

Table B-12.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Type of Opinion or Order Filed in Cases Terminated on the Merits, by Circuit,
During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2017

Circuit	Terminated on the Merits											
	Total	By Consolidation	Last Opinion or Final Order									Percent Unpublished
			Total	Oral	Written Opinion or Order							
					Signed ¹		Reasoned, Unsigned ¹		Unsigned, Without Comment			
					Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
Total	36,992	2,431	34,561	-	4,269	5,494	250	21,745	18	2,785	86.9	
DC	662	181	481	-	213	1	14	253	-	-	52.8	
1st	965	61	904	-	323	37	6	516	-	22	63.6	
2nd	2,648	293	2,355	-	171	2,156	25	2	-	1	91.7	
3rd	2,740	78	2,662	-	741	1,372	8	457	1	83	71.8	
4th	3,544	147	3,397	-	218	401	5	2,773	-	-	93.4	
5th	5,359	751	4,608	-	369	61	46	4,124	-	8	91.0	
6th	3,742	126	3,616	-	252	589	10	2,756	5	4	92.6	
7th	1,824	125	1,699	-	566	-	26	1,102	-	5	65.2	
8th	2,596	124	2,472	-	498	6	41	506	-	1,421	78.2	
9th	7,813	357	7,456	-	453	1	35	5,783	12	1,172	93.3	
10th	1,320	23	1,297	-	273	818	6	200	-	-	78.5	
11th	3,779	165	3,614	-	192	52	28	3,273	-	69	93.9	

NOTE: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ Includes only opinions and orders which expound the law as applied to the facts of the case and detail the judicial reasons upon which the judgment is based.