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# Preface

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The publications of the Court Statistics Project offer a detailed picture of the work of the nation's state courts.

*State Court Caseload Statistics, 2004* is designed to provide specific information about particular court systems. This volume offers all interested parties high-quality, baseline information on state court structure, jurisdiction, reporting practices, and caseload volume and trends. The information assembled in this product will be especially helpful to people interested in doing their own cross-state comparisons or in examining the implications of caseload volume on the work and resource needs of specific state courts. For those wishing to brush up on the uses of these data, the Introduction provides an overview of applications, ingredients, and interpretation of state court caseload statistics. This information is also available through the Inter-University Consortium or to anyone who requests a copy of the publication from the Court Statistics Project.

A second publication, *Examining the Work of State Courts, 2004*, provides a comprehensive analysis of the business of state trial and appellate courts in a non-technical fashion. Accurate, objective, and comparable data across states provide a yardstick against which states can consider their caseload, identify emerging trends, and measure the possible impact of legislation. Without baseline data from each state, many of the most important questions facing state courts will go unanswered. This volume facilitates a better understanding of the state courts by making use of closely integrated text and graphics to plainly and succinctly describe the work of state trial and appellate courts.

A third publication, the *Caseload Highlights* series, targets specific and significant issues and disseminates the findings in short reports. The Court Statistics Project (CSP) recognizes that informed judges and court managers want comparative information on a range of policy-relevant topics, but they want it in a timely fashion and in a condensed, readable format. *Caseload Highlights* fills the gap in distribution cycles between the two annual reports and is also timely in terms of the data and subject matter covered. Past and current issues are available at [www.ncsconline.org/d\\_research/csp/highlights/highlights\\_main\\_page.html](http://www.ncsconline.org/d_research/csp/highlights/highlights_main_page.html).

Detailed descriptive information on court structure is provided in another National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) joint project, *State Court Organization*. The latest volume, the fourth in the series, complements, and extends the information on court jurisdiction and reporting practices provided here. The 1998 edition covers most of the topics included in the 1993 edition, but also covers new topics as well. Notable additions are tables on court automation, specialized courts, the administrative authority of presiding trial court judges, and the processing of domestic violence cases. A table of contents for *State Court Organization, 1998* is reprinted at the back of this volume, and the edition is available through BJS and at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/sco98.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/sco98.htm). A new, updated edition is scheduled for publication in late 2005.

Finally, the CSP, supported by the State Justice Institute, and with close guidance from the Conference of State Court Administrators' (COSCA) Court Statistics Committee, created the recent *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*. The *Guide* is a tool for improving court administration by providing new and more accurate case types and case filing and disposition categories. Among other improvements, the *Guide* helps courts account for the significant amount of judicial and staff time and effort required in the post-judgment activities associated with some types of cases, such as juvenile and domestic relations cases. The *Guide* is available on the NCSC Web site at [www.ncsconline.org/d\\_research/statistical\\_reporting](http://www.ncsconline.org/d_research/statistical_reporting).

Taken together, these publications constitute the most complete research and reference sources available on the work of the nation's state courts. The Court Statistics Project produces this information and analysis in the hope that it will inform local, state, and national policy and management discussions.





# Introduction

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## Using State Court Caseload Statistics

This introduction provides an overview of the uses, ingredients, and interpretation of state court caseload statistics. This examination is offered at a time of significant improvements in the quality of court statistics in general and in the comparability of those statistics across the states in particular. To help realize the potential of caseload statistics, this document considers three main questions: Why are caseload statistics useful? What are their ingredients? How can they address practical problems?

This is not a “technical” document. Although it is assumed that the reader has an interest in what courts are doing, there is no expectation of statistical expertise. Moreover, virtually all courts and states currently possess the information required to use caseload statistics. A count of the number of incoming and outgoing cases by month, quarter, or year is all that is needed to get started. Part of the message, however, is that with a small additional investment in effort, the potential exists to appreciably enhance a court’s capacity to identify and solve emerging problems and to present the case for the court system’s achievements and resource needs authoritatively.

## Why Are Caseload Statistics Useful?

Argued in abstract, caseload statistics are important because they are analogous to the financial information business firms use to organize their operations. Because a court case is the one common unit of measurement available to all court managers, caseload statistics are the single best way to describe what courts are doing currently and to predict what they will do.

The pragmatic justification for caseload statistics is more compelling. Few would argue that the state courts are currently funded at a generous level. State budget offices routinely cast a cold eye on requests for additional judgeships, court support staff, or court facilities. Because the executive and legislative branches of the government are sophisticated producers and consumers of statistics, comparable expertise is needed by the judicial branch. Skillfully deployed caseload statistics provide powerful evidence for justifying claims to needed resources.

In response to perceived difficulties in using caseload statistics, it must be noted that they are simply counts of court activity. They are not inherently complex or obscure. The day-to-day activities of most court systems can generate the basic information that translates into caseload statistics. No extraordinary effort is required.

Like other statistics, however, caseload statistics are susceptible to twists and turns that can mislead or distort. Those twists and turns become particularly troublesome when comparisons are made across courts in any one state or among states. Yet, valid comparisons are potentially powerful tools for managing a court system, for determining and justifying the need for additional resources, and for planning.

Frequent reference is made throughout this report to a model approach for collecting and using caseload information.<sup>2</sup> The Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) jointly developed that

*For the rational study of the law the blackletter man may be the man of the present, but the man of the future is the man of statistics and the master of economics.<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., “The Path of the Law,” *Harvard Law Review* 10 (1897), 457, 469.

approach over the last 29 years. The key to the approach is comparison: comparison among states and comparison over time. The COSCA/NCSC approach makes comparison possible, although at times it highlights some aspects that remain problematic when building a comprehensive statistical profile of the work of state appellate and trial courts nationally.

## What Are the Ingredients of Caseload Statistics?

The *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting* has necessitated a change in some of the terminology used in this volume. Caseloads formerly referred to as "filed" and "disposed" will hereafter be called "incoming" and "outgoing," respectively, but these terms are not necessarily synonymous. Incoming cases are the sum of the three *Guide* "Caseload Summary" categories of *newly filed* (comparable to *filed* in previous volumes), *reopened*, and *reactivated*. Outgoing caseloads are the sum of *entries of judgment* (comparable to *disposed* in previous volumes), *reopened dispositions*, and cases that were *placed on inactive status*.

Although every state was asked to report caseloads in each of these six categories (as well as an additional four categories of *pending* caseloads), many states were understandably unable to do so this first year. For these states, the caseloads reported in this volume are generally comparable to those reported previously. However, caseloads for states able to report in three or more of these new categories are likely less comparable (but more representative of court workload) than those previously reported to the CSP.

Five types of information are required for efficient caseload statistics: (1) counts of pending, incoming, and outgoing cases; (2) the method by which the count is taken (i.e., the unit of count that constitutes a case and the point at which the count is taken); (3) the composition of the counting categories (the specific case types that are included); (4) court structure and jurisdiction to decide cases; and (5) statistical adjustments that enhance the comparability and usefulness of case counts.

**Counts** are taken of the number of cases that are pending at the start of a reporting period, the number of incoming cases during the period, the number of outgoing cases during the period, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the period. Counts of caseloads are typically organized according to the major case categories (civil, domestic relations, criminal, juvenile, traffic/other ordinance violations). However, there is still only limited uniformity among the states in the degree of detail or the specific case types used despite the direction offered by the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*.

**Methods** for taking counts vary. The greatest variation occurs in what, precisely, a court counts as a case. Some courts actually count the number of a particular kind of document, such as an indictment in a criminal case. There is also variation in the point in the litigation process when the count is taken. For example, some appellate courts count cases when the notice of appeal is filed, others when the trial court record is filed, and still others when both the trial record and briefs are filed with the court.

**Composition** refers to the construction of caseload reporting categories that contain similar case types for which counts are taken of pending, incoming, or outgoing

<sup>2</sup>The current status of that approach is elaborated in the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*.

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cases. Once a standard is defined for the types of cases that belong in a category, it becomes possible to compare court caseloads. The standard adopted by the Court Statistics Project is defined in the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*. A count can be complete, meaning that it includes all of the case types in the definition; incomplete in that it omits some case types that should be included; overinclusive in that it includes some case types that should not be included; or both incomplete and overinclusive. For instance, the model approach treats an accusation of driving while intoxicated (DWI/DUI) as part of a court's criminal caseload. If a state includes such offenses with traffic cases rather than criminal cases, the criminal caseload statistics will be incomplete and the traffic caseload statistics will be overinclusive.

**Court structure and jurisdiction to decide cases** indicate whether a count includes all of the relevant cases for a given locality or state. Two or more courts in a jurisdiction may share the authority to decide a particular type of case. Thus, in many states, both a court of general jurisdiction and a court of limited jurisdiction may hear misdemeanor cases. Similarly, complaints in torts or contracts below a set maximum dollar amount can often be filed in either court.

In some courts, jurisdiction is restricted to specific proceedings. An example is a preliminary hearing in a lower court to determine whether a defendant should be bound over for trial in the court of general jurisdiction.

Information on court structure and jurisdiction is therefore essential to the use of any state's caseload statistics. Each state has established various levels and types of courts. The lack of uniformity in court structure and jurisdiction even extends to the names given to the courts of various levels. The supreme court in most states is the court of last resort, the appellate court with final jurisdiction over all appeals within the state. In New York, however, the title supreme court denotes the main general jurisdiction trial court. A knowledge of court structure and jurisdiction is necessary before one can determine whether like is being compared to like.

**Adjustments** help make counts of cases more interpretable. Incoming cases per 100,000 population provide a standard measure of caseload levels that adjusts for differences in population among the states. The number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases in a given time period offers a clearance rate, a summary measure of whether a court or state is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The number of incoming or outgoing cases per judge is a useful expression of the workload confronting a court.

Such simple adjustments transform counts of cases into comparable measures of court activity. It is also possible to make adjustments to counts of cases to estimate the impact of missing information or to make allowances for differences in methods of count used by state courts. Other calculations reveal important aspects of court activity. For example, the percentage of petitions granted by an appellate court indicates how many cases will be heard on the merits, which require briefing and oral arguments or other steps that create substantial demands on court time and resources.

## **How Should Caseload Statistics Be Used to Solve Problems?**

Caseload statistics can form a response to certain types of problems that courts

face. One set of problems relates to the volume of cases that a court must hear and to the composition of that caseload. Drug cases offer an example. Have incoming drug cases risen more rapidly than other types of criminal cases? Are drug cases more likely to be disposed at trial than other felonies? Do they take longer to resolve in the trial court? How common is it for drug cases to be appealed? How does the trend in incoming drug cases in one section of the country compare with trends in other regions?

A related set of problems revolves around the adequacy of court resources. How many cases are typically handled by a judge in the state courts? As caseloads continue to rise, have judicial resources kept pace? Is the provision of judicial support staff in one state adequate when compared to the staff in another state with comparable incoming or outgoing cases per judge?

A third set of problems relates to the pace of litigation. Are there more incoming than outgoing cases annually, thus increasing the size of the pending caseload? How long do cases take to be resolved in the trial court? In the appellate court? What proportion of cases are disposed of within the court's or American Bar Association's time standards?

The model approach developed by COSCA and the NCSC answers such questions. Virtually all states, as well as many individual trial courts, publish their caseload statistics in annual reports. Yet the diverse methods that states employ to collect information on caseloads restrict the usefulness of the resulting information. It may seem as if courts in one state use the euro, others the yen, and still others the dollar. This approach looks at how caseload information can be organized nationally to address problems facing state court systems and individual courts.

## **Comparability**

The caseload statistics from each state are collated into a coherent, comprehensive summary of all state court activity and published annually by the Court Statistics Project (CSP). The report contains tables, charts, and figures that are often lengthy and crowded with symbols and explanatory matter. This does not negate the underlying simplicity or usefulness of caseload statistics as counts of court activity.

The available statistics reflect the varied responses individual trial courts and states have made to practical problems such as what constitutes a case, whether to count a reopened case as a new filing, and whether a preliminary hearing binding a defendant over to a court of general jurisdiction is a case or merely an event equivalent to a motion.

Comparability is a more substantial issue than completeness. Seven reporting categories are used by the Court Statistics Project. Appellate caseloads are divided into mandatory and discretionary cases. Trial court caseloads are divided into civil, domestic relations, criminal, juvenile, and traffic/other violation cases.

The *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting* identifies civil and domestic relations as individual case categories. In previous volumes of *State Court Caseload Statistics* domestic relations caseloads were included with each state's civil caseload. The implementation of the *Guide* has necessitated a change in that practice. Beginning with this volume, each state's domestic relations caseload is

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reported separately from its civil caseload.

In order to affect this change, a new table (Table 9a) has been added to *State Court Caseload Statistics*. Table 9 of this volume still contains the total civil caseload of each state, but the numbers reported will be lower than that shown in previous volumes due to the subtraction of domestic relations cases. Domestic relations caseloads for each state are now shown in Table 9a. This separation of civil and domestic relations cases allows for more accurate comparisons of these caseloads.

Abbreviated definitions of the CSP's reporting categories appear below.

## **APPELLATE COURT**

*mandatory case*: appeals of right that the court must hear and decide on the merits

*discretionary case*: petitions requesting court review that, if granted, will result in the case being heard and decided on its merits

## **TRIAL COURT**

*civil case*: requests for an enforcement or protection of a right or the redress or prevention of a wrong (examples include medical malpractice, fraud, eminent domain, and small claims cases)

*domestic relations*: cases involving actions between family members (or others considered to be involved in a domestic relationship) such as adoption, divorce, custody, paternity, and support

*criminal case*: charges of a state law violation

*juvenile petition*: cases processed through the special procedures that a state established to handle matters relating to individuals defined as juvenile

*traffic/other violation*: charges that a traffic ordinance or city, town, or village ordinance was violated

These categories represent the lowest common denominator: what one can reasonably expect most states to provide.

The advent of automated information systems means that states increasingly collect more detailed information, distinguishing tort cases from other civil cases and medical malpractice cases from other tort cases. Similarly, some states distinguish between various types of felonies and misdemeanors within their criminal caseloads, including the separation of drug cases from others.

