

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Caseload Analysis FY 2007 - FY 2008

	FY 2008	FY 2007	% Change
	12 Months Ending 9/30/2008	12 Months Ending 9/30/2007	
FILINGS			
Total Filings ¹	1459	1545	-5.6%
District Court	459	439	4.6%
Court of Federal Claims	205	188	9.0%
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	170	319	-46.7%
Court of International Trade	45	67	-32.8%
Merit Systems Protection Board	419	389	7.7%
Patent & Trademark Office	82	52	57.7%
Boards of Contract Appeals	24	16	50.0%
International Trade Commission	24	38	-36.8%
Department of Veterans Affairs	3	3	0.0%
Office of Compliance	1	4	-75.0%
Writs	27	30	-10.0%
Total Filings per Panel ²	365	386	-5.4%
TERMINATIONS			
Total Terminations ³	1745	1718	1.6%
District Court	478	504	-5.2%
Court of Federal Claims	177	185	-4.3%
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	478	387	23.5%
Court of International Trade	64	54	18.5%
Merit Systems Protection Board	420	436	-3.7%
Patent & Trademark Office	60	69	-13.0%
Boards of Contract Appeals	23	29	-20.7%
International Trade Commission	16	18	-11.1%
Department of Veterans Affairs	3	4	-25.0%
Office of Compliance	3	0	300.0%
Writs	23	32	-28.1%
Total Terminations per Panel	436	430	1.4%

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

² Per panel figures are calculated by dividing by four (the number of three-judge panels of authorized judgeships for the court).

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

	FY 2008 12 Months Ending 9/30/2008	FY 2007 12 Months Ending 9/30/2007	% Change
Total Merits Terminations ⁴	716	797	-10.2%
District Court	208	234	-11.1%
Court of Federal Claims	85	113	-24.8%
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	107	78	37.2%
Court of International Trade	37	34	8.8%
Merit Systems Protection Board	228	265	-14.0%
Patent & Trademark Office	27	45	-40.0%
Boards of Contract Appeals	11	22	-50.0%
International Trade Commission	10	3	233.3%
Department of Veterans Affairs	1	2	-50.0%
Office of Compliance	2	0	200.0%
Writs	0	1	-100.0%
Percentage of Merits Terminations Orally Argued: ⁵	61.0%	62.1%	
Dispositions:			
FCR 36 Summary Orders	129	179	-27.9%
Other Non-Precedential Opinions	346	353	-2.0%
Precedential Opinions	241	265	-9.1%
Percentage Non-Precedential Dispositions:	66.3%	66.8%	

CASE EVENT TIMELINES

Median Time: Docketing to Disposition⁶

All Appeals	8.4 months	6.6 months
Merits Dispositions	9.0 months	9.1 months

Median Time: Calendar to Disposition⁷

All Merits Dispositions	1.6 months	1.7 months
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⁴ 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.

⁵ Percentage of Merits Terminations Orally Argued: Most appeals where the parties are represented by counsel are argued orally. Pro se appeals are not argued orally.

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

⁷ 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.