

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, 2016

Circuit	Total	Disposed of by Consolidation	Last Opinion or Final Order								Percent Unpublished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					Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	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	39,252	2,705	36,547	-	3,801	5,978	292	23,625	19	2,832	88.7
DC	786	216	570	-	207	-	11	352	-	-	61.8
1st	998	57	941	-	323	27	3	577	-	11	65.4
2nd	2,953	331	2,622	-	218	2,369	33	2	-	-	90.4
3rd	2,323	77	2,246	-	154	1,448	4	517	-	123	93.0
4th	5,175	301	4,874	-	175	397	3	4,299	-	-	96.3
5th	5,028	544	4,484	-	377	100	53	3,950	-	4	90.4
6th	3,448	198	3,250	-	293	621	7	2,323	4	2	90.6
7th	2,214	116	2,098	-	604	2	30	1,461	-	1	69.8
8th	2,551	132	2,419	-	551	5	52	488	1	1,322	75.0
9th	7,056	347	6,709	-	467	-	36	4,916	13	1,277	92.3
10th	1,604	33	1,571	-	230	979	4	358	-	-	85.1
11th	5,116	353	4,763	-	202	30	56	4,382	1	92	94.6

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.