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 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2010

| Circuit | Total | Oral | Written, Signed ¹ | | Written, Reasoned, Unsigned ¹ | | Written, Unsigned, Without Comment | | |
|----------|--------|------|------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| | | | Published | Unpublished | Published | Unpublished | Published | Unpublished | Percent Unpublished |
| TOTAL | 30,914 | - | 4,452 | 6,238 | 355 | 18,051 | 143 | 1,675 | 84.0 |
| DC | 520 | - | 187 | - | 9 | 324 | - | - | 62.3 |
| FIRST | 965 | - | 318 | 16 | 19 | 611 | - | 1 | 65.1 |
| SECOND | 3,304 | - | 324 | 2,917 | 61 | 2 | - | - | 88.3 |
| THIRD | 2,483 | - | 246 | 1,151 | 5 | 937 | 2 | 142 | 89.8 |
| FOURTH | 2,894 | - | 193 | 384 | 11 | 2,306 | - | - | 93.0 |
| FIFTH | 3,773 | - | 413 | 61 | 63 | 3,226 | - | 10 | 87.4 |
| SIXTH | 2,350 | - | 378 | 717 | 6 | 1,245 | 1 | 3 | 83.6 |
| SEVENTH | 1,512 | - | 582 | - | 19 | 874 | 7 | 30 | 59.8 |
| EIGHTH | 2,293 | - | 603 | 8 | 43 | 871 | - | 768 | 71.8 |
| NINTH | 6,324 | - | 659 | 3 | 37 | 4,980 | 133 | 512 | 86.9 |
| TENTH | 1,353 | - | 302 | 942 | 2 | 107 | - | - | 77.5 |
| ELEVENTH | 3,143 | - | 247 | 39 | 80 | 2,568 | - | 209 | 89.6 |

NOTE: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ 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.