



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

**United States District Court  
Southern District of Florida  
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Miami, Florida 33128  
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# The District Judges of the Southern District of Florida

United States District Judges  
Southern District of Florida  
2016

From left to right

Back row: Beth Bloom, Robert N. Scola, Jr., James I. Cohn, Kenneth A. Marra,  
Donald M. Middlebrooks, William J. Zloch, Joan A. Lenard,  
William P. Dimitrouleas, Jose E. Martinez, Marcia G. Cooke, Darrin P. Gayles,  
Robin L. Rosenberg

Front row: Daniel T. K. Hurley, James Lawrence King, Chief Judge K. Michael Moore,  
Donald L. Graham, Paul C. Huck

# The District Judges of the Southern District of Florida



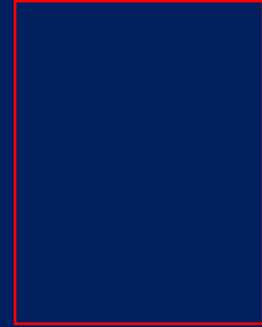
## Chief Judge K. Michael Moore

Nominated by: President George H. W. Bush  
Commission Date: February 10, 1992  
J.D. Fordham University School of Law, 1976  
B.A. Florida State University, 1972



## Judge Ursula Ungaro

Nominated by: President George H. W. Bush  
Commission Date: October 9, 1992  
J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1975  
B.A. University of Miami, 1973



## Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks

Nominated by: President William J. Clinton  
Commission Date: May 27, 1997  
J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1972  
B.S., B.A. University of Florida, 1968



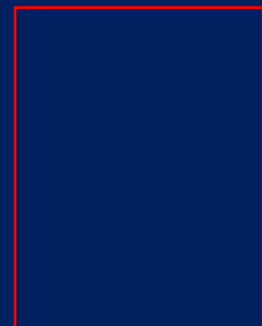
## Judge William P. Dimitrouleas

Nominated by: President William J. Clinton  
Commission Date: May 22, 1998  
J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1975  
B.A. Furman University, 1973



## Judge Jose E. Martinez

Nominated by: President George W. Bush  
Commission Date: September 17, 2002  
J.D. University of Miami School of Law, 1965  
B.B.A. University of Miami, 1962



## Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga

Nominated by: President George W. Bush  
Commission Date: May 7, 2003  
J.D. Yale University of Law, 1986  
B.A. Florida International University, 1983



## Judge Marcia G. Cooke

Nominated by: President George W. Bush  
Commission Date: May 18, 2004  
J.D. Wayne State University Law School, 1977  
B.S.F.S. Georgetown University, 1975



## Judge Kathleen M. Williams

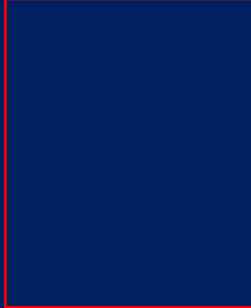
Nominated by: President Barack Obama  
Commission Date: August 4, 2011  
J.D. University of Miami School of Law, 1982  
B.A. Duke University, 1978



## Judge Robert N. Scola, Jr.

Nominated by: President Barack Obama  
Commission Date: October 20, 2011  
J.D. Boston College Law School, 1980  
B.A. Brown University, 1977

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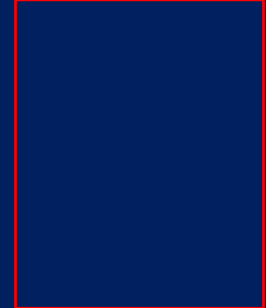
## Judge Darrin P. Gayles

Nominated by: President Barack Obama  
Commission Date: June 19, 2014  
J.D. George Washington University Law School, 1993  
B.A. Howard University, 1990



## Judge Beth Bloom

Nominated by: President Barack Obama  
Commission Date: June 24, 2014  
J.D. University of Miami School of Law, 1988  
B.S. University of Florida, 1984  
A.A. Broward Community College, 1982



## Judge Robin L. Rosenberg

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Commission Date: July 24, 2014  
J.D. Duke University School of Law, 1989  
M.A. Duke University, 1989  
B.A. Princeton University, 1983



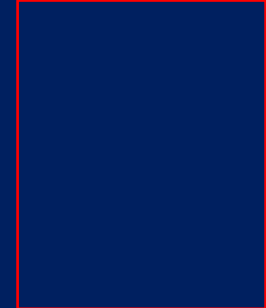
## Judge Roy K. Altman

Nominated by: President Donald J. Trump  
Commission Date: April 9, 2019  
J.D. Yale Law School, 2007  
B.A. Columbia University, 2004



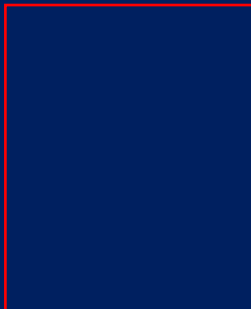
## Judge Rodolfo A. Ruiz II

Nominated by: President Donald J. Trump  
Commission Date: May 3, 2019  
J.D. Georgetown University Law Center, 2005  
B.S. Duke University, 2002



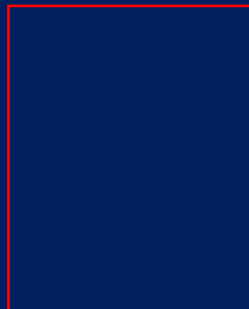
## Judge Rodney Smith

Nominated by: President Donald J. Trump  
Commission Date: June 14, 2019  
J.D. Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State University College of Law), 1999  
B.S. Florida A&M University, 1996



## Judge Anuraag H. Singhal

Nominated by President: Donald J. Trump  
Commission Date: December 20, 2019  
J.D. Wake Forest University School of Law, 1989  
B.A. Rice University, 1986



## Judge Aileen M. Cannon

Nominated by President: Donald J. Trump  
Commission Date: November 13, 2020  
J.D. University of Michigan Law School, 2007  
B.A. Duke University, 2003

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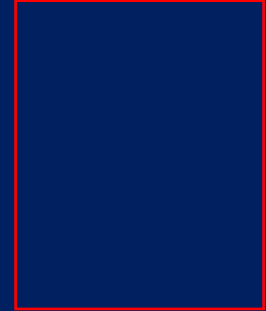
## Senior Judge James Lawrence King

Nominated by: President Richard M. Nixon  
Commission Date: October 19, 1970  
Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters,  
St. Thomas University, 1992  
LL.B. University of Florida College of Law, 1953  
B.A.E. University of Florida, 1949  
A.A. University of Florida, 1947



## Senior Judge Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr.

Nominated by: President Jimmy Carter  
Commission Date: July 28, 1978  
J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1957  
B.A. University of Florida, 1952



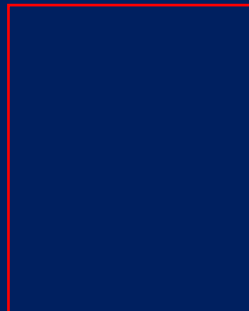
## Senior Judge William J. Zloch

Nominated by: President Ronald Reagan  
Commission Date: November 4, 1985  
J.D. Notre Dame Law School, 1974  
B.A. University of Notre Dame, 1966



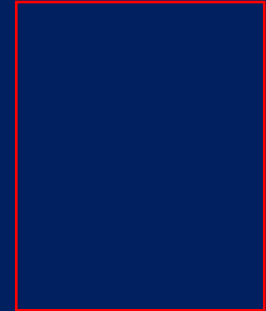
## Senior Judge Federico A. Moreno

Nominated by: President George H. W. Bush  
Commission Date: July 16, 1990  
J.D. University of Miami School of Law, 1978  
B.A. University of Notre Dame, 1974



## Senior Judge Donald L. Graham

Nominated by: President George H. W. Bush  
Commission Date: September 16, 1991  
J.D. The Ohio State University College of Law, 1974  
B.A. West Virginia State University, 1971



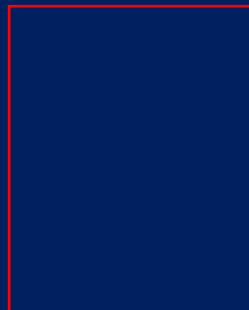
## Senior Judge Daniel T. K. Hurley

Nominated by: President William J. Clinton  
Commission Date: March 11, 1994  
J.D. George Washington University  
National Law Center, 1968  
A.B. Saint Anselm's College, 1964



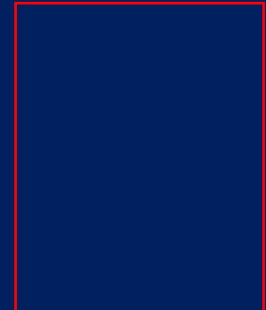
## Senior Judge Joan A. Lenard

Nominated by: President William J. Clinton  
Commission Date: December 26, 1995  
J.D. Antioch School of Law, 1976  
B.A. Roger Williams College, 1973



## Senior Judge Patricia A. Seitz

Nominated by: President William J. Clinton  
Commission Date: October 1, 1998  
J.D. Georgetown University Law Center, 1973  
B.A. Kansas State University, Manhattan 1968



## Senior Judge Paul C. Huck

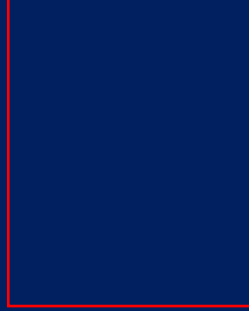
Nominated by: President William J. Clinton  
Commission Date: July 11, 2000  
J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1965  
B.A. University of Florida, 1962

