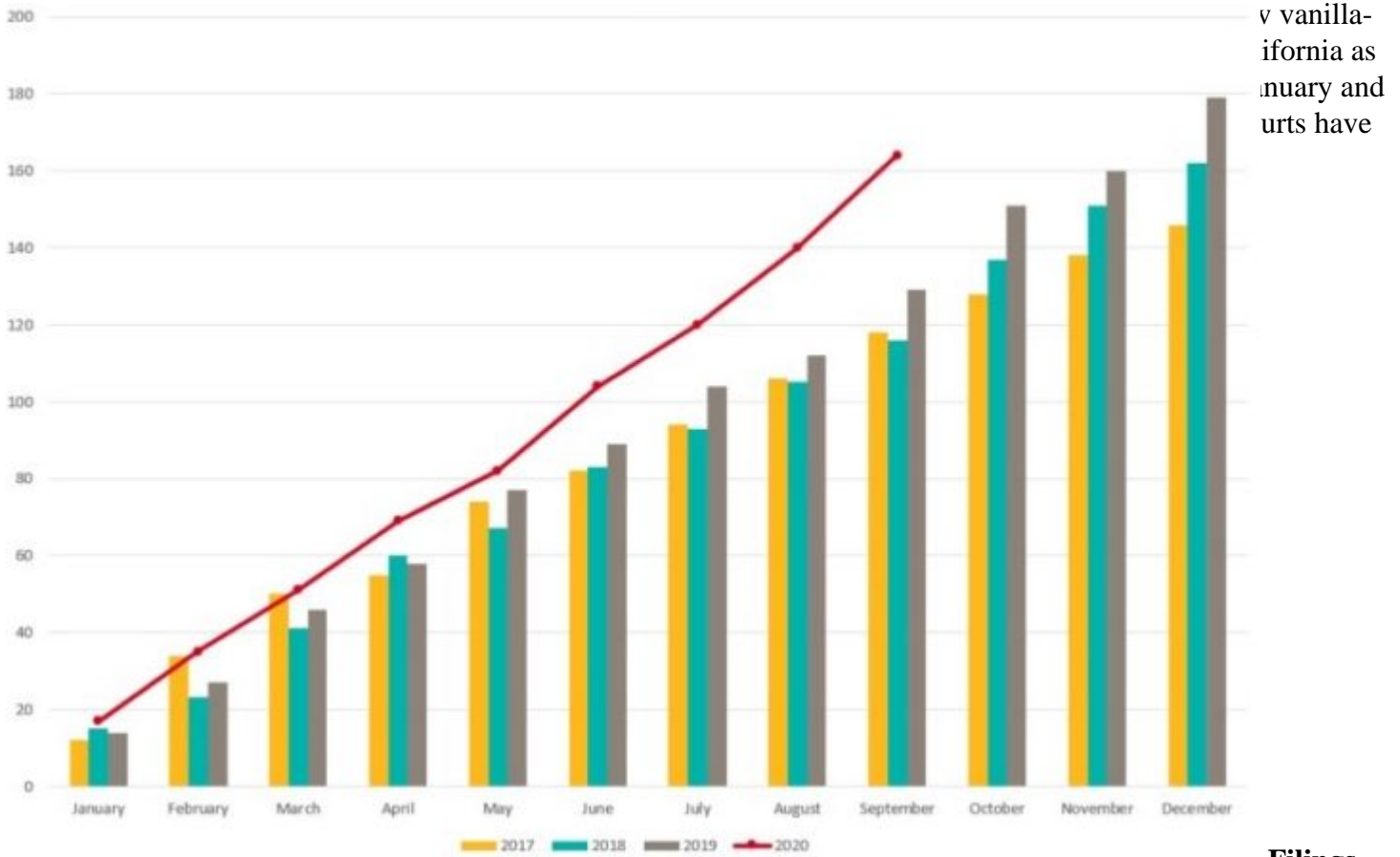


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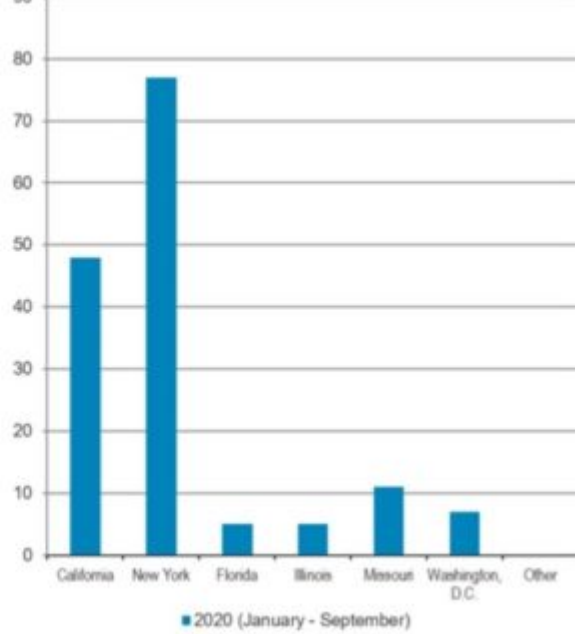
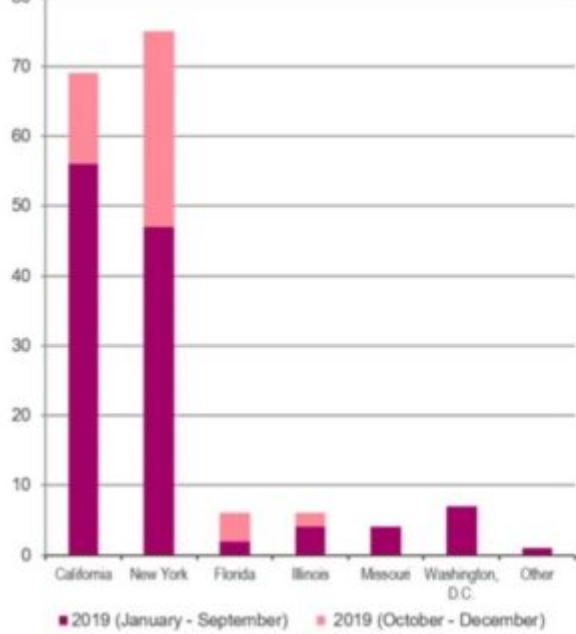
Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and limitations on court operations, food litigation filings continue to exceed numbers seen in prior years. As our Food Litigation colleagues wrote in [Law360](#) (sub. req.), food litigation filings are anticipated to surpass 2019's record numbers by nearly 20%, even though general commercial litigation filings across all industries have decreased significantly. Topically, false-fact, Proposition 65, and