

Table B-12.

U.S. Courts of Appeals—Types of Opinions or Orders Filed in Cases Terminated on the Merits, by Circuit, During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2014

Circuit	Total	Disposed of by Consolidation	Last Opinion or Final Order								
			Total	Oral	Written Opinion or Order						Percent Unpublished
					Signed ¹		Reasoned, Unsigned ¹		Unsigned, Without Comment		
					Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	
Total	36,851	2,737	34,114	-	3,880	6,225	293	18,925	33	4,758	87.7
DC	634	153	481	-	212	-	9	260	-	-	54.1
1st	942	72	870	-	306	15	3	530	4	12	64.0
2nd	3,111	286	2,825	-	210	2,548	65	2	-	-	90.3
3rd	2,493	91	2,402	-	177	1,560	4	532	3	126	92.3
4th	3,787	184	3,603	-	217	473	7	2,906	-	-	93.8
5th	5,203	936	4,267	-	345	37	57	3,808	-	20	90.6
6th	3,460	222	3,238	-	252	623	9	2,352	-	2	91.9
7th	1,902	165	1,737	-	609	2	26	1,089	-	11	63.4
8th	2,348	110	2,238	-	518	-	35	529	1	1,155	75.2
9th	7,515	293	7,222	-	510	-	30	3,350	25	3,307	92.2
10th	1,457	33	1,424	-	295	940	3	186	-	-	79.1
11th	3,999	192	3,807	-	229	27	45	3,381	-	125	92.8

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

¹ Includes only those opinions and orders that expound on the law as applied to the facts of each case and that detail the judicial reasons upon which the judgment is based.