## Table A-6

## REASONABLENESS ISSUES APPEALED IN CASES WHERE THE ORIGINAL SENTENCE WAS REVERSED OR REMANDED<sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year 2020

| ISSUE                                                                                 | N   | %     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| REASONABLENESS ISSUES                                                                 | 468 | 100.0 |
| Procedural: Court improperly calculated guideline range                               | 395 | 84.4  |
| Procedural: Court did not adequately explain the chosen sentence                      | 33  | 7.1   |
| Procedural: Court failed to address/improperly considered 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) factors | 19  | 4.1   |
| Procedural: Court selected a sentence based on clearly erroneous facts                | 12  | 2.6   |
| Substantive: Unreasonable weighing decision                                           | 6   | 1.3   |
| Substantive: General                                                                  | 1   | 0.2   |
| Substantive: Lack of empirical basis of a guideline                                   | 1   | 0.2   |
| Procedural: General                                                                   | 1   | 0.2   |

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2020 Appeals Datafile, APPFY20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on 4,355 appeals where the sentence imposed was at least one of the reasons for appeal. Of these 4,355 cases, 3,233 were appeals of the original sentence. Of these 3,233 appeals of the original sentence, 487 were reversed or remanded. Often more than one reasonableness issue was appealed; consequently, the number of issues may be more than the number of sentencing appeals that were reversed or remanded. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.