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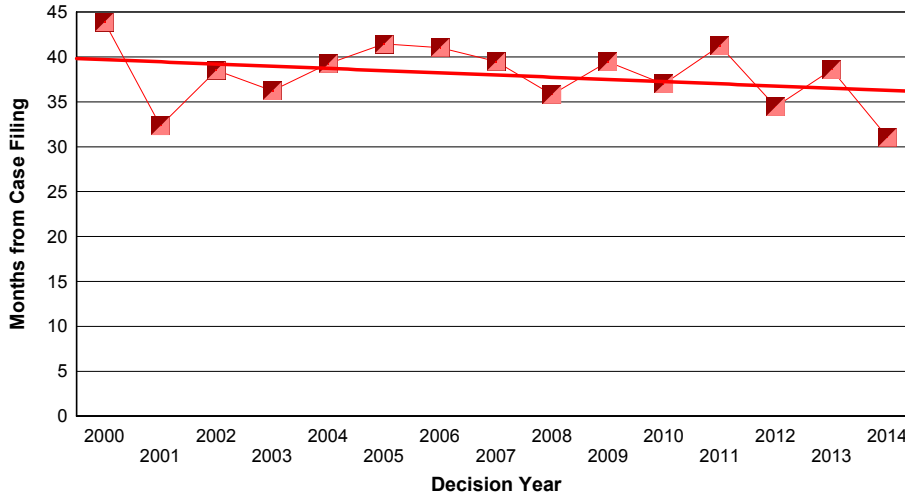
Nationwide Time Trends Report

District Court Patent Cases

2000 to 2014

Summary: Dockets of patent cases in the U.S. district courts nationwide were examined to determine how long it took to reach a judgment. Trial judgments, summary judgments, and involuntary dismissal judgments were all examined separately. In addition, the time to decision for Markman rulings, transfer motions, summary judgment motions, motions to dismiss, preliminary injunction motions, and attorney fees motions were computed. The results are shown below.

