

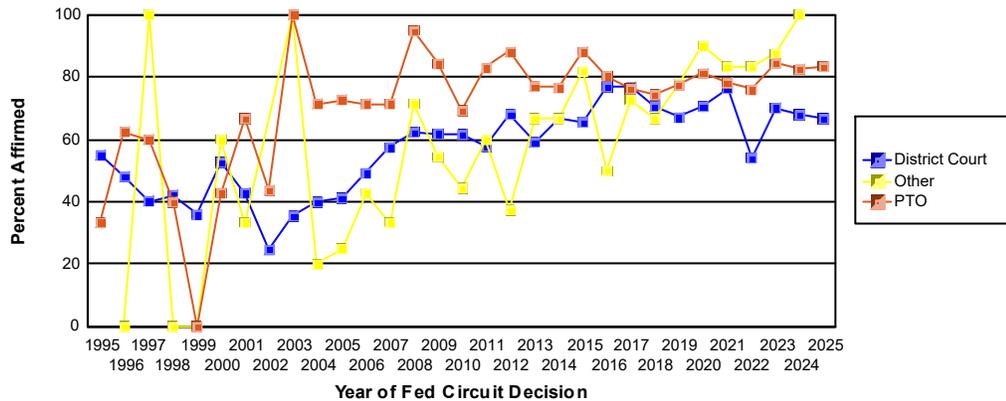
Introduction

This report covers the Federal Circuit patent cases for which there are written decisions (whether precedential or non-precedential) from July 1996 to January 2025. The decisions included are those available directly from the court's website and older decisions from the Georgetown University website.

Overview: Affirmance rates come in various kinds. For example, the entire case has a case affirmance rate based upon whether or not all the issues decided by the Federal Circuit in a particular case are affirmed or not, and each issue decided by the court in a particular case has its own issue affirmance rate ("infringement affirmed," "validity reversed", etc.). The cases affirmance rates can be either "complete affirmance rates" or "affirmed at least in part" rates. Affirmed at least in part rates are higher than complete affirmance rates since the former includes the latter. From at least the year 2000, the case complete affirmance and affirmed at least in part rates in the Federal Circuit for cases originating in the district courts have been lower than the corresponding rates for cases originating in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). (See charts and table below).

Case Complete Affirmance Rate

by Year and Origin Below



Case Affirmed at Least in Part Rate

