

Overview of Ninth Circuit Opinions – Fiscal Year 2013

	Number of Months between Docketing and Disposition ¹			Percent affirmed or dismissed
	First Quartile	Median	Third Quartile	
Total (4,156 cases) ²	14.50	19.73	26.93	
Original Proceedings (11) ³	.23	.33	2.81	81.82%
Appeals from Agencies (1187) ⁴	20.37	27.39	47.31	85.76%
Bankruptcy Cases (68) ⁵	17.97	20.28	24.26	89.70%
Appeals from District Courts:				
Criminal Cases (1026)	11.74	14.50	18.72	83.53%
Prisoner Petitions (344) ⁶	11.47	14.00	19.07	84.88%
Prisoner Petitions – Habeas (287) ⁷	17.79	26.07	36.05	84.32%
Other Civil Cases (1233)	16.30	19.79	23.14	71.13%

¹ 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 4,156 appeals decided, 25% of those appeals were decided within 14.5 months of docketing, 50% were decided within 19.73 months of docketing, and 75% were decided within 26.93 months of docketing.

² The 4,156 appeals were disposed of in 3,775 opinions and memoranda available through the Ninth Circuit’s website.

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

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

⁵ Includes appeals from district courts and Bankruptcy Appellate Panels.

⁶ Other than habeas cases. Includes Section 1983 cases and *Bivens* actions, among other types of prisoner petitions.

⁷ Category does not include denials of requests for a certificate of appealability.