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# LegalMetric District Report South Carolina District Court in Patent Cases

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### **Overview**

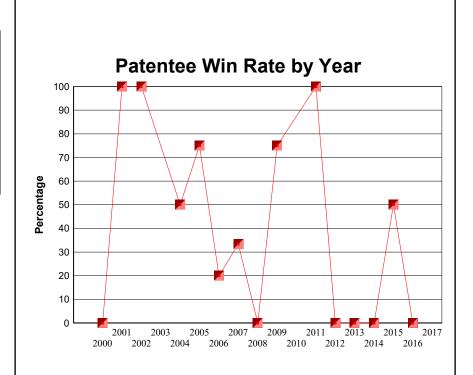
This report covers the patent cases of the active judges in the South Carolina District Court as of September 2017 (the date of the most recent LegalMetric docket download for this court). Cases of inactive judges are not included.

The number of cases, judgments, contested judgments, and trials for this court are shown below.

	Number
Total Cases	223
Open Cases	7
Closed Cases	216
Judgments	41
Contested Judgmnts	25
Trials	9
Bench	5
Jury	4

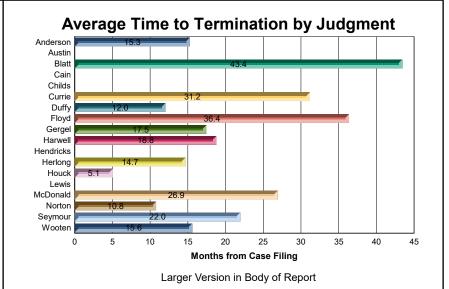
The overall win rate, contested win rate, and trial win rate for the patentee are shown below. Note that contested win rate does not include consent and default judgments.

	Pat. Win Rate	
Overall	48.8	
Contested	24.0	
Trial	44.4	
Bench	40.0	
Jury	50.0	



The average times to termination for all cases, for all cases terminated by judgment, for all contested judgments, and for all cases terminated by trials are shown below.

	Months	
All Cases	13.2	
Judgments	22.3	
Contested	26.5	
Trial	29.7	
Bench	33.3	
Jury	25.1	



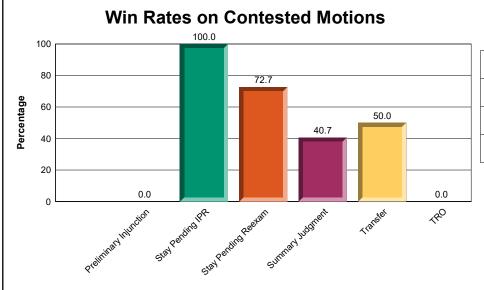
The average and median award amounts for this district are:

Average: \$564,464 Median: \$43,472

Appeals:	Number of Appeals	Complete Affirmance Rate
Total	16	60.0

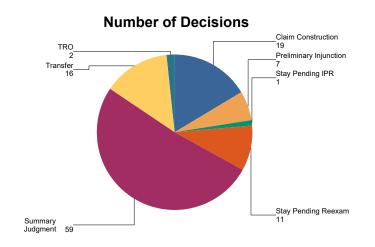
#### **Motions and Claim Construction:**

The win rates on various motions for the district (if any), along with the number of decisions and the number of claim construction decisions are shown below.



	Win Rate
Stay Pending IPR	100.0
Stay Pending Reexam	72.7
Summary Judgment	40.7
Transfer	50.0

	Number of Decisions
Claim Construction	19
Preliminary Injunction	7
Stay Pending IPR	1
Stay Pending Reexam	11
Summary Judgment	59
Transfer	16
TRO	2



## **Home Field Advantage?**

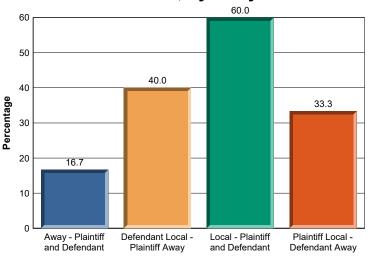
The plaintiff and defendant contested win rates in South Carolina District Court are shown below, broken out by party location:

(Away - Plaintiff and Defendant (neither side located in the forum), Defendant Local - Plaintiff Away (only defendant located in the forum), Local - Plaintiff and Defendant (both sides located in the forum) and Plaintiff Local - Defendant Away (plaintiff local - defendant not).

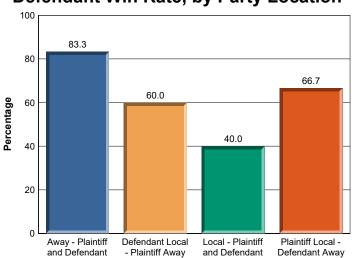
Not all courts fit the expected pattern of favoring local plaintiffs. Many courts in fact show a distinct preference for non-local plaintiffs.

The win rate charts are followed by a chart illustrating the fractions of contested judgment cases (cases in which a judgment is entered in favor of a party, but excluding consent and default judgments) for each category (all local plaintiffs, etc.). Many well-known patent venues tend to have a large segment of cases in the "Away - Plaintiff and Defendant" category.

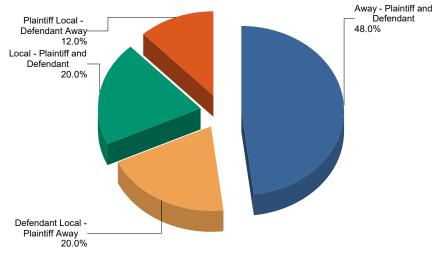
## Plaintiff Win Rate, by Party Location



## Defendant Win Rate, by Party Location



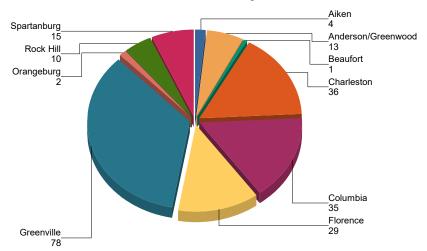
## Fraction of Contested Judgments, by Party Location



# Breakdown by Division

The breakdown of patent cases by division is illustrated in the following chart:

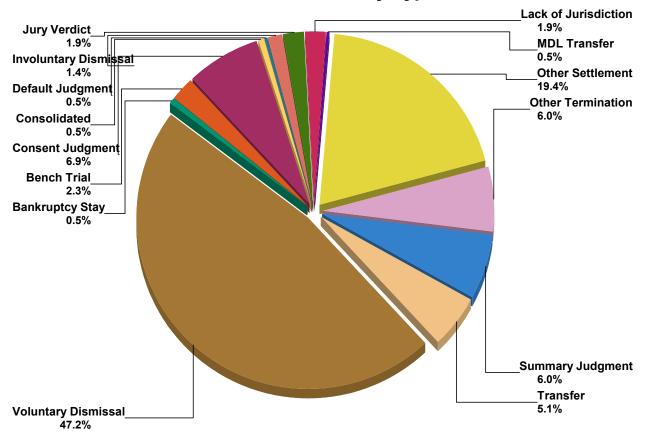
## **Total Patent Cases, by Division**



# Breakdown by Case Outcome

The breakdown of patent cases by case outcome is illustrated in the following chart:

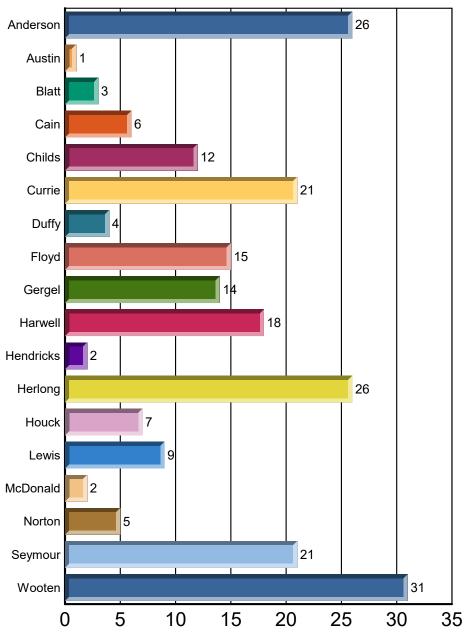
# **Case Outcomes by Type**



# Breakdown by Judge

The chart and table below illustrates the total number of patent cases for each of the active judges in the district. In addition, the table shows the number of patent cases for the past three years assigned to each judge.

# **Number of Cases, by Judge**

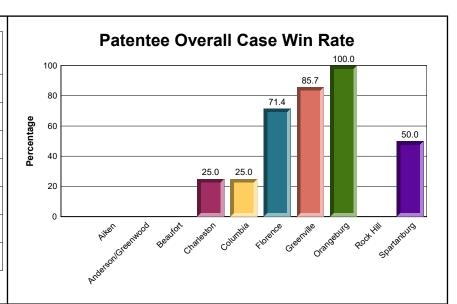


	All Cases	Last Three Years
District	223	17
Anderson	26	1
Austin	1	0
Blatt	3	0
Cain	6	2
Childs	12	3
Currie	21	1
Duffy	4	1
Floyd	15	0
Gergel	14	2
Harwell	18	0
Hendricks	2	2
Herlong	26	0
Houck	7	0
Lewis	9	5
McDonald	2	0
Norton	5	0
Seymour	21	0
Wooten	31	0

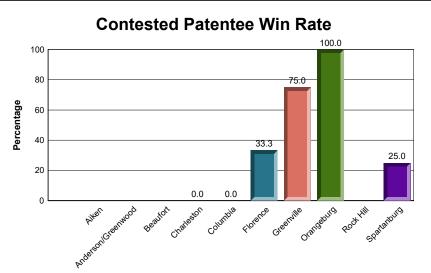
## **Divisional Comparisons**

The overall patentee case win rate (includes consent and default judgments), contested win rate (does NOT include consent and default judgments), trial win rate, complete affirmance rate (appeals affirmed with no other action, divided by the total number of appeals except for dismissed and pending appeals), and average time to termination by judgment (includes consent and default judgments) are shown below for each division.