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**Senior Judge Kenneth A. Marra**

Nominated by: President George W. Bush  
Commission Date: September 13, 2002  
J.D. Stetson University College of Law, 1977  
B.A. State University of New York  
at Stony Brook, 1973



**Senior Judge James I. Cohn**

Nominated by: President George W. Bush  
Commission Date: August 1, 2003  
J.D. Cumberland Law School, 1974  
B.A. University of Alabama, 1971

# The Magistrate Judges of the Southern District of Florida



**From left to right**

**Back row:** Patrick M. Hunt, Alicia M. Otazo-Reyes, Jonathan Goodman, Edwin G. Torres, Patrick A. White, Andrea M. Simonton, John J. O'Sullivan, James M. Hopkins, Chris M. McAliley, Dave Lee Brannon, William Matthewman

**Front row:** William C. Turnoff, Barry L. Garber (recalled), Chief Magistrate Judge Barry S. Seltzer, Peter R. Palermo (recalled), Lurana S. Snow



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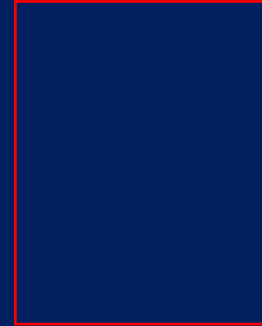
**Chief Magistrate Judge  
John J. O'Sullivan**

Initial Appointment: April 1, 1999



**Magistrate Judge  
Lurana S. Snow**

Initial Appointment: March 10, 1986



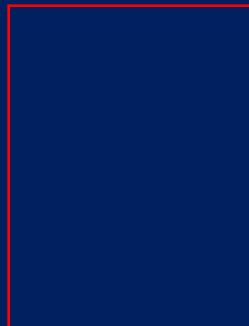
**Magistrate Judge  
Edwin G. Torres**

Initial Appointment: October 31, 2003



**Magistrate Judge  
Chris M. McAliley**

Initial Appointment: March 25, 2004



**Magistrate Judge  
Jonathan Goodman**

Initial Appointment: July 23, 2010



**Magistrate Judge  
Dave Lee Brannon**

Initial Appointment: February 24, 2012



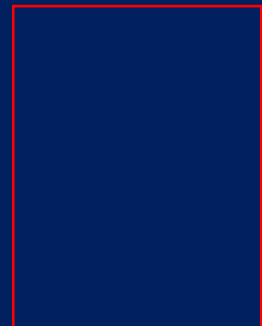
**Magistrate Judge  
Alicia M. Otazo-Reyes**

Initial Appointment: April 12, 2012



**Magistrate Judge  
William Matthewman**

Initial Appointment: July 2, 2012



**Magistrate Judge  
Patrick M. Hunt**

Initial Appointment: January 28, 2013

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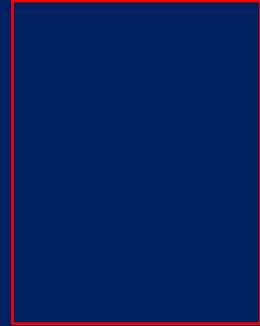
**Magistrate Judge  
Alicia O. Valle**

Initial Appointment: August 9, 2013



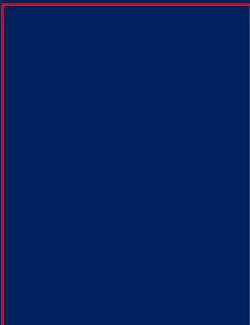
**Magistrate Judge  
Shaniek Maynard**

Initial Appointment: June 26, 2017



**Magistrate Judge  
Lauren Fleischer Louis**

Initial Appointment: February 24, 2018



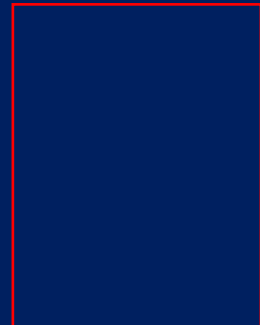
**Magistrate Judge  
Bruce E. Reinhart**

Initial Appointment: March 19, 2018



**Magistrate Judge  
Lisette M. Reid**

Initial Appointment: January 3, 2019



**Magistrate Judge  
Jacqueline Becerra**

Initial Appointment: January 5, 2019



**Magistrate Judge  
Jared M. Strauss**

Initial appointment: January 29, 2020

# 2020 and COVID-19

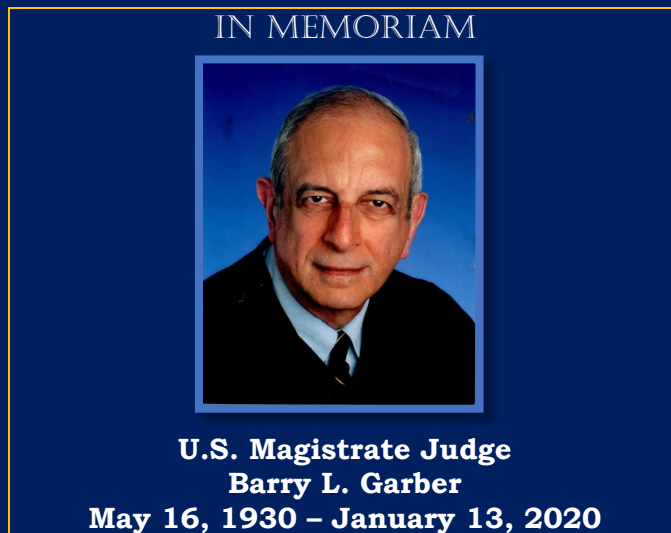
**In order to protect the Judges, staff and public, the Court has installed plexiglass dividers in the Courtrooms.**



**Furthermore, the Court installed temperature scanners at all entrances of the Courthouses.**



# Special Events and Occasions



## Judges and Lawyers Step Up to Provide Distance Learning During COVID-19 Crisis

By U.S. District Judge Beth Bloom

While federal courthouses and schools are closed, lawyers and judges are not slowing down when it comes to teaching students about the judicial system. On May 19, our Court and leaders from the South Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association brought [Law Day](#) into the homes of 53 students and faculty from Hialeah Gardens Senior High School's Law Academy. To read more, [click here](#).



**1,148**

**Attorneys Admitted to the SDFL Bar in 2020**

**3,151**

**Zoom Hearings completed in 2020  
4,046,446 Meeting Minutes  
56,447 Participants**

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**New United States District Judges**

**Anuraag H. Singhal**

**Aileen M. Cannon**

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**New United States Magistrate Judge**

**Jared M. Strauss**

# Special Events and Occasions

**Civil Discourse – District Judge Roy K. Altman  
Nova Southeastern University’s Forensics Program  
January 17, 2020**



**Civil Discourse - Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman  
Hialeah Gardens Senior High School  
January 24, 2020**



# Special Events and Occasions

**Black History Month  
Miami**

**February 25, 2020**

**District Judge Darrin P. Gayles**

**(Chair - Committee to Oversee Events Commemorating Black History Month)**



**Black History Month  
Fort Pierce**

**February 26, 2020**



**Informal Swearing In - District Judge Aileen M. Cannon  
November 23, 2020**



# Special Events and Occasions

## Naturalization Ceremonies Held Throughout 2020

During 2020, twenty-three naturalization ceremonies were held in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach conducted by District and Magistrate Judges. Due to COVID-19, ceremonies were held at local United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Offices, virtually via Microsoft Teams and WebX. Before COVID-19, new citizens enjoyed ceremonies that often included a professional singer performing patriotic songs and the Coast Guard opening the ceremony by posting the colors. A few hundred people could attend these events but with the pandemic, family and friends must now wait outside. Though more reserved than usual, these ceremonies are no less important or meaningful than before.

Taking the Oath of Allegiance and embracing U.S. citizenship is a remarkable act of patriotism for those who choose to make a permanent commitment to the United States. In taking the Oath of Allegiance to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, these new citizens have gained important new rights and responsibilities, along with ownership in America's future.

