

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, 2022

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	28,504	1,954	12,594	5.6	12,594	4.5	5,588	2.6	20,962	0.4	26,550	9.8	20,050	33.7
DC	627	160	275	7.2	275	3.8	223	4.0	244	0.7	467	11.6	317	29.7
1st	839	61	422	6.9	422	3.3	245	4.1	533	2.0	778	14.0	645	41.1
2nd	2,049	154	1,078	7.0	1,078	5.8	602	1.0	1,293	0.2	1,895	12.2	1,350	38.8
3rd	1,637	54	741	5.8	741	3.2	202	4.2	1,381	1.2	1,583	9.0	1,220	40.9
4th	2,908	142	391	4.9	391	8.5	311	2.8	2,455	0.3	2,766	7.9	2,250	38.4
5th	4,682	585	1,962	4.7	1,962	4.8	899	1.2	3,198	0.4	4,097	9.2	3,256	26.7
6th	2,576	177	1,391	4.5	1,391	3.6	327	2.9	2,072	1.1	2,399	8.5	1,832	35.1
7th	1,370	76	828	5.2	828	3.0	472	3.1	822	0.2	1,294	9.5	1,093	38.5
8th	2,023	121	772	3.9	772	4.5	314	3.9	1,588	0.2	1,902	4.6	1,615	26.8
9th	6,086	241	2,690	7.8	2,690	6.2	1,301	1.6	4,544	0.2	5,845	13.2	3,616	33.4
10th	1,056	23	633	5.0	633	4.1	302	4.2	731	1.4	1,033	9.5	861	32.0
11th	2,651	160	1,411	5.0	1,411	4.0	390	3.2	2,101	0.8	2,491	9.2	1,995	34.1

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.

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