

Table B-4.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Median Time Intervals in Months for Cases Terminated on the Merits, by Circuit,
During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2016

Circuit	Terminated on the Merits													
	Total	By Consolidation	Median Time Intervals From											
			Filing of Notice of Appeal or Docket Date to Filing of Appellee's Last Brief		Filing of Appellee's Last Brief to Oral Argument or Submission on Briefs		Oral Argument to Last Opinion or Final Order		Submission on Briefs to Last Opinion or Final Order		Filing of Notice of Appeal or Docket Date to Last Opinion or Final Order ¹		Filing in Lower Court to Last Opinion or Final Order in Appeals Court	
			Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval	Cases	Interval
Total	39,252	2,705	13,669	5.8	13,669	3.9	6,392	2.0	30,155	0.3	36,547	7.4	23,481	30.1
DC	786	216	318	7.2	318	4.6	262	3.1	308	0.6	570	11.7	327	32.5
1st	998	57	544	7.4	544	2.5	260	2.4	681	1.3	941	10.8	666	35.3
2nd	2,953	331	1,425	7.2	1,425	4.5	820	0.6	1,802	0.2	2,622	10.8	1,856	35.0
3rd	2,323	77	896	5.8	896	2.2	208	3.9	2,038	0.7	2,246	6.7	1,658	34.1
4th	5,175	301	755	5.0	755	3.3	287	2.2	4,587	0.2	4,874	4.0	2,531	25.8
5th	5,028	544	1,634	4.9	1,634	3.9	762	1.3	3,722	0.2	4,484	8.8	3,200	23.9
6th	3,448	198	1,673	4.8	1,673	3.3	488	2.5	2,762	1.2	3,250	8.3	2,343	30.1
7th	2,214	116	895	5.3	895	2.6	638	2.8	1,460	0.6	2,098	5.8	1,192	30.4
8th	2,551	132	926	3.7	926	4.9	411	3.9	2,008	0.2	2,419	5.3	1,773	24.4
9th	7,056	347	2,245	9.2	2,245	14.7	1,556	1.1	5,153	0.2	6,709	15.2	4,345	37.8
10th	1,604	33	836	4.8	836	3.0	331	3.0	1,240	0.9	1,571	6.7	1,125	27.4
11th	5,116	353	1,522	4.4	1,522	2.9	369	1.8	4,394	0.7	4,763	4.4	2,465	27.4

NOTE: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous applications not included previously. Cases terminated include appeals, original proceedings, and miscellaneous applications.

¹ Docket date is used when computing the median time intervals for original proceedings, miscellaneous applications, and appeals from administrative agencies.