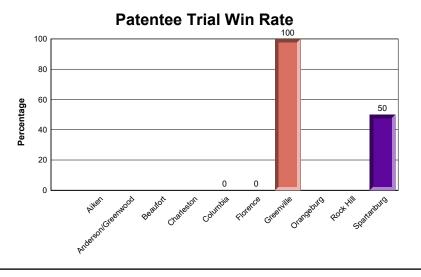
	Plaintiff Win Rate/ No. of Judgments	
District	48.8	41
Charleston	25.0	8
Columbia	25.0	12
Florence	71.4	7
Greenville	85.7	7
Orangeburg	100.0	1
Spartanburg	50.0	6



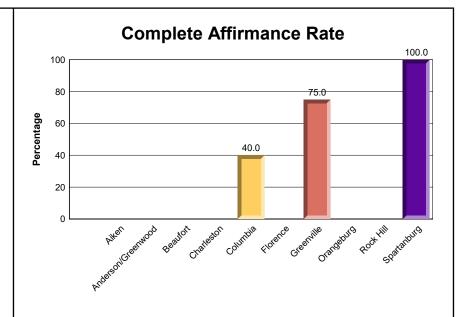
	Contested Win Rate/ Number Contested	
District	24.0	25
Charleston	0.0	4
Columbia	0.0	9
Florence	33.3	3
Greenville	75.0	4
Orangeburg	100.0	1
Spartanburg	25.0	4



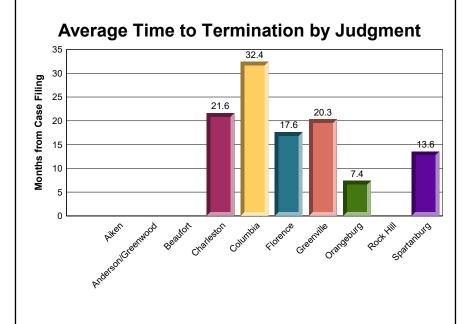
	Trial Win Rate/ Number of Trials	
District	44.4	9
Columbia	0.0	3
Florence	0.0	1
Greenville	100.0	3
Spartanburg	50.0	2



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District	60.0	10
Columbia	40.0	5
Greenville	75.0	4
Spartanburg	100.0	1



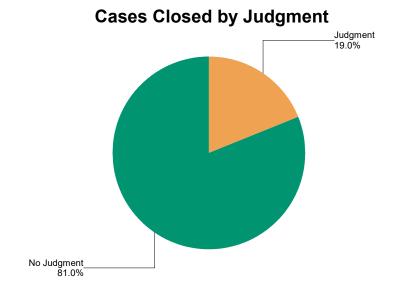
	Time to Term./ Number of Judgmts.	
District	22.3	41
Charleston	21.6	8
Columbia	32.4	12
Florence	17.6	7
Greenville	20.3	7
Orangeburg	7.4	1
Spartanburg	13.6	6



# What are the Odds: Termination by Judgment

The percentage of closed patent cases terminated by judgment are shown in the chart to the right.

Terminations by judgments include terminations resulting from trials, from dispositive summary judgment motions, from involuntary dismissals, from consent judgments, and from default judgments.

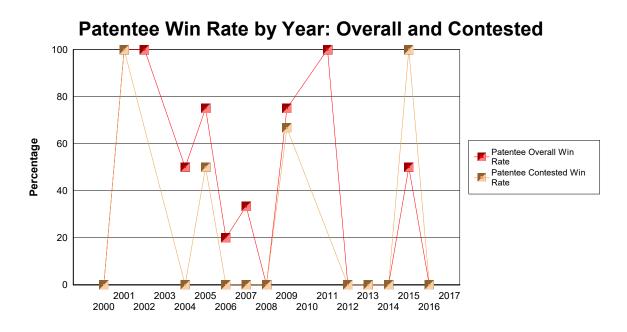


The number of judgments by each outcome, the overall patentee win rate, the contested patentee win rate, and the trial win rate for each outcome are shown below. Note that the overall win rate includes consent and default judgments, whereas the contested win rate does not include consent and default judgments. The figures given are for "patentees", rather than "plaintiffs". These figures take into account those declaratory judgment cases where the plaintiff is not the patentee.

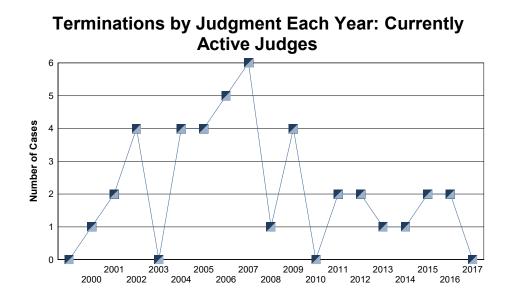
	Number of Judgments	Overall Win Rate	Contested Win Rate	Trial Win Rate
Bench Trial	5	40.0	40.0	40.0
Consent Judgment	15	86.7		
Default Judgment	1	100.0		
Involuntary Dismissal	3	0.0	0.0	
Jury Verdict	4	50.0	50.0	50.0
Summary Judgment	13	15.4	15.4	

## Win Rates by Year

The following chart shows the patentee overall win rate and contested win rate for the active judges in the South Carolina District Court by year. The overall win rate should be compared with the historical nationwide overall win rate of 59%, and the contested win rate should be compared with the historical nationwide patentee contested win rate of 25.1%. A chart with a considerable amount of "jitter" reflects relatively few data points. Note that the contested win rates are usually much lower than the overall win rates since they exclude consent and default judgments.



The total number of terminations by judgment per year by the currently active judges during the same period in the South Carolina District Court is shown in the following chart:



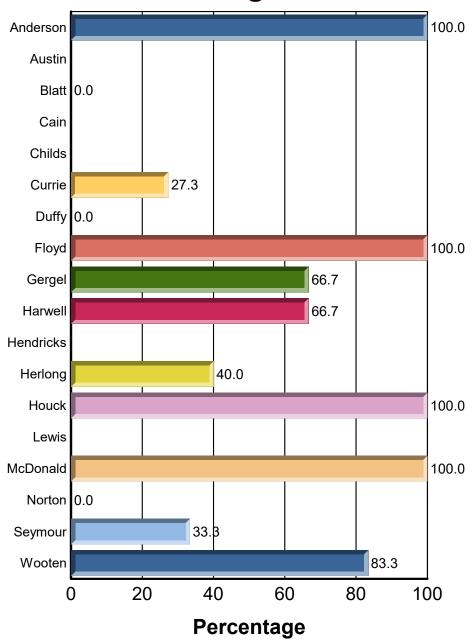
The actual number of judgments, number of patentee "wins", and the corresponding win rates are shown below. In this report, a judgment entered in favor of both the plaintiff and the defendant on their respective patent infringement claims is counted as "1/2" a win for each party. This could happen, for example, where the plaintiff files a patent infringement action, the defendant files a patent infringement counterclaim on its own patents, and both prevail on their respective claims.

	Patentee Wins	Total Decisions	Patentee Win Rate
2000	0	1	0.0
2001	2	2	100.0
2002	4	4	100.0
2004	2	4	50.0
2005	3	4	75.0
2006	1	5	20.0
2007	2	6	33.3
2008	0	1	0.0
2009	3	4	75.0
2011	2	2	100.0
2012	0	2	0.0
2013	0	1	0.0
2014	0	1	0.0
2015	1	2	50.0
2016	0	2	0.0

## Patentee Overall and Contested Win Rates: By Judge

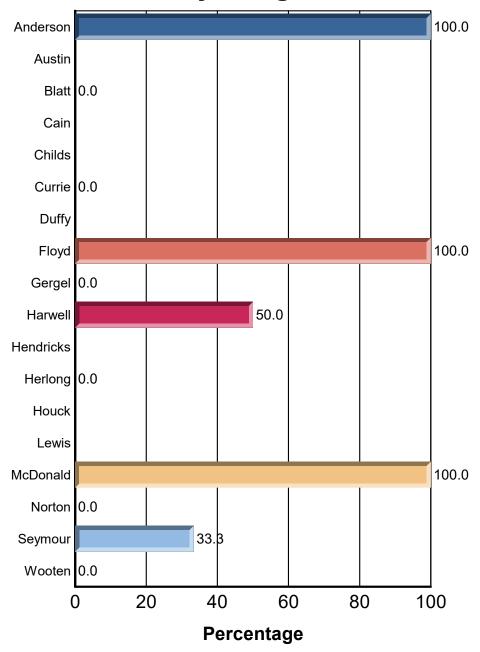
The overall patentee win rate varies significantly from judge to judge over the period covered by this report. The chart below illustrates these win rates for these judges. The win rate for judges with no terminations by judgment is left blank.

# Patentee Overall Win Rate: By Judge



The patentee contested win rate for these judges is shown below. Note that contested win rates do not include consent and default judgments. The win rate for judges with no contested judgments is left blank.

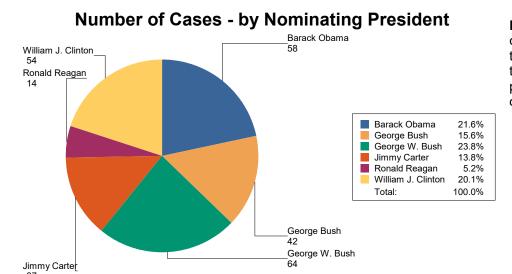
# Patentee Contested Win Rate: By Judge



The table below includes the patentee overall and contested win rates for each active judge, along with the number of terminations by judgment and by contested judgment by that judge in patent cases during the period covered by this report.

