

Table S-3.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Types of Opinions or Orders Filed in Cases Terminated
on the Merits After Oral Hearings or Submission on Briefs
During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2008

Circuit	Total	Oral	Written, Signed *		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned *		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	
TOTAL	29,608	-	4,949	5,870	388	17,399	40	962	81.8
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	557	-	220	-	12	324	-	1	58.3
FIRST	1,020	-	411	24	15	568	1	1	58.1
SECOND	2,859	-	313	2,472	68	4	-	2	86.7
THIRD	2,300	-	232	1,336	6	670	-	56	89.7
FOURTH	2,581	-	195	301	4	2,081	-	-	92.3
FIFTH	4,121	-	459	67	81	3,488	-	26	86.9
SIXTH	2,569	-	440	634	14	1,445	5	31	82.1
SEVENTH	1,338	-	670	-	11	607	3	47	48.9
EIGHTH	1,922	-	665	7	46	605	-	599	63.0
NINTH	5,800	-	721	84	26	4,935	31	3	86.6
TENTH	1,473	-	386	921	15	151	-	-	72.8
ELEVENTH	3,068	-	237	24	90	2,521	-	196	89.3

NOTE: THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE DATA FOR THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT.

* 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.