Another aspect of comparability is whether the caseload count from a particular court includes all the relevant cases for a given locality or state. In some states, one court may have complete jurisdiction over a particular type of case, while in others the jurisdiction is shared between two or more courts. For example, to get a complete count of discretionary filings at the appellate level, one may have to check the count only in the court of last resort (COLR) (states without an intermediate appellate court [IAC] or states where the IAC has only mandatory jurisdiction), or it may be neces-

sary to examine both the COLR and the IAC (states that allocate discretionary jurisdiction to both the COLR and IAC). Therefore, when making comparisons with state court caseload statistics, one must have an awareness of the variation in court structure and jurisdiction.

The court structure charts summarize, in one-page diagrams, the key features of each state's court organization. The format meets two objectives: (1) it is comprehensive, indicating all court systems in the state and their interrelationship, and (2) it describes the jurisdiction of the court systems using a comparable set of terminology and symbols. The court structure charts employ the common terminology developed by the NCSC Court Statistics Project for reporting court statistics.

The charts identify all of the state courts in operation during the year and describe each court system's geographic and subject matter jurisdiction. The charts also provide basic descriptive information, such as the number of authorized judicial posts and whether funding is primarily local or state. Routes of appeal are indicated by lines, with an arrow showing which court receives the appeal or petition.

## Conclusion

Caseload statistics are less complex and more practical than often imagined. By following relatively simple steps, courts, state court administrative offices, trial court administrative offices, trial court administrators, and others can more effectively use the statistics that they currently produce. A useful point of reference when considering an upgrade to the quality and quantity of information currently being collected is the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*.

The flexibility and power of automated record systems mean that the information compiled nationally to describe state court caseloads is becoming more comparable year by year. Caseload data available in the new millennium will be significantly more comparable across the states than what has been published in the past. Differences among states in the criminal and juvenile unit of count will continue to make comparisons tentative for those cases. Still, those differences do not affect comparisons of clearance rates or of trends.

What can be done to realize the potential that caseload statistics offer for planning and policymaking? There are three priorities. First, reliable statistics on the size of the active pending caseload are needed. Unless courts routinely review their records to identify inactive cases, an accurate picture of their backlogs is not possible. Second, information on the number of cases that reach key stages in the adjudication process would be an important addition. How many "trial notes of issue" are filed in civil cases? In what proportion of civil cases is no answer ever filed by the defendant? Third, revisions to court record systems should consider the feasibility of including information on the workload burden being imposed on the court through pretrial conferences, hearings, and trial settings.

Accurate and comprehensive statistics are ultimately important because they form part of the currency when public policy is debated and decided in a "fact-minded culture." Those organizations and interests that master the statistics that describe their work and output are at an advantage in the competition for scarce public resources. The Court Statistics Project offers the state court community a resource for both examining itself and representing its case to the larger commonwealth.

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# **S**ate Court Structure Charts



# Understanding the Court Structure Charts

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The court structure charts summarize in one-page diagrams the key features of each state's court organization. The format meets two objectives: (1) it is comprehensive, indicating all court systems in the state and their interrelationship, and (2) it describes the jurisdiction of the court systems, using a standard set of terminology and symbols. The court structure charts employ the common terminology developed by the National Center for State Courts' Court Statistics Project (CSP) for reporting caseload statistics.

The first chart is a prototype. It represents a state court organization in which there is one of each of the four court system levels recognized by the Court Statistics Project: courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, general jurisdiction trial courts, and limited jurisdiction trial courts. Routes of appeal from one court to another are indicated by lines, with an arrow showing which court receives the appeal or petition.

The charts also provide basic descriptive information, such as the number of authorized justices, judges, and magistrates (or other judicial officers). Each court system's subject matter jurisdiction is indicated using the Court Statistics Project case types. Information is also provided on the use of districts, circuits, or divisions in organizing the courts within the system and the number of courts.

## CSP Case Types

The *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting* organizes cases into a three-level hierarchy. The first, and broadest, level is the case *category*, which consists of civil, domestic relations, criminal, juvenile, and traffic/other violations cases. The second level, the case *sub-category*, refers to classes of cases within the case category. For example, tort cases are a sub-category of civil cases and felony cases are a sub-category of criminal cases. The third level of the organizational hierarchy is the *case type*. The case type is the most precise descriptor of the case in question. Case types can further refine the cases within a sub-category (e.g., DWI/DUI is a case type within the sub-categories of both felony and misdemeanor cases) or they can describe a case within a case category (e.g., adoption is a case type within the domestic relations case category).

For the purposes of both simplicity and consistency with previous volumes of this publication, the court structure charts use the term "case type" to refer to each court system's subject matter jurisdiction, even if the jurisdiction listed is actually a case category or a case sub-category. In most instances, the case category is listed when the court in question has jurisdiction over all of the case types within the category. In turn, the case sub-category is listed when the court has jurisdiction over all of the case types within the case sub-category. Case types are listed individually when (1) the case type does not fall under a case sub-category, (2) the court has jurisdiction only over that specific case type, or (3) specific attention is being drawn to the case type (such as DWI/DUI and domestic violence jurisdiction).

## Appellate Courts

The rectangle representing each appellate court contains information on the number of authorized justices; the number of geographic divisions, if any; whether court decisions are made en banc, in panels, or both; and the Court Statistics Project case types that are heard by the court. The case types are shown separately for mandatory and discretionary cases. The case types themselves are defined in other Court Statistics Project publications, specifically the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*.

An appellate court can have both mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction over the same Court Statistics Project case type. This arises, in part, because the Court Statistics Project case types are defined broadly to be applicable to every state's courts. There are, for example, only two appellate Court Statistics Project case types for

criminal appeals: capital and noncapital. A court may have mandatory jurisdiction over felony cases, but discretionary jurisdiction over misdemeanors. The list of case types would include “criminal” for both mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction. The duplication of a case type under both headings can also occur if appeals from one lower court for that case type are mandatory while appeals from another lower court are discretionary. Also, statutory provisions or court rules in some states automatically convert a mandatory appeal into a discretionary petition—for example, when an appeal is not filed within a specified time limit. A more comprehensive description of each appellate court’s subject matter jurisdiction can be found in *Appellate Court Procedures, 1998*.

## **Trial Courts**

The rectangle representing each trial court also lists the applicable Court Statistics Project case types. These include civil, domestic relations, criminal, traffic/other violation, and juvenile. If a case type is simply listed, the court system shares jurisdiction over it with other courts. The presence of exclusive jurisdiction is always explicitly stated.

The absence of a case type from a list means that the court does not have that subject matter jurisdiction. The dollar amount jurisdiction is shown when there is an upper or a lower limit to the cases that can be filed in a court. A dollar limit is not listed if a court does not have a minimum or maximum dollar amount jurisdiction for general civil cases. In criminal cases, jurisdiction is distinguished between “felony,” which means the court can try a felony case to verdict and sentencing, and “preliminary hearings,” which applies to those limited jurisdiction courts that can conduct preliminary hearings that bind a defendant over for trial in a higher court.

Trial courts can have what is termed incidental appellate jurisdiction. The presence of such jurisdiction over the decisions of other courts is noted in the list of case types as either “civil appeals,” “criminal appeals,” or “administrative agency appeals.” A trial court that hears appeals directly from an administrative agency has an “A” in the upper-right corner of the rectangle.

For each trial court, the chart states the authorized number of judges and whether the court can impanel a jury. The rectangle representing the court also indicates the number of districts, divisions, or circuits into which the court system is divided. These subdivisions are stated using the court system’s own terminology. The descriptions, therefore, are not standardized across states or court systems.

Some trial courts are totally funded from local sources; others receive some form of state funds. Locally funded court systems are drawn with broken lines. A solid line indicates that some or all of the funding is derived from state funds.

## **Symbols and Abbreviations**

An “A” in the upper-right corner of a rectangle, representing either an appellate court or a trial court, indicates that the court receives appeals directly from the decision of an administrative agency. If “administrative agency appeals” is listed as a case type, the court hears appeals from decisions of another court on an administrative agency’s actions. It is possible for a court to have both an “A” designation and to have “administrative agency appeals” listed as a case type. Such a court hears appeals directly from an administrative agency (“A”) and has appellate jurisdiction over the decision of a lower court that has already reviewed the decision of the administrative agency.

The number of justices or judges is sometimes stated as “FTE.” This represents “full-time equivalent” authorized judicial positions. “DWI/DUI” stands for “driving while intoxicated/driving under the influence.” The dollar

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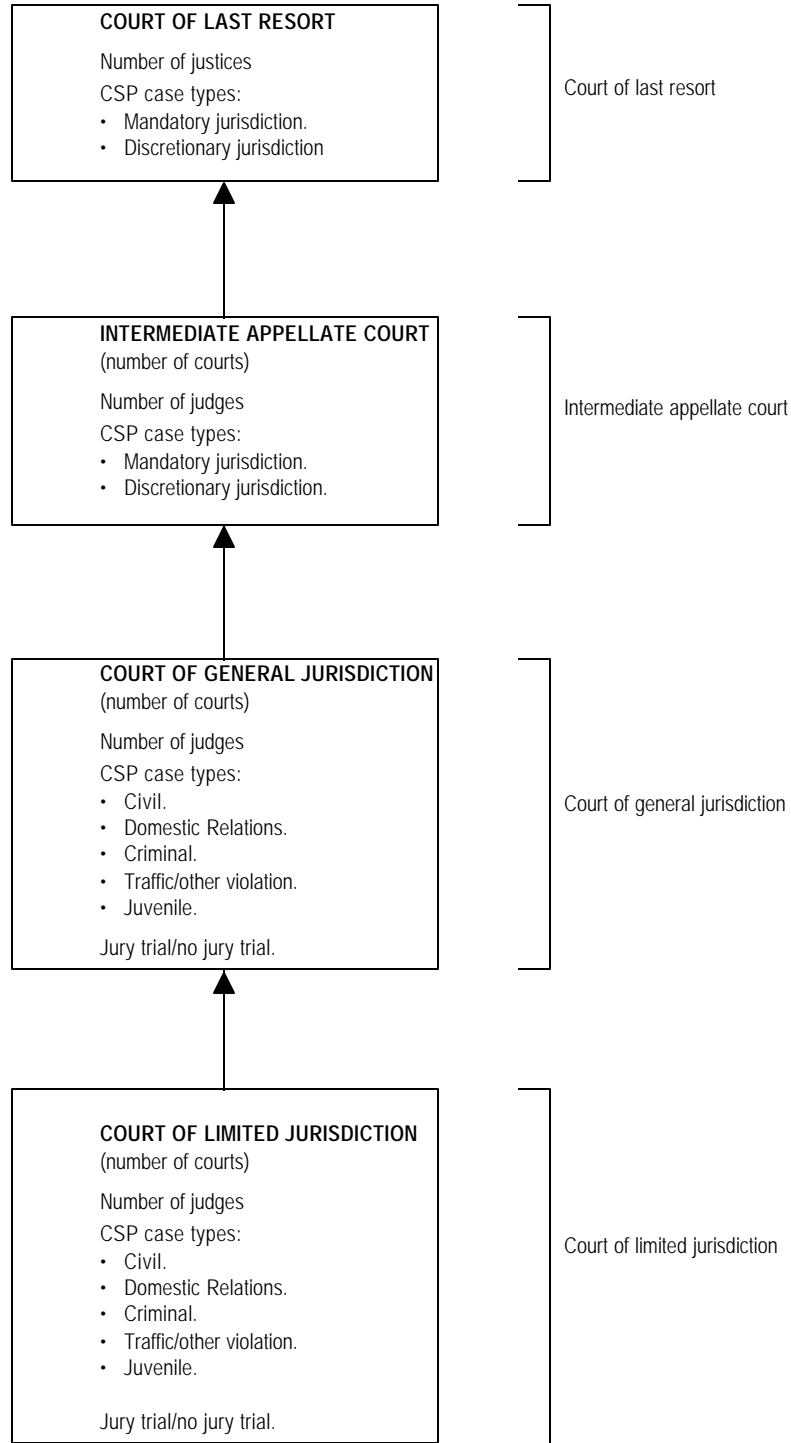
amount jurisdiction for civil cases is indicated in parentheses with a dollar sign. Where the small claims dollar amount jurisdiction is different, it is noted.

The court structure charts are convenient summaries. They do not substitute for the detailed descriptive material contained in the tables of *State Court Organization, 1998*. Moreover, they are based on the Court Statistics Project's terminology and categories. This means that a state may have established courts that are not included in these charts. Some states have courts of special jurisdiction to receive complaints on matters that are more typically directed to administrative boards and agencies. Since these courts adjudicate matters that do not fall within the Court Statistics Project case types, they are not included in the charts. The existence of such courts, however, is recognized in a footnote to the state's court structure chart.