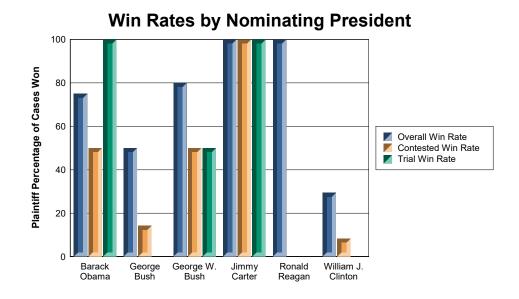
	Overall Win Rate	Number of Judgments	Contested Win Rate	Contested Judgments
Total	48.8	41	24.0	25
Anderson	100.0	1	100.0	1
Austin		0		0
Blatt	0.0	2	0.0	1
Cain		0		0
Childs		0		0
Currie	27.3	11	0.0	8
Duffy	0.0	1		0
Floyd	100.0	1	100.0	1
Gergel	66.7	3	0.0	1
Harwell	66.7	3	50.0	2
Hendricks		0		0
Herlong	40.0	5	0.0	3
Houck	100.0	1		0
Lewis		0		0
McDonald	100.0	2	100.0	2
Norton	0.0	2	0.0	2
Seymour	33.3	3	33.3	3
Wooten	83.3	6	0.0	1

**Patentee Win Rates: By Nominating President:** The number of patent cases in this district assigned to active judges and the win rates for those cases are shown below, broken out by the nominating president.



**Number of Cases:** The number of cases assigned to active jduges in this district is shown in the chart to the left, broken out by nominating president. This includes all cases of the type covered by this report.

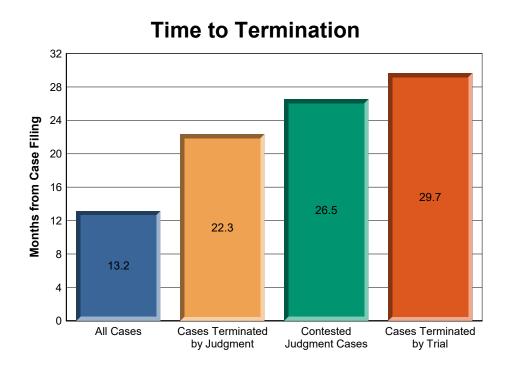
Patentee Win Rates: The win rates for these cases, broken out by nominating president, are shown in the chart to the right. This includes overall win rates (includes consent and default judgments), contested win rates (does NOT include consent and default judgments), and trial win rates (cases decided by bench trial or jury verdict.



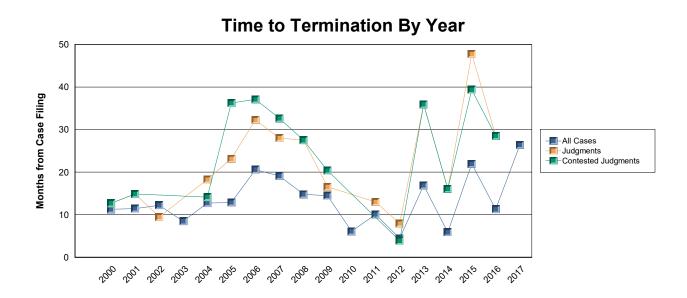
	Total					
	Overall Win Rate	# of Judgments	Contested Win Rate	# of Contested Judgments	Trial Win Rate	# of Trial Jugements
Barack Obama	75.0	4	50.0	2	100.0	1
George Bush	50.0	12	14.3	7	0.0	1
George W. Bush	80.0	10	50.0	4	50.0	2
Jimmy Carter	100.0	6	100.0	2	100.0	2
Ronald Reagan	100.0	1		0		0
William J. Clinton	29.4	17	8.3	12	0.0	4

## **How Long? Time to Termination**

The average time from case filing to termination for all closed cases, for all cases terminated by judgment, for all cases terminated by contested judgment, and for all cases terminated by trial covered by this report are shown below.



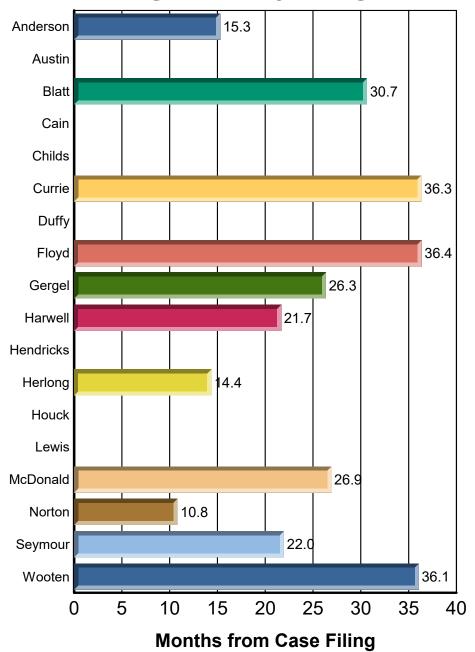
The average time from case filing to termination for all closed cases by year, for all cases terminated by judgment, for all cases terminated by contested judgment, and for all cases terminated by trial covered by this report are shown below.



## Time to Contested Judgment: By Judge

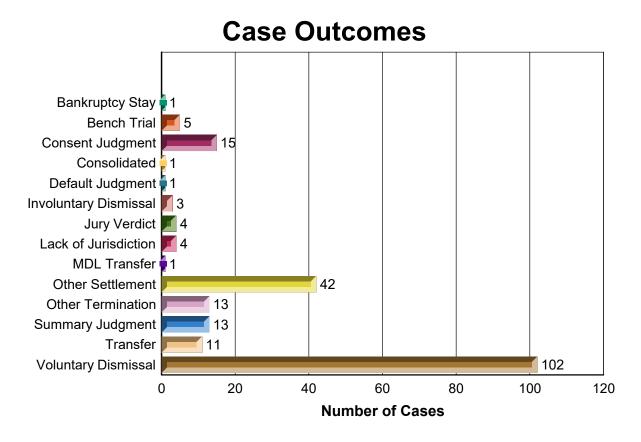
The average time from case filing to contested judgment for the active judges in this district is shown in the chart below.

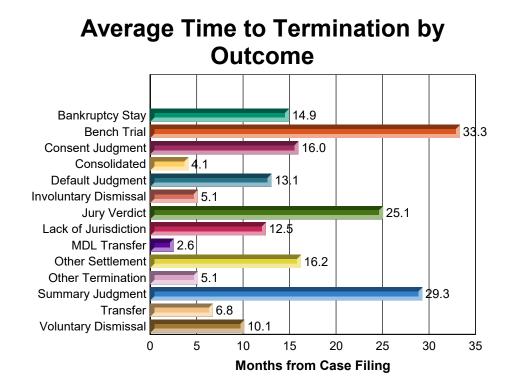
# **Average Time to Contested Judgment: By Judge**



## **Average Time to Termination by Case Outcomes**

The number of cases terminated by each outcome for the active judges in this district is shown in the chart below, and the average time to termination for each outcome is shown in the second chart below.

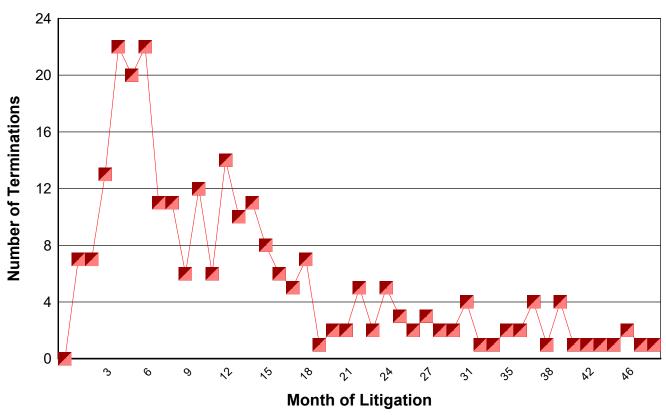




## **Termination by Month of Litigation**

An overview of when terminations typically occur is found in the following chart, which shows the number of patent cases in the South Carolina District Court that were terminated each month of litigation. The first month of litigation is labeled "1", etc. Months with no case terminations are omitted from the chart.

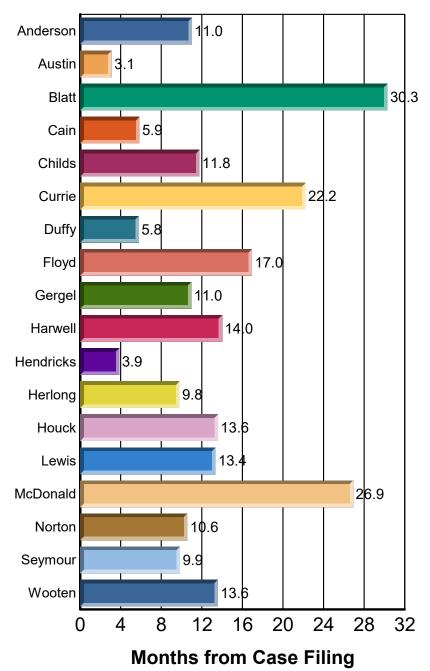
# **Closed Cases Each Month**



# Average Pendency for All Cases: By Judge

The variation in pendency for all closed cases is shown below.

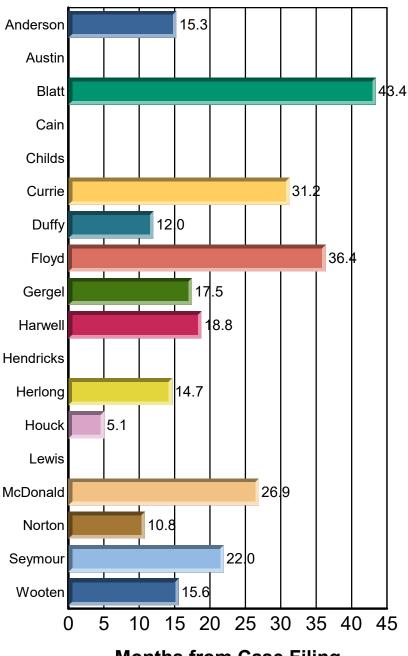
# Average Time to Termination for All Cases



## Average Pendency for Cases Terminated by Judgment: By Judge

The variation in pendency for all cases terminated by judgment is shown below.



