

Months to Final Decision Third Circuit – FY 2015

	Number of cases	Months between docketing and disposition ¹		
		First quartile	Median	Third quartile
All Cases/Appeals in sample²	1349	7.36	10.19	13.87
Original Proceedings	88	1.40	2.30	3.67
Appeals from Administrative Agencies	124	7.50	9.44	12.76
Appeals from District Courts:				
Criminal Cases	271	8.99	11.61	16.16
Prisoner Petitions (PP)	233	6.81	8.84	13.68
PP-Habeas	128	7.28	8.94	15.18
PP-Other	105	6.25	8.84	12.82
Bankruptcy Appeals	33	9.24	10.52	13.87
Other Civil Actions ³	600	8.06	10.80	13.95
Civil Rights-Employment	93	8.19	9.86	12.20
Civil Rights-Other	200	7.10	9.94	13.01
Labor	39	11.11	13.94	16.21
Social Security	16	7.40	8.38	11.09
Other Statutory Actions	96	9.13	12.55	15.62
Contract- Insurance	23	8.73	10.39	14.02
Contract- Other	61	8.88	11.83	14.63
Torts	65	9.37	12.13	14.86

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 1,251 opinions and judgment orders issued between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015 and available through the Third 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 2015.

³ Breakdown that follows excludes 7 Real Property cases.