					
Filed	23	18	52	14	36
Terminated	55	20	51	12	28
Pending	15	38	48	6	26

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Michigan Western					
Filed	9	6	20	-	2
Terminated	7	3	13	-	4
Pending	5	8	14	1	2
Ohio Northern					
Filed	17	48	45	6	13
Terminated	21	30	101	9	6
Pending	8	42	34	8	10
Ohio Southern					
Filed	10	29	16	13	5
Terminated	14	22	22	8	3
Pending	14	33	29	14	8
Tennessee Eastern					
Filed	3	6	14	1	3
Terminated	2	5	5	6	4
Pending	7	15	14	5	8
Tennessee Middle					
Filed	14	6	9	8	3
Terminated	19	5	15	5	4
Pending	14	7	12	21	1
Tennessee Western					
Filed	11	4	6	2	11
Terminated	7	5	4	1	5
Pending	7	6	4	1	8

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Seventh Circuit					
Filed	143	225	623	55	77
Terminated	209	202	575	49	69
Pending	123	202	361	118	71
Illinois Northern					
Filed	97	181	556	49	47
Terminated	154	165	467	38	42
Pending	83	147	296	101	43
Illinois Central					
Filed	2	4	10	-	3
Terminated	2	1	9	-	1
Pending	2	7	6	2	2
Illinois Southern					
Filed	1	1	2	-	1
Terminated	3	1	2	-	3
Pending	2	-	4	-	1
Indiana Northern					
Filed	12	5	11	-	8
Terminated	19	7	27	3	8
Pending	11	12	13	1	6
Indiana Southern					
Filed	8	7	18	2	9
Terminated	9	10	32	1	6
Pending	14	6	23	3	5
Wisconsin Eastern					
Filed	7	10	10	2	5
Terminated	8	8	19	7	6
Pending	4	11	7	6	10
Wisconsin Western					
Filed	16	17	16	2	4
Terminated	14	10	19	-	3
Pending	7	19	12	5	4

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Eighth Circuit					
Filed	84	49	74	20	21
Terminated	72	58	82	13	26
Pending	65	69	63	33	10
Arkansas Eastern					
Filed	4	1	3	1	4
Terminated	-	1	6	2	4
Pending	5	4	2	4	-
Arkansas Western					
Filed	4	2	5	-	1
Terminated	7	-	4	-	-
Pending	1	5	3	2	1
Iowa Northern					
Filed	4	3	-	-	2
Terminated	3	1	3	-	3
Pending	3	4	2	-	-
Iowa Southern					
Filed	4	5	2	1	-
Terminated	7	5	4	-	-
Pending	1	5	2	2	-
Minnesota					
Filed	21	17	32	9	8
Terminated	15	29	28	5	4
Pending	19	35	28	13	6
Missouri Eastern					
Filed	14	9	13	3	3
Terminated	13	11	16	4	5
Pending	8	6	12	2	1
Missouri Western					
Filed	16	7	7	4	1
Terminated	14	5	14	1	2
Pending	14	8	4	4	1

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Nebraska					
Filed	14	3	10	2	2
Terminated	8	4	6	1	3
Pending	12	1	7	3	1
North Dakota					
Filed	2	1	-	-	-
Terminated	3	1	-	-	4
Pending	1	1	-	3	-
South Dakota					
Filed	1	1	2	-	-
Terminated	2	1	1	-	1
Pending	1	-	3	-	-
Ninth Circuit					
Filed	870	689	575	340	315
Terminated	804	796	617	256	290
Pending	663	768	522	474	244
Alaska					
Filed	3	1	2	-	8
Terminated	4	-	1	-	8
Pending	-	1	1	-	2
Arizona					
Filed	26	14	46	9	18
Terminated	31	16	48	12	13
Pending	15	12	44	15	14
California Northern					
Filed	121	242	82	149	45
Terminated	150	279	100	106	42
Pending	105	361	80	197	40
California Eastern					
Filed	17	14	18	6	12
Terminated	14	6	20	5	15
Pending	11	24	20	6	8