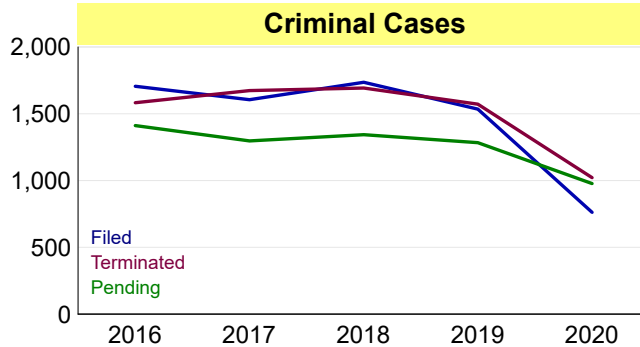
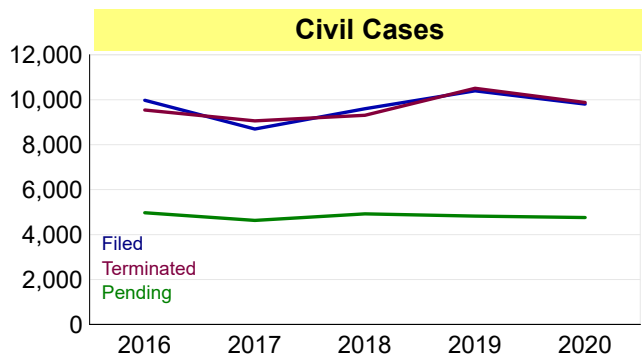
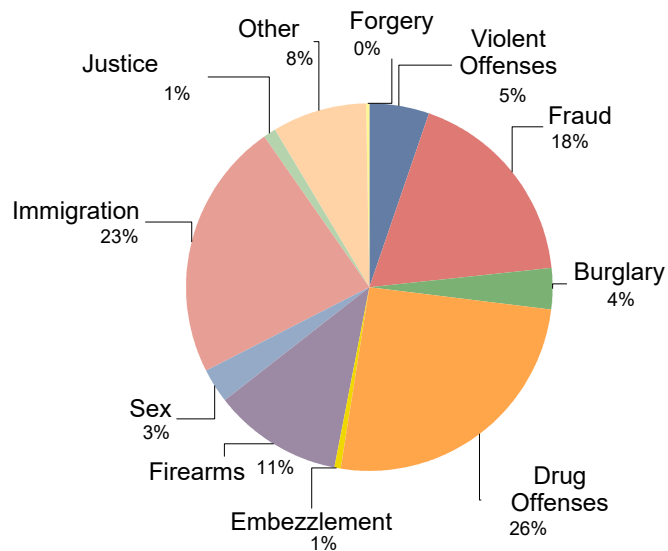
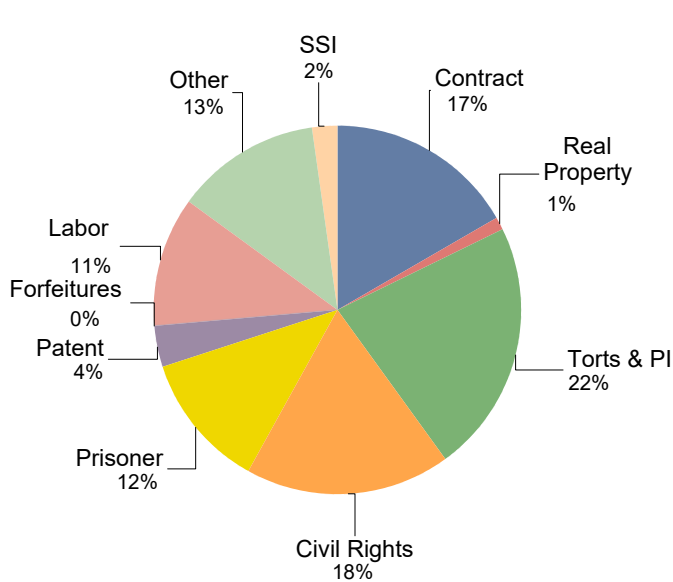


June 30, 2020

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
DISTRICT CASELOAD INFORMATION**

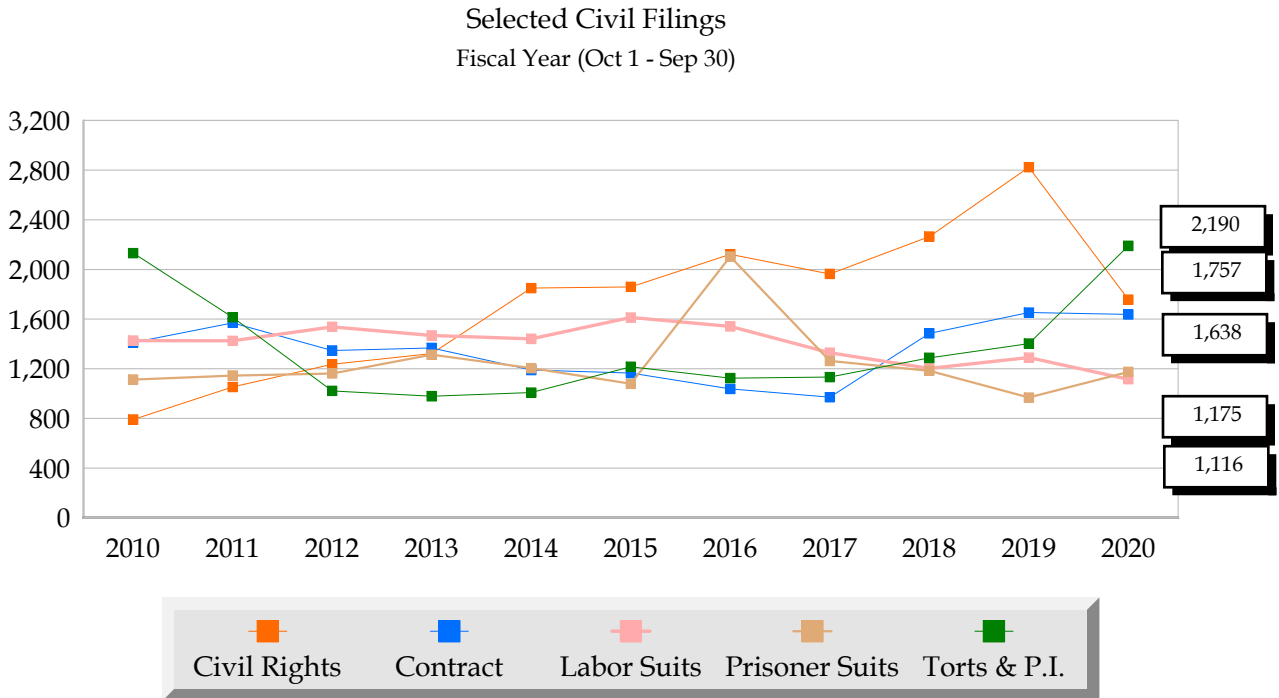
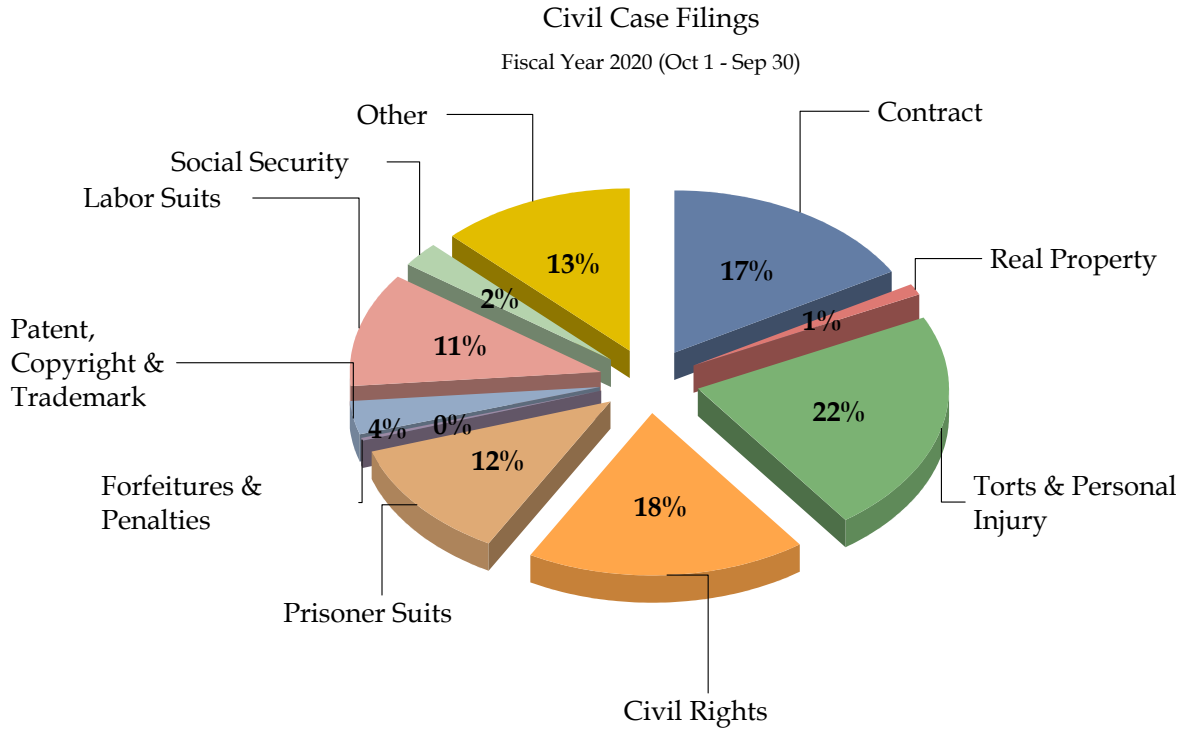
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020	% Change 2016-2020
<b>FILINGS</b>							
Civil Cases	9,974	8,700	9,602	10,395	9,808	-5.6%	-1.7%
Criminal Cases	1,705	1,605	1,735	1,534	762	-50.3%	-55.3%
Criminal Defendants	2,481	2,394	2,393	2,080	970	-53.4%	-60.9%
Total Cases	11,679	10,305	11,337	11,929	10,570	-11.4%	-9.5%
<b>TERMINATIONS</b>							
Civil Cases	9,546	9,060	9,307	10,512	9,874	-6.1%	3.4%
Criminal Cases	1,582	1,673	1,692	1,572	1,022	-35.0%	-35.4%
Criminal Defendants	2,354	2,528	2,428	2,177	1,413	-35.1%	-40.0%
Total Cases	11,128	10,733	10,999	12,084	10,896	-9.8%	-2.1%
<b>PENDING</b>							
Civil Cases	4,969	4,628	4,923	4,820	4,761	-1.2%	-4.2%
Criminal Cases	1,411	1,297	1,343	1,283	977	-23.9%	-30.8%
Criminal Defendants	2,137	1,971	1,961	1,877	1,404	-25.2%	-34.3%
Total Cases	6,380	5,925	6,266	6,103	5,738	-6.0%	-10.1%

**Civil & Criminal Distribution Fiscal Year 2020**





# STATISTICS - CIVIL



Notes: Includes original and reopened filings. Excludes miscellaneous filings.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts (2010-2020). Table: C3.