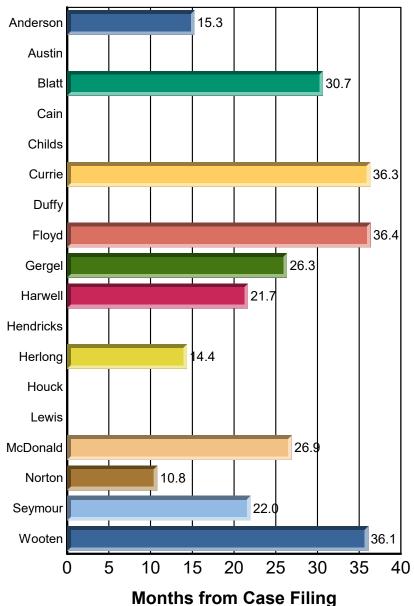


**Months from Case Filing** 

## Average Pendency for Cases Terminated by Contested Judgment: By Judge

The variation in pendency for all cases terminated by contested judgment is shown below.

# Average Time to Termination by Contested Judgment



# **Case and Judgment Outcomes**

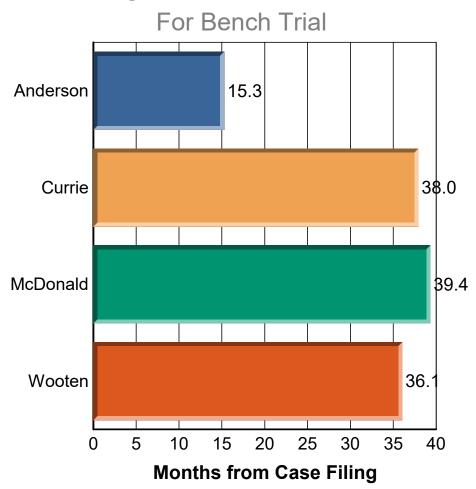
The number of outcomes by judgment, the patentee win rate for those outcomes, and the average time to termination for those outcomes for this court are shown below, broken out by type of outcome.

	Number of Judgments	Pat. Win Rate	Average Time to Termination
Total	41	48.8	22.3
Bench Trial	5	40.0	33.3
Consent Judgment	15	86.7	16.0
Default Judgment	1	100.0	13.1
Involuntary Dismissal	3	0.0	5.1
Jury Verdict	4	50.0	25.1
Summary Judgment	13	15.4	29.3

Detailed information about these cases, broken out by type of outcome, is shown in the following sections.

The number of Bench Trial outcomes and the average time to termination by that outcome are shown below for the district and for each judge who has at least one such outcome.

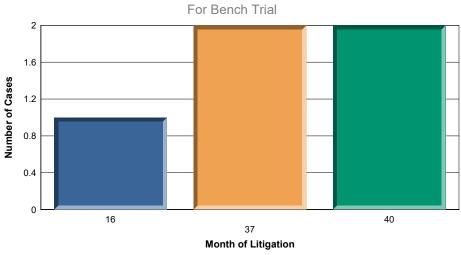
# **Average Time to Termination**



	Average Time to Termination	Number of Cases
District	33.3	5
Anderson	15.3	1
Currie	38.0	2
McDonald	39.4	1
Wooten	36.1	1

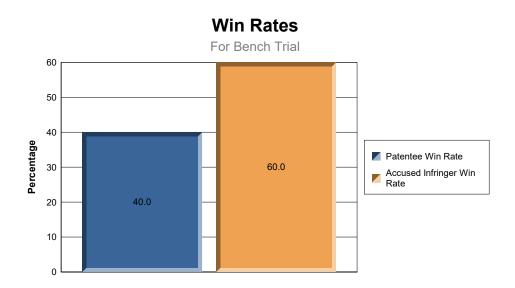
The distribution of these outcomes by month of litigation is shown below. Months with no outcomes are omitted from the chart.





#### **Bench Trial**

The patentee and accused infringer win rates for cases with this outcome are shown below for the judges and the district as a whole.

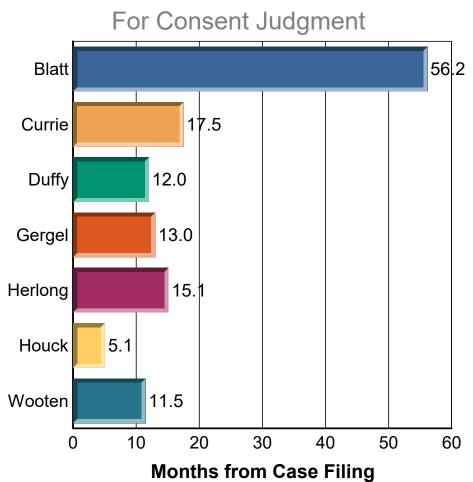


<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Prevailing Party</u>	<u>Pendency</u>	<u>Case Name</u>
7:00cv00800	Anderson	Patentee	15.3	Welding Services Inc v. Thermal Engineering
4:02cv02951	Wooten	Accused Infringer	36.1	Brown Mfg Corp v. Alpha Lawn & Garden, et al
3:03cv00442	Currie	Accused Infringer	36.7	Chem-Nuclear Systems, et al v. Avantech Inc
3:03cv00441	Currie	Accused Infringer	39.2	Chem-Nuclear Systems, et al v. Braun, et al
6:12cv01682	McDonald	Patentee	39.4	Ethox Chemical LLC et al v. Coca-Cola Company, The

### **Consent Judgment**

The number of Consent Judgment outcomes and the average time to termination by that outcome are shown below for the district and for each judge who has at least one such outcome.

# **Average Time to Termination**



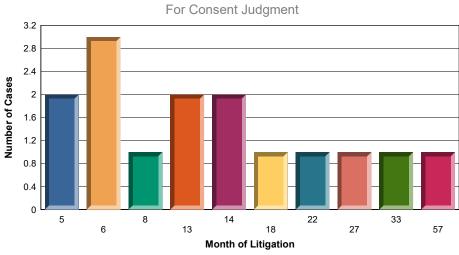
## **Consent Judgment**

	Average Time to Termination	Number of Cases
District	16.0	15
Blatt	56.2	1
Currie	17.5	3
Duffy	12.0	1
Gergel	13.0	2
Herlong	15.1	2
Houck	5.1	1
Wooten	11.5	5

#### **Consent Judgment**

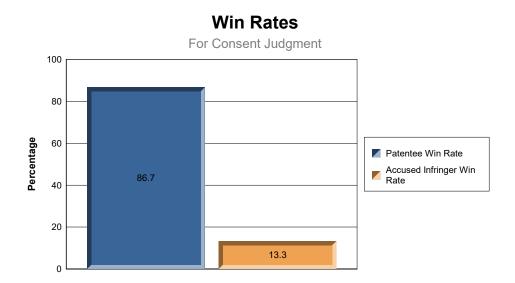
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### **Consent Judgment**

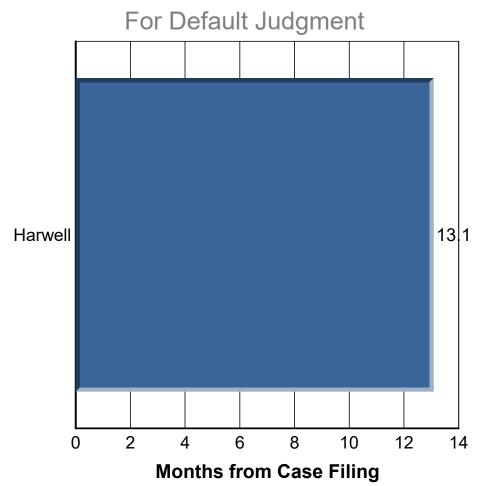
The patentee and accused infringer win rates for cases with this outcome are shown below for the judges and the district as a whole.



#### **Default Judgment**

The number of Default Judgment outcomes and the average time to termination by that outcome are shown below for the district and for each judge who has at least one such outcome.

# **Average Time to Termination**



## **Default Judgment**

	Average Time to Termination	Number of Cases
District	13.1	1
Harwell	13.1	1

### **Default Judgment**

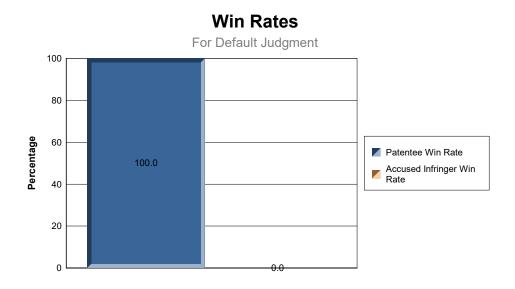
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## **Distribution of Outcomes by Month**



## **Default Judgment**

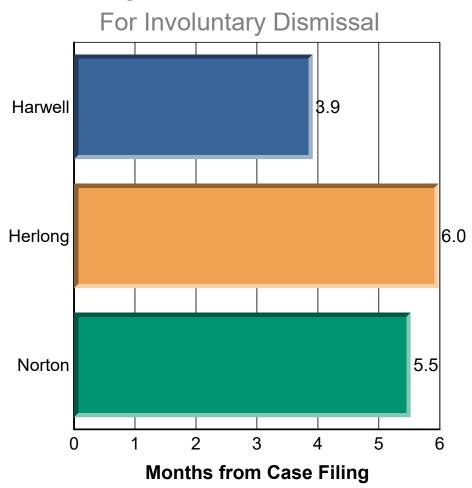
The patentee and accused infringer win rates for cases with this outcome are shown below for the judges and the district as a whole.



### **Involuntary Dismissal**

The number of Involuntary Dismissal outcomes and the average time to termination by that outcome are shown below for the district and for each judge who has at least one such outcome.

# **Average Time to Termination**



#### **Involuntary Dismissal**

	Average Time to Termination	Number of Cases
District	5.1	3
Harwell	3.9	1
Herlong	6.0	1
Norton	5.5	1

#### **Involuntary Dismissal**

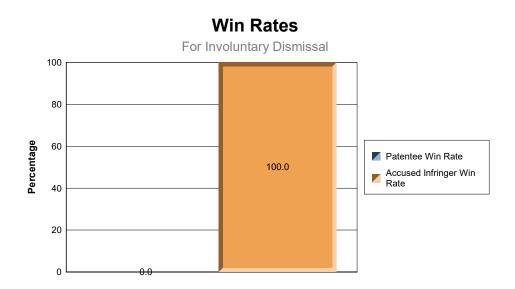
The distribution of these outcomes by month of litigation is shown below. Months with no outcomes are omitted from the chart.





