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**Appeals commenced, terminated, and pending, and judgeships authorized in U.S. Courts of Appeals**

1982-2003

	Appeals commenced				
	Number	Cases per three-judge panel	Termi- nated	Pending	Judge- ships authorized
1982	27,946	635	27,984	21,510	132
1983	29,630	673	28,660	22,480	132
1984	31,490	716	31,185	22,785	132
1985	33,360	642	31,387	24,758	156
1986	34,292	659	33,774	25,276	156
1987	35,176	676	34,444	26,008	156
1988	38,239	737	36,213	28,273	156
1989	39,900	767	37,509	30,614	156
1990	40,858	786	38,790	32,299	156
1991	43,027	773	41,640	33,428	167
1992	47,013	845	44,373	35,799	167
1993	50,224	902	47,790	38,156	167
1994	48,322	868	49,184	37,269	167
1995	50,072	899	49,805	37,310	167
1996	51,991	934	50,413	38,774	167
1997	52,319	940	51,194	39,846	167
1998	53,805	967	52,002	41,666	167
1999	54,693	983	54,088	42,225	167
2000	54,697	983	56,512	40,261	167
2001	57,464	1,032	57,422	39,996	167
2002	57,555	1,034	56,586	40,149	167
2003	60,847	1,093	56,396	44,600	167
Percent change					
2002 to 2003	5.7%	5.7%	-0.3%	11.1%	0%

Note: These data include criminal and civil appeals from U.S. District Courts, bankruptcy appeals, appeals from administrative agencies, and original proceedings. Three-judge panels represent full panels and hear appeal arguments. Data on the number of judges and cases filed in the Federal Circuit are excluded. Data for 1982-87 are reported for the 12-month period ending June 30. Beginning in 1988, data are reported for the Federal fiscal year, which is the 12-month period ending September 30. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

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