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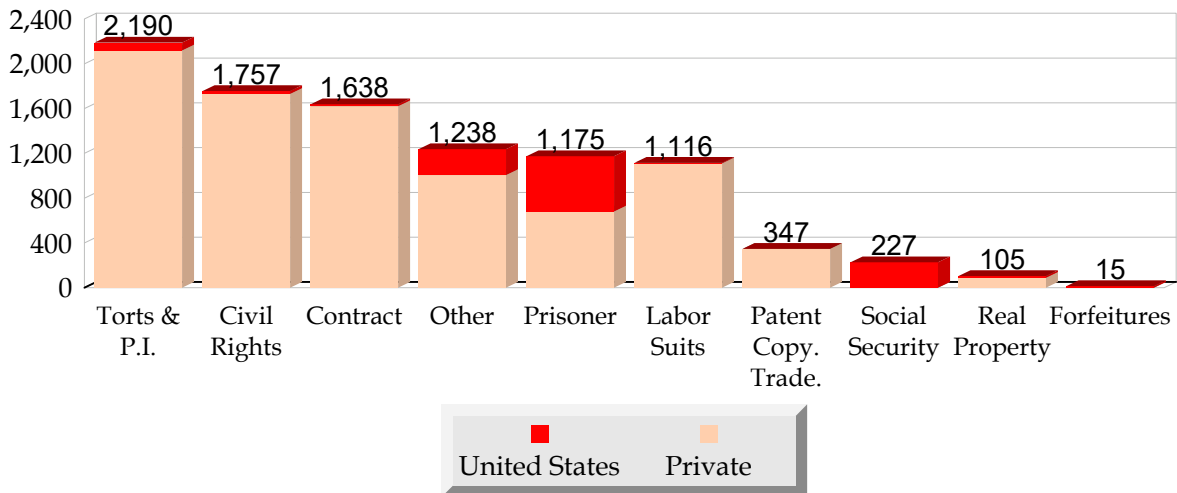
## Civil Filings

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

	2019	2020	Change
Civil Rights	2,824	1,757	-37.8%
Contract	1,653	1,638	-0.9%
Forfeitures & Penalties	19	15	-21.1%
Labor Suits	1,290	1,116	-13.5%
Patent, Copyright & Trademark	489	347	-29.0%
Prisoner Suits	968	1,175	21.4%
Real Property	99	105	6.1%
Social Security	165	227	37.6%
Torts & Personal Injury	1,403	2,190	56.1%
Other	1,485	1,238	-16.6%
Total	10,395	9,808	-5.6%

## Civil Filings

Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



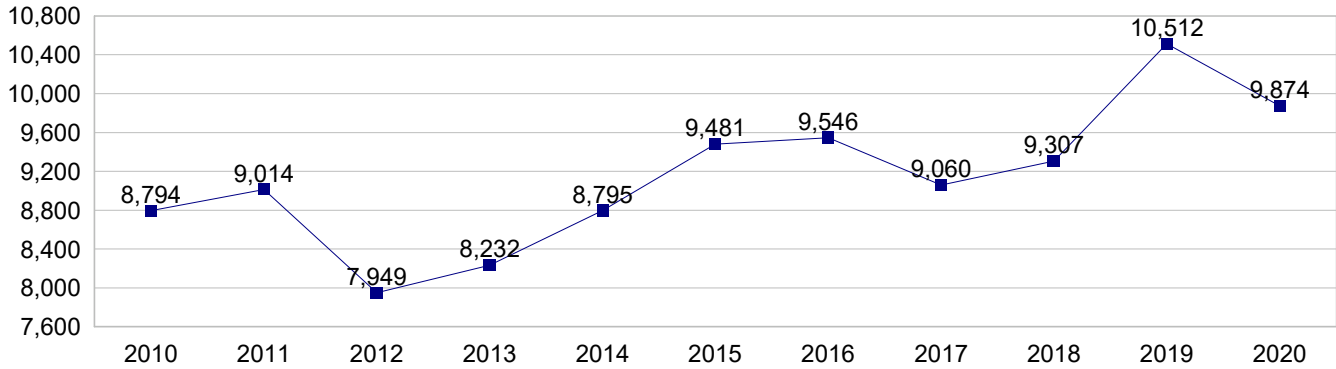
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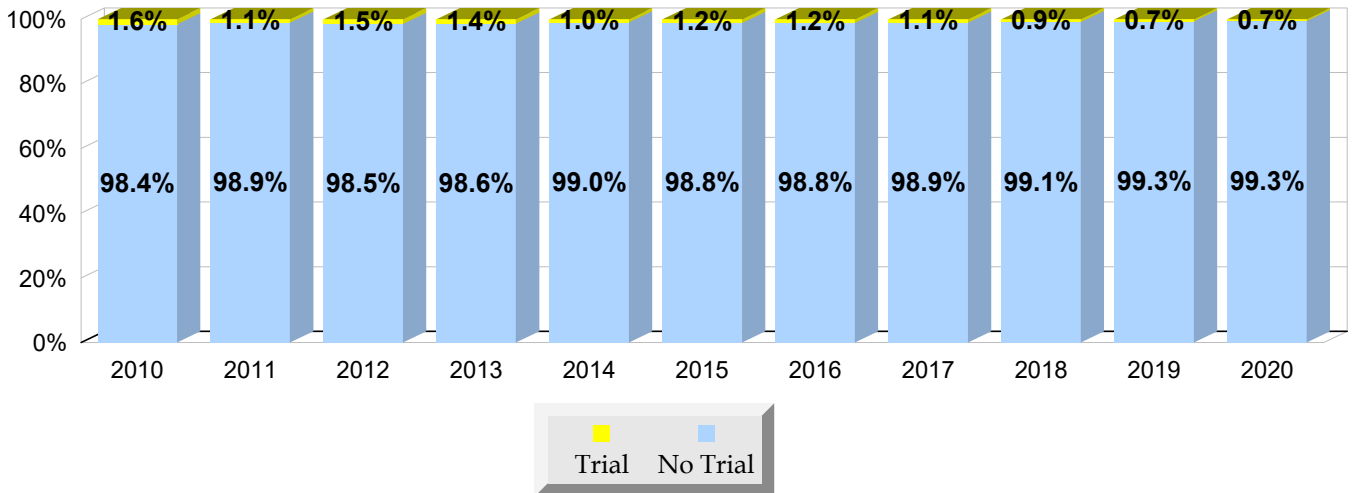
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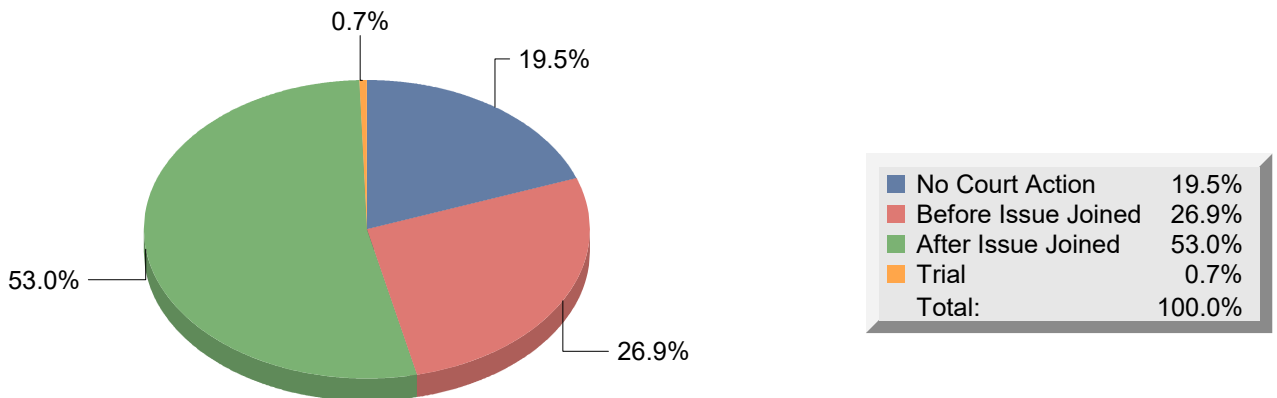
Civil Cases Terminated  
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