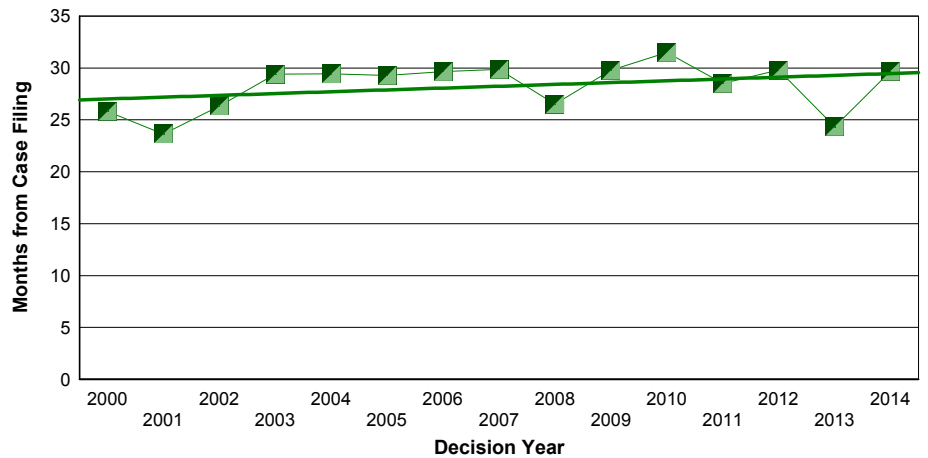
Time to Judgment by Trial



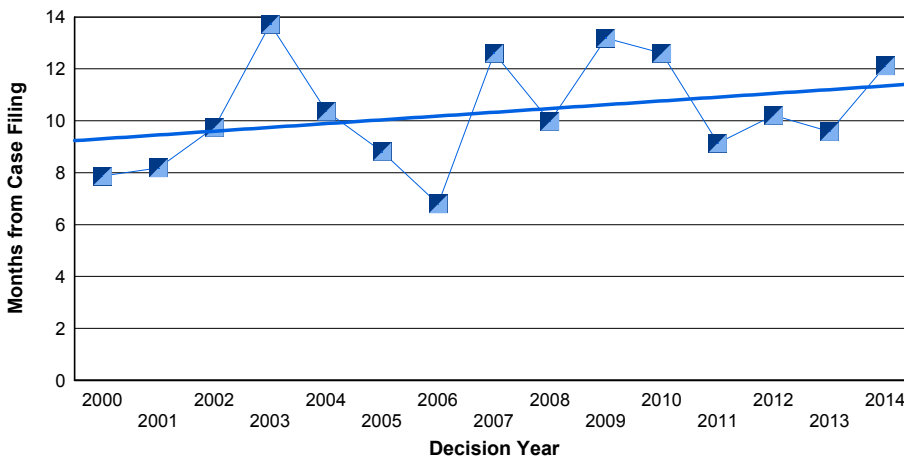
Time to Judgment Resulting from Trial: From 2000 to 2014 (a partial year), the time to judgment by trial usually fell within the 35-40 months from filing range. There appears to be a decrease over the entire period (indicated by the trendline).

Time to Judgment Resulting from Summary Judgment Decision: Final judgments resulting from summary judgment decisions since 2000 have usually occurred between 25 and 30 months after case filing. A slight increase appears in the data for the entire period, but there is no increase at all since 2003.

Time to Entry of Judgment Based Upon Summary Judgment Decision



Time to Entry of Judgment Based Upon Involuntary Dismissal

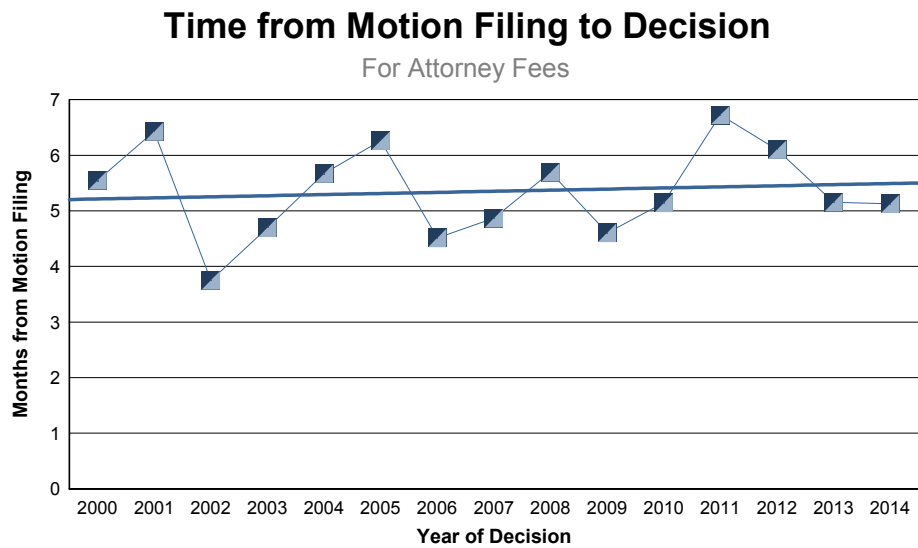


Time to Judgment Resulting from Involuntary Dismissals: Final judgments resulting from involuntary dismissals since 2000 have usually occurred between 8 and 14 months after case filing. An increase appears in the data for the entire period, but there is no increase since 2007.

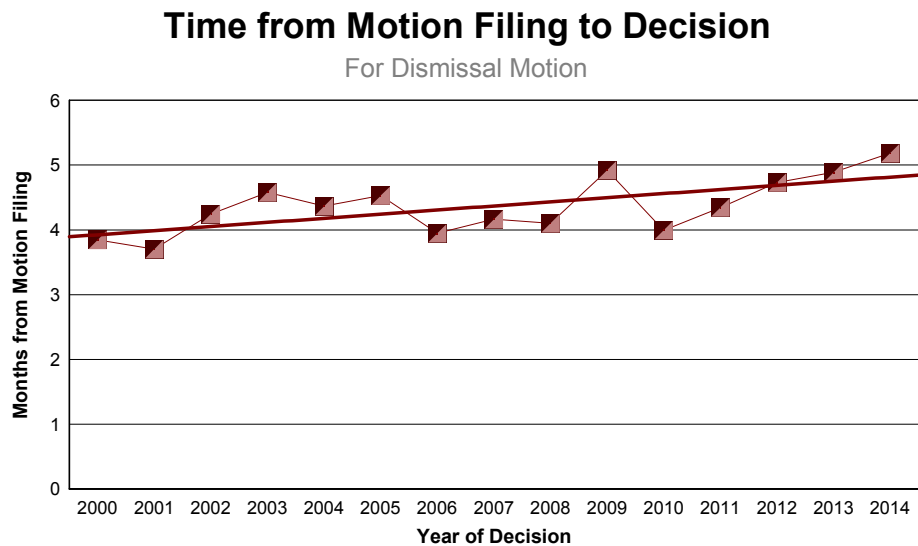
Time to Decision on Various Motions: The table below shows the time from motion filing to decision on various motions in patent cases from 2000 to 2014. The table is followed by sections which show the variation in time to decision for the motions by year. Note that attorney fees motions (5.4 months) and summary judgment motions (5.8 months) take the longest to decide. The time to decision for most motions has either remained fairly flat or risen slightly over the period, but

