

**Table 1.6**

**U.S. Courts of Appeals - Type of Opinion or Order Filed In Cases Terminated on the Merits After Oral Hearing or Submission on Briefs**

Fiscal Year*	Total	Oral	Written, Signed		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Total Unpublished	Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
1989	19,322	103	6,091	1,293	729	9,056	5	2,045	12,394	64.7%
1990	21,022	94	6,008	2,374	712	9,669	4	2,161	14,204	68.0%
1991	23,018	86	6,350	3,031	701	10,437	4	2,409	15,877	69.4%
1992	23,597	55	6,330	2,979	650	10,866	11	2,706	16,551	70.4%
1993	25,761	74	6,085	3,127	634	12,625	13	3,203	18,955	73.9%
1994	27,219	86	6,451	3,545	561	13,496	7	3,073	20,114	74.2%
1995	27,772	99	6,118	3,814	566	14,233	5	2,937	20,984	75.9%
1996	27,326	82	6,035	3,629	502	14,409	18	2,651	20,689	76.0%
1997	25,840	98	5,622	3,413	433	13,942	24	2,308	19,663	76.5%
1998	24,910	82	5,770	3,578	467	13,319	10	1,684	18,581	74.9%
1999	26,727	117	5,371	3,951	461	15,528	9	1,290	20,769	78.1%
2000	27,516	63	5,099	4,281	427	16,510	32	1,104	21,895	79.8%
2001	28,840	31	5,058	4,544	475	17,376	108	1,248	23,168	80.4%
2002	27,758	26	4,920	4,234	416	16,917	64	1,181	22,332	80.5%
2003	27,009	13	5,037	4,223	364	16,402	38	932	21,557	79.9%

\*1989 data are for year ended June 30. Subsequent data are for year ended September 30.

NOTE: Data are not identified as published/unpublished before 1989.

Source: Statistical Table S-5 (1989); S-3 (1990 - 2003)