

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, 2018

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	33,672	2,264	12,915	5.7	12,915	4.1	6,302	2.1	25,106	0.4	31,408	8.7	24,030	28.7
DC	742	189	329	6.9	329	4.8	261	3.2	292	0.7	553	12.5	341	30.8
1st	812	52	455	8.1	455	2.3	199	2.5	561	2.4	760	13.6	610	37.0
2nd	2,452	186	1,275	7.0	1,275	4.3	755	0.7	1,511	0.2	2,266	10.9	1,662	33.2
3rd	1,839	61	812	5.7	812	1.9	195	4.8	1,583	1.6	1,778	7.9	1,316	34.4
4th	3,252	203	836	4.6	836	3.7	312	2.4	2,737	0.3	3,049	5.4	2,439	25.6
5th	4,727	575	1,642	4.9	1,642	5.6	777	1.2	3,375	0.4	4,152	9.6	3,405	24.7
6th	3,256	135	1,494	4.8	1,494	3.0	416	2.0	2,705	1.0	3,121	7.5	2,430	28.1
7th	1,513	101	815	5.4	815	2.8	590	2.8	822	0.2	1,412	8.5	1,117	30.8
8th	2,363	120	865	3.8	865	6.6	365	4.0	1,878	0.3	2,243	7.2	1,746	25.5
9th	7,846	460	2,051	8.8	2,051	9.6	1,702	1.2	5,684	0.2	7,386	11.7	5,151	32.7
10th	1,233	21	692	4.9	692	3.2	352	3.4	860	1.5	1,212	8.4	1,042	25.4
11th	3,637	161	1,649	4.7	1,649	3.5	378	2.5	3,098	0.9	3,476	7.8	2,771	26.8

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.