

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, 2021

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 ¹		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	30,600	2,115	11,760	5.5	11,760	4.3	6,152	2.1	22,333	0.3	28,485	9.9	21,724	32.8
DC	603	131	275	6.6	275	3.8	221	3.5	251	0.6	472	11.3	331	28.3
1st	908	80	462	7.7	462	3.2	272	3.8	556	3.0	828	13.8	698	40.5
2nd	2,535	172	1,216	7.2	1,216	5.0	1,068	0.5	1,295	0.2	2,363	14.5	1,770	47.2
3rd	1,781	101	824	5.8	824	2.4	229	4.0	1,451	1.1	1,680	8.6	1,272	39.3
4th	3,011	210	440	5.0	440	9.6	289	2.8	2,512	0.3	2,801	7.8	2,202	34.6
5th	4,174	529	1,671	4.8	1,671	4.8	838	1.1	2,807	0.5	3,645	10.4	2,904	27.0
6th	2,875	214	1,598	4.5	1,598	3.3	348	2.3	2,313	0.9	2,661	7.8	2,011	34.3
7th	1,518	113	771	5.6	771	2.9	447	3.0	958	0.2	1,405	9.0	1,202	34.3
8th	2,521	123	912	4.2	912	6.2	458	3.9	1,940	0.2	2,398	4.3	2,059	30.9
9th	6,637	293	1,281	8.8	1,281	7.6	1,287	1.4	5,057	0.2	6,344	13.1	4,120	31.8
10th	1,112	20	697	5.0	697	4.8	309	3.3	783	1.2	1,092	10.2	905	30.7
11th	2,925	129	1,613	4.9	1,613	3.6	386	2.8	2,410	0.7	2,796	8.6	2,250	31.9

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 mean time intervals for original proceedings, miscellaneous applications, and appeals from administrative agencies.