

Analysis of Personal Injury Case Totals

Westlaw lists a NOS (Nature of Suit) code for every case filed. Below is a comparison of all cases filed in Westlaw's Dockets database under any TORTS – Personal Injury Nos code.

| TORTS Personal Injury (via NOS – Nature of Suit code – Westlaw) | June 2019 | June 2020 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| 310 Airplane | 20 | 32 |
| 315 Airplane Product Liability | 33 | 11 |
| 320 Assault, Libel, & Slander | 43 | 49 |
| 330 Federal Employers' Liability | 29 | 24 |
| 340 Marine | 122 | 121 |
| 345 Marine Product Liability | 0 | 0 |
| 350 Motor Vehicle | 425 | 474 |
| 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability | 48 | 19 |
| 360 Other Personal Injury | 1,270 | 749 |
| 362 Personal Injury- Medical Malpractice | 85 | 105 |
| 365 Personal Injury- Product Liability | 959 | 931 |
| 367 Personal Injury - Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury/Product Liability | 1,671 | 1,528 |
| 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability | 17 | 17 |
| 375 False Claims Act | 16 | 10 |
| TOTAL | 4,738 | 4,070 |

Medical Malpractice Cases in Detail

Comparison of Westlaw dockets (using Nos Codes) and Hunton Database for medical malpractice cases.

| | 2019 – All Medical Malpractice Cases | 2020 – All Medical Malpractice Cases | Covid-Related Medical Malpractice Cases |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| June | 85 | 105 | 3 |
| May | 136 | 71 | 0 |
| April | 98 | 78 | 3 |
| March | 106 | 102 | 0 |
| February | 86 | 87 | 0 |
| January | 121 | 93 | 0 |
| Totals (year so far) | 632 | 536 | 6 |

Insurance Contract Cases

Comparison of Westlaw dockets (using Nos Codes) and Hunton Database

| | 2019 – All Insurance Contract Cases | 2020 – All Insurance Contract Cases | Covid-Related Insurance Contract Cases |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| June | 4,821 | 4,663 | 62 |
| May | 5,223 | 4,000 | 51 |
| April | 4,589 | 3,916 | 40 |
| March | 4,575 | 4,634 | 10 |
| February | 4,202 | 4,563 | 0 |
| January | 4,569 | 5,027 | 0 |
| Totals (year so far) | 27,979 | 26,803 | 178 |