	Total
Attorney Fees	5.4
Dismissal Motion	4.4
Preliminary Injunction Motion	3.4
Summary Judgment	5.8
Transfer Motion	3.9

Attorney Fees



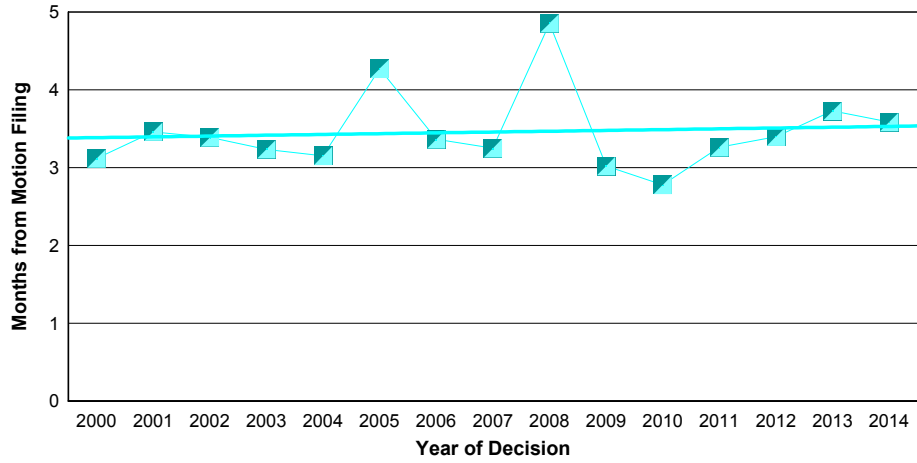
Dismissal Motion



Preliminary Injunction Motion

Time from Motion Filing to Decision

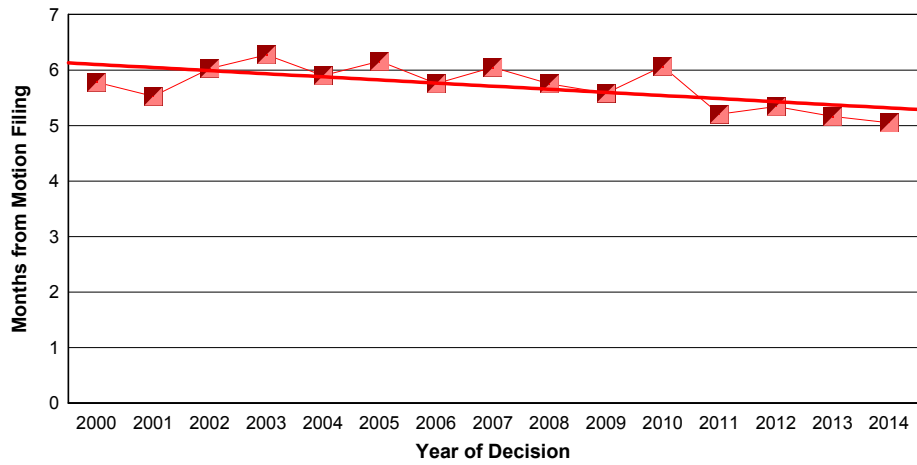
For Preliminary Injunction Motion



Summary Judgment

Time from Motion Filing to Decision

For Summary Judgment



Transfer Motion

Time from Motion Filing to Decision

For Transfer Motion

