

**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, 2019**

| 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 <sup>1</sup> |            | 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 <sup>1</sup> |            | 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    |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>32,086</b>            | <b>2,348</b>     | <b>12,470</b>   | <b>5.6</b> | <b>12,470</b>  | <b>4.1</b> | <b>6,056</b>                                 | <b>2.2</b> | <b>23,682</b>                                       | <b>0.4</b> | <b>29,738</b>   | <b>8.8</b> | <b>22,091</b>   | <b>29.3</b> |
| DC           | 667                      | 199              | 240   | 6.7        | 240  | 3.1        | 211  | 3.6        | 257   | 0.7        | 468   | 9.8        | 316   | 26.1        |
| 1st          | 986                      | 56               | 438   | 6.9        | 438  | 1.9        | 200  | 2.8        | 730   | 3.4        | 930   | 13.1       | 709   | 35.1        |
| 2nd          | 2,467                    | 290              | 1,217   | 7.0        | 1,217  | 5.3        | 755  | 0.8        | 1,422   | 0.2        | 2,177   | 11.7       | 1,600   | 35.2        |
| 3rd          | 2,187                    | 123              | 877   | 5.7        | 877  | 2.5        | 261  | 3.9        | 1,803   | 1.1        | 2,064   | 9.6        | 1,354   | 36.4        |
| 4th          | 3,101                    | 204              | 804   | 4.9        | 804  | 3.5        | 330  | 2.7        | 2,567   | 0.3        | 2,897   | 5.6        | 2,296   | 24.8        |
| 5th          | 4,435                    | 563              | 1,650   | 4.9        | 1,650  | 5.2        | 850  | 1.4        | 3,022   | 0.5        | 3,872   | 9.2        | 3,187   | 24.8        |
| 6th          | 2,843                    | 183              | 1,387   | 5.0        | 1,387  | 2.9        | 404  | 2.7        | 2,256   | 1.2        | 2,660   | 7.7        | 2,002   | 28.3        |
| 7th          | 1,632                    | 115              | 866   | 5.8        | 866  | 2.5        | 593  | 2.4        | 924   | 0.2        | 1,517   | 8.7        | 1,235   | 30.1        |
| 8th          | 2,236                    | 103              | 969   | 3.9        | 969  | 6.6        | 394  | 3.7        | 1,739   | 0.2        | 2,133   | 7.6        | 1,740   | 25.7        |
| 9th          | 6,968                    | 364              | 1,802   | 9.0        | 1,802  | 9.3        | 1,385  | 1.2        | 5,219   | 0.2        | 6,604   | 10.8       | 4,160   | 33.2        |
| 10th         | 1,159                    | 19               | 668   | 4.9        | 668  | 3.6        | 312  | 4.0        | 828   | 1.4        | 1,140   | 8.9        | 983   | 26.7        |
| 11th         | 3,405                    | 129              | 1,552   | 4.7        | 1,552  | 3.2        | 361  | 2.6        | 2,915   | 0.9        | 3,276   | 7.7        | 2,509   | 29.2        |

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.

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