

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, 2020

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	32,796	2,725	12,680	5.7	12,680	4.2	5,817	2.3	24,254	0.4	30,071	9.1	22,280	30.4
DC	609	143	274	6.9	274	3.8	212	3.3	254	0.6	466	11.1	326	30.0
1st	938	51	406	7.2	406	2.3	210	3.4	677	3.1	887	12.6	714	37.2
2nd	2,667	215	1,367	7.4	1,367	5.3	866	0.8	1,586	0.2	2,452	12.8	1,697	35.9
3rd	2,633	637	1,002	5.7	1,002	2.3	228	3.5	1,768	1.4	1,996	8.5	1,545	36.7
4th	2,929	161	692	4.8	692	5.4	225	2.7	2,543	0.3	2,768	6.2	2,196	29.6
5th	4,279	569	1,738	5.0	1,738	4.6	848	1.3	2,862	0.5	3,710	9.4	2,995	24.4
6th	3,187	187	1,557	5.0	1,557	3.4	406	2.7	2,594	1.0	3,000	7.9	2,260	31.2
7th	1,478	118	761	5.8	761	2.6	506	2.1	854	0.2	1,360	9.0	1,051	32.0
8th	2,404	123	960	4.0	960	6.2	370	3.7	1,911	0.2	2,281	6.1	1,850	25.4
9th	7,033	353	1,602	9.2	1,602	11.0	1,269	1.7	5,411	0.2	6,680	12.5	4,305	32.0
10th	1,253	19	665	5.0	665	4.1	316	3.7	918	1.0	1,234	10.1	926	27.0
11th	3,386	149	1,656	4.6	1,656	3.3	361	3.7	2,876	0.8	3,237	7.4	2,415	30.8

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.

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