

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, 2021

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	Total	By Consolidation	Last Opinion or Final Order									Percent Unpublished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					Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		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	30,600	2,115	28,485	-	3,684	5,286	203	17,679	14	1,619	86.3	
DC	603	131	472	-	172	-	13	287	-	-	60.8	
1st	908	80	828	-	324	8	4	444	1	47	60.3	
2nd	2,535	172	2,363	-	241	2,098	24	-	-	-	88.8	
3rd	1,781	101	1,680	-	157	1,027	1	369	-	126	90.6	
4th	3,011	210	2,801	-	237	466	6	2,092	-	-	91.3	
5th	4,174	529	3,645	-	401	49	32	3,152	-	11	88.1	
6th	2,875	214	2,661	-	263	868	11	1,515	3	1	89.6	
7th	1,518	113	1,405	-	404	9	14	974	2	2	70.1	
8th	2,521	123	2,398	-	503	4	33	523	2	1,333	77.6	
9th	6,637	293	6,344	-	459	4	53	5,827	1	-	91.9	
10th	1,112	20	1,092	-	220	699	-	171	-	2	79.9	
11th	2,925	129	2,796	-	303	54	12	2,325	5	97	88.6	

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.