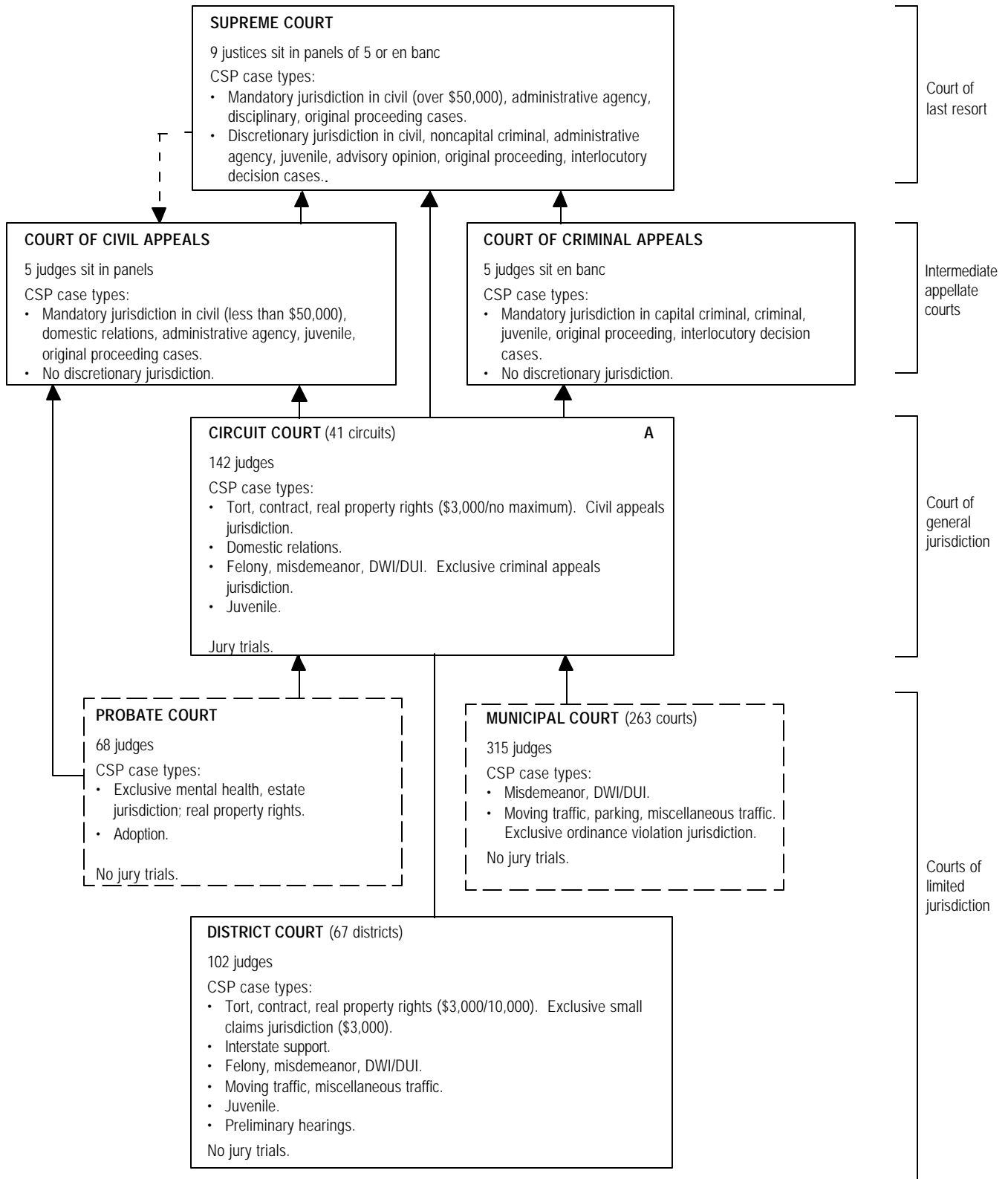




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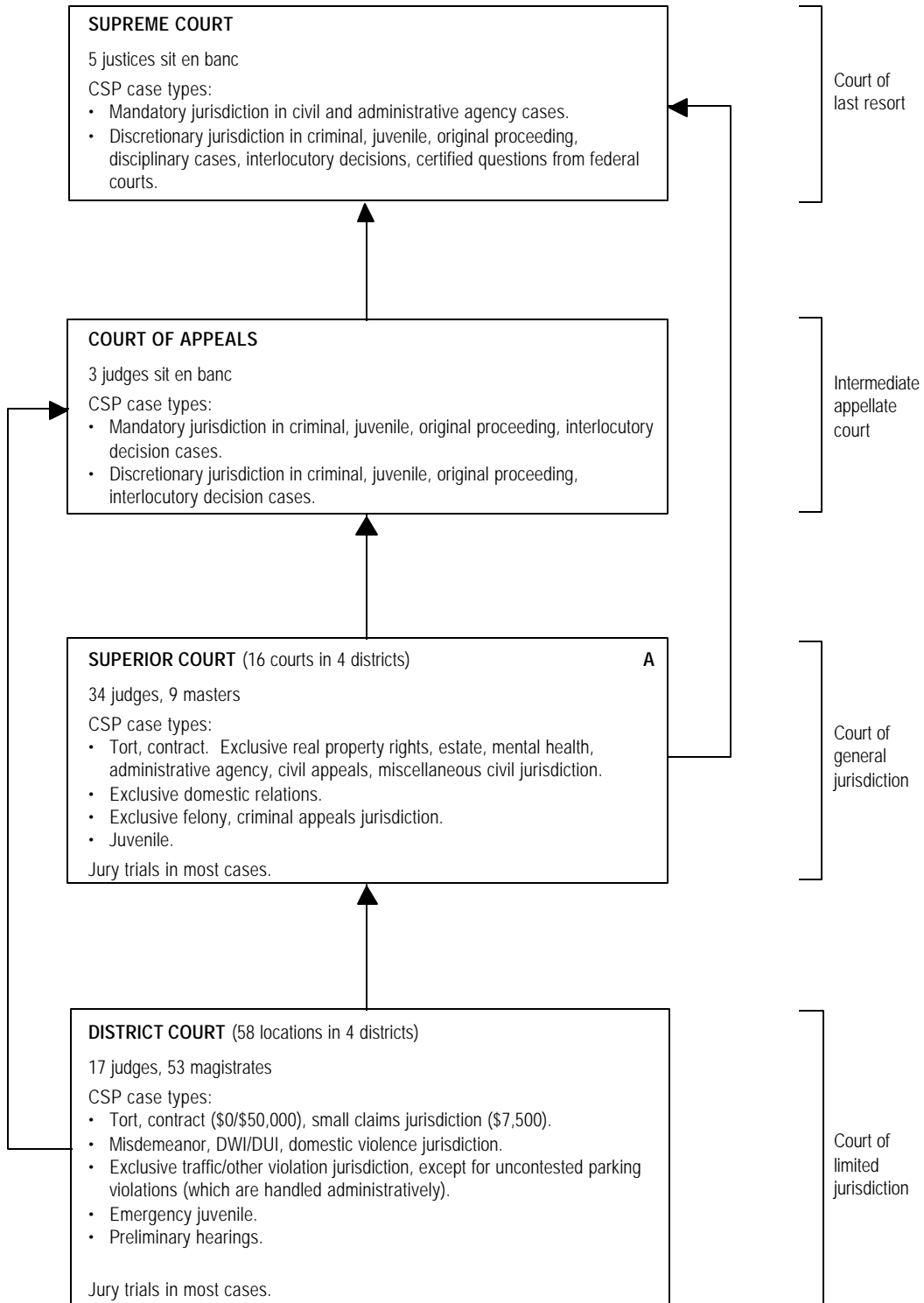


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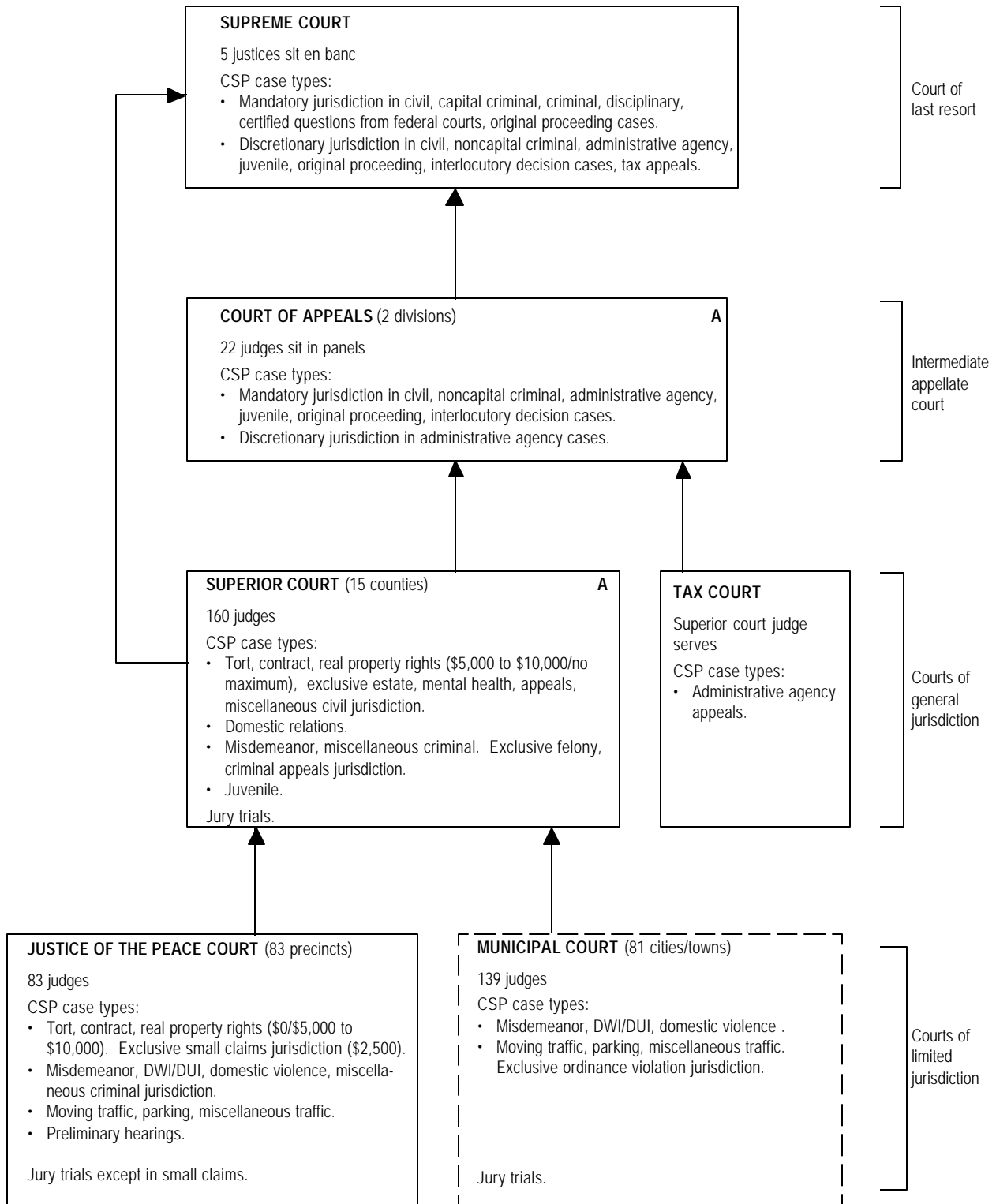


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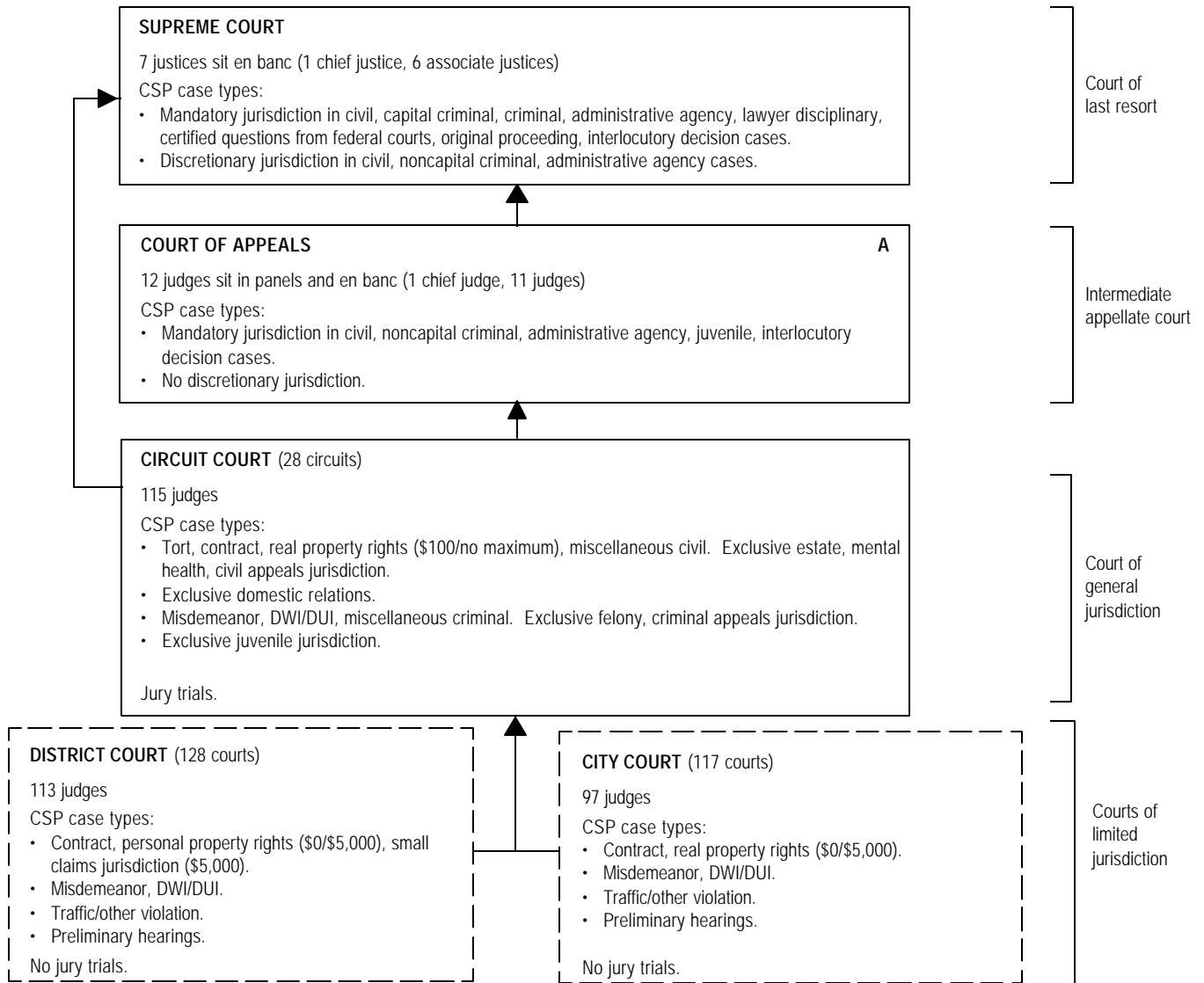
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## ARIZONA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

