

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, 2025

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	Total	By Consolidation	Last Opinion or Final Order									Percent Unpublished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					Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		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	25,969	1,651	24,318	1	3,253	4,825	167	14,903	12	1,157	85.9	
DC	702	118	584	-	165	-	4	415	-	-	71.1	
1st	617	45	572	-	212	5	4	334	2	15	61.9	
2nd	2,564	178	2,386	-	224	2,136	26	-	-	-	89.5	
3rd	1,617	85	1,532	-	147	909	4	382	3	87	89.9	
4th	2,520	124	2,396	-	316	282	4	1,794	-	-	86.6	
5th	3,546	443	3,103	-	358	60	42	2,636	1	6	87.1	
6th	2,345	153	2,192	1	290	785	15	1,101	-	-	86.1	
7th	1,177	70	1,107	-	327	10	11	759	-	-	69.5	
8th	1,984	99	1,885	-	378	3	24	484	1	995	78.6	
9th	5,378	178	5,200	-	390	1	15	4,794	-	-	92.2	
10th	1,052	6	1,046	-	239	615	4	188	-	-	76.8	
11th	2,467	152	2,315	-	207	19	14	2,016	5	54	90.2	

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.