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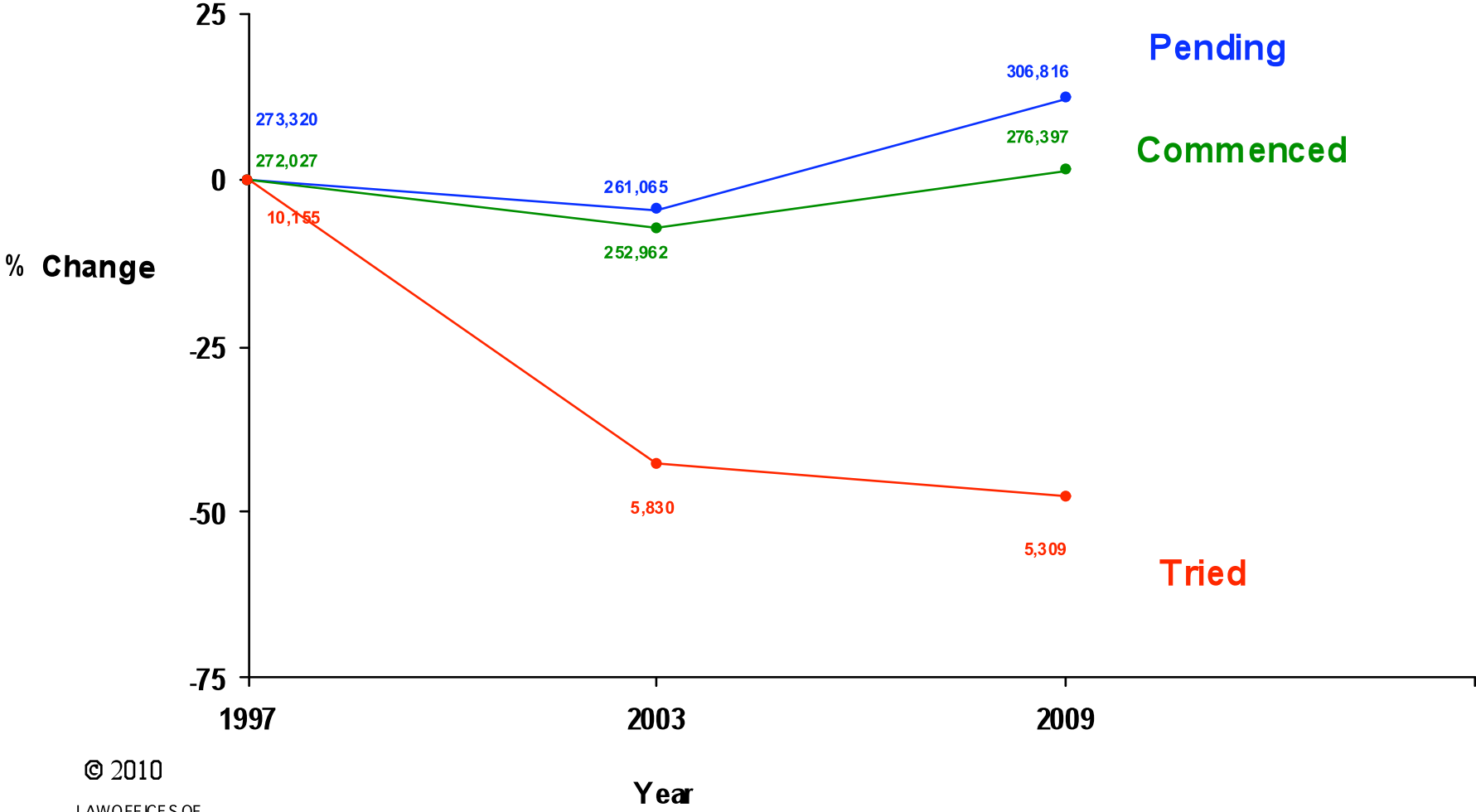
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Today there are only half as many federal civil trials as 12 years ago. Although the number of civil cases filed in our federal courts has increased, fewer than 2% of pending civil cases were tried last year. Apparently, we continue to have confidence that our courts can resolve our disputes, but obviously they don't do so by trial.

