

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, 2020

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	Total	By Consolidation	Last Opinion or Final Order									Percent Unpublished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					Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		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	32,796	2,725	30,071	-	3,631	5,570	251	19,202	15	1,402	87.0	
DC	609	143	466	-	170	-	16	280	-	-	60.1	
1st	938	51	887	-	245	6	6	593	-	37	71.7	
2nd	2,667	215	2,452	-	253	2,164	35	-	-	-	88.3	
3rd	2,633	637	1,996	-	200	1,233	1	444	1	117	89.9	
4th	2,929	161	2,768	-	189	452	3	2,124	-	-	93.1	
5th	4,279	569	3,710	-	454	37	46	3,151	2	20	86.5	
6th	3,187	187	3,000	-	340	928	27	1,700	4	1	87.6	
7th	1,478	118	1,360	-	436	2	23	893	2	4	66.1	
8th	2,404	123	2,281	-	462	2	35	619	1	1,162	78.2	
9th	7,033	353	6,680	-	405	-	39	6,234	2	-	93.3	
10th	1,253	19	1,234	-	223	706	3	302	-	-	81.7	
11th	3,386	149	3,237	-	254	40	17	2,862	3	61	91.5	

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.