Civil Cases Terminated by Trial



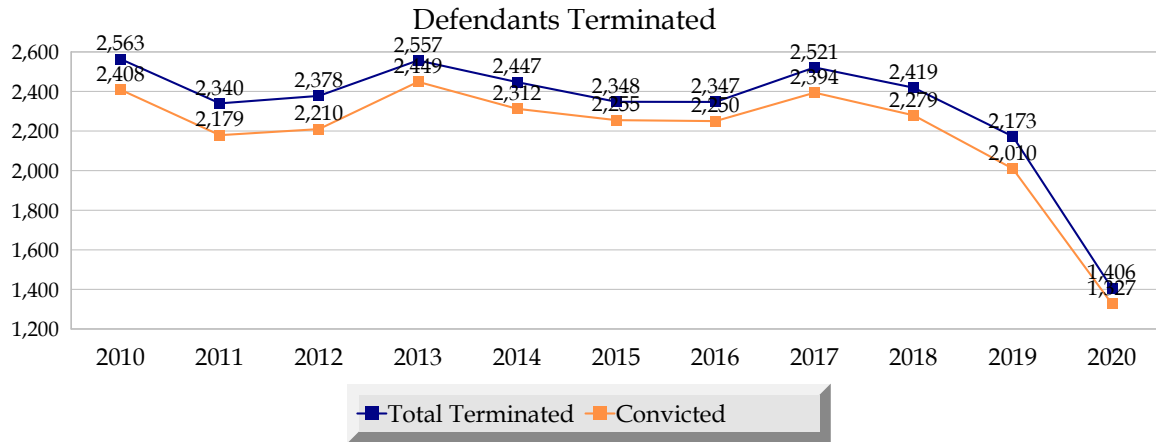
Progress at Termination  
Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



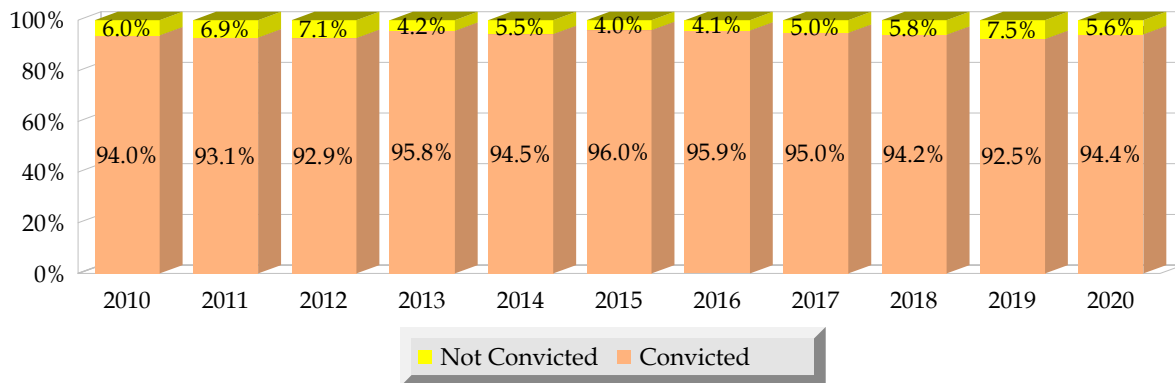
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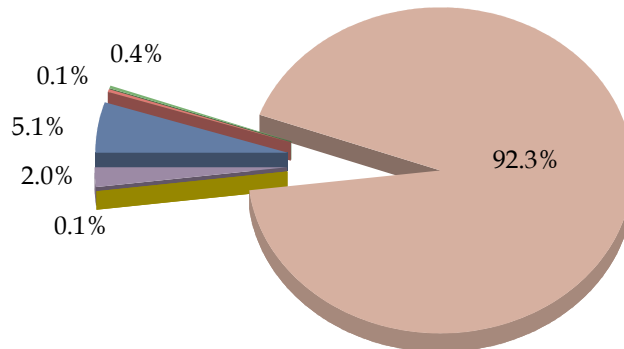
## Criminal Defendants Terminated Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



## Rates of Conviction



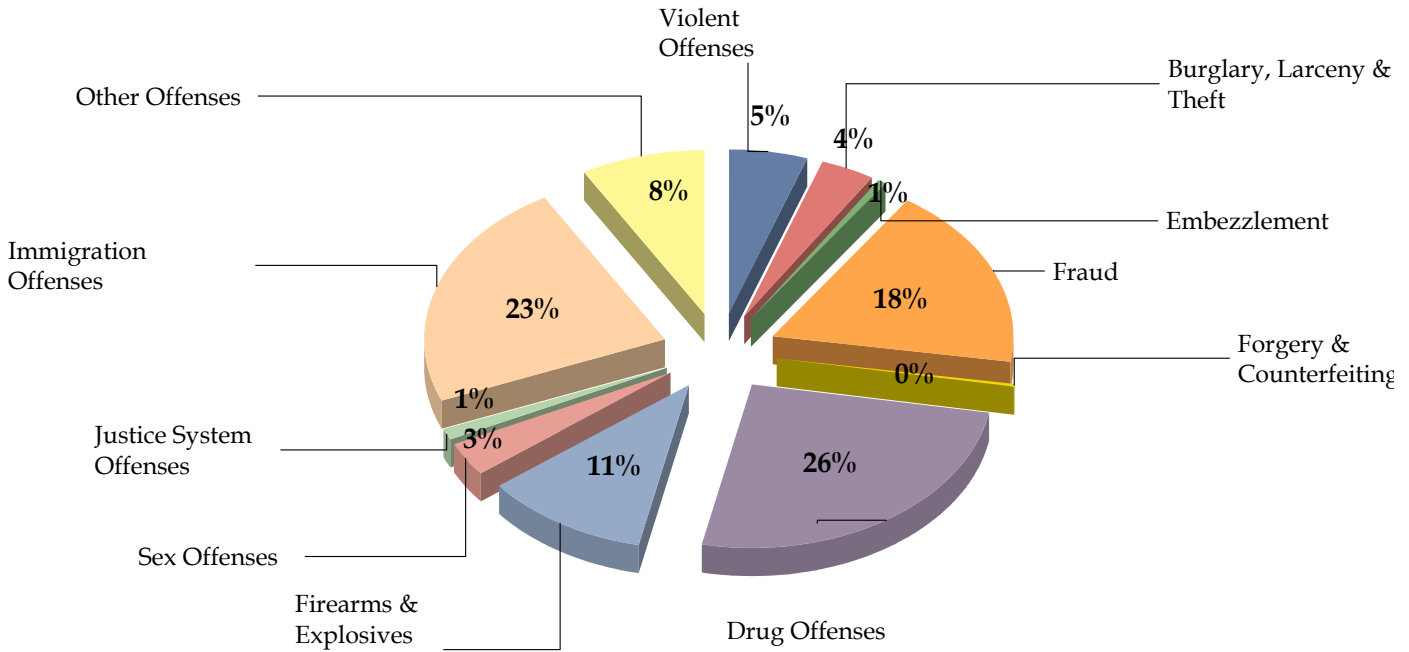
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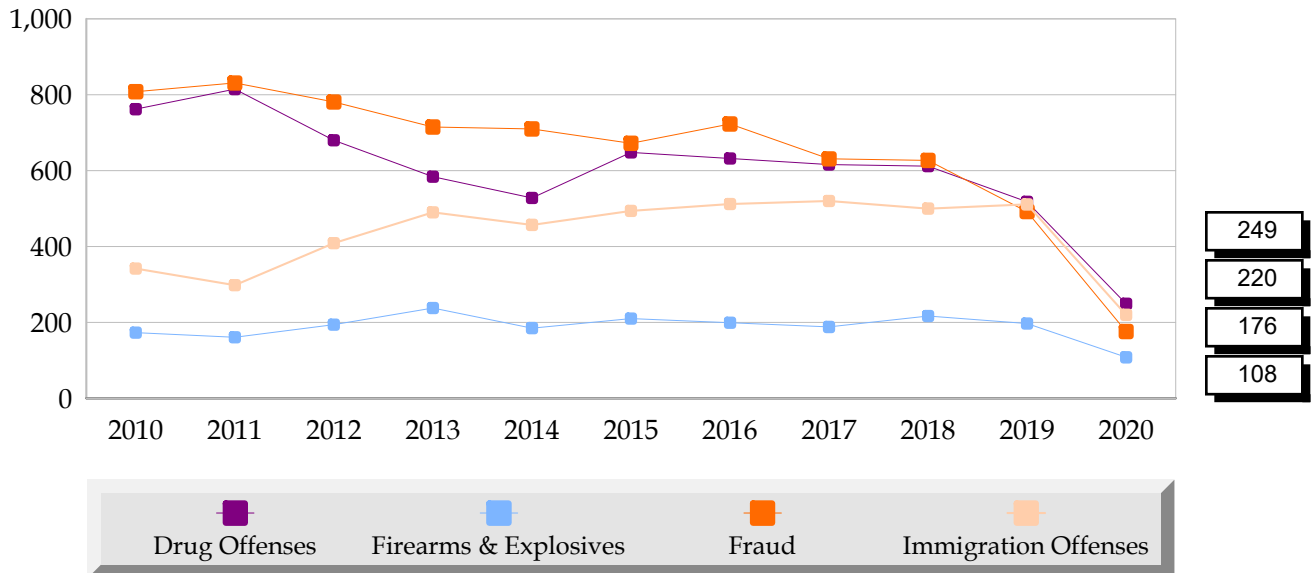
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Criminal Defendants Commenced  
Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



Selected Criminal Defendants Commenced  
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