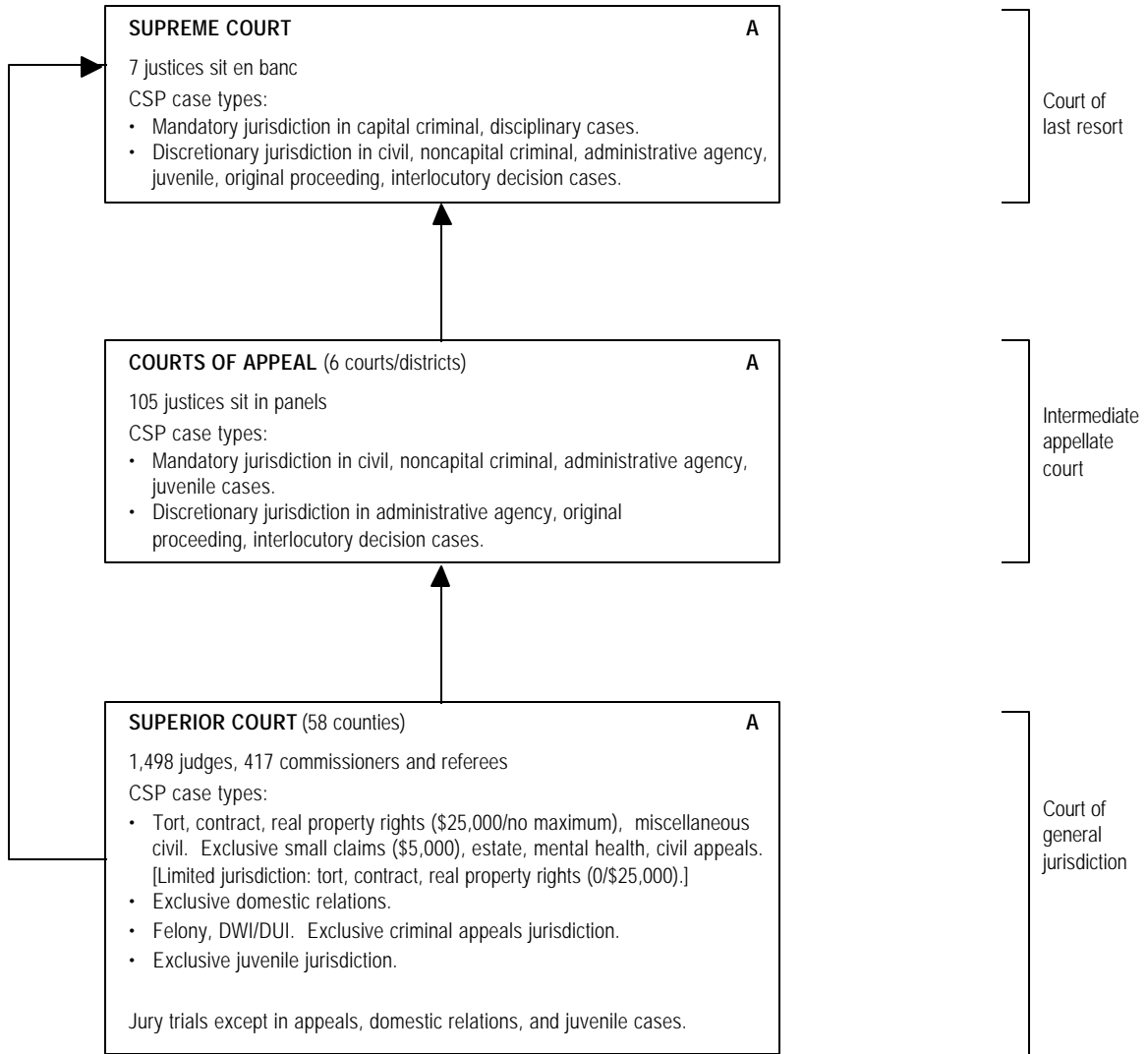


## ARKANSAS COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



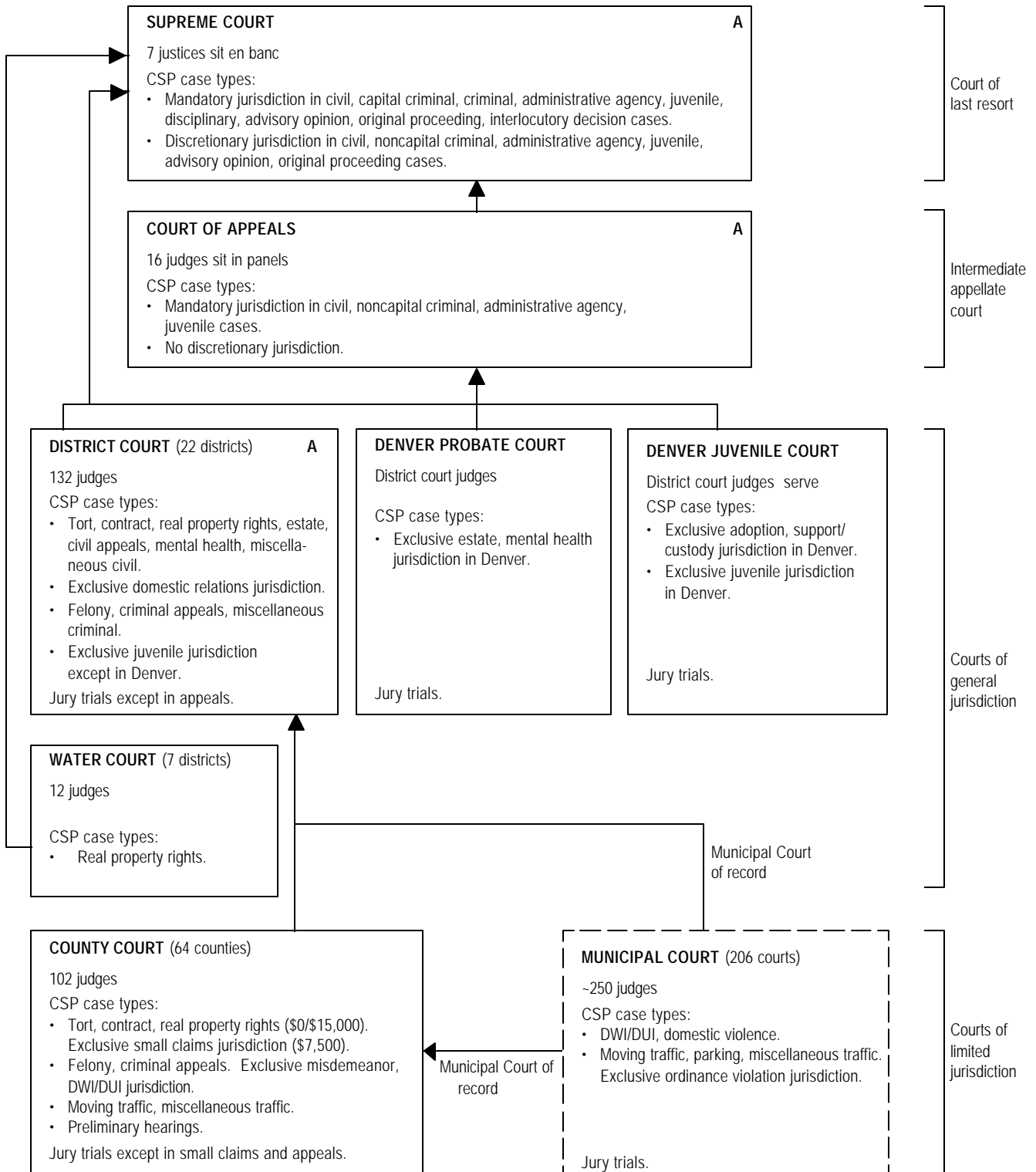
Note: In 2001, Arkansas combined the Chancery and Probate Court with the Circuit Court and reduced the number of limited jurisdiction courts from six to two by combining the County, Police, Common Pleas, and Justice of the Peace Courts into the Municipal Court which was renamed and is now the District Court.

## CALIFORNIA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

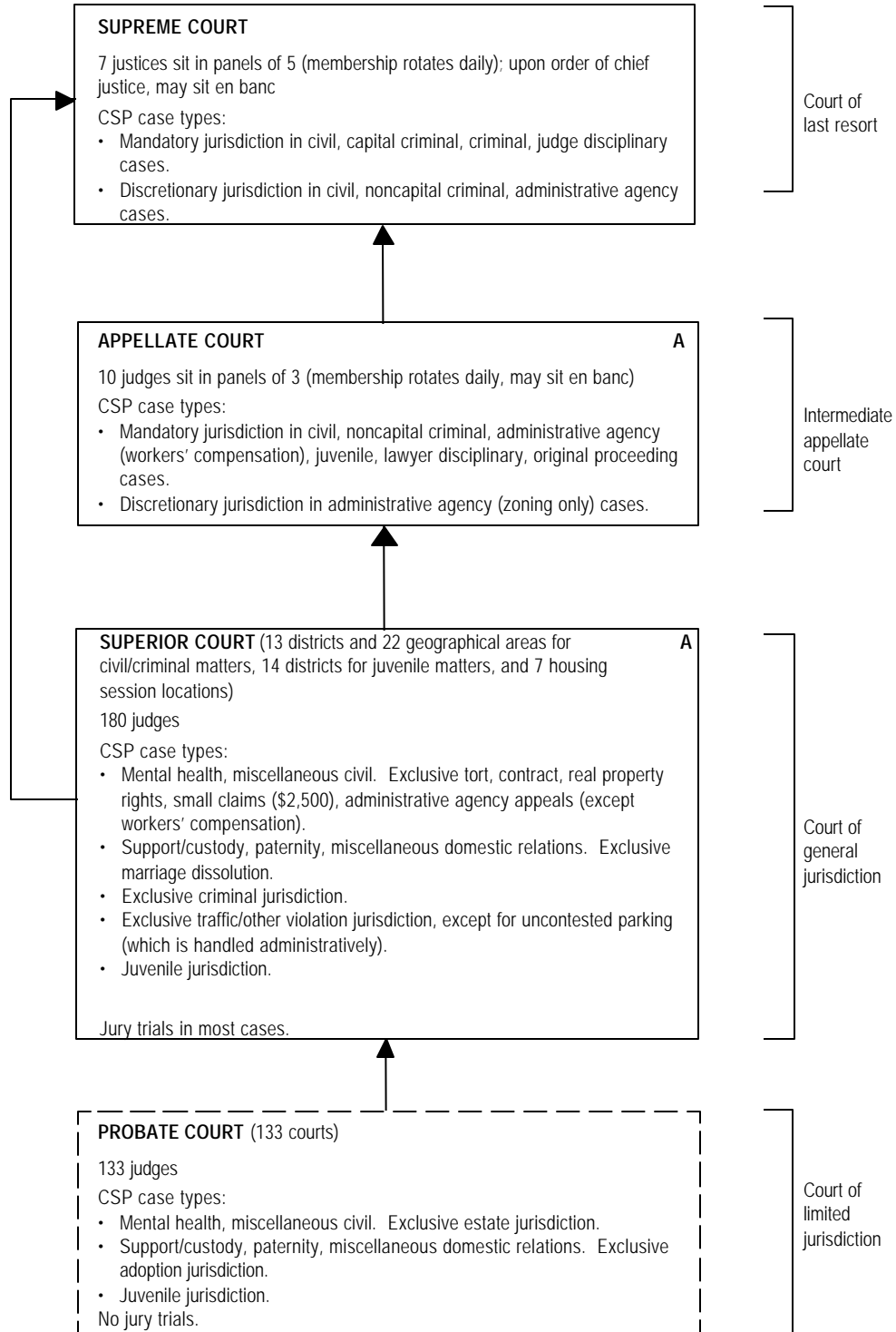


Note: All trial courts were unified as of 7/1/00.

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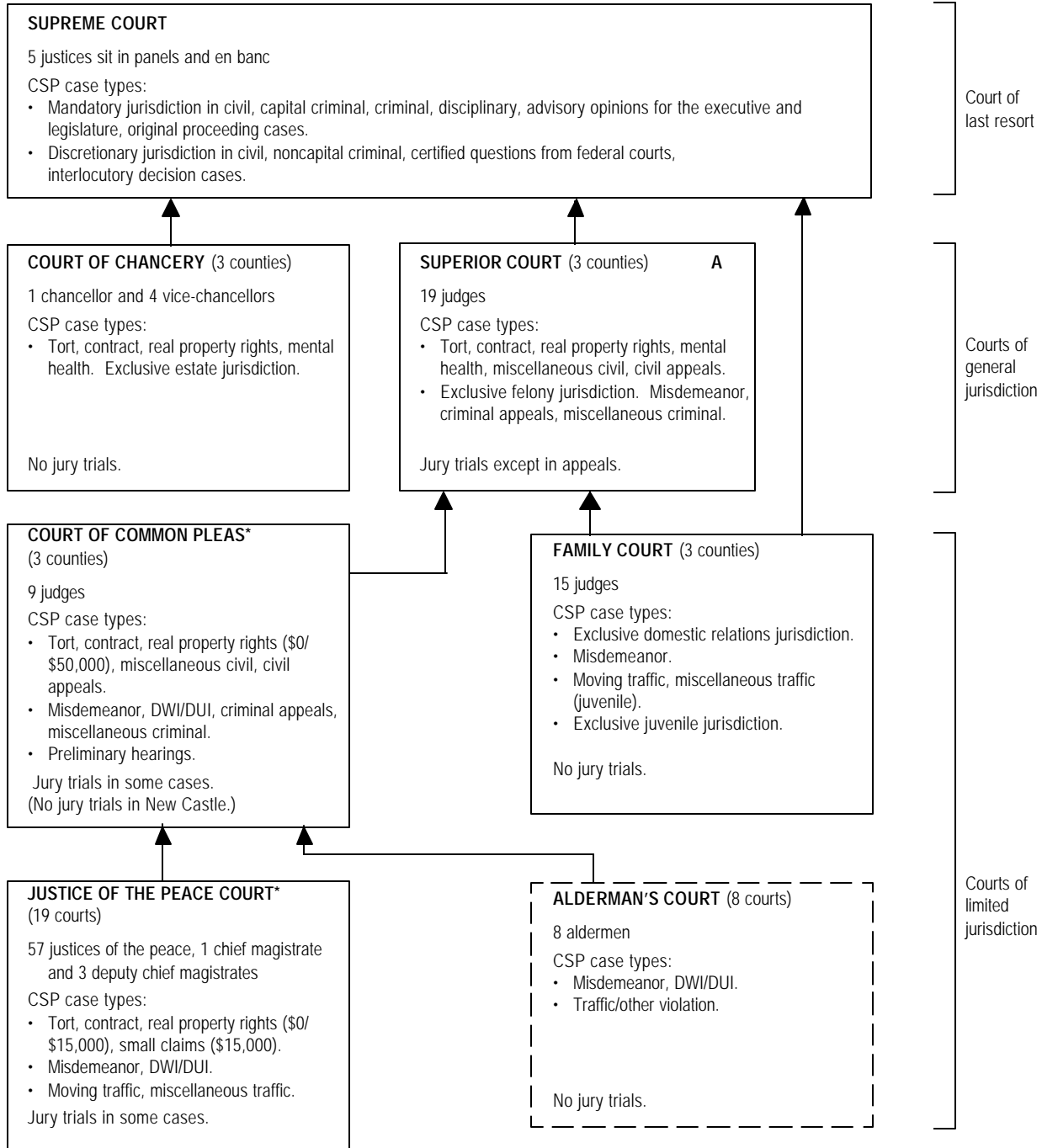


