

Table B-12.

U.S. Courts of Appeals—Types of Opinions or Orders Filed in Cases Terminated on the Merits, by Circuit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2015

Circuit	Total	Disposed of by Consolidation	Last Opinion or Final Order								
			Total	Oral	Written Opinion or Order						Percent Unpublished
					Signed ¹		Reasoned, Unsigned ¹		Unsigned, Without Comment		
					Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	
Total	34,244	2,622	31,622	1	3,794	5,667	290	17,741	30	4,099	87.0
DC	797	286	511	-	241	-	12	257	-	1	50.5
1st	993	79	914	-	346	26	5	525	-	12	61.6
2nd	2,914	286	2,628	-	234	2,346	47	1	-	-	89.3
3rd	2,185	67	2,118	-	150	1,325	2	527	-	114	92.8
4th	3,363	169	3,194	-	196	310	2	2,686	-	-	93.8
5th	4,743	698	4,045	-	288	82	43	3,617	1	14	91.8
6th	3,305	158	3,147	1	300	668	12	2,163	1	2	90.1
7th	1,739	151	1,588	-	562	-	28	996	-	2	62.8
8th	2,394	118	2,276	-	518	2	54	495	2	1,205	74.8
9th	6,898	347	6,551	-	497	4	34	3,341	26	2,649	91.5
10th	1,301	34	1,267	-	254	863	2	148	-	-	79.8
11th	3,612	229	3,383	-	208	41	49	2,985	-	100	92.4

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

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