

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, 2017

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	36,992	2,947	13,411	5.6	13,411	4.1	6,397	2.1	27,648	0.4	34,045	8.9	25,423	29.4
DC	662	181	292	6.9	292	3.8	248	3.1	233	0.7	481	11.9	309	33.3
1st	965	61	552	8.3	552	2.1	246	3.0	658	2.1	904	13.0	696	35.3
2nd	2,648	293	1,252	6.9	1,252	4.3	763	0.7	1,592	0.2	2,355	10.2	1,713	32.6
3rd	2,740	594	949	5.7	949	2.0	298	5.3	1,848	0.9	2,146	7.6	1,572	33.6
4th	3,544	147	947	4.8	947	4.2	358	2.3	3,039	0.3	3,397	5.7	2,758	25.2
5th	5,359	751	1,756	5.0	1,756	4.2	756	1.2	3,852	0.3	4,608	10.0	3,653	24.6
6th	3,742	126	1,577	4.7	1,577	3.6	433	2.6	3,183	1.1	3,616	8.1	2,495	28.9
7th	1,824	125	851	5.6	851	2.3	637	2.8	1,062	0.3	1,699	8.1	1,340	29.7
8th	2,596	124	882	3.8	882	5.5	382	3.8	2,090	0.2	2,472	7.3	1,701	24.8
9th	7,813	357	1,879	8.7	1,879	11.7	1,537	1.2	5,919	0.2	7,456	13.0	5,220	36.1
10th	1,320	23	781	4.8	781	2.9	362	3.2	935	1.3	1,297	8.1	1,109	28.5
11th	3,779	165	1,693	4.6	1,693	4.1	377	1.9	3,237	0.9	3,614	8.4	2,857	26.1

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.

Totals for cases terminated on the merits in the Third Circuit and in the nation have been revised following resolution of a technical issue affecting the data.

¹ Docket date is used when computing the mean time intervals for original proceedings, miscellaneous applications, and appeals from administrative agencies.