## CONNECTICUT COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



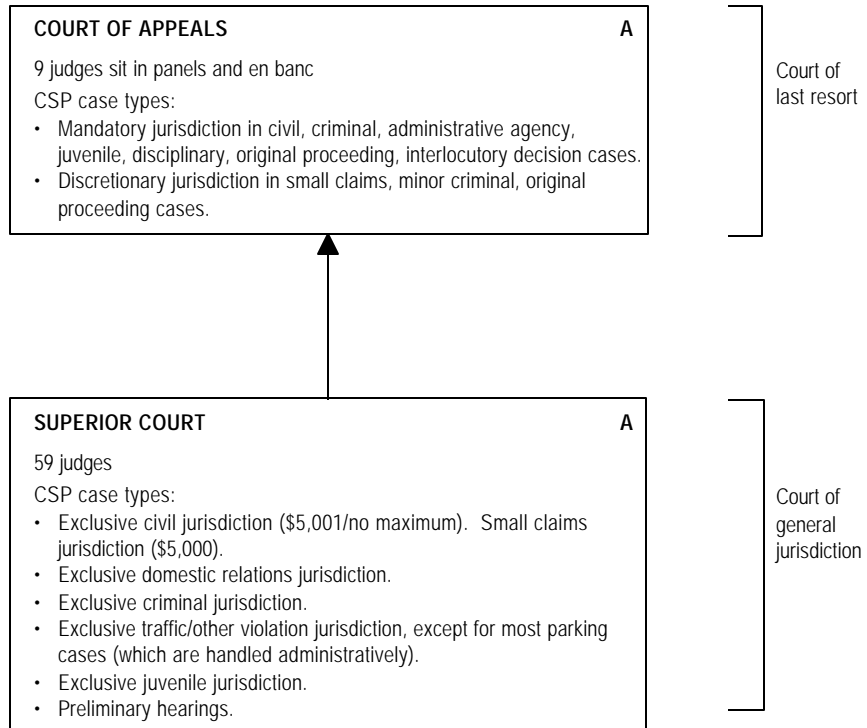


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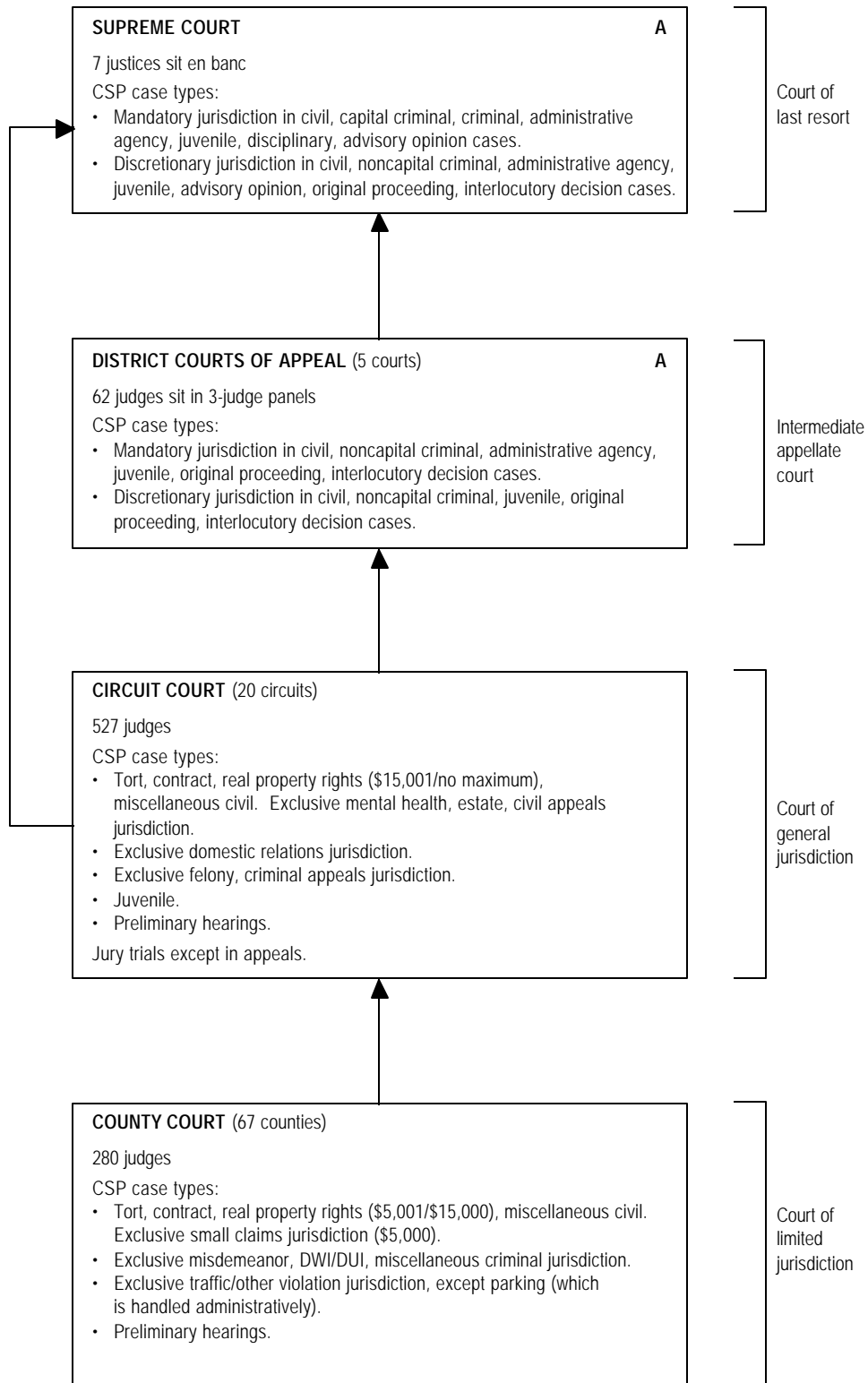


\* The Municipal Court of Wilmington was eliminated effective May 1, 1998, and a new Justice of the Peace Court was created in Wilmington.

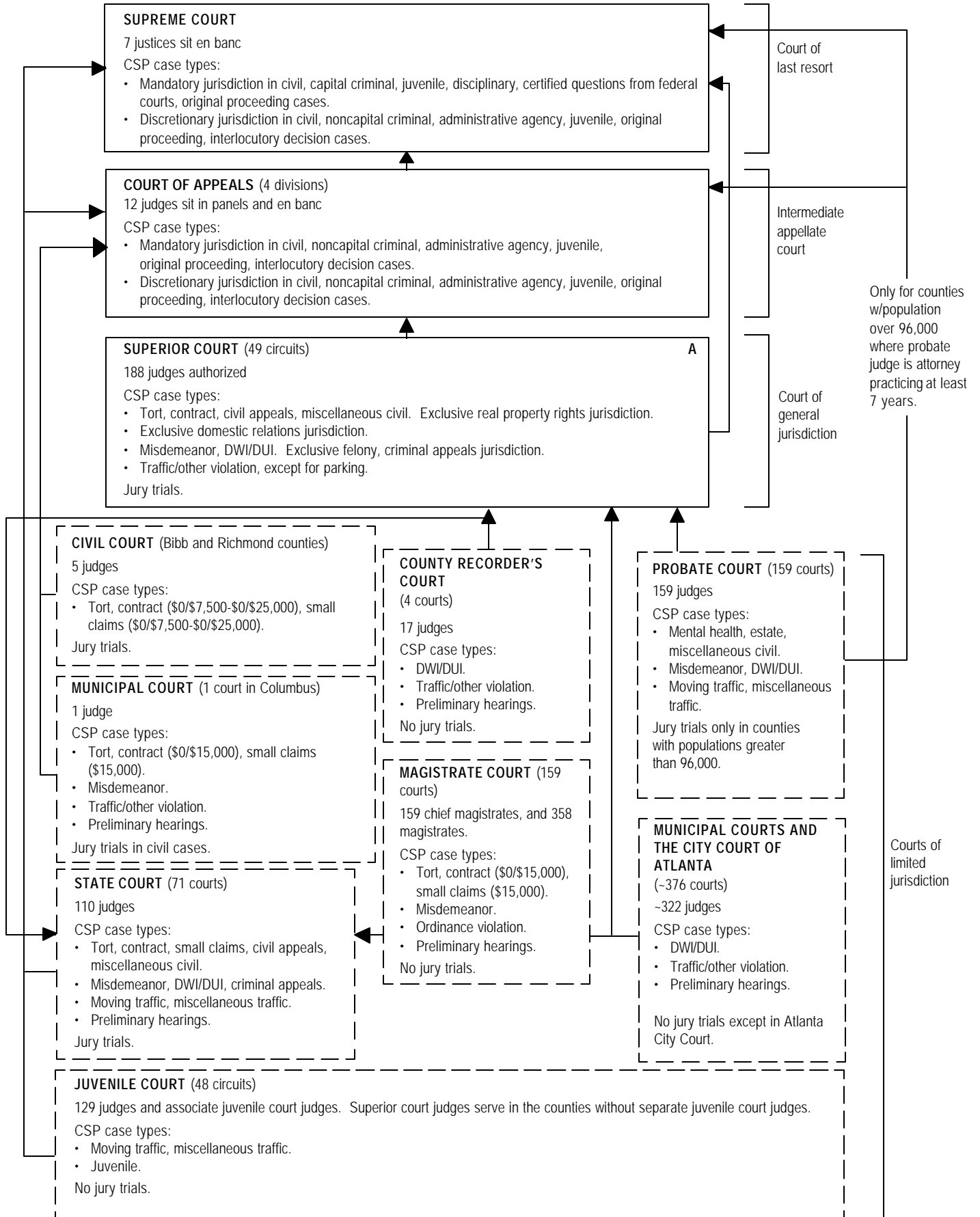
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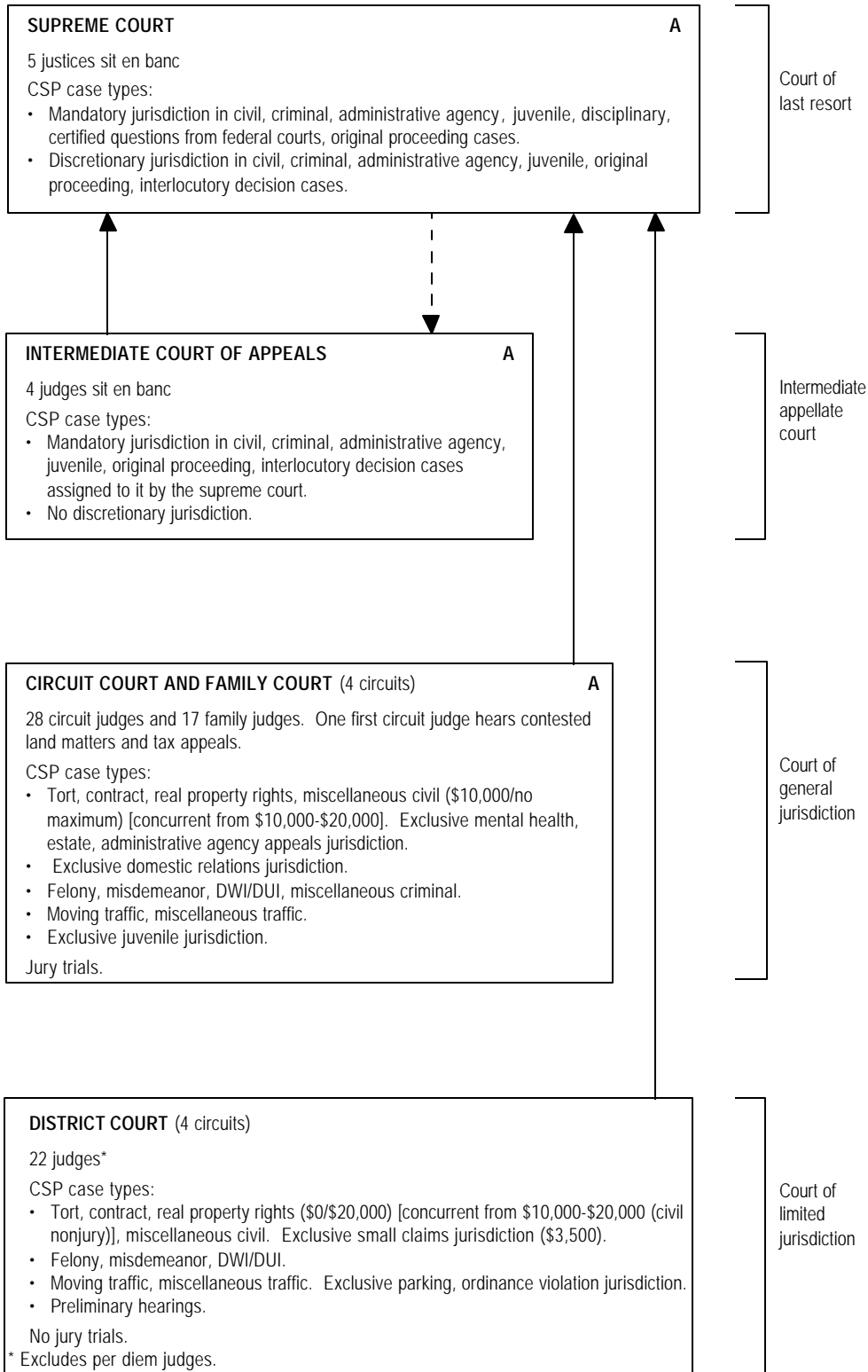
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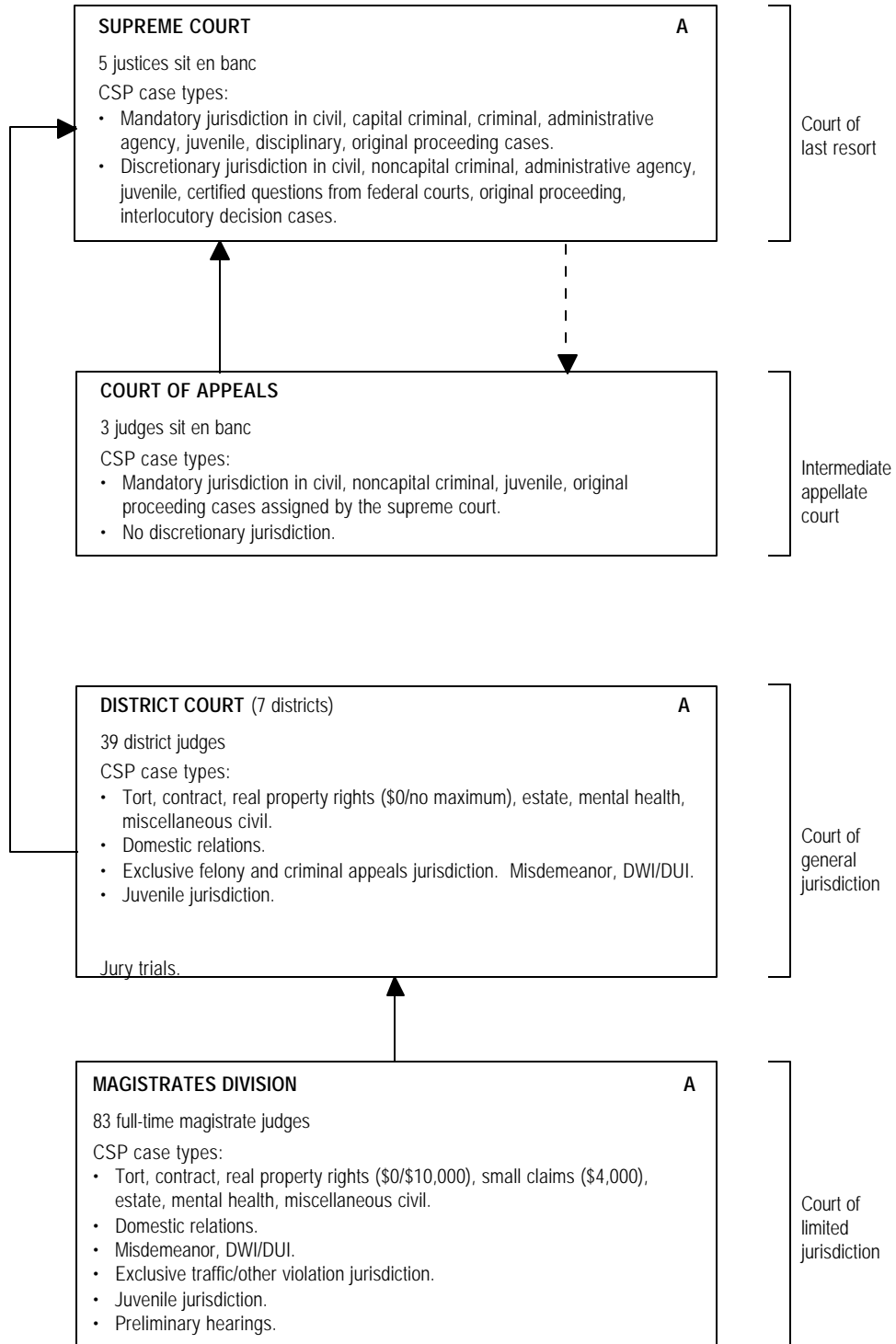


