

# UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

## ANNUAL REPORTS

<b>Fiscal year ending Sept. 30</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
New cases filed	2442	2296	2150	2532	2234	3466	3729	4644	4128	4725
% self-represented at filing	70%	55.36%	58%	59%	58%	58%	63%	53%	64%	68%
<b>Cases decided (Total)</b>	<b>2164</b>	<b>3336</b>	<b>1451</b>	<b>2638</b>	<b>1780</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>2842</b>	<b>4877</b>	<b>4446</b>	<b>4379</b>
% self-represented at closure	35%	29%	29%	21%	22%	29%	24%	19%	24%	28%
<b>Procedural decisions (Total)</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>1109</b>
Dismissed, lack of jurisdiction	247	281	229	215	204	248	320	317	369	385
Dismissed for default	113	102	51	70	60	160	160	176	265	412
Dismissed voluntarily	163	78	106	132	123	144	198	1149	254	286
Extraordinary relief dismissed	22	22	93	69	56	72	29	24	16	26
<b>Merits decisions (Total)</b>	<b>1619</b>	<b>2853</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>2152</b>	<b>1337</b>	<b>1281</b>	<b>2135</b>	<b>3211</b>	<b>3542</b>	<b>3270</b>
Affirmed	526	27	109	129	155	271	448	1098	693	571
Affirmed or dismissed in part, reversed/vacated & remanded in part	325	65	24	22	35	40	266	442	603	496
Reversed/vacated & remanded	705	962	209	412	313	257	518	524	559	397
Extraordinary relief granted	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0
Extraordinary relief denied	63	75	154	62	59	71	56	66	60	48
Remanded	0	1724*	476	1527	774	641	847	1079	1625	1758
<b>Time from filing to disposition</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>351**</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>344***</b>
<b>Nondispositive actions:</b>										
EAJA applications granted	634	617	466	1419	921	831	1105	1526	2433	2385
EAJA applications denied	32	19	554	40	30	10	22	22	16	21
EAJA applications dismissed	110	165	84	100	97	36	25	27	12	17
Oral Arguments	12	10	16	7	7	24	22	24	22	30
Appeals to USCA Federal Circuit	189	110	410	228	182	186	382	314	158	167

\* Due to enactment of the VCAA in November 2000, these cases were remanded to the VA for additional review.

\*\* In order to provide a statistical comparison to other Federal Courts of Appeal this figure was changed to median number of days for FY 2006.

\*\*\*This number no longer includes the number of days cases appealed from this Court spent under consideration at the Federal Circuit. The number of days spent on appeal at the Federal Circuit are reflected on that Court's annual report (change enacted in 2009).

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