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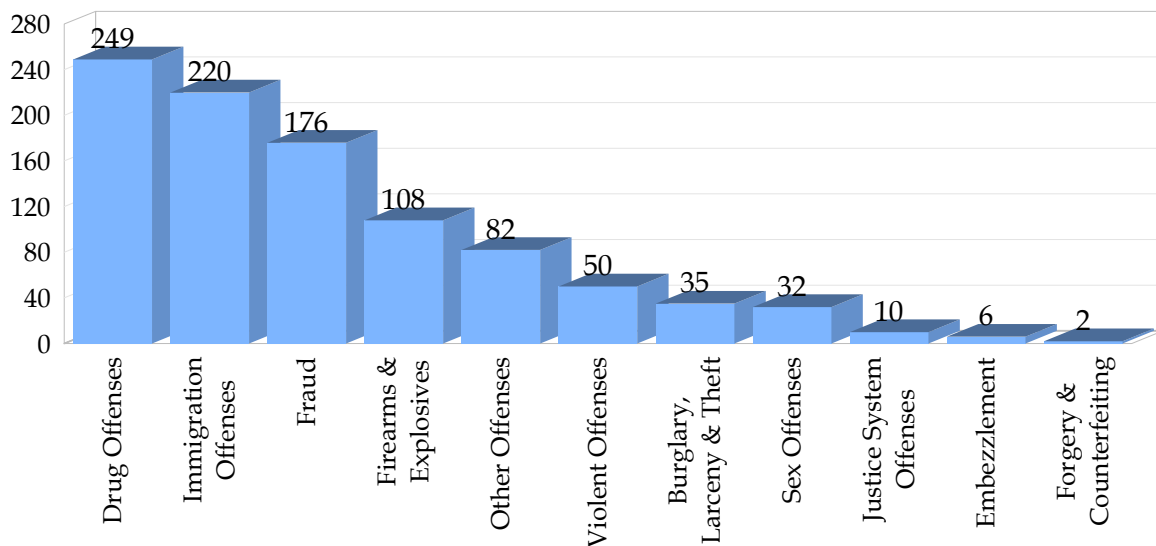
### Criminal Defendants Commenced

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

	2019	2020	Change
Burglary, Larceny & Theft	51	35	-31.4%
Drug Offenses	518	249	-51.9%
Embezzlement	12	6	-50.0%
Firearms & Explosives	197	108	-45.2%
Forgery & Counterfeiting	3	2	-33.3%
Fraud	492	176	-64.2%
Immigration Offenses	511	220	-56.9%
Justice System Offenses	21	10	-52.4%
Sex Offenses	67	32	-52.2%
Violent Offenses	69	50	-27.5%
Other	139	82	-41.0%
Total	2,080	970	-53.4%

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Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



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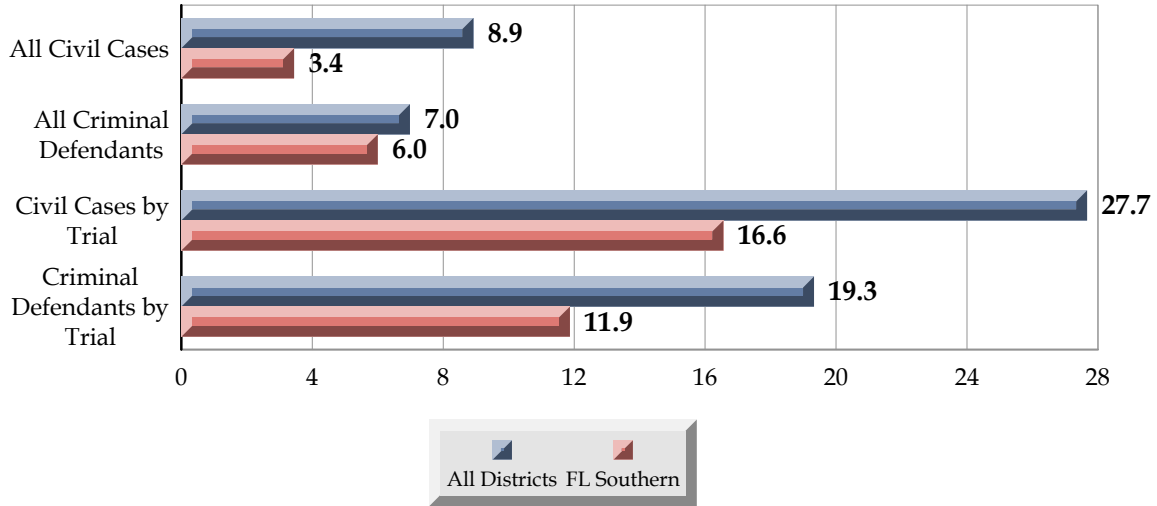
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# STATISTICS - DISPOSITION TIMES

## Median Months Filing to Disposition

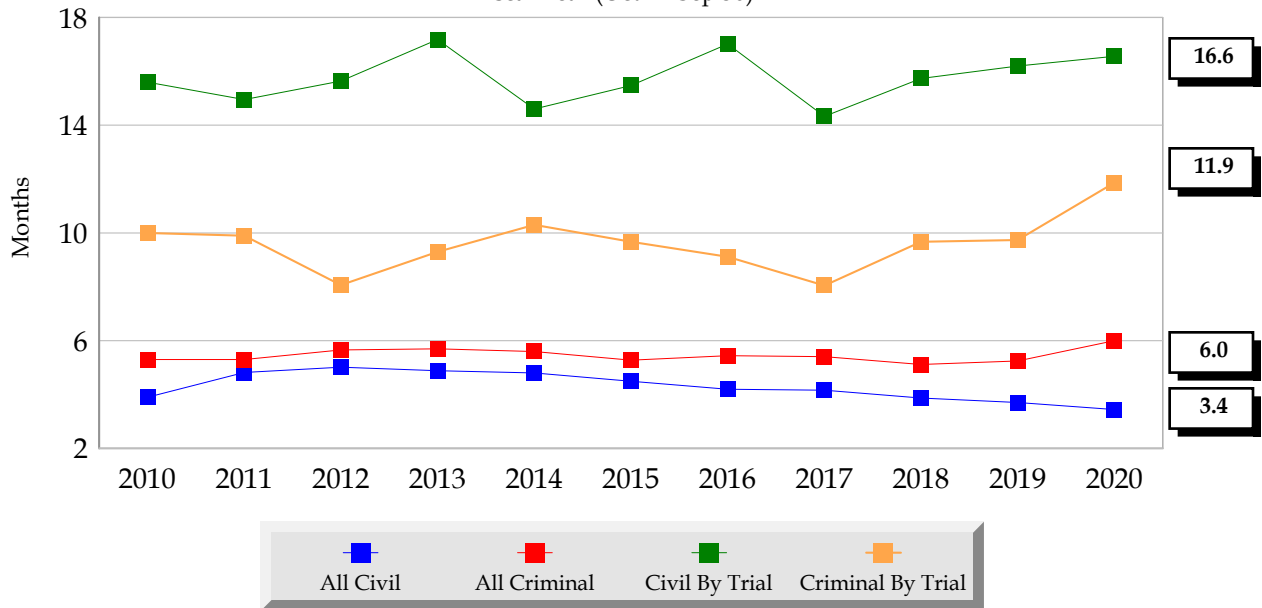
### Disposition Time Comparison

Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



### Disposition Time - Florida Southern

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

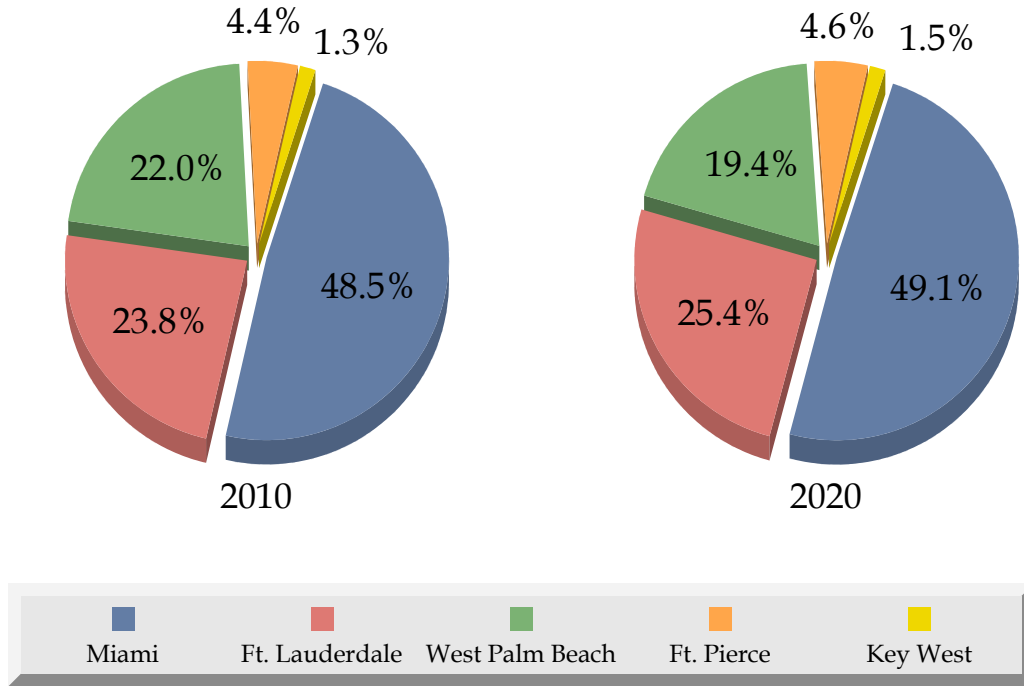


Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts (2010-2020). Tables: C-5, D-6.

