

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, 2017

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	Total	By Consolidation	Last Opinion or Final Order									Percent Unpublished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					Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		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	36,992	2,947	34,045	-	3,753	5,494	250	21,745	18	2,785	88.2	
DC	662	181	481	-	213	1	14	253	-	-	52.8	
1st	965	61	904	-	323	37	6	516	-	22	63.6	
2nd	2,648	293	2,355	-	171	2,156	25	2	-	1	91.7	
3rd	2,740	594	2,146	-	225	1,372	8	457	1	83	89.1	
4th	3,544	147	3,397	-	218	401	5	2,773	-	-	93.4	
5th	5,359	751	4,608	-	369	61	46	4,124	-	8	91.0	
6th	3,742	126	3,616	-	252	589	10	2,756	5	4	92.6	
7th	1,824	125	1,699	-	566	-	26	1,102	-	5	65.2	
8th	2,596	124	2,472	-	498	6	41	506	-	1,421	78.2	
9th	7,813	357	7,456	-	453	1	35	5,783	12	1,172	93.3	
10th	1,320	23	1,297	-	273	818	6	200	-	-	78.5	
11th	3,779	165	3,614	-	192	52	28	3,273	-	69	93.9	

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

Totals for cases terminated on the merits in the Third Circuit and in the nation have been revised following resolution of a technical issue affecting the data.

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.