#### **Involuntary Dismissal**

The patentee and accused infringer win rates for cases with this outcome are shown below for the judges and the district as a whole.

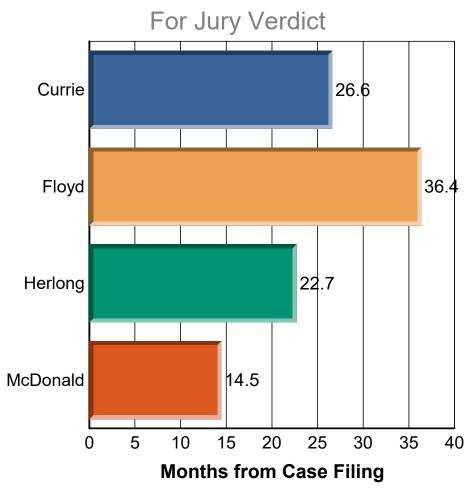


#### **Involuntary Dismissal**

Case Number	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Prevailing Party</u>	<u>Pendency</u>	<u>Case Name</u>
4:12cv02516	Harwell	Accused Infringer	3.9	Gerard v. Lee et al
2:03cv03725	Norton	Accused Infringer	5.5	Monolith Software, et al v. B-50 Data Solutions, et al
7:07cv00511	Herlong	Accused Infringer	6.0	DAF Inc v. Bandit Industries

The number of Jury Verdict outcomes and the average time to termination by that outcome are shown below for the district and for each judge who has at least one such outcome.

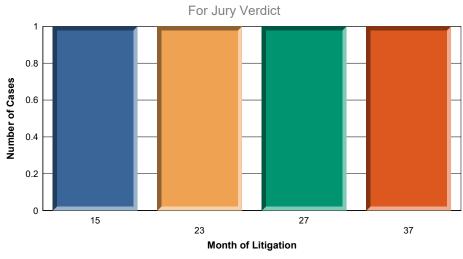
# **Average Time to Termination**



	Average Time to Termination	Number of Cases
District	25.1	4
Currie	26.6	1
Floyd	36.4	1
Herlong	22.7	1
McDonald	14.5	1

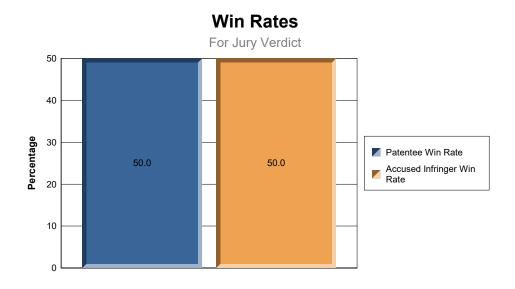
The distribution of these outcomes by month of litigation is shown below. Months with no outcomes are omitted from the chart.

## **Distribution of Outcomes by Month**



#### **Jury Verdict**

The patentee and accused infringer win rates for cases with this outcome are shown below for the judges and the district as a whole.

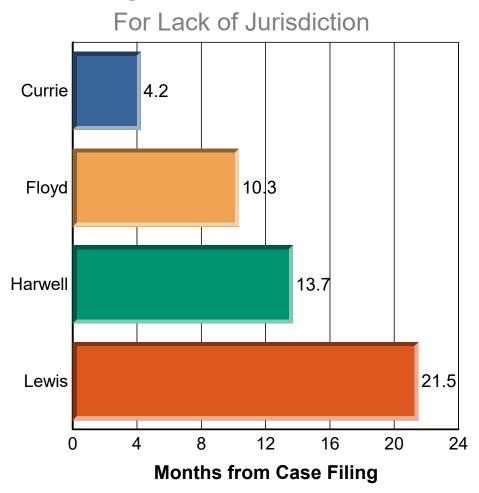


<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Prevailing Party</u>	<u>Pendency</u>	<u>Case Name</u>
6:00cv02764	McDonald	Patentee	14.5	BBA Nowovens, et al v. Superior Nonwovens, et al
7:02cv03631	Herlong	Accused Infringer	22.7	Milliken & Company v. Mohawk Industries, et al
3:03cv03915	Currie	Accused Infringer	26.6	Chem-Nuclear Systems, et al v. Abernethy, et al
6:02cv02946	Floyd	Patentee	36.4	Dystar Textilfarben v. CH Patrick Co Inc, et al

#### **Lack of Jurisdiction**

The number of Lack of Jurisdiction outcomes and the average time to termination by that outcome are shown below for the district and for each judge who has at least one such outcome.

# **Average Time to Termination**



#### **Lack of Jurisdiction**

	Average Time to Termination	Number of Cases
District	12.5	4
Currie	4.2	1
Floyd	10.3	1
Harwell	13.7	1
Lewis	21.5	1

#### **Lack of Jurisdiction**

The distribution of these outcomes by month of litigation is shown below. Months with no outcomes are omitted from the chart.

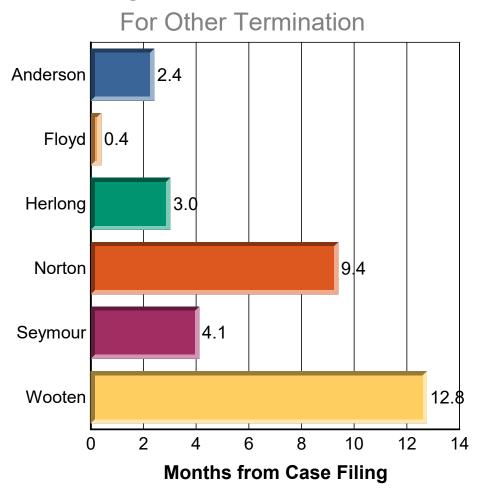
## **Distribution of Outcomes by Month**



#### **Other Termination**

The number of Other Termination outcomes and the average time to termination by that outcome are shown below for the district and for each judge who has at least one such outcome.

# **Average Time to Termination**



#### **Other Termination**

	Average Time to Termination	Number of Cases
District	5.1	13
Anderson	2.4	2
Floyd	0.4	1
Herlong	3.0	2
Norton	9.4	1
Seymour	4.1	5
Wooten	12.8	2

#### **Other Termination**

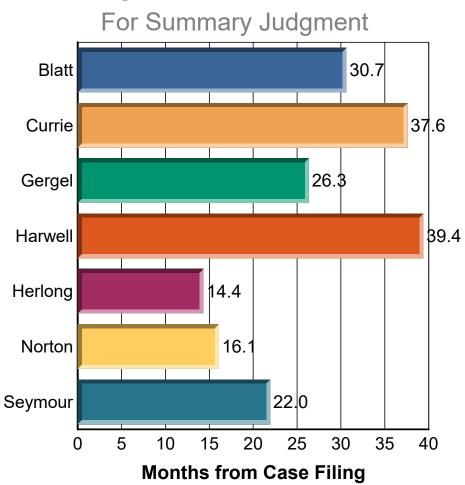
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## **Distribution of Outcomes by Month**



The number of Summary Judgment outcomes and the average time to termination by that outcome are shown below for the district and for each judge who has at least one such outcome.

# **Average Time to Termination**



	Average Time to Termination	Number of Cases
District	29.3	13
Blatt	30.7	1
Currie	37.6	5
Gergel	26.3	1
Harwell	39.4	1
Herlong	14.4	1
Norton	16.1	1
Seymour	22.0	3

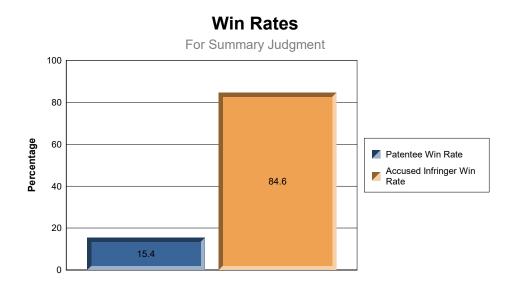
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#### **Summary Judgment**

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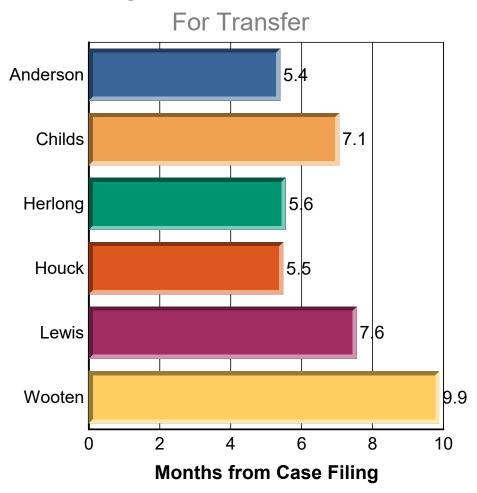


<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Prevailing Party</u>	<u>Pendency</u>	<u>Case Name</u>
5:09cv00312	Seymour	Patentee	7.4	Hubbell Incorporated et al v. Dynamic Lighting Inc et al
6:99cv01824	Seymour	Accused Infringer	12.7	Day International v. Reeves Brothers Inc
7:08cv02880	Herlong	Accused Infringer	14.4	Channelbind International Corporation v. Esselte Corporation et al
2:12cv02568	Norton	Accused Infringer	16.1	Carolina Waterworks Inc v. Taylor Made Group LLC et al
2:13cv03438	Gergel	Accused Infringer	26.3	MUSC Foundation for Research Development et al v. AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP
3:06cv02566	Currie	Accused Infringer	27.5	Garcia v. SCANA Corporation
2:13cv02078	Blatt	Accused Infringer	30.7	MUSC Foundation for Research Development et al v. AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP
3:10cv02140	Currie	Accused Infringer	35.9	Pure Fishing Inc v. Normark Corporation
3:04cv01200	Currie	Accused Infringer	36.3	Household Intl Inc v. Decisioning.com Inc
4:05cv03062	Harwell	Patentee	39.4	Monsanto Company v. Strickland
3:03cv02837	Currie	Accused Infringer	42.8	Decisioning.com Inc v. Ameritrade Holding, et al
3:03cv01924	Currie	Accused Infringer	45.6	Decisioning.com Inc v. Federated Dept Store, et al
3:02cv03440	Seymour	Accused Infringer	45.8	Green v. Snavely Forest Prod

#### **Transfer**

The number of Transfer outcomes and the average time to termination by that outcome are shown below for the district and for each judge who has at least one such outcome.