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# STATISTICS – TOTAL FILINGS

Civil and Criminal Filings by Division  
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



	Civil Filings			Criminal Filings			Total Filings		
	2010	2020	Change	2010	2020	Change	2010	2020	Change
Miami	4,195	4,782	14.0%	925	403	-56.4%	5,120	5,185	1.3%
Ft. Lauderdale	2,175	2,479	14.0%	333	207	-37.8%	2,508	2,686	7.1%
West Palm Beach	2,148	1,959	-8.8%	174	96	-44.8%	2,322	2,055	-11.5%
Ft. Pierce	373	441	18.2%	95	42	-55.8%	468	483	3.2%
Key West	105	147	40.0%	33	14	-57.6%	138	161	16.7%
District	8,996	9,808	9.0%	1,560	762	-51.2%	10,556	10,570	0.1%

Notes: Includes original and reopened filings. Excludes miscellaneous filings.

Source: CM/ECF; Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts (2010,2020). Tables: C, D.

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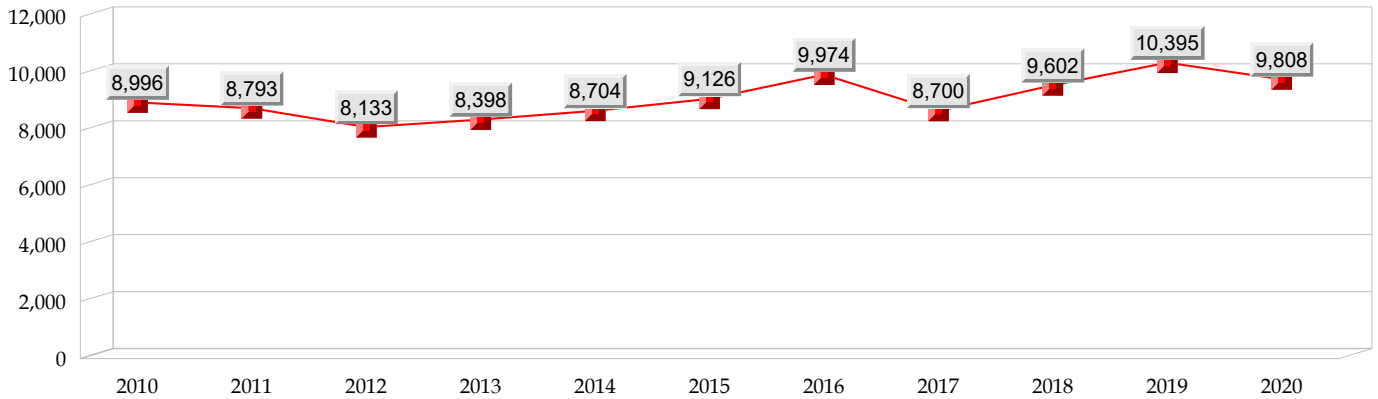


# STATISTICAL CHARTS AND GRAPHS OF COURT OPERATIONS

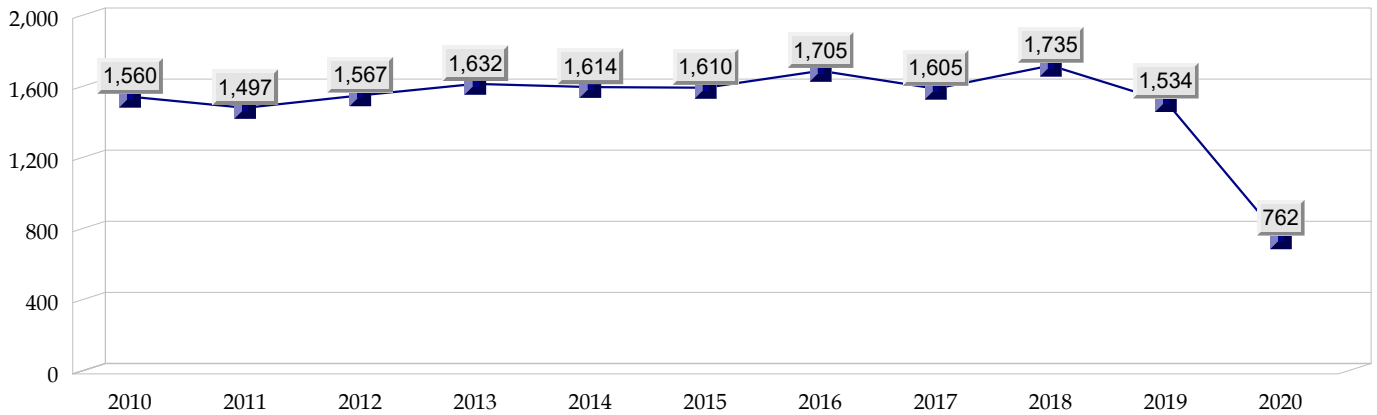
## TOTAL FILINGS

Case Filings  
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

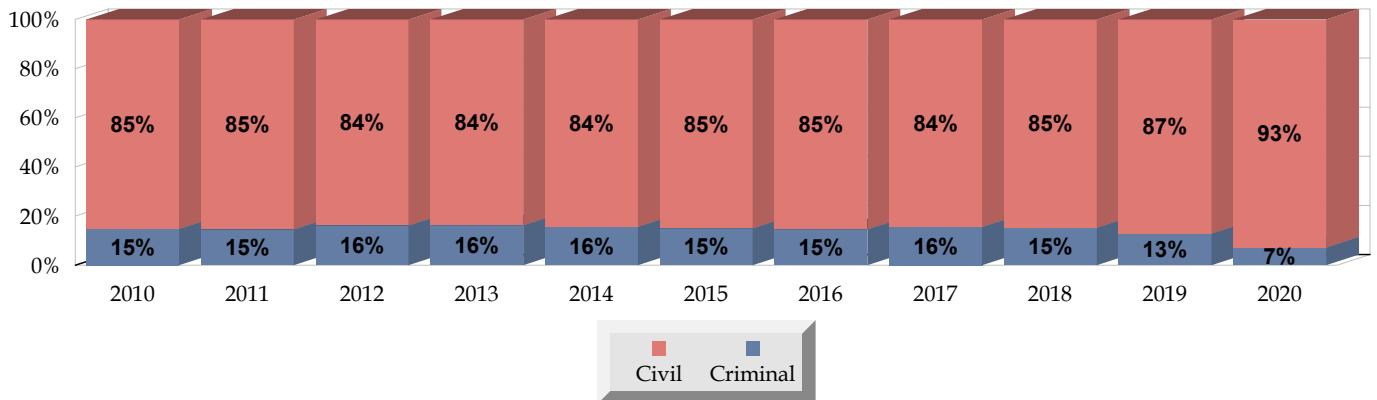
Civil Filings



Criminal Filings



Share of Total Filings



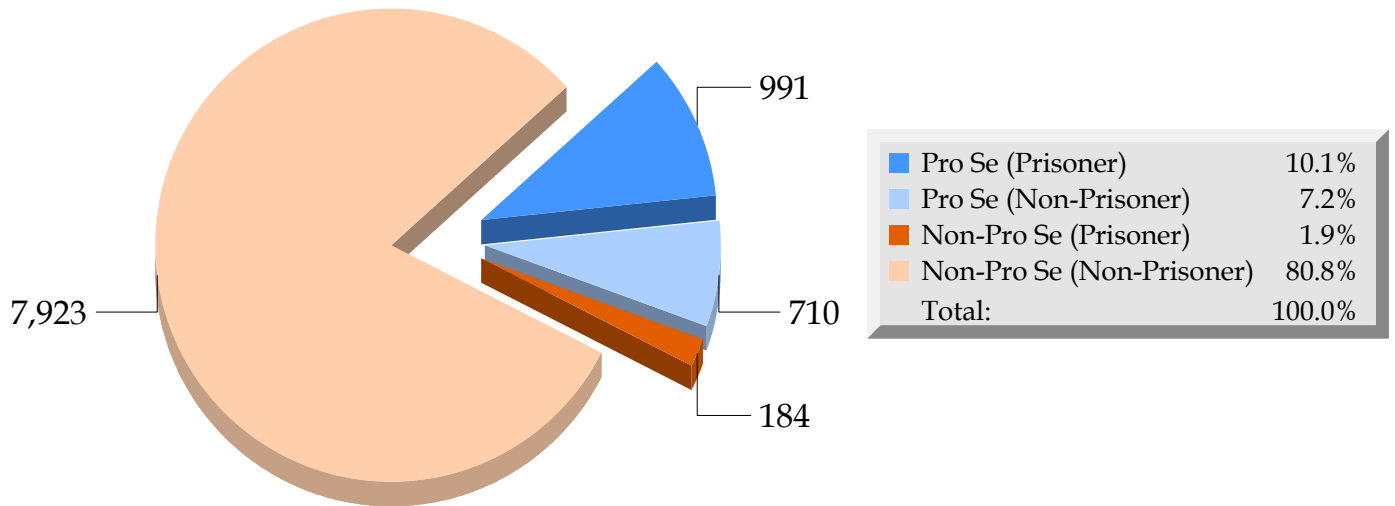
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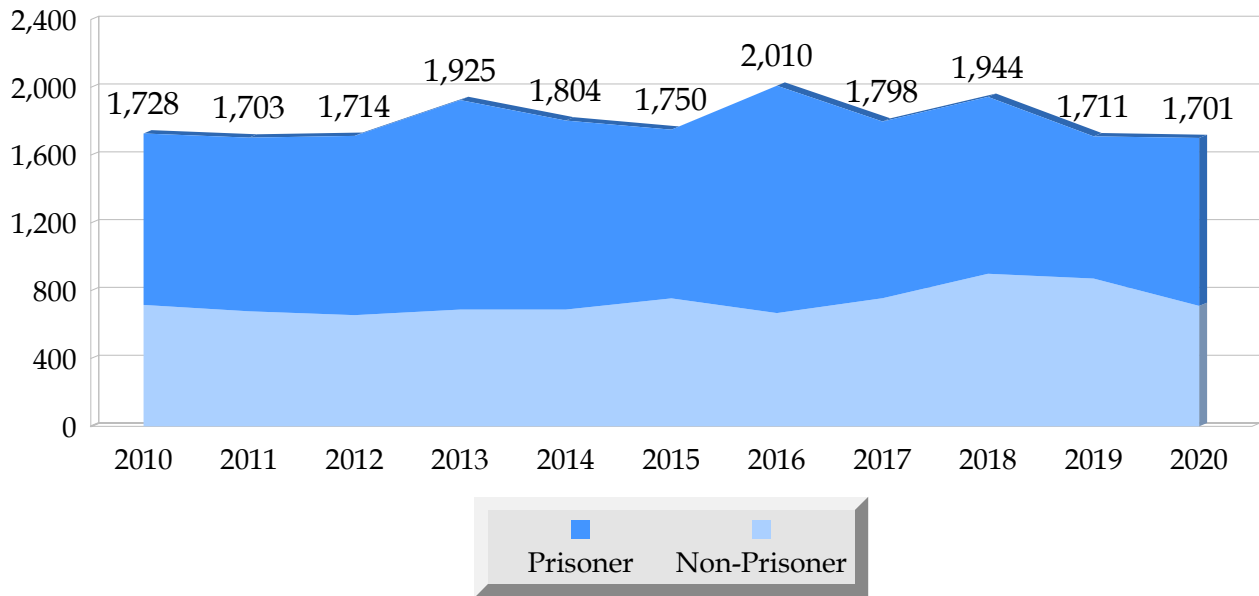
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# STATISTICS - CIVIL

