

## Overview of Third Circuit Opinions – Fiscal Year 2015

	Number of Months between Docketing and Disposition <sup>1</sup>			Percent affirmed or dismissed
	First Quartile	Median	Third Quartile	
<b>Total</b> (1,349 cases) <sup>2</sup>	7.36	10.19	13.87	
<b>Original Proceedings</b> (88) <sup>3</sup>	1.40	2.30	3.67	100.00%
<b>Appeals from Agencies</b> (124) <sup>4</sup>	7.50	9.44	12.76	84.67%
<b>Appeals from District Courts:</b>				
Criminal Cases (271)	8.99	11.61	16.16	90.04%
Prisoner Petitions (105) <sup>5</sup>	6.25	8.84	12.82	82.86%
Prisoner Petitions – Habeas (128) <sup>6</sup>	7.28	8.94	15.18	84.38%
Bankruptcy Cases (33)	9.24	10.52	13.87	72.72%
Other Civil Cases (600)	8.06	10.80	13.95	82.67%

<sup>1</sup> Table entries show the number of months between the date of docketing in the Circuit Court and the date of final disposition. The “First Quartile” column entries show that the Court decided 25% of the cases within the stated number of months; the “Median” column entries show that the Court decided 50% of the cases within the stated number of months; and the “Third Quartile” column entries show that the Court decided 75% of cases within the stated number of months. For example, of the 1,349 appeals decided, 25% of those appeals were decided within 7.36 months of docketing, 50% were decided within 10.19 months of docketing, and 75% were decided within 13.87 months of docketing.

<sup>2</sup> The 1,349 appeals were disposed of in 1,251 precedential opinions, non-precedential opinions, and judgment orders available through the Third Circuit’s website.

<sup>3</sup> The cases are petitions for a writ of mandamus or prohibition. The figure in the “percent affirmed” column is the percent of petitions that were denied or dismissed.

<sup>4</sup> Percent affirmed figure is the percent of cases or petitions that were affirmed, denied, or dismissed.

<sup>5</sup> Other than habeas cases. Includes Section 1983 cases and *Bivens* actions, among other types of prisoner petitions.

<sup>6</sup> Category does not include denials of requests for a certificate of appealability.