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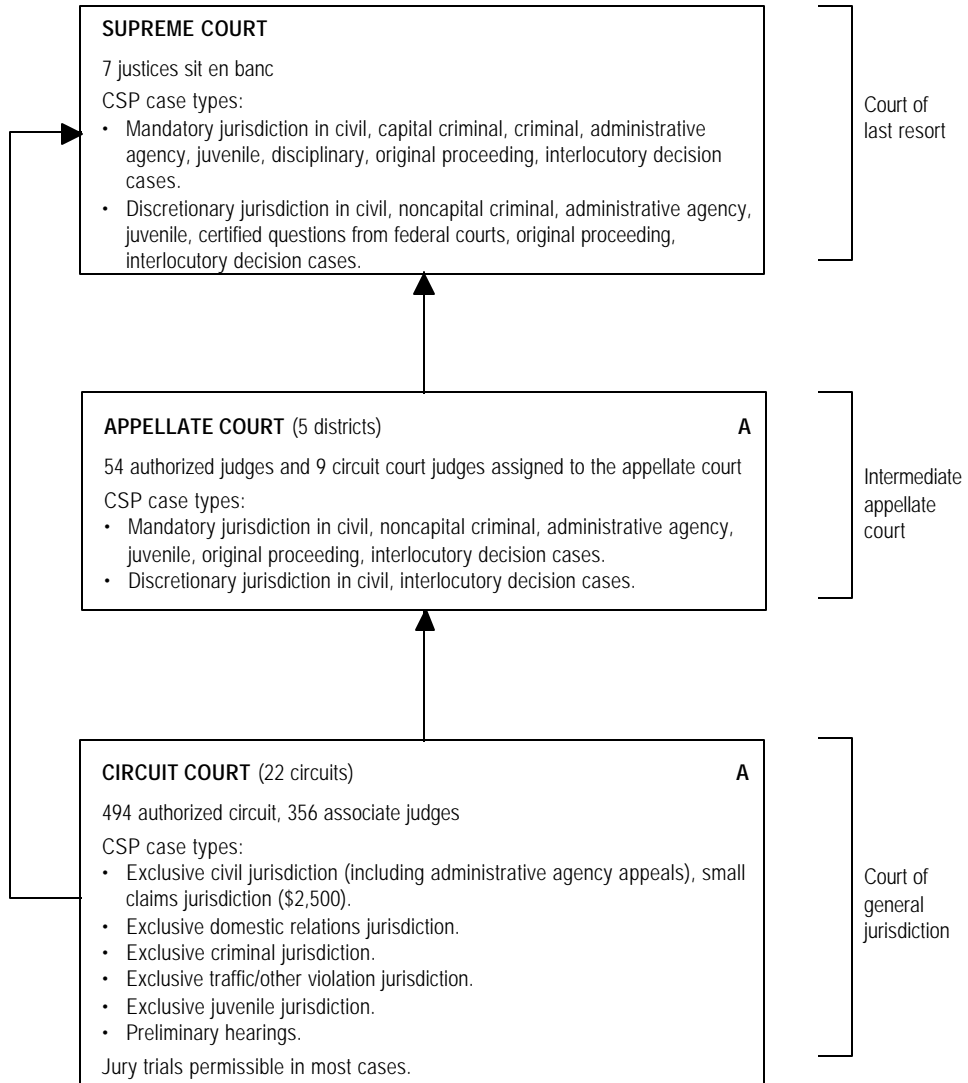
## IDAHO COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



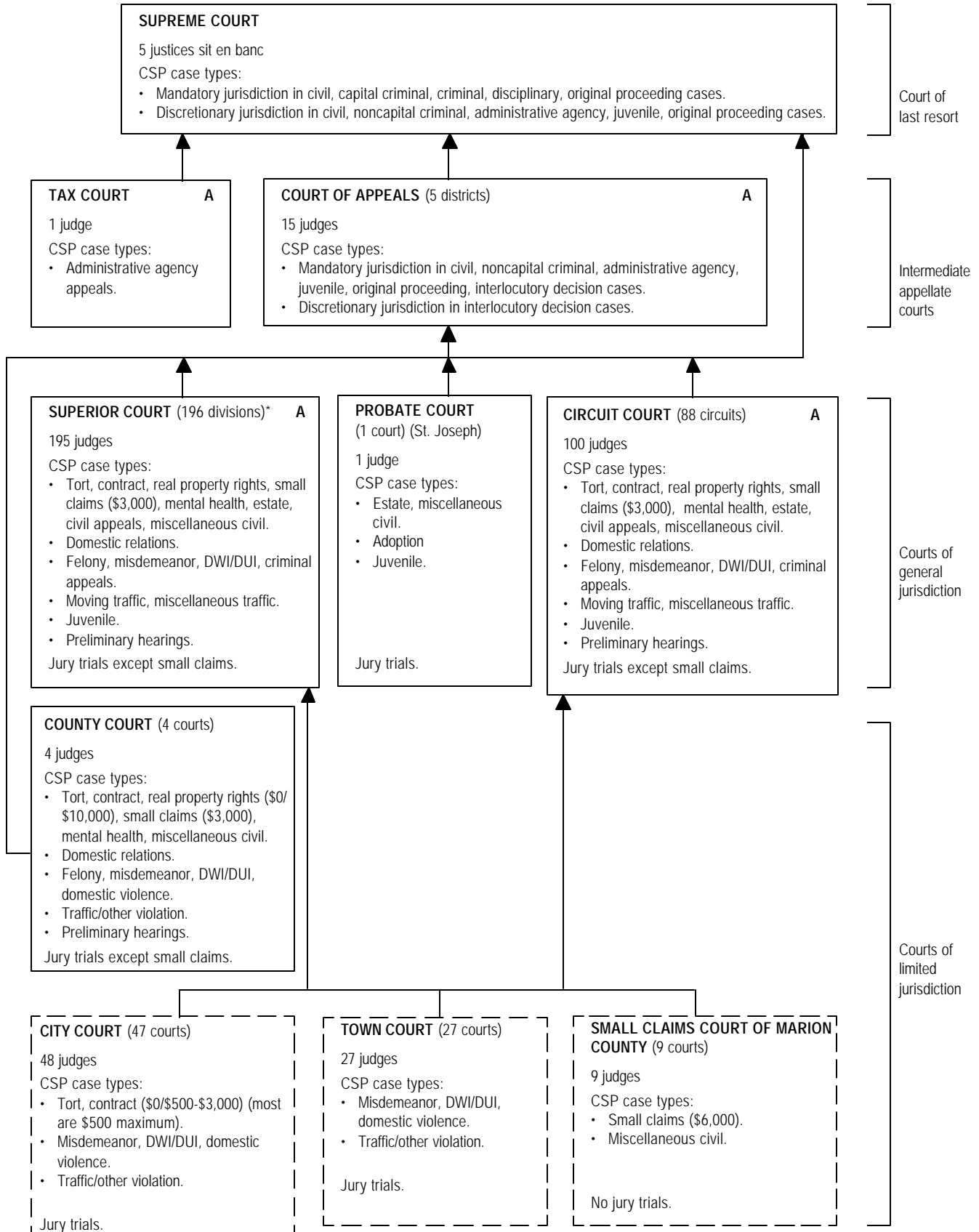
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Note: The Magistrates Division of the District Court functions as a limited jurisdiction court.

## ILLINOIS COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



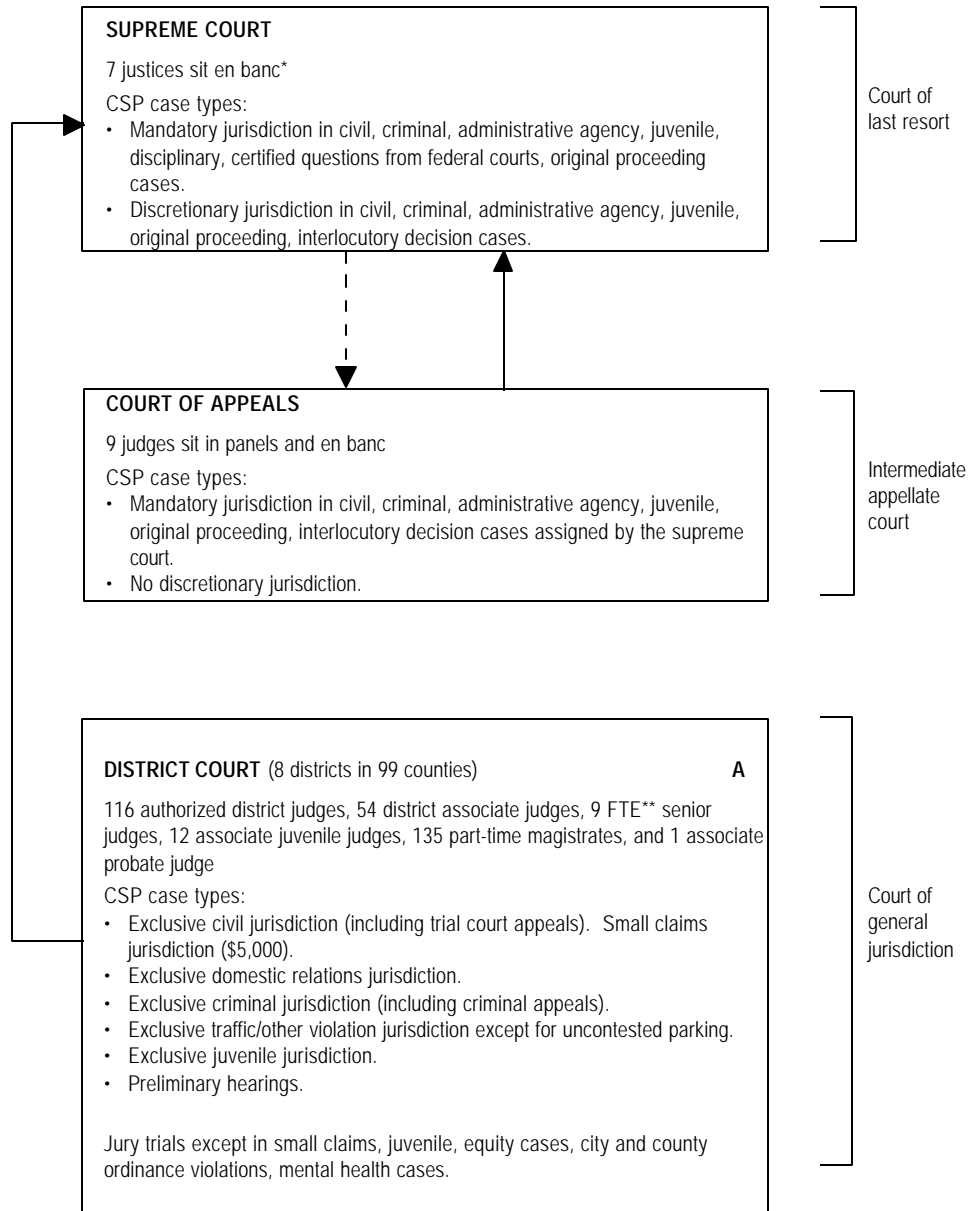
## INDIANA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



\* Effective January 1, 1996, all Municipal Courts became Superior Courts.