# **Average Time to Termination**



#### Transfer

	Average Time to Termination	Number of Cases
District	6.8	11
Anderson	5.4	3
Childs	7.1	2
Herlong	5.6	2
Houck	5.5	1
Lewis	7.6	1
Wooten	9.9	2

#### Transfer

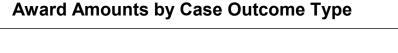
The distribution of these outcomes by month of litigation is shown below. Months with no outcomes are omitted from the chart.

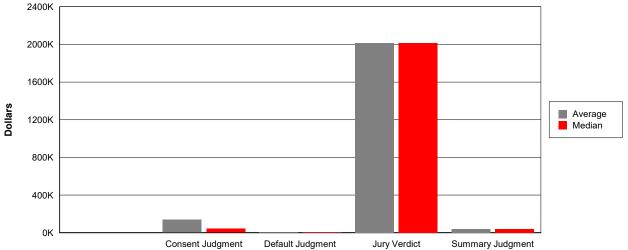
## **Distribution of Outcomes by Month**



Awards and Settlement Amounts - What Will it Cost: The damages portion of litigation expense is heavily fact dependent, but there are norms one can use to ensure the reasonableness of predicted damage awards and total cost in a particular case. The chart and table below show the average and median amounts for the selected court. Award amounts not entered into the records of the federal courts or otherwise not brought to the attention of LegalMetric are not included in this report.

Studies have shown that attorney fees and related expenses can run from 33% to 100% of the damage awards. The total cost for various outcomes can be estimated by multiplying the average or median awards by 1.33 (for a low figure) or 2.0 (for a high figure). These total cost estimates are shown in the table below.





	Average Awards	Total Cost Low Average	- Total Cost - High Average	Median Awards	Total Cost - Low Median	Total Cost - High Median
Total	564,464	750,737	1,128,928	43,472	57,818	86,945
Consent Judgment	136,606	181,686	273,212	42,725	56,824	85,450
Default Judgment	1,260	1,676	2,520	1,260	1,676	2,520
Jury Verdict	2,015,206	2,680,224	4,030,412	2,015,206	2,680,224	4,030,412
Summary Judgment	37,110	49,356	74,220	37,110	49,356	74,220

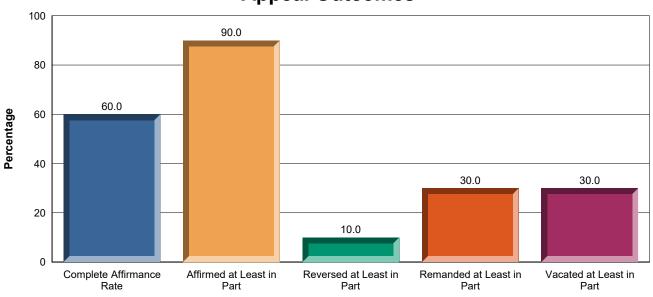
<u> </u>	Case Number	Case Name	Date of Award or Settlement	<u>Judge</u>	Case Outcomes	Award Amounts
4	1:02cv00032	Monsanto Company v. Meekins, et al	7/8/2002	Wooten	Consent Judgment	41,796
4	1:02cv00033	Monsanto Company v. Meekins	7/8/2002	Wooten	Consent Judgment	42,725
5	5:09cv00312	Hubbell Incorporated et al v. Dynamic Lighting Inc et al	9/18/2009	Seymour	Summary Judgment	30,000
6	6:05cv00112	O'Donnell v. Zhenyi Wang and Pets	2/15/2006	Harwell	Default Judgment	1,260
6	6:00cv02764	BBA Nowovens, et al v. Superior Nonwovens, et al	11/21/2001	McDonald	Jury Verdict	3,940,412
4	1:02cv00358	Monsanto Company v. Rogers, et al	5/6/2004	Wooten	Consent Judgment	3275,298

6:02cv02946	Dystar Textilfarben v. CH Patrick Co Inc, et al	9/16/2005	Floyd	Jury Verdict	90,000
4:05cv03062	Monsanto Company v. Strickland	2/9/2009	Harwell	Summary Judgment	44,220

## **Appeals**

The number of rulings on appeal in these cases and the rulings themselves are found in the table below. The Complete Affirmance Rate (the number of appeals which were affirmed with no other ruling, divided by the total number of appeals decision-not counting dismissed and pending appeals), the percentage of appeal rulings which affirmed the lower court at least in part, the percentage which reversed this court at least in part, the percentage which remanded this court at least in part, and the percentage which vacated this court at least in part are shown in the chart immediately below.

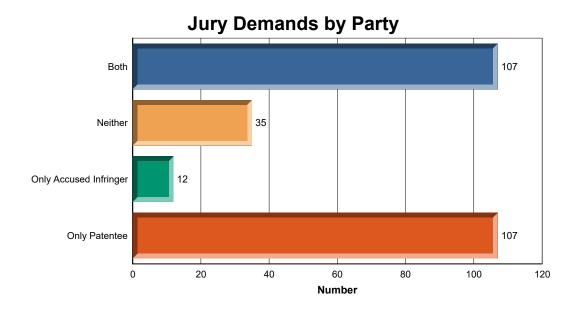
## **Appeal Outcomes**



	Total
Affirmed	6
Affirmed,Vacated,Remanded	3
Dismissed	6
Reversed	1

<u>Case Name</u> Welding Services Inc v. Thermal Engineering	Case Number 7:00cv00800	<u>Judge</u> Anderson	<u>Result of Appeal</u> Affirmed
Pure Fishing Inc v. Normark Corporation	3:10cv02140	Currie	Affirmed
Green v. Snavely Forest Prod	3:02cv03440	Seymour	Affirmed
Day International v. Reeves Brothers Inc	6:99cv01824	Seymour	Affirmed
BBA Nowovens, et al v. Superior Nonwovens, et al	6:00cv02764	McDonald	Affirmed
Ethox Chemical LLC et al v. Coca-Cola Company, The	6:12cv01682	McDonald	Affirmed
Decisioning.com Inc v. Federated Dept Store, et al	3:03cv01924	Currie	Affirmed,Vacated,Remanded
Decisioning.com Inc v. Ameritrade Holding, et al	3:03cv02837	Currie	Affirmed,Vacated,Remanded
Household Intl Inc v. Decisioning.com Inc	3:04cv01200	Currie	Affirmed,Vacated,Remanded
Chem-Nuclear Systems, et al v. Braun, et al	3:03cv00441	Currie	Dismissed
Chem-Nuclear Systems, et al v. Avantech Inc	3:03cv00442	Currie	Dismissed
Chem-Nuclear Systems, et al v. Abernethy, et al	3:03cv03915	Currie	Dismissed
Milliken & Company v. Mohawk Industries, et al	7:02cv03631	Herlong	Dismissed
Carolina Waterworks Inc v. Taylor Made Group LLC et al	2:12cv02568	Norton	Dismissed
Sawgrass Technologies Inc v. Texas Original Graphics Inc et al	2:05cv01696	Wooten	Dismissed
Dystar Textilfarben v. CH Patrick Co Inc, et al	6:02cv02946	Floyd	Reversed

**Jury Demands**The number of jury demands by party type is shown below.



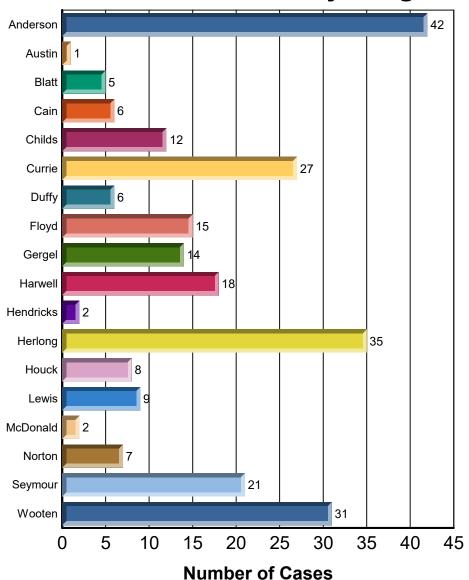
### **Experience**

The active judges in the South Carolina District Court vary considerably in their exposure to patent cases in general and to significant motions in those cases.

## **Total Number of Patent Cases: By Judge**

The total number of patent cases per judge is shown below, followed by a table listing the judge, total number of patent cases, total number of closed patent cases and total number of open patent cases.

# **Total Patent Cases: By Judge**

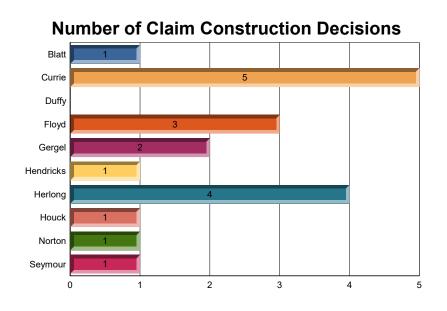


	Total Number of Cases	Number of Closed Cases	Number of Open Cases
Total	223	216	7
Anderson	26	26	0
Austin	1	1	0
Blatt	3	3	0
Cain	6	4	2
Childs	12	12	0
Currie	21	20	1
Duffy	4	4	0
Floyd	15	15	0
Gergel	14	13	1
Harwell	18	18	0
Hendricks	2	1	1
Herlong	26	26	0
Houck	7	7	0
Lewis	9	7	2
McDonald	2	2	0
Norton	5	5	0
Seymour	21	21	0
Wooten	31	31	0

## **Total Number of Claim Construction Rulings: By Judge**

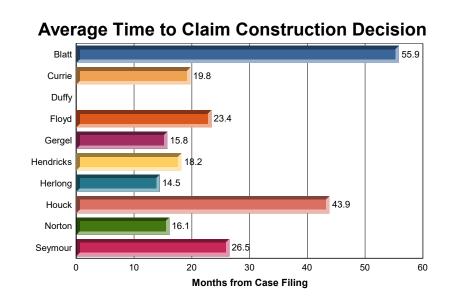
The number of claim construction rulings for each active judge is shown below. These figures do not include summary judgment decisions that may involve claim construction issues.

