

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 Twelve-Month Period Ended September 30, 1997

Circuit	Total	Oral	Written, Signed*		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned*		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	
TOTAL	25,840	98	5,622	3,413	433	13,942	24	2,308	76.5
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	732	-	256	-	19	457	-	-	62.4
FIRST	696	-	340	29	17	310	-	-	48.7
SECOND	1,688	2	390	1,228	68	-	-	-	72.9
THIRD	1,873	-	300	572	-	10	1	990	83.9
FOURTH	2,387	-	271	85	7	2,024	-	-	88.4
FIFTH	3,438	-	678	184	88	2,400	-	88	77.7
SIXTH	2,116	96	381	283	2	1,354	-	-	81.9
SEVENTH	1,564	-	738	17	16	752	-	41	51.8
EIGHTH	1,832	-	772	11	52	715	-	282	55.0
NINTH	4,841	-	831	5	18	3,761	23	203	82.0
TENTH	1,379	-	353	962	7	57	-	-	73.9
ELEVENTH	3,294	-	312	37	139	2,102	-	704	86.3

* 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.