

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, 2011

Circuit	Total	Oral	Written, Signed ¹		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned ¹		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	
Total	30,290	-	4,190	5,501	345	17,911	21	2,322	85.0
DC	546	-	200	1	6	339	-	-	62.3
First	819	-	294	10	11	500	2	2	62.5
Second	2,634	-	245	2,336	53	-	-	-	88.7
Third	2,484	-	214	1,110	9	1,017	4	130	90.9
Fourth	3,177	-	176	408	6	2,587	-	-	94.3
Fifth	3,881	-	371	69	70	3,349	3	19	88.6
Sixth	2,775	-	339	736	6	1,681	4	9	87.4
Seventh	1,396	-	611	-	25	737	4	19	54.2
Eighth	1,848	-	568	3	34	559	-	684	67.4
Ninth	6,517	-	689	3	49	4,498	3	1,275	88.6
Tenth	1,207	-	272	805	7	123	-	-	76.9
Eleventh	3,006	-	211	20	69	2,521	1	184	90.7

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.