So how and when do cases get resolved? And what can you, as deal lawyers, do to improve your clients' chances for a favorable result?

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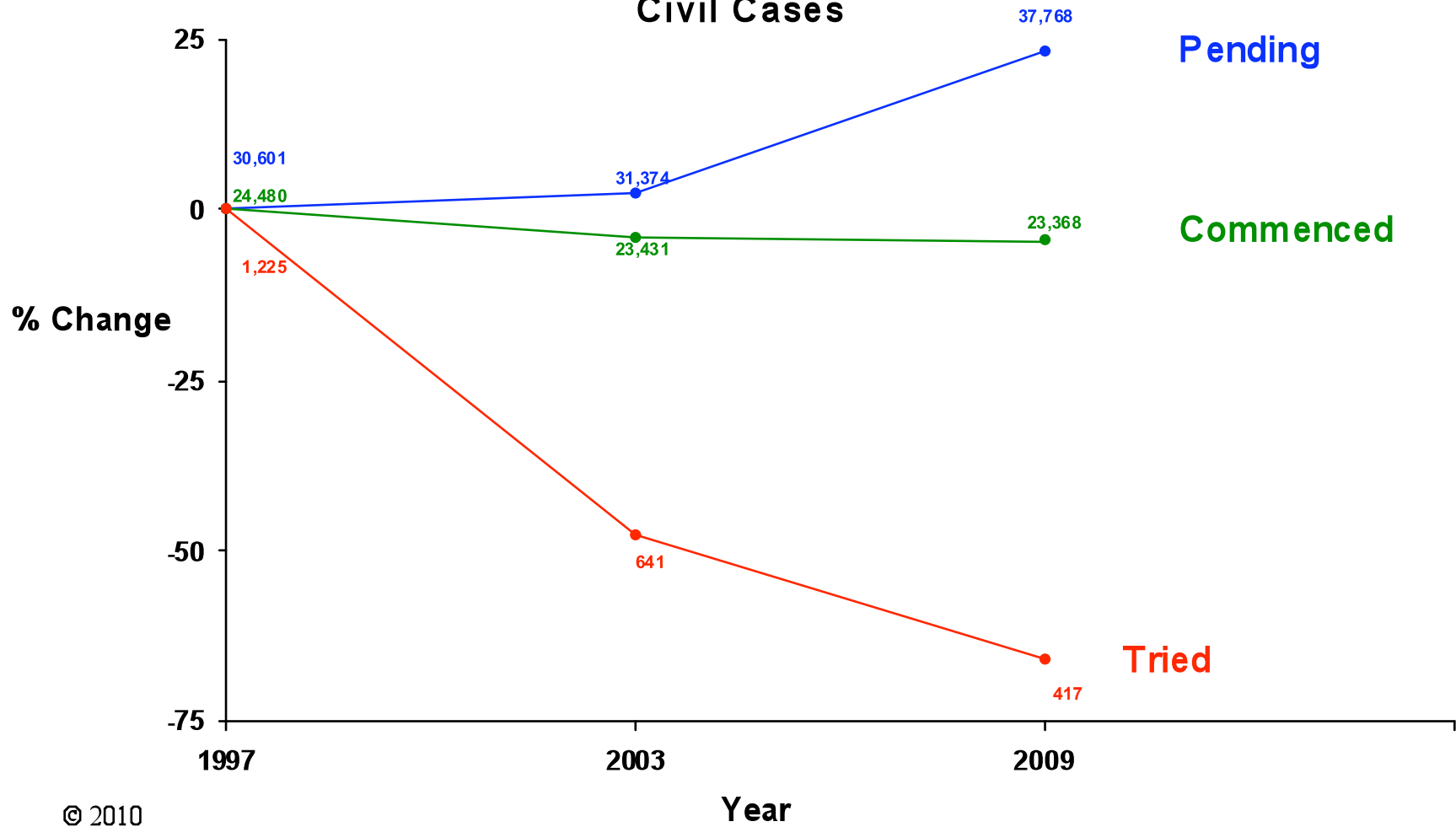