## IOWA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

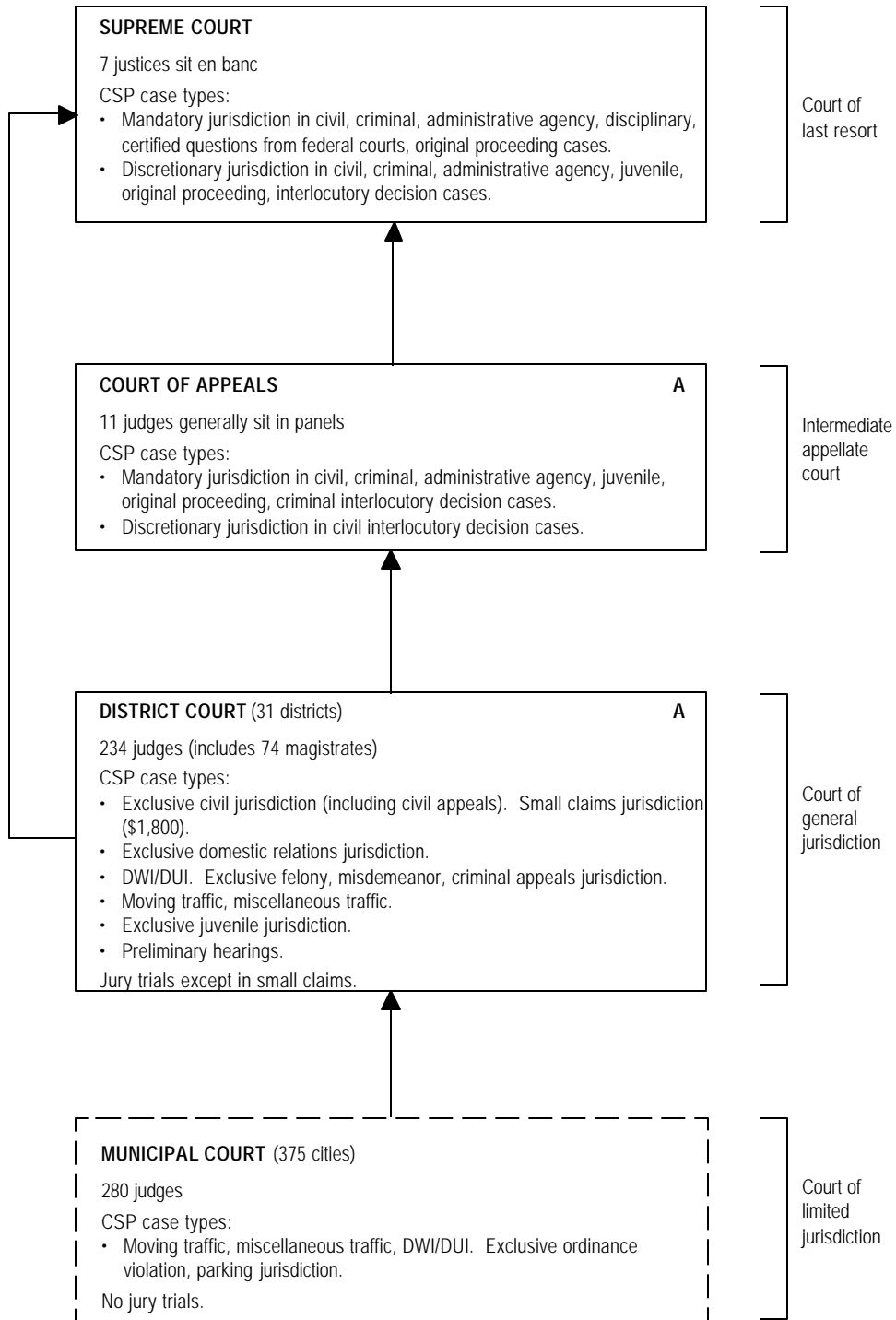


\* As of January, 2000 the court no longer sits in panels; it decides en banc.

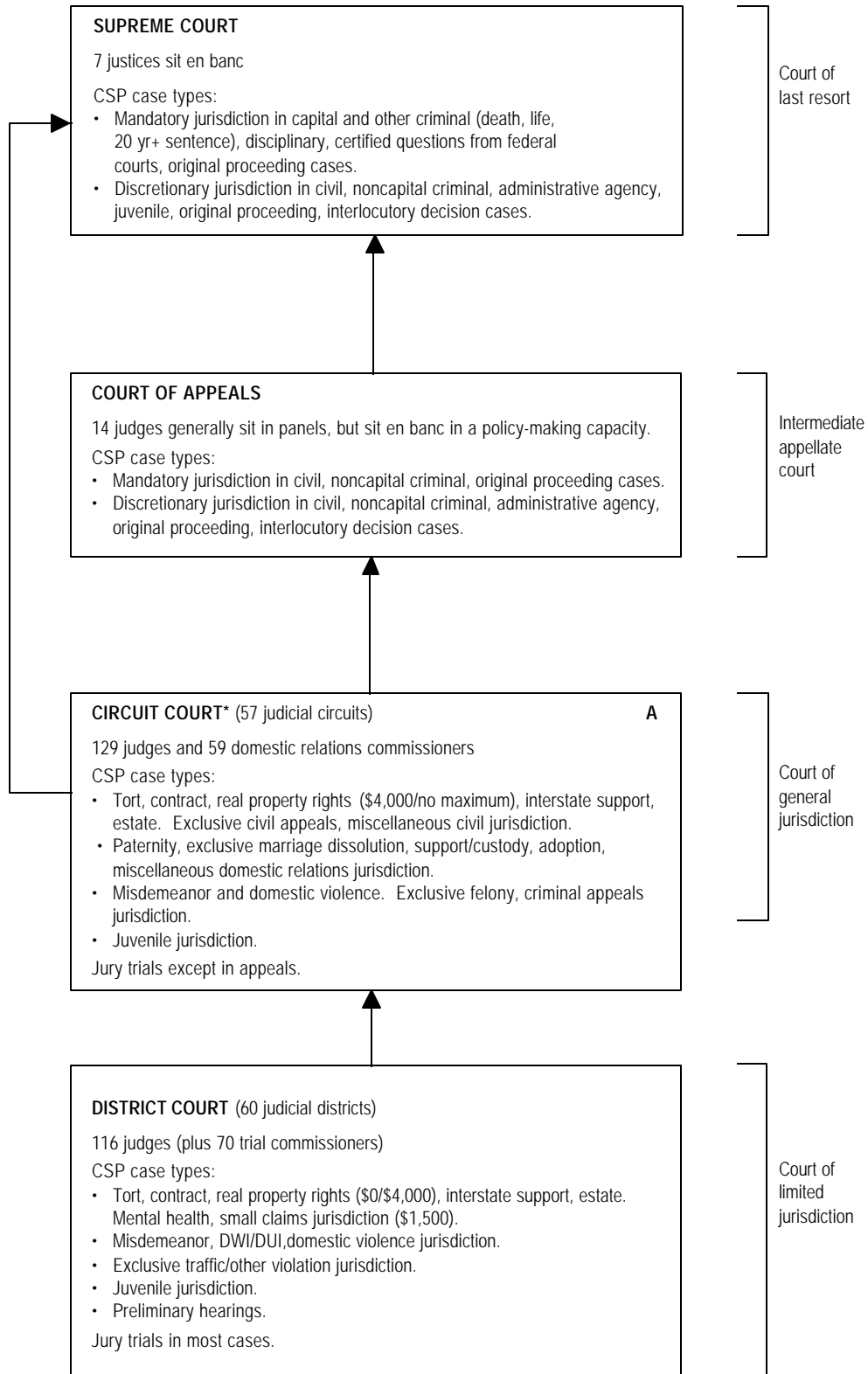
\*\* Includes 37 senior judges who work 1/4 time (13 weeks/year).

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## KANSAS COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

