

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, 2003

Circuit	Total	Oral	Written, Signed*		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned*		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	
TOTAL	27,009	13	5,037	4,223	364	16,402	38	932	79.9
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	514	-	220	-	3	291	-	-	56.6
FIRST	576	-	338	17	12	209	-	-	39.2
SECOND	1,934	-	438	1,451	45	-	-	-	75.0
THIRD	1,915	-	294	927	6	643	-	45	84.3
FOURTH	2,419	-	206	228	6	1,979	-	-	91.2
FIFTH	4,416	-	491	99	65	3,744	-	17	87.4
SIXTH	2,251	13	445	452	6	1,311	-	24	80.0
SEVENTH	1,404	-	581	-	22	765	-	36	57.1
EIGHTH	1,775	-	648	3	54	544	-	526	60.5
NINTH	5,295	-	777	3	21	4,436	38	20	84.2
TENTH	1,470	-	328	1,010	3	129	-	-	77.5
ELEVENTH	3,040	-	271	33	121	2,351	-	264	87.1

NOTE: THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE DATA FOR THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT. BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1998, DATA ARE REPORTED FOR TYPES OF ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS PREVIOUSLY NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TABLE.

* 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.