

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, 2023

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	26,391	1,857	12,649	5.9	12,649	4.7	5,378	2.6	19,156	0.4	24,534	9.8	18,879	33.5
DC	508	113	230	6.8	230	3.2	190	4.1	205	0.7	395	10.9	292	30.4
1st	673	36	359	7.2	359	2.6	198	3.9	439	2.3	637	13.7	525	40.9
2nd	2,042	173	1,162	7.1	1,162	6.9	675	1.2	1,194	0.1	1,869	13.9	1,424	40.6
3rd	1,720	100	814	5.9	814	3.2	217	3.7	1,403	1.0	1,620	8.2	1,305	42.1
4th	2,870	153	522	5.1	522	7.4	354	2.8	2,363	0.3	2,717	8.9	2,248	36.3
5th	3,903	449	1,645	4.7	1,645	4.5	891	1.5	2,563	0.4	3,454	8.3	2,827	26.3
6th	2,181	138	1,235	5.1	1,235	3.3	278	2.6	1,765	1.0	2,043	8.7	1,592	36.6
7th	1,279	73	700	5.6	700	3.0	431	3.2	775	0.2	1,206	9.2	996	35.0
8th	2,299	295	843	4.4	843	3.9	385	4.0	1,619	0.2	2,004	4.5	1,683	28.8
9th	5,420	215	3,239	7.4	3,239	6.3	1,125	1.4	4,080	0.2	5,205	13.7	3,198	33.3
10th	1,083	24	658	4.9	658	4.1	317	4.0	742	1.4	1,059	9.7	909	32.1
11th	2,413	88	1,242	5.2	1,242	4.6	317	4.2	2,008	0.7	2,325	9.4	1,880	34.7

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.