

# United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

## Caseload Analysis FY 2006 - FY 2007

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	<b>FY 2007</b> 12 Months Ending 9/30/2007	<b>FY 2006</b> 12 Months Ending 9/30/2006	<b>% Change</b>
<b><u>FILINGS</u></b>			
Total Filings <sup>1</sup>	1545	1773	-12.9%
District Court	439	522	-15.9%
Court of Federal Claims	188	154	22.1%
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	319	384	-16.9%
Court of International Trade	67	58	15.5%
Merit Systems Protection Board	389	508	-23.4%
Patent & Trademark Office	52	72	-27.8%
Boards of Contract Appeals	16	33	-51.5%
International Trade Commission	38	9	322.2%
Department of Veterans Affairs	3	3	0.0%
Office of Compliance	4	0	400.0%
Writs	30	30	0.0%
Total Filings per Panel <sup>2</sup>	386	443	-12.9%
<b><u>TERMINATIONS</u></b>			
Total Terminations <sup>3</sup>	1718	1461	17.6%
District Court	504	496	1.6%
Court of Federal Claims	185	137	35.0%
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	387	119	225.2%
Court of International Trade	54	67	-19.4%
Merit Systems Protection Board	436	506	-13.8%
Patent & Trademark Office	69	60	15.0%
Boards of Contract Appeals	29	30	-3.3%
International Trade Commission	18	10	80.0%
Department of Veterans Affairs	4	3	33.3%
Office of Compliance	0	4	-400.0%
Writs	32	29	10.3%
Total Terminations per Panel	430	365	17.8%

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<sup>1</sup> Filings: Total number of appeals (including cross- and consolidated appeals) docketed or reinstated during the 12-month review period.

<sup>2</sup> Per panel figures are calculated by dividing by four (the number of three-judge panels of authorized judgeships).

<sup>3</sup> Terminations: Total number of appeals (including cross- and consolidated appeals) terminated during the 12-month review period.

	<b>FY 2007</b> 12 Months Ending 9/30/2007	<b>FY 2006</b> 12 Months Ending 9/30/2006	<b>% Change</b>
Total Merits Terminations <sup>4</sup>	797	750	6.3%
District Court	234	210	11.4%
Court of Federal Claims	113	94	20.2%
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	78	51	52.9%
Court of International Trade	34	36	-5.6%
Merit Systems Protection Board	265	297	-10.8%
Patent & Trademark Office	45	29	55.2%
Boards of Contract Appeals	22	22	0.0%
International Trade Commission	3	5	-40.0%
Department of Veterans Affairs	2	2	0.0%
Office of Compliance	0	3	-300.0%
Writs	1	1	0.0%
Percentage of Merits Terminations Orally Argued: <sup>5</sup>	62.1%	57.7%	
Dispositions:			
FCR 36 Summary Orders	179	184	-2.7%
Other Non-Precedential Opinions	354	353	0.3%
Precedential Opinions	264	213	23.9%
Percentage of Non-Precedential Dispositions:	66.9%	71.6%	

### **CASE EVENT TIMELINES**

Median Time: Docketing to Disposition <sup>6</sup>

All Appeals	6.6 months	6.7 months
Merits Dispositions	9.1 months	9.3 months

Median Time: Calendar to Disposition <sup>7</sup>      1.7 months      1.6 months

<sup>4</sup> Merits Terminations: Dispositions by three-judge merits panels or by the court en banc based on the merits of a case after presentation in briefs pursuant to FRAP 28. Excludes cross- and consolidated appeals and dispositions by motions panels.

<sup>5</sup> Most appeals where the parties are represented by counsel are argued orally. Pro se appeals are not argued orally.

<sup>6</sup> Median Time Docketing to Disposition: Median number of months between docketing and disposition for appeals terminated during the 12-month review period.

<sup>7</sup> Median Time Calendar to Disposition: Median number of months between oral argument or submission on the briefs and disposition for appeals terminated during the 12-month review period.