

**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, 2023**

Circuit	Terminated On the Merits											
	Total	By Consolidation	Last Opinion or Final Order									Percent Unpublished
			Total	Oral	Written Opinion or Order							
					Signed <sup>1</sup>		Reasoned, Unsigned <sup>1</sup>		Unsigned, Without Comment			
					Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,391</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>24,534</b>	-	<b>3,165</b>	<b>4,378</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>15,614</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>86.4</b>	
DC	508	113	395	-	152	-	5	238	-	-	60.3	
1st	673	36	637	-	207	9	-	406	-	15	67.5	
2nd	2,042	173	1,869	-	193	1,644	31	1	-	-	88.0	
3rd	1,720	100	1,620	-	169	929	2	423	-	97	89.4	
4th	2,870	153	2,717	-	275	305	4	2,133	-	-	89.7	
5th	3,903	449	3,454	-	352	53	53	2,989	-	7	88.3	
6th	2,181	138	2,043	-	226	732	3	1,082	-	-	88.8	
7th	1,279	73	1,206	-	363	12	5	825	-	1	69.5	
8th	2,299	295	2,004	-	453	1	15	511	-	1,024	76.6	
9th	5,420	215	5,205	-	349	1	18	4,837	-	-	92.9	
10th	1,083	24	1,059	-	216	673	8	162	-	-	78.8	
11th	2,413	88	2,325	-	210	19	16	2,007	7	66	90.0	

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.