	Number of Decisions
Total	19
Blatt	1
Currie	5
Floyd	3
Gergel	2
Hendricks	1
Herlong	4
Houck	1
Norton	1
Seymour	1



The average time (in months) from case filing to claim construction rulings for each active judge is shown below.

	Number of Decisions
Total	22.1
Blatt	55.9
Currie	19.8
Floyd	23.4
Gergel	15.8
Hendricks	18.2
Herlong	14.5
Houck	43.9
Norton	16.1
Seymour	26.5

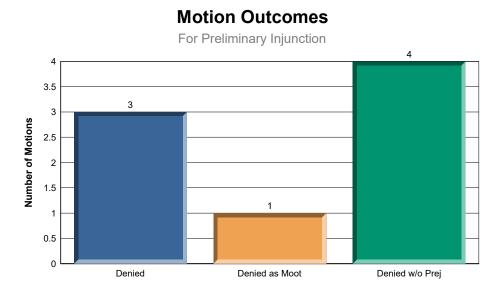


### **Motion Outcomes**

The win rates and times to decision on contested preliminary injunction, stay pending reexam, summary judgment, and transfer motions are shown below. A motion that is granted in part and denied in part is treated as "1/2" granted, and "1/2" denied.

#### **Preliminary Injunction**

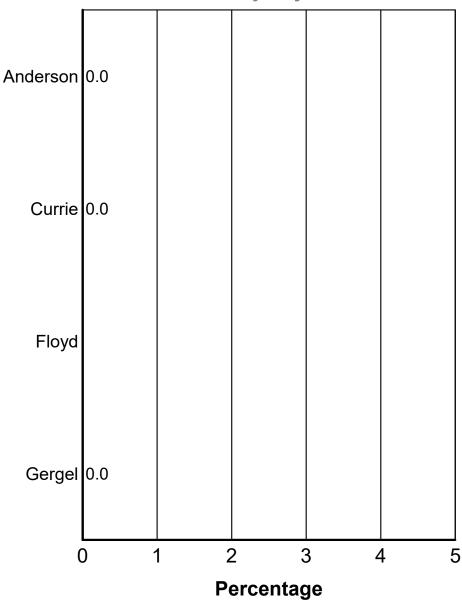
The number of Preliminary Injunction motions by outcome are shown below.



	Total
Total	8
Denied	3
Denied as Moot	1
Denied w/o Prej	4

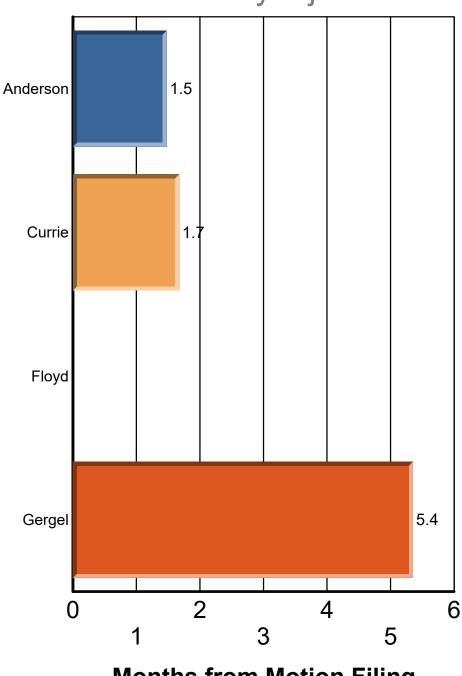
# **Contested Win Rate**

For Preliminary Injunction



# Average Time to Decision, by Judge

For Preliminary Injunction



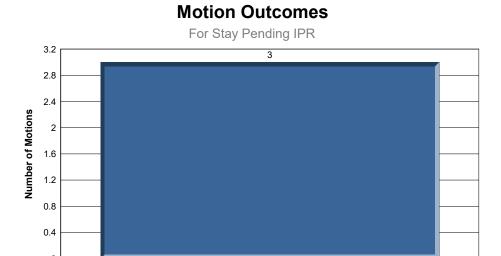
**Months from Motion Filing** 

The supporting data for Preliminary Injunction motions is found in the following table:

	Total Motions	<b>Contested Decisions</b>	Win Rate	Time to Decision
District	8	7	0.0	2.7
Anderson	1	1	0.0	1.5
Currie	4	4	0.0	1.7
Floyd	1	0		
Gergel	2	2	0.0	5.4

#### Stay Pending IPR

The number of Stay Pending IPR motions by outcome are shown below.

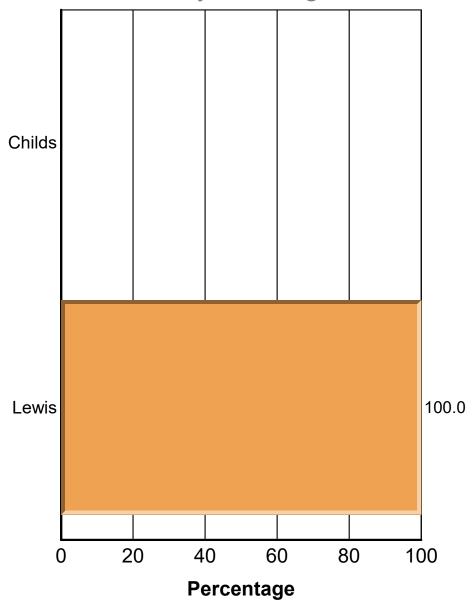


Granted

	Total
Total	3
Granted	3

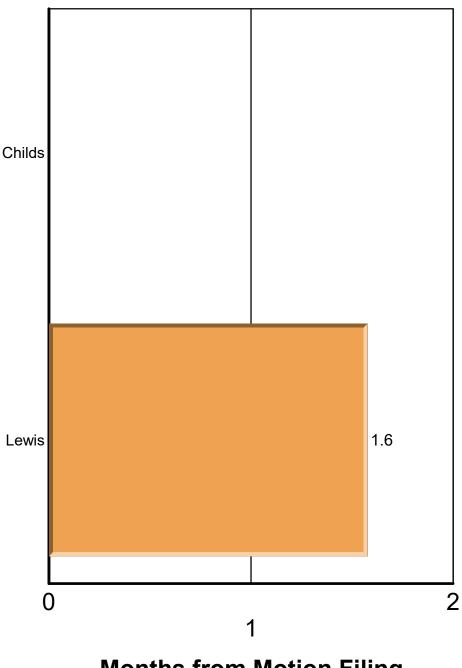
# **Contested Win Rate**

For Stay Pending IPR



# Average Time to Decision, by Judge

For Stay Pending IPR



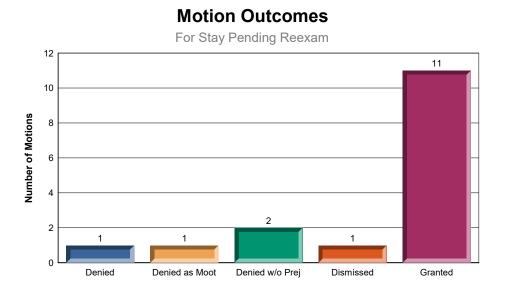
**Months from Motion Filing** 

The supporting data for Stay Pending IPR motions is found in the following table:

	Total Motions	<b>Contested Decisions</b>	Win Rate	Time to Decision
District	3	1	100.0	1.6
Childs	2	0		
Lewis	1	1	100.0	1.6

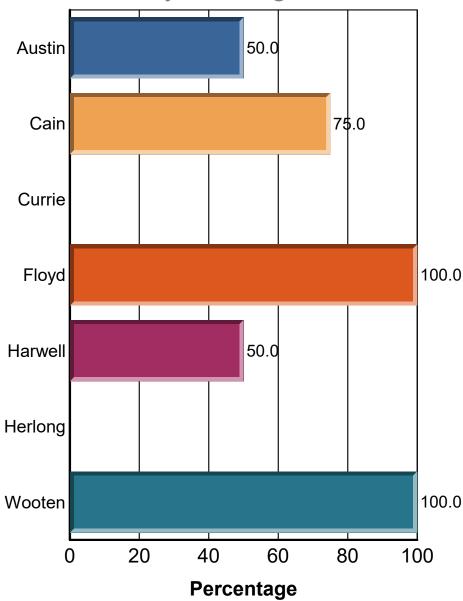
### **Stay Pending Reexam**

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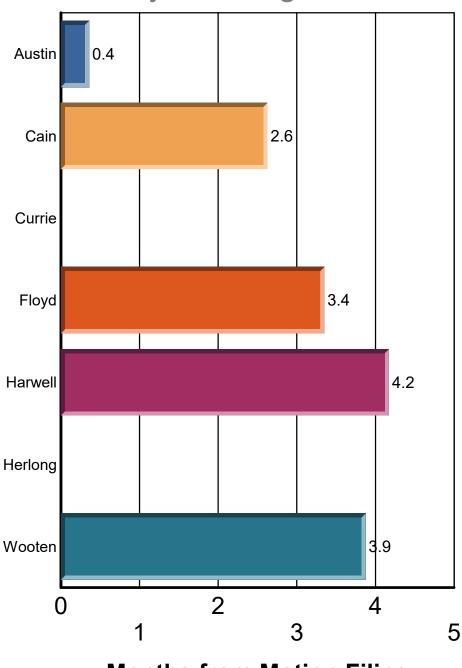


Total
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For Stay Pending Reexam



