Months to Final Decision Ninth Circuit – FY 2013

	Number of cases	Months between docketing and disposition $^{\mathrm{1}}$		
		First quartile	Median	Third quartile
All Cases/Appeals in sample ²	4156	14.50	19.73	26.93
Original Proceedings	11	.23	.33	2.81
Appeals from Administrative Agencies	1187	20.37	27.39	47.31
Bankruptcy Cases ³	68	17.97	20.28	24.26
Appeals from District Courts:				
Criminal Cases ⁴	1026	11.74	14.50	18.72
Prisoner Petitions (PP)	631	12.84	17.92	27.68
PP-Habeas	287	17.79	26.07	36.05
PP-Other	344	11.47	14.00	19.07
Other Civil Actions ⁵	1233	16.30	19.79	23.14
Civil Rights-Employment	89	16.37	20.02	22.03
Civil Rights-Other	298	16.25	20.10	25.31
Labor	86	17.42	20.33	23.34
Social Security	94	14.56	18.00	20.26
Antitrust	17	20.22	20.51	21.17
Constitutionality of State Statute	23	10.93	15.19	19.96
Consumer Credit	32	16.73	19.77	20.19
Environment	46	16.11	20.61	23.26
Federal Tax	16	15.69	19.84	21.66
IP	61	14.10	20.25	23.93
RICO	20	17.99	22.47	27.55
Securities	21	18.61	22.88	24.59
Other Statutory Actions	110	16.54	20.60	25.80

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Other Civil Actions (continued)				
Contract- Insurance	57	17.92	20.42	21.40
Contract- Other	87	17.05	20.38	23.37
Real Property	36	15.43	18.79	22.32
Torts	138	17.92	18.90	20.97

¹ First quartile figures are the number of months by which 25% of cases were decided; the median shows the number of months by which 50% of cases were decided; third quartile figures are the number of months by which 75% of cases were decided.

² Data were collected from 3,777 opinions and memoranda issued between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013 and available through the Ninth Circuit's website. Where opinions disposed of several appeals (as shown by unique docket numbers), each appeal was treated as a separate case. The data do not include all cases terminated in FY 2013. There were eleven cases (ten criminal cases, one civil case) that were placed under seal, making the date of docketing unavailable. For these cases, the date of docketing was estimated using information on the case number and the docketing date of other criminal or civil cases. If the cases for which the docketing date was estimated are removed from the sample, the first quartile, median, and third quartile figures are 14.50, 19.76, and 26.97, respectively.

³ Includes appeals from district courts and from Bankruptcy Appellate Panels.

⁴ If the ten cases for which the docketing date was estimated are removed from this subsample, the first quartile, median, and third quartile figures are 11.74, 14.48, and 18.69, respectively.

⁵ The breakdown that follows excludes 2 "Other-Miscellaneous" cases. If the single case for which the docketing date was estimated is removed from this subsample, the first quartile, median, and third quartile figures are 16.30, 19.79, and 23.12, respectively.