Pro Se Case Filings  
Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



Pro Se Case Filings  
Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)



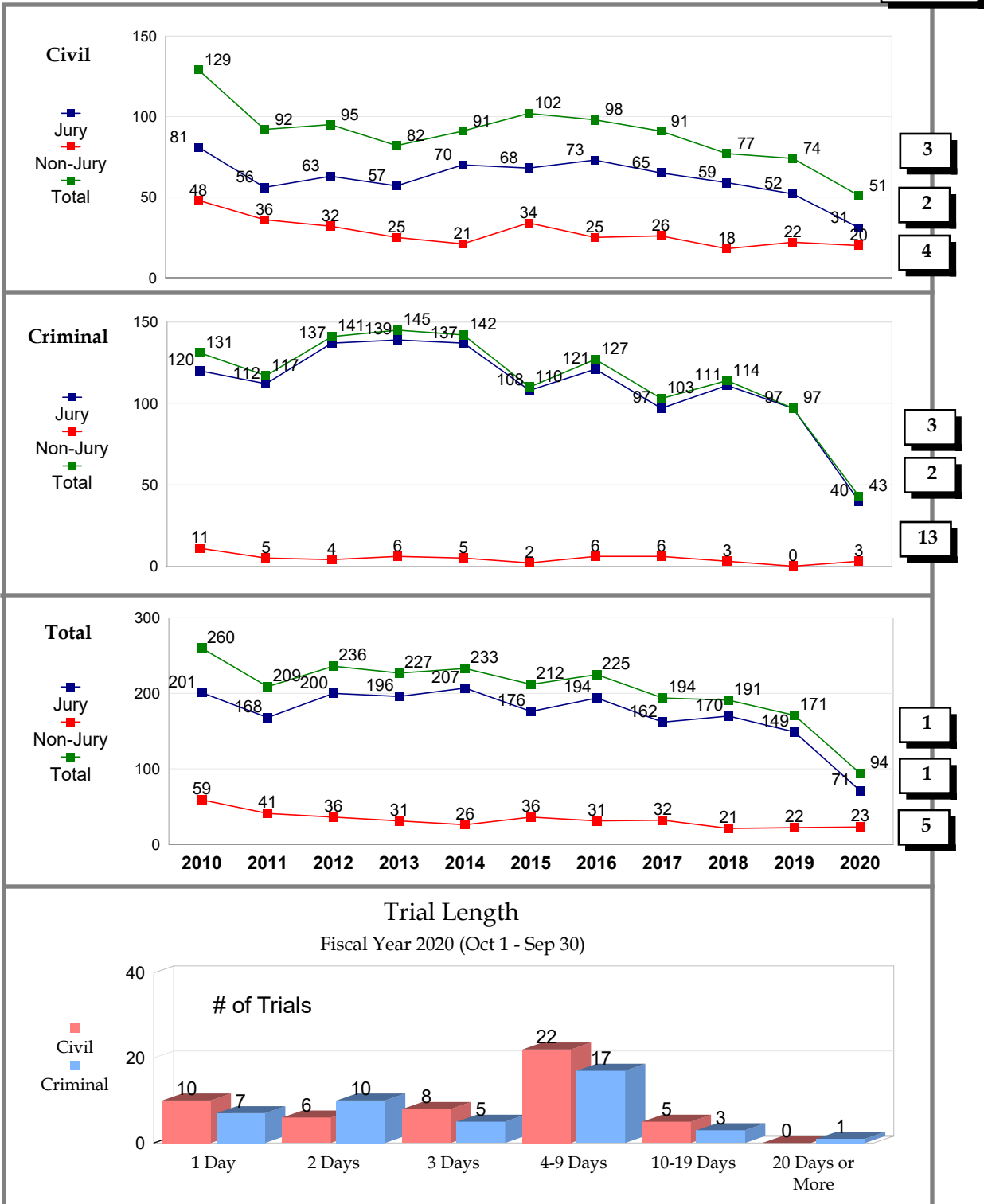
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# STATISTICS – TRIALS

## Jury and Non-Jury Trials Completed

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

National Rank



Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts (2010-2020).

Tables: T-1, T-2, T-4, T-5.

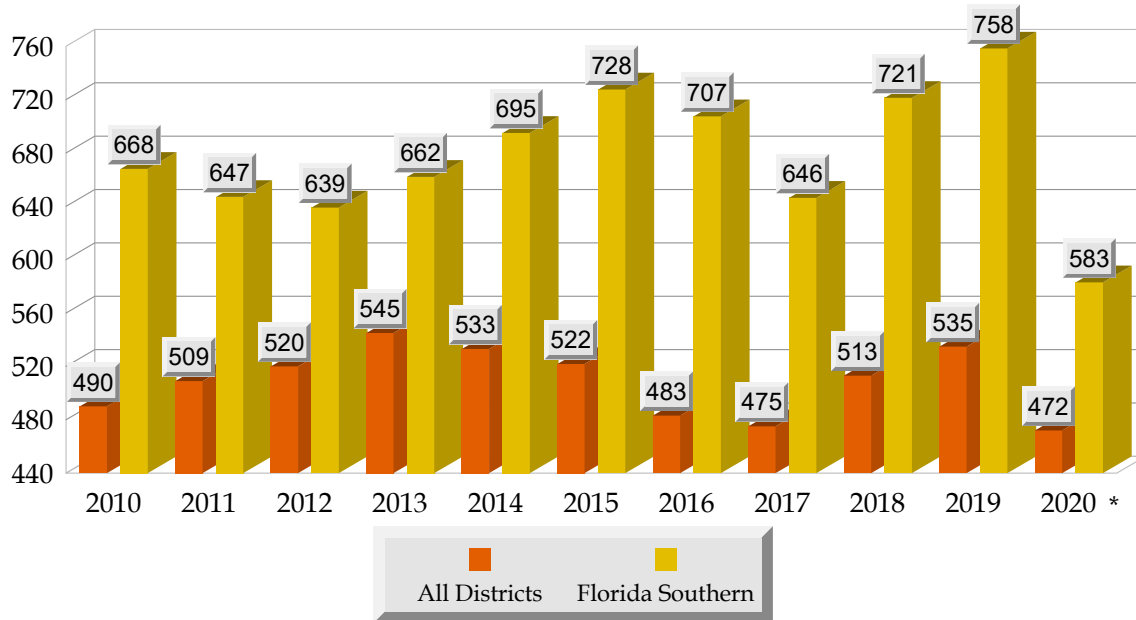
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## STATISTICS – WEIGHTED FILINGS

### Weighted Filings per Authorized Judgeship

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

#### Weighted Filings Comparison



\* 2020: Excludes FL,N (35,559 weighted filings per judge). Including FL,N national weighted filings: 681.

#### Weighted Filings Detail - Florida Southern

Fiscal Year (Oct 1 - Sep 30)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Supervised Release</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>National Rank</u>
2010	540	124	3.47	668	8
2011	511	133	3.30	647	13
2012	507	128	3.52	639	13
2013	537	121	3.50	662	12
2014	576	115	3.73	695	7
2015	604	120	3.63	728	6
2016	512	192	3.00	707	7
2017	459	184	3.41	646	11
2018	527	191	3.20	721	9
2019	599	156	3.33	758	8
2020	504	76	2.63	583	19

New weights beginning 2016. Not comparable to earlier years.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts (2010-2020). Table: X-1A.

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