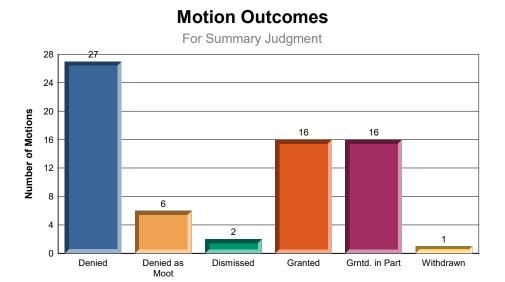
**Months from Motion Filing** 

The supporting data for Stay Pending Reexam motions is found in the following table:

	Total Motions	<b>Contested Decisions</b>	Win Rate	Time to Decision
District	16	11	72.7	2.8
Austin	2	2	50.0	0.4
Cain	4	4	75.0	2.6
Currie	3	0		
Floyd	1	1	100.0	3.4
Harwell	2	2	50.0	4.2
Herlong	1	0		
Wooten	3	2	100.0	3.9

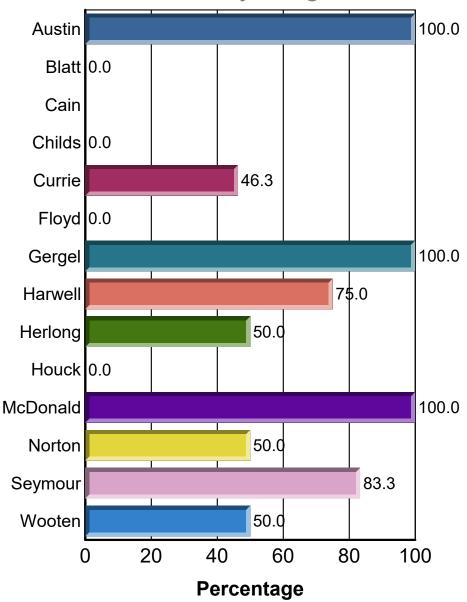
### **Summary Judgment**

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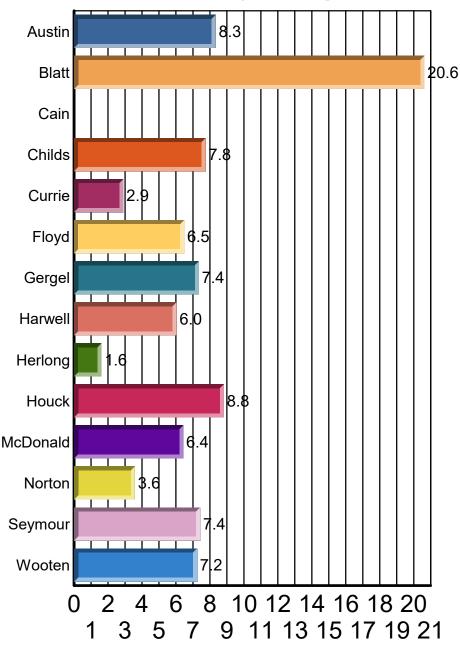


	Total
Total	68
Denied	27
Denied as Moot	6
Dismissed	2
Granted	16
Grntd. in Part	16
Withdrawn	1
Withdrawn	1

## For Summary Judgment



For Summary Judgment



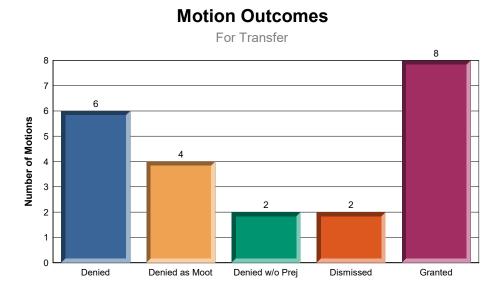
**Months from Motion Filing** 

The supporting data for Summary Judgment motions is found in the following table:

	<b>Total Motions</b>	Contested Decisions	Win Rate	Time to Decision
District	68	59	40.7	4.9
Austin	1	1	100.0	8.3
Blatt	2	1	0.0	20.6
Cain	1	0		
Childs	3	2	0.0	7.8
Currie	31	27	46.3	2.9
Floyd	7	7	0.0	6.5
Gergel	1	1	100.0	7.4
Harwell	2	2	75.0	6.0
Herlong	5	5	50.0	1.6
Houck	5	5	0.0	8.8
McDonald	1	1	100.0	6.4
Norton	2	2	50.0	3.6
Seymour	4	3	83.3	7.4
Wooten	3	2	50.0	7.2

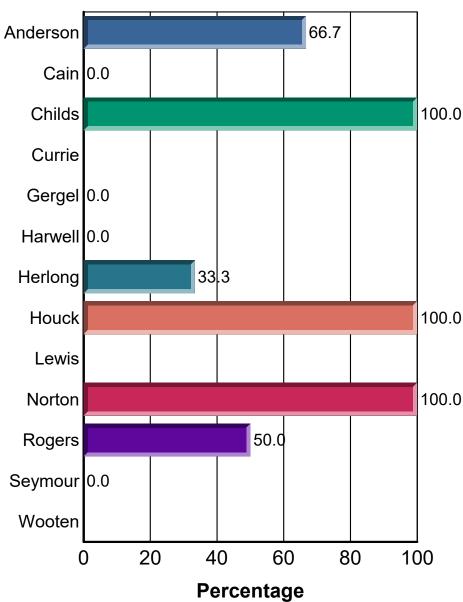
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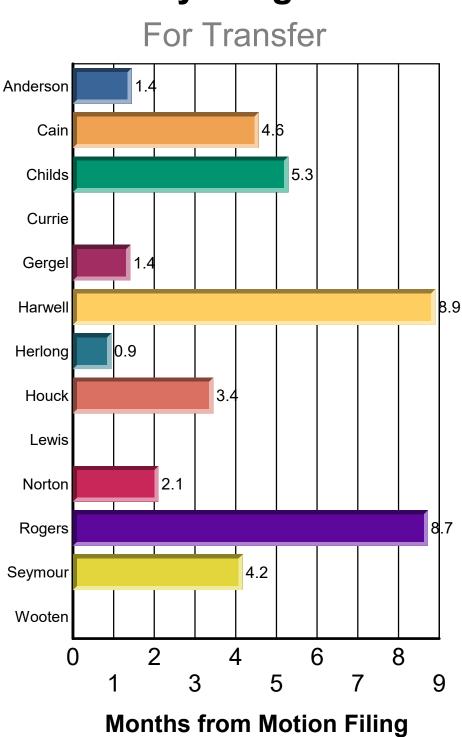
The number of Transfer motions by outcome are shown below.



	Total
Total	22
Denied	6
Denied as Moot	4
Denied w/o Prej	2
Dismissed	2
Granted	8





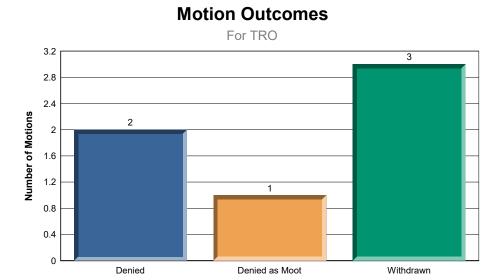


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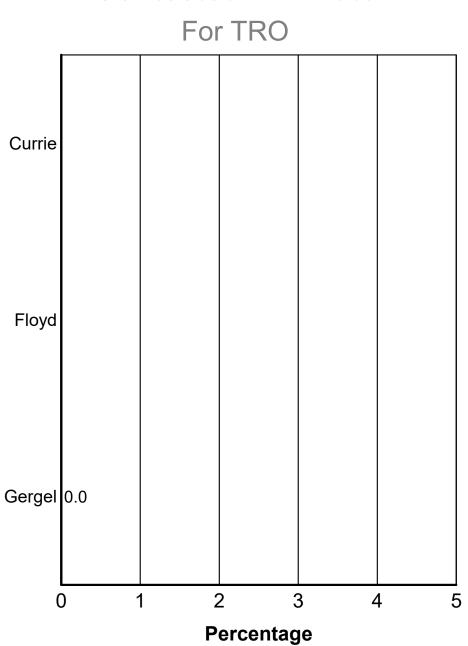
	Total Motions	Contested Decisions	Win Rate	Time to Decision
District	22	16	50.0	3.7
Anderson	3	3	66.7	1.4
Cain	1	1	0.0	4.6
Childs	2	2	100.0	5.3
Currie	1	0		
Gergel	2	1	0.0	1.4
Harwell	1	1	0.0	8.9
Herlong	3	3	33.3	0.9
Houck	1	1	100.0	3.4
Lewis	1	0		
Norton	1	1	100.0	2.1
Rogers	2	2	50.0	8.7
Seymour	1	1	0.0	4.2
Wooten	3	0		

### TRO

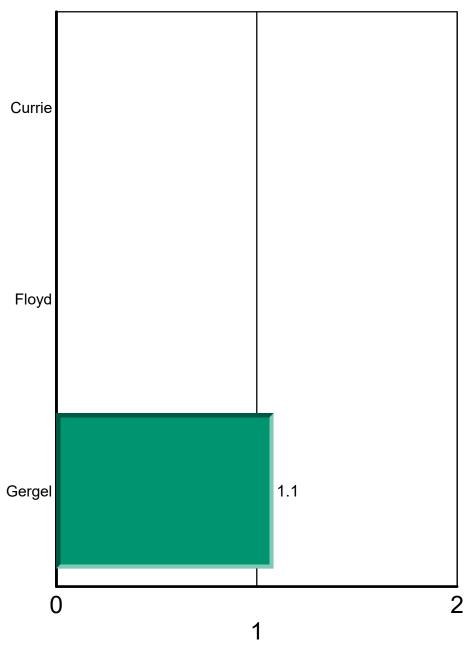
The number of TRO motions by outcome are shown below.



	Total
Total	6
Denied	2
Denied as Moot	1
Withdrawn	3



For TRO



**Months from Motion Filing** 

The supporting data for TRO motions is found in the following table:

	<b>Total Motions</b>	<b>Contested Decisions</b>	Win Rate	Time to Decision
District	6	2	0.0	1.1
Currie	3	0		
Floyd	1	0		
Gergel	2	2	0.0	1.1