

Table B-4.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Median Time Intervals in Months for Cases Terminated on the Merits, by Circuit,
During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2015

Circuit	Terminated on the Merits													
	Total	By Consolidation	Median Time Intervals From											
			Filing of Notice of Appeal or Docket Date to Filing of Appellee's Last Brief		Filing of Appellee's Last Brief to Oral Argument or Submission on Briefs		Oral Argument to Last Opinion or Final Order		Submission on Briefs to Last Opinion or Final Order		Filing of Notice of Appeal or Docket Date to Last Opinion or Final Order ¹		Filing in Lower Court to Last Opinion or Final Order in Appeals Court	
			Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval
Total	34,244	2,622	13,993	5.8	13,993	3.7	6,496	2.1	25,126	0.4	31,622	8.5	24,783	27.8
DC	797	286	327	8.2	327	4.7	288	3.7	223	0.7	511	13.8	341	36.2
1st	993	79	597	8.1	597	3.0	289	3.0	625	2.0	914	13.0	769	34.8
2nd	2,914	286	1,373	7.0	1,373	4.1	786	0.5	1,842	0.2	2,628	10.2	1,961	31.2
3rd	2,185	67	959	5.8	959	2.0	221	3.4	1,897	0.7	2,118	8.4	1,647	35.1
4th	3,363	169	888	5.1	888	2.9	293	2.4	2,901	0.2	3,194	5.3	2,704	23.5
5th	4,743	698	1,860	5.2	1,860	3.6	801	1.2	3,244	0.4	4,045	9.4	3,377	22.5
6th	3,305	158	1,660	4.9	1,660	3.4	526	2.7	2,621	1.1	3,147	8.6	2,490	28.2
7th	1,739	151	870	5.6	870	2.2	613	2.9	975	0.3	1,588	7.2	1,282	28.2
8th	2,394	118	886	3.8	886	4.7	427	3.5	1,849	0.2	2,276	5.3	1,869	24.2
9th	6,898	347	2,136	8.9	2,136	14.5	1,507	1.3	5,044	0.3	6,551	14.1	4,450	34.7
10th	1,301	34	790	4.7	790	3.0	347	3.7	920	1.1	1,267	7.8	1,083	26.0
11th	3,612	229	1,647	4.6	1,647	2.7	398	2.1	2,985	0.9	3,383	7.4	2,810	24.8

NOTE: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous applications not included previously. Cases terminated include appeals, original proceedings, and miscellaneous applications.

¹ Docket date is used when computing the median time intervals for original proceedings, miscellaneous applications, and appeals from administrative agencies.