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
California Central					
Filed	557	308	277	111	122
Terminated	464	369	299	85	117
Pending	410	228	229	131	79
California Southern					
Filed	48	40	38	29	44
Terminated	41	54	45	19	18
Pending	31	48	30	60	44
Hawaii					
Filed	11	3	6	2	11
Terminated	17	3	4	3	15
Pending	7	1	4	2	8
Idaho					
Filed	8	2	10	4	5
Terminated	4	-	11	1	8
Pending	5	8	5	7	5
Montana					
Filed	4	1	3	-	3
Terminated	5	1	1	-	1
Pending	2	1	3	1	4
Nevada					
Filed	24	18	34	14	14
Terminated	27	19	36	16	19
Pending	27	33	47	24	11
Oregon					
Filed	15	8	16	10	15
Terminated	24	18	15	4	17
Pending	13	12	16	13	22
Washington Eastern					
Filed	1	3	5	1	4
Terminated	2	-	9	-	4
Pending	-	3	3	2	2

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Washington Western					
Filed	35	35	37	5	14
Terminated	21	31	28	5	13
Pending	37	36	39	16	5
Northern Marianas					
Filed	-	-	1	-	-
Terminated	-	-	-	-	-
Pending	-	-	1	-	-
Tenth Circuit					
Filed	90	82	103	52	34
Terminated	111	77	110	42	33
Pending	122	95	107	85	27
Colorado					
Filed	47	50	43	26	12
Terminated	68	46	51	23	8
Pending	34	31	41	32	9
Kansas					
Filed	12	3	6	6	4
Terminated	19	4	3	2	3
Pending	6	10	6	8	4
New Mexico					
Filed	5	2	5	3	4
Terminated	1	3	2	-	6
Pending	5	3	7	3	2
Oklahoma Northern					
Filed	6	3	3	-	-
Terminated	6	-	6	-	3
Pending	3	4	2	-	-
Oklahoma Eastern					
Filed	2	-	1	-	-
Terminated	1	-	2	-	1
Pending	1	-	1	-	-

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Oklahoma Western					
Filed	5	5	7	3	6
Terminated	1	3	5	2	1
Pending	4	8	5	6	6
Utah					
Filed	11	19	34	14	7
Terminated	14	20	37	13	6
Pending	67	39	44	36	6
Wyoming					
Filed	2	-	4	-	1
Terminated	1	1	4	2	5
Pending	2	-	1	-	-
Eleventh Circuit					
Filed	270	181	371	93	223
Terminated	294	180	405	84	235
Pending	154	131	300	100	103
Alabama Northern					
Filed	6	2	8	4	6
Terminated	9	3	7	2	6
Pending	5	8	9	5	3
Alabama Middle					
Filed	3	-	2	-	7
Terminated	4	-	2	1	9
Pending	2	2	2	1	2
Alabama Southern					
Filed	5	1	1	1	5
Terminated	4	3	1	-	3
Pending	2	-	1	2	2
Florida Northern					
Filed	12	6	7	3	7
Terminated	14	3	6	1	4
Pending	6	6	7	3	3

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Circuit and District	Copyright	Patent	Trademark	SCE ¹	Bankruptcy Appeals
Florida Middle					
Filed	78	67	97	22	71
Terminated	76	60	138	21	74
Pending	51	50	96	25	40
Florida Southern					
Filed	97	61	189	44	83
Terminated	116	64	197	39	87
Pending	45	25	103	31	34
Georgia Northern					
Filed	55	43	58	17	38
Terminated	59	42	48	16	38
Pending	33	35	74	31	18
Georgia Middle					
Filed	7	-	6	1	3
Terminated	6	4	5	2	6
Pending	2	-	4	1	-
Georgia Southern					
Filed	7	1	3	1	3
Terminated	6	1	1	2	8
Pending	8	5	4	1	1

NOTE: 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.

¹ SCE = Securities/Commodities/Exchanges.

² 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.