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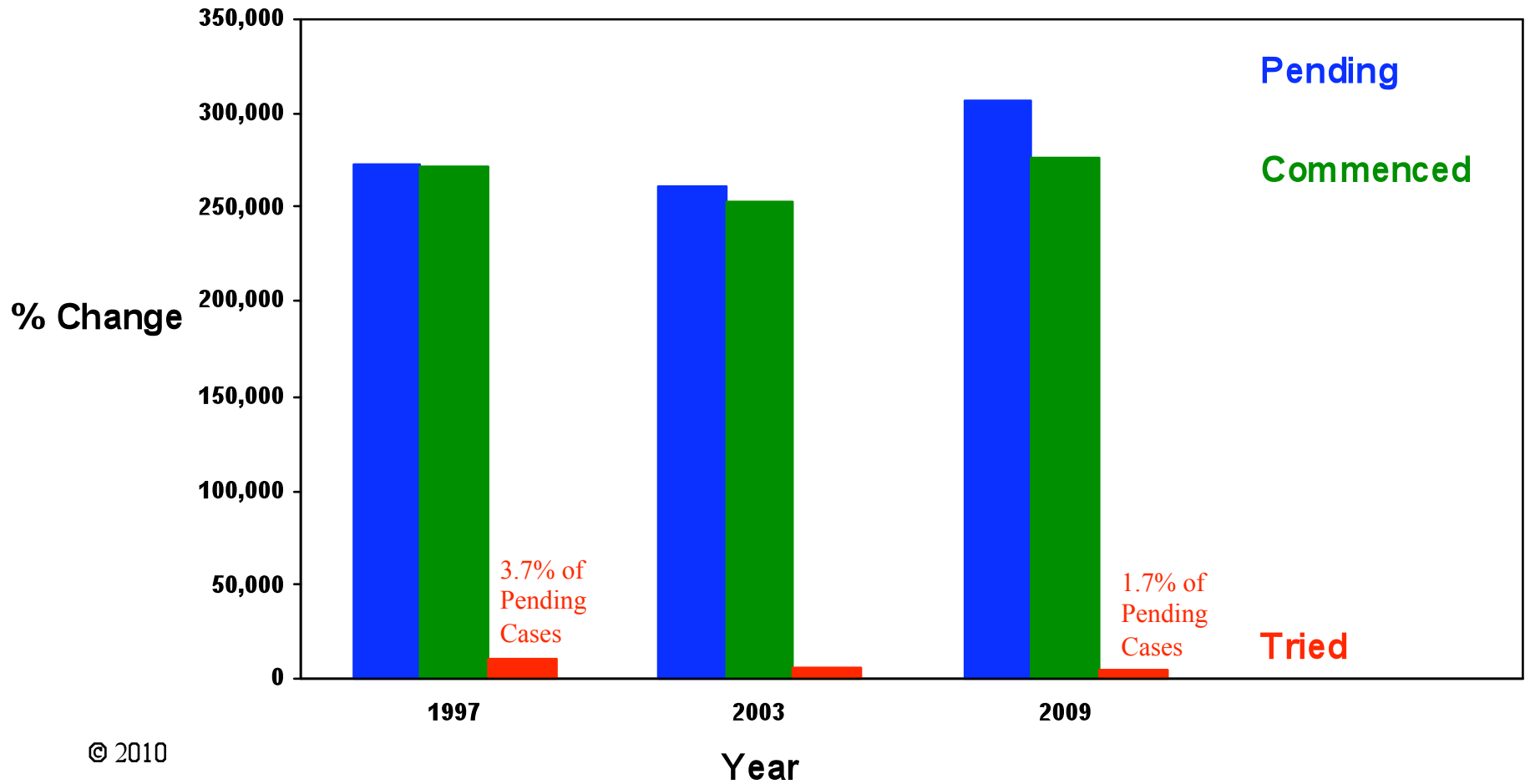
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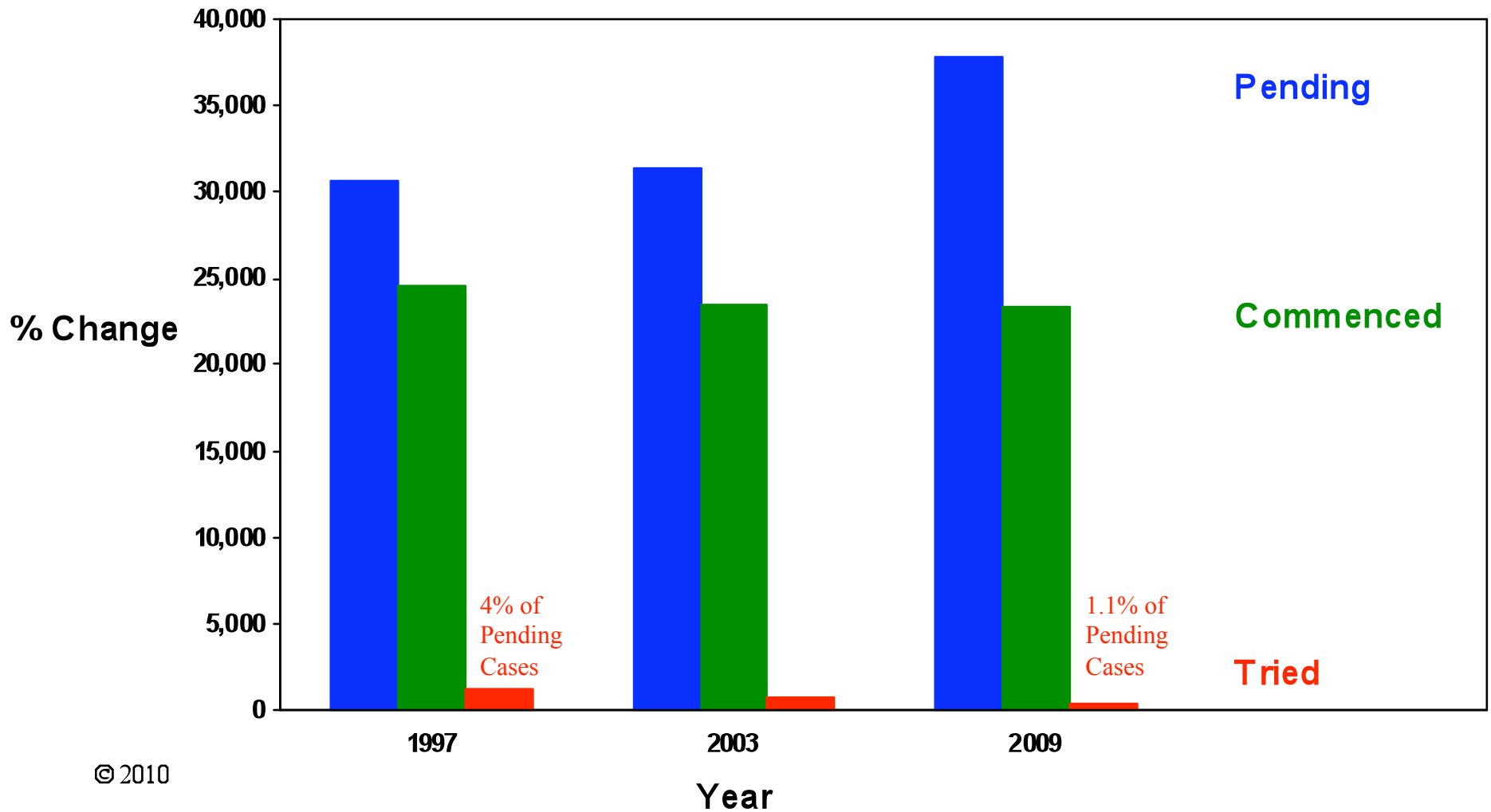
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**U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
Civil Cases
10/1/08 - 9/30/09**

**Civil Cases Tried
median time 32.8 mos.***



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