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Table 5.72

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 1996

Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending		Pending		Terminated			Pending
	Oct. 1, 1995 <sup>a</sup>	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis- missed	Sept. 30, 1996	Circuit and nature of proceeding	Oct. 1, 1995 <sup>a</sup>	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis- missed	Sept. 30, 1996
Criminal	774	1,903	74	1,878	2	723	Criminal	77	151	11	162	2	53
U.S. civil	270	665	32	594	2	307	U.S. civil	19	38	0	41	1	15
Private civil	785	2,046	60	1,875	15	881	Private civil	91	190	5	190	8	78
Administrative appeals	73	113	7	115	1	63	Administrative appeals	3	6	0	4	1	4
District of Columbia	23	104	5	103	1	18	Seventh Circuit	184	446	20	400	0	210
Criminal	4	43	2	39	0	6	Criminal	104	175	12	172	0	95
U.S. civil	3	23	1	19	0	6	U.S. civil	35	132	7	110	0	50
Private civil	6	19	0	18	1	6	Private civil	43	135	1	113	0	64
Administrative appeals	10	19	2	27	0	0	Administrative appeals	2	4	0	5	0	1
First Circuit	35	114	6	103	1	39	Eighth Circuit	15	296	15	117	0	179
Criminal	5	51	3	39	0	14	Criminal	4	90	8	46	0	40
U.S. civil	7	16	1	15	1	6	U.S. civil	8	39	0	10	0	37
Private civil	22	45	1	47	0	19	Private civil	3	161	7	58	0	99
Administrative appeals	1	2	1	2	0	0	Administrative appeals	0	6	0	3	0	3
Second Circuit	103	243	15	249	0	82	Ninth Circuit	488	796	24	718	0	542
Criminal	35	91	9	87	0	30	Criminal	195	298	5	280	0	208
U.S. civil	20	31	0	34	0	17	U.S. civil	85	117	7	91	0	104
Private civil	46	115	6	122	0	33	Private civil	172	357	12	322	0	195
Administrative appeals	2	6	0	6	0	2	Administrative appeals	36	24	0	25	0	35
Third Circuit	123	341	3	348	0	113	Tenth Circuit	130	341	21	345	0	105
Criminal	38	127	1	124	0	40	Criminal	32	118	4	112	0	34
U.S. civil	14	57	1	53	0	17	U.S. civil	33	73	8	73	0	25
Private civil	68	147	1	161	0	53	Private civil	64	147	9	157	0	45
Administrative appeals	3	10	0	10	0	3	Administrative appeals	1	3	0	3	0	1
Fourth Circuit	147	536	23	533	3	124	Eleventh Circuit	249	526	12	591	0	172
Criminal	48	232	8	226	0	46	Criminal	160	314	6	388	0	80
U.S. civil	18	71	5	84	0	0	U.S. civil	8	27	1	22	0	12
Private civil	73	222	8	213	3	71	Private civil	80	177	4	173	0	80
Administrative appeals	8	11	2	10	0	7	Administrative appeals	1	8	1	8	0	0
Fifth Circuit	215	599	13	558	3	240							
Criminal	72	213	5	203	0	77							
U.S. civil	20	41	1	42	0	18							
Private civil	117	331	6	301	3	138							
Administrative appeals	6	14	1	12	0	7							

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. For a list of U.S. District Courts in each circuit, see table 5.9.

<sup>a</sup>Data have been revised by the Source.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Annual Report of the Director*, 1996 (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1997), pp. 92-94.