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**Petitions for review on writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court filed, terminated, and pending**

By circuit and nature of proceeding, fiscal year 2003

Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2003	Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2003
	Oct. 1, 2002	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed			Oct. 1, 2002	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed	
<b>Total</b>	3,262	6,671	115	6,526	28	3,264	Sixth Circuit	194	543	9	496	5	227
Criminal	927	2,454	20	2,487	3	871	Criminal	42	147	0	135	0	54
U.S. civil	603	1,175	23	1,182	5	568	U.S. civil	25	87	0	80	1	31
Private civil	1,645	2,949	61	2,777	20	1,736	Private civil	124	300	8	272	4	140
Administrative appeals	87	93	11	80	0	89	Administrative appeals	3	9	1	9	0	2
<b>District of Columbia</b>	42	87	1	78	4	46	<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	122	433	4	407	1	143
Criminal	7	11	0	9	0	9	Criminal	40	124	0	120	0	44
U.S. civil	23	47	1	48	1	20	U.S. civil	34	142	2	120	1	53
Private civil	6	16	0	12	3	7	Private civil	48	163	2	164	0	45
Administrative appeals	6	13	0	9	0	10	Administrative appeals	0	4	0	3	0	1
<b>First Circuit</b>	91	69	8	88	0	64	<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	147	365	5	383	0	124
Criminal	24	24	3	26	0	19	Criminal	26	107	1	98	0	34
U.S. civil	19	13	3	20	0	9	U.S. civil	37	71	1	86	0	21
Private civil	47	31	2	41	0	35	Private civil	77	180	0	195	0	62
Administrative appeals	1	1	0	1	0	1	Administrative appeals	7	7	3	4	0	7
<b>Second Circuit</b>	478	295	5	327	1	440	<b>Ninth Circuit</b>	954	1,273	30	1,158	0	1,039
Criminal	130	84	1	97	1	115	Criminal	245	472	1	481	0	235
U.S. civil	70	42	1	45	0	66	U.S. civil	160	132	4	130	0	158
Private civil	273	167	3	184	0	253	Private civil	495	645	19	524	0	597
Administrative appeals	5	2	0	1	0	6	Administrative appeals	54	24	6	23	0	49
<b>Third Circuit</b>	165	426	4	429	2	156	<b>Tenth Circuit</b>	147	318	5	317	0	143
Criminal	40	125	0	129	0	36	Criminal	40	101	1	101	0	39
U.S. civil	30	86	2	86	1	27	U.S. civil	41	65	4	81	0	21
Private civil	92	210	2	209	1	90	Private civil	66	149	0	132	0	83
Administrative appeals	3	5	0	5	0	3	Administrative appeals	0	3	0	3	0	0
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	213	782	21	763	5	206	<b>Eleventh Circuit</b>	320	777	12	823	7	255
Criminal	53	321	9	321	1	43	Criminal	105	262	1	286	0	80
U.S. civil	56	202	2	192	0	64	U.S. civil	82	195	2	217	1	57
Private civil	100	247	9	235	4	99	Private civil	131	310	9	315	6	111
Administrative appeals	4	12	1	15	0	0	Administrative appeals	2	10	0	5	0	7
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	389	1,303	11	1,257	3	421							
Criminal	175	676	3	684	1	163							
U.S. civil	26	93	1	77	0	41							
Private civil	186	531	7	494	2	214							
Administrative appeals	2	3	0	2	0	3							

Note: "Writ of certiorari" is an order by the appellate court that is used when the court has discretion on whether to hear an appeal. If the appellate court grants the writ, it has the effect of ordering the lower court to certify the record and send it up to the higher court, which will then hear the appeal. "U.S. civil" filings involve suits against the Federal Government brought in U.S. District Courts. "Private civil" filings involve suits wherein litigation is between States and/or private citizens. "Administrative appeals" include applications for enforcement or petitions for review of orders of an administrative board or agency. Data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal circuit are not included in the above table. For a list of U.S. District Courts in each circuit, see [table 5.11](#).

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Judicial Business of the United States Courts: 2003 Annual Report of the Director* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2004), pp. 79-81.