

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, 2024

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	25,338	1,878	12,355	6.0	12,355	4.4	5,407	2.6	18,053	0.3	23,460	9.7	18,752	33.4
DC	662	194	266	7.0	266	4.6	229	4.6	239	0.6	468	12.7	349	34.1
1st	784	64	426	6.9	426	2.4	253	3.5	467	2.9	720	13.5	608	40.3
2nd	2,055	222	1,164	7.5	1,164	5.9	730	0.9	1,103	0.2	1,833	13.3	1,416	40.2
3rd	1,606	99	814	5.9	814	3.4	192	4.4	1,315	1.0	1,507	9.7	1,234	41.0
4th	2,575	160	417	5.5	417	7.5	337	3.2	2,078	0.2	2,415	9.0	1,985	33.9
5th	3,532	543	1,494	4.9	1,494	3.7	819	1.6	2,170	0.5	2,989	7.9	2,542	26.8
6th	2,223	114	1,290	5.0	1,290	3.2	295	2.7	1,814	1.1	2,109	8.7	1,642	35.6
7th	1,293	87	704	5.6	704	3.5	429	3.2	777	0.2	1,206	9.5	1,010	37.6
8th	1,995	84	791	4.4	791	4.2	335	3.9	1,576	0.2	1,911	5.1	1,666	28.0
9th	5,020	180	3,066	7.1	3,066	5.6	1,189	1.3	3,651	0.1	4,840	12.7	3,370	33.7
10th	1,137	24	664	4.9	664	3.9	288	3.1	825	1.2	1,113	9.1	930	30.1
11th	2,456	107	1,259	5.5	1,259	4.4	311	3.8	2,038	0.8	2,349	9.7	2,000	34.4

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.