vanilla cases continued to dominate new filings in Q3 2020. Plaintiffs alleged in more than 40 new cases that the labels or marketing of a food or beverage misrepresented some aspect of the product. There were at least 15 new Proposition 65 cases this quarter, indicating that Proposition 65 remains a filing hotspot. Courts, especially those in New York, are seeing an increased number of claims related to vanilla. So far in 2020, the number of



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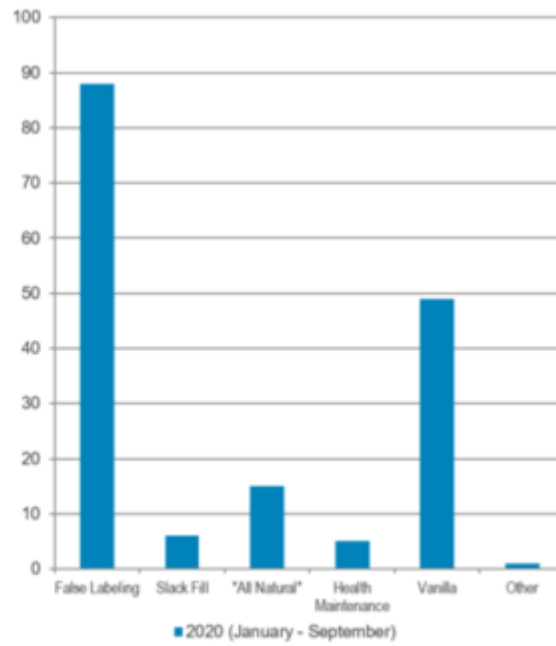
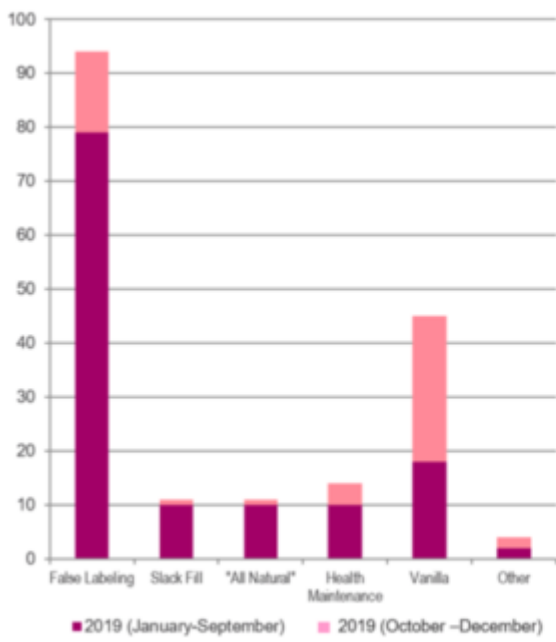
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