

United States Court Of Appeals For The Federal Circuit:

Recent Developments And Future Challenges

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The Federal Circuit

- 18 Circuit Judges total, 12 Active Judges
- The Federal Circuit is unique among the thirteen Circuit Courts of Appeals

Court of National Jurisdiction

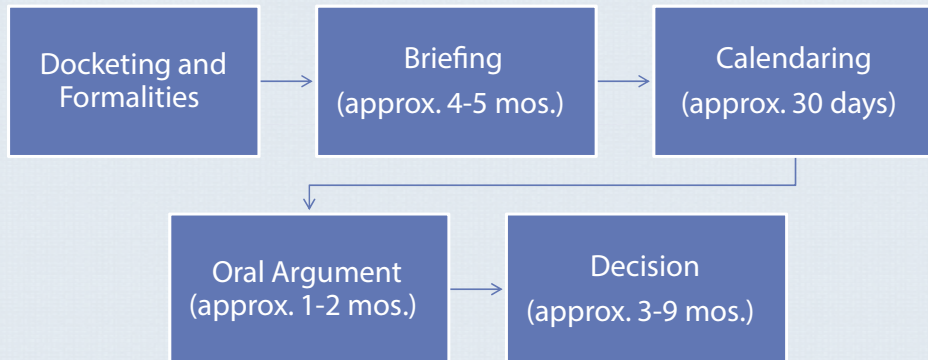
Jurisdiction is defined by subject matter, not geographical location

Diversity of jurisdiction:

international trade, government contracts, patents, trademarks, certain money claims against the United States government, federal personnel, veterans' benefits, and public safety officers' benefits claims.

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Life of a CAFC Appeal



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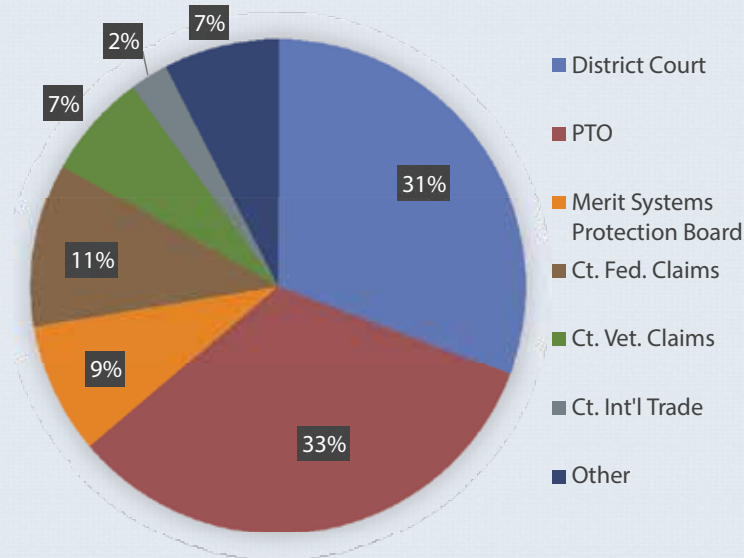
The Federal Circuit

- Pending caseload as of March 9, 2018:

Origin	Cases	Percentage
District Court	485	32%
Patent and Trademark Office	645	42%
Merit Systems Protection Board	78	5%
Federal Claims	120	8%
Veterans Claims	88	6%
Trade	65	4%
Other	53	3%
Total	1534	100%

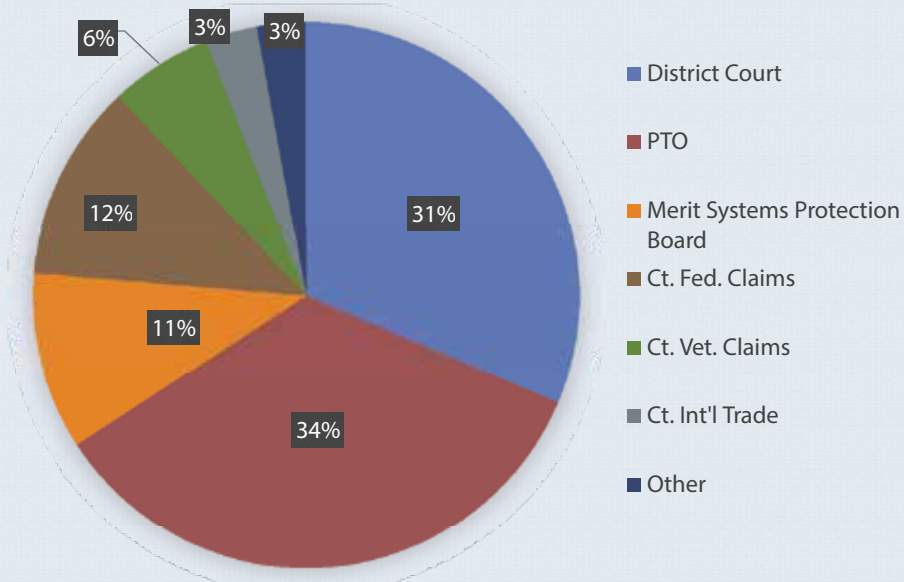
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Appeals Filed in the 12 Month Period Ending 3/9/2018



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Appeals Disposed of on the Merits in the 12 Month Period Ending 3/9/2018



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Status of Appeals Filed in the 12 Month Period Ending 3/9/2018

Pending caseload as of March 9, 2018:

Status	Cases
Under submission to merits panels	220
On upcoming calendar(s)	115
Ready for calendaring	319
Awaiting later briefs	363
Awaiting first brief	415
Briefing stayed	80
Other	22
Total	1534

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Development of CAFC Opinions

- Briefing (Follow Court rules)
- Reply (Consider carefully)
- Amicus Briefs (True friends of the Court?)
- Motions Panels
- Joint Appendix (and Supplemental Joint Appendix)
- Oral Argument
- Deliberations
- Opinion
- Rehearing and Rehearing En Banc

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