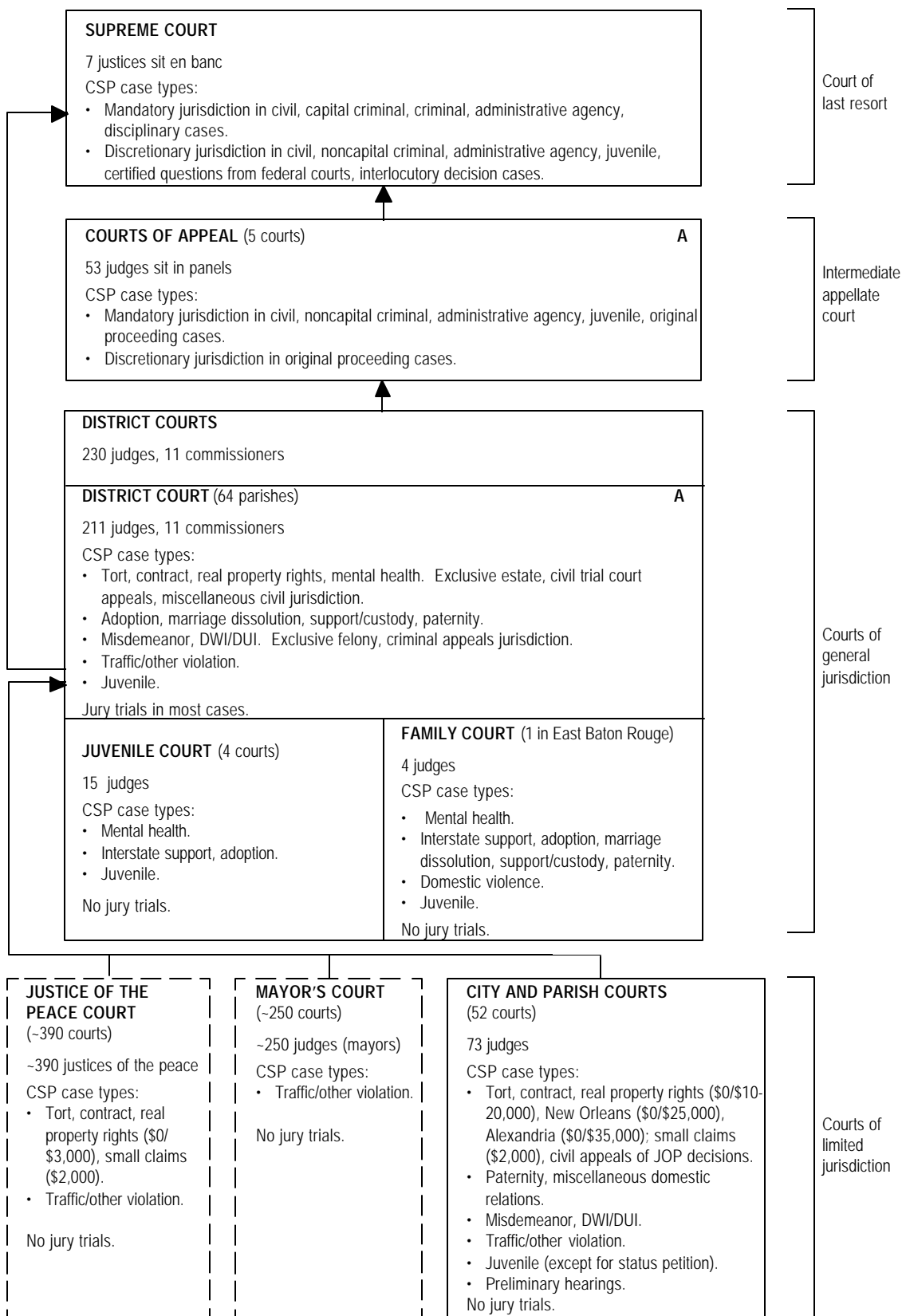


## KENTUCKY COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

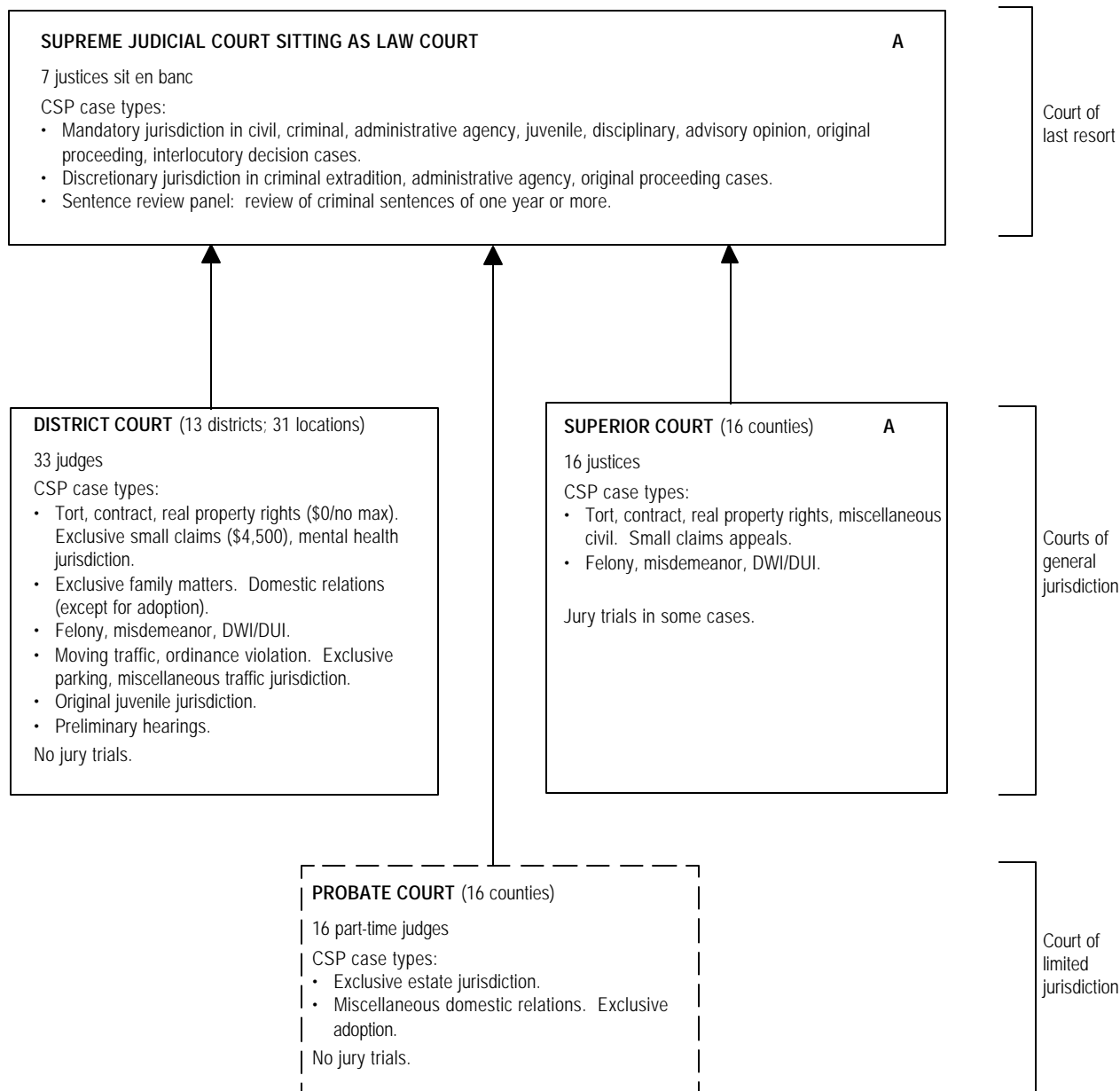


\* The Family Court was created in November 2002 as a division of the Circuit Court. The Family Court has 33 judges and is located in 42 counties.

## LOUISIANA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

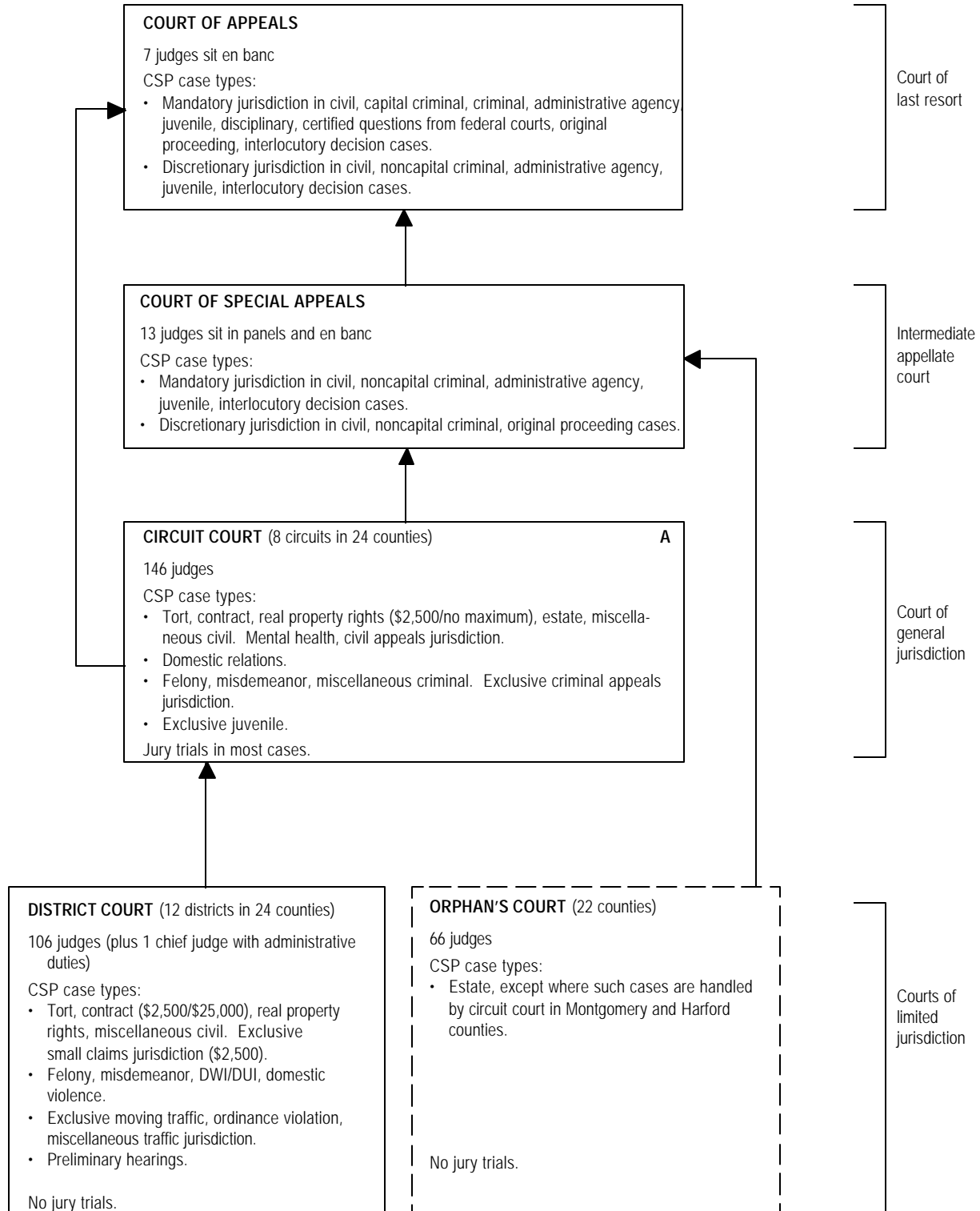


## MAINE COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

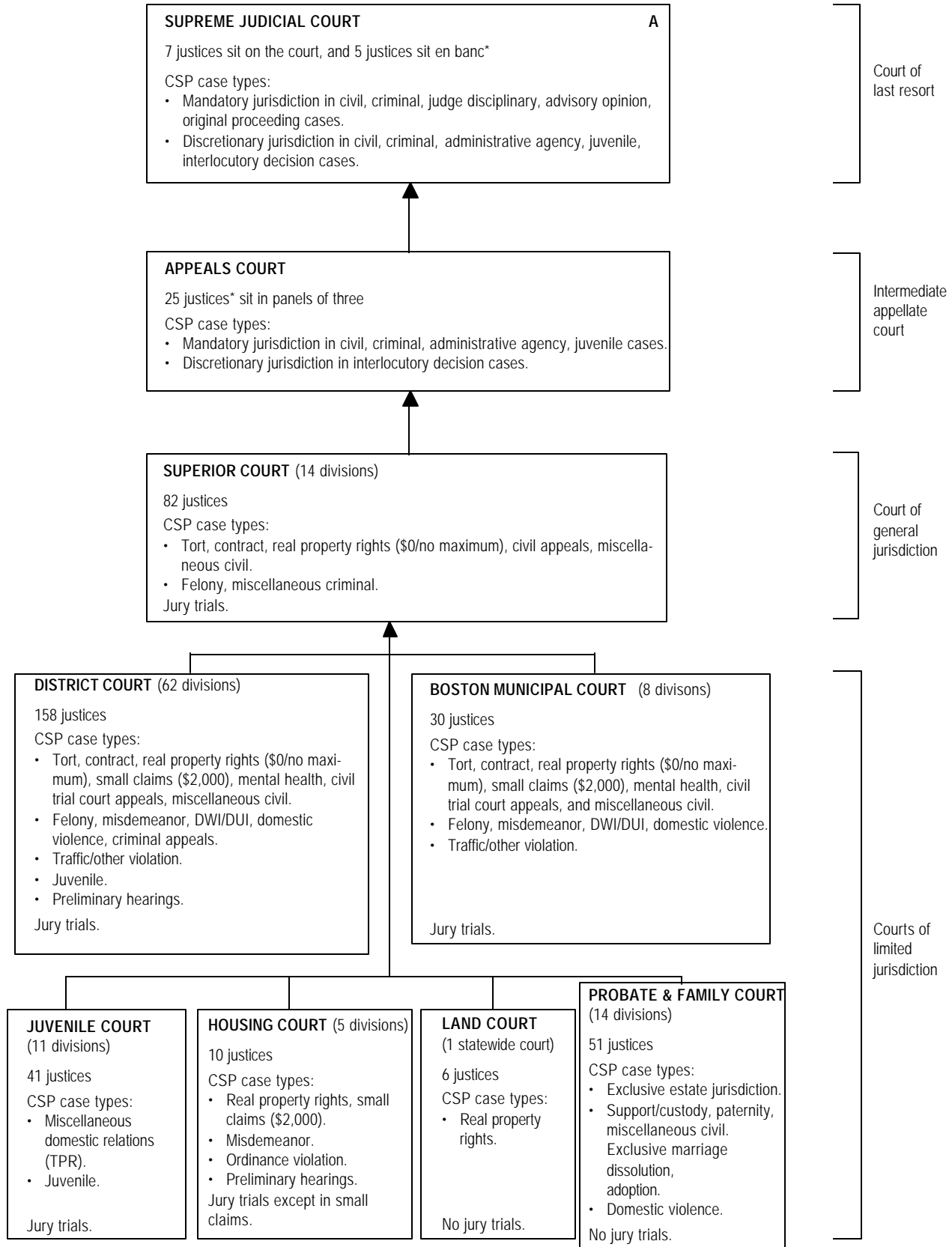


\*The Administrative Court was eliminated effective March 15, 2001, with the caseload absorbed by District Court.

## MARYLAND COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

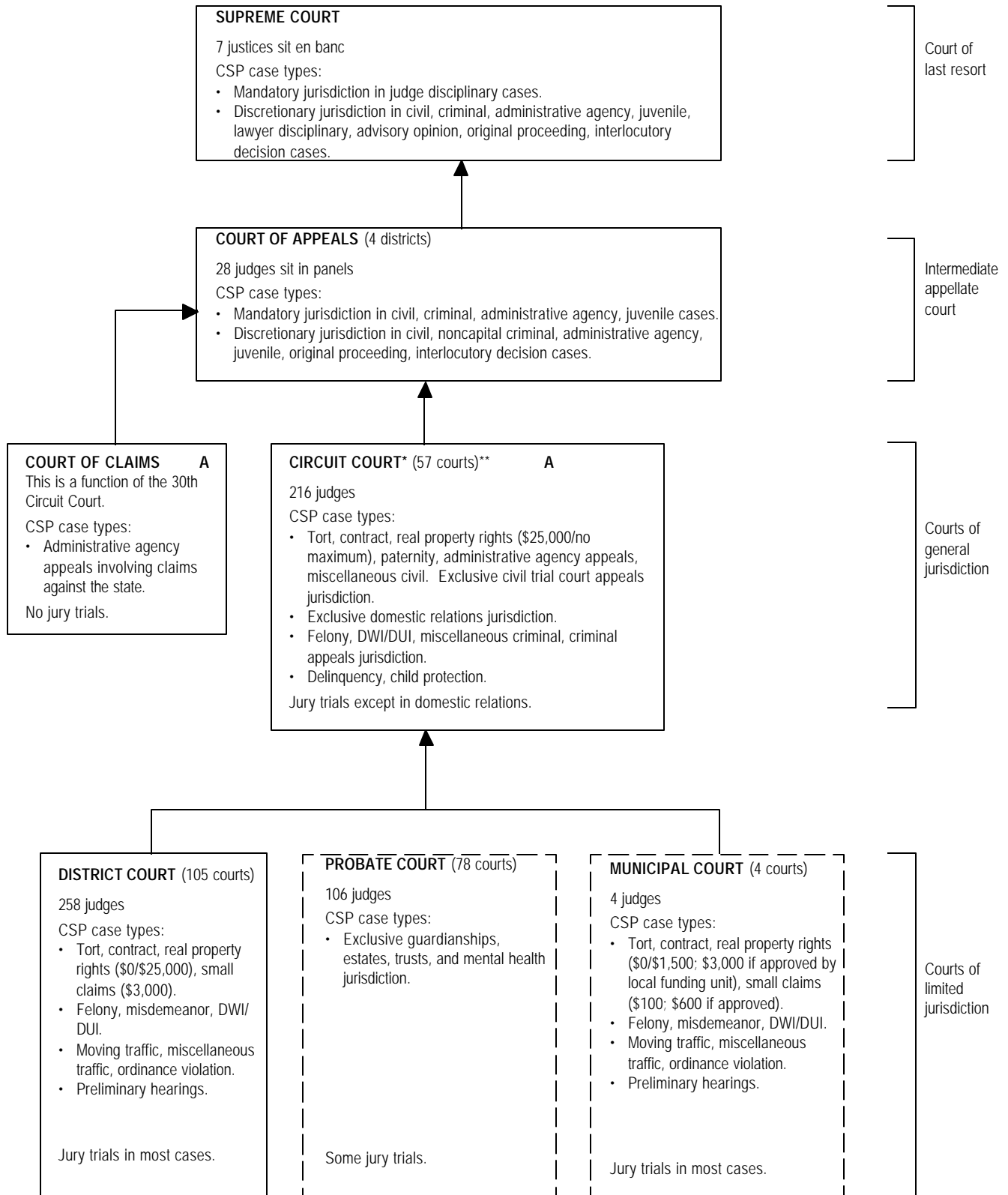


## MASSACHUSETTS COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



\* The justices also sit individually in the "single justice" side of the court, on a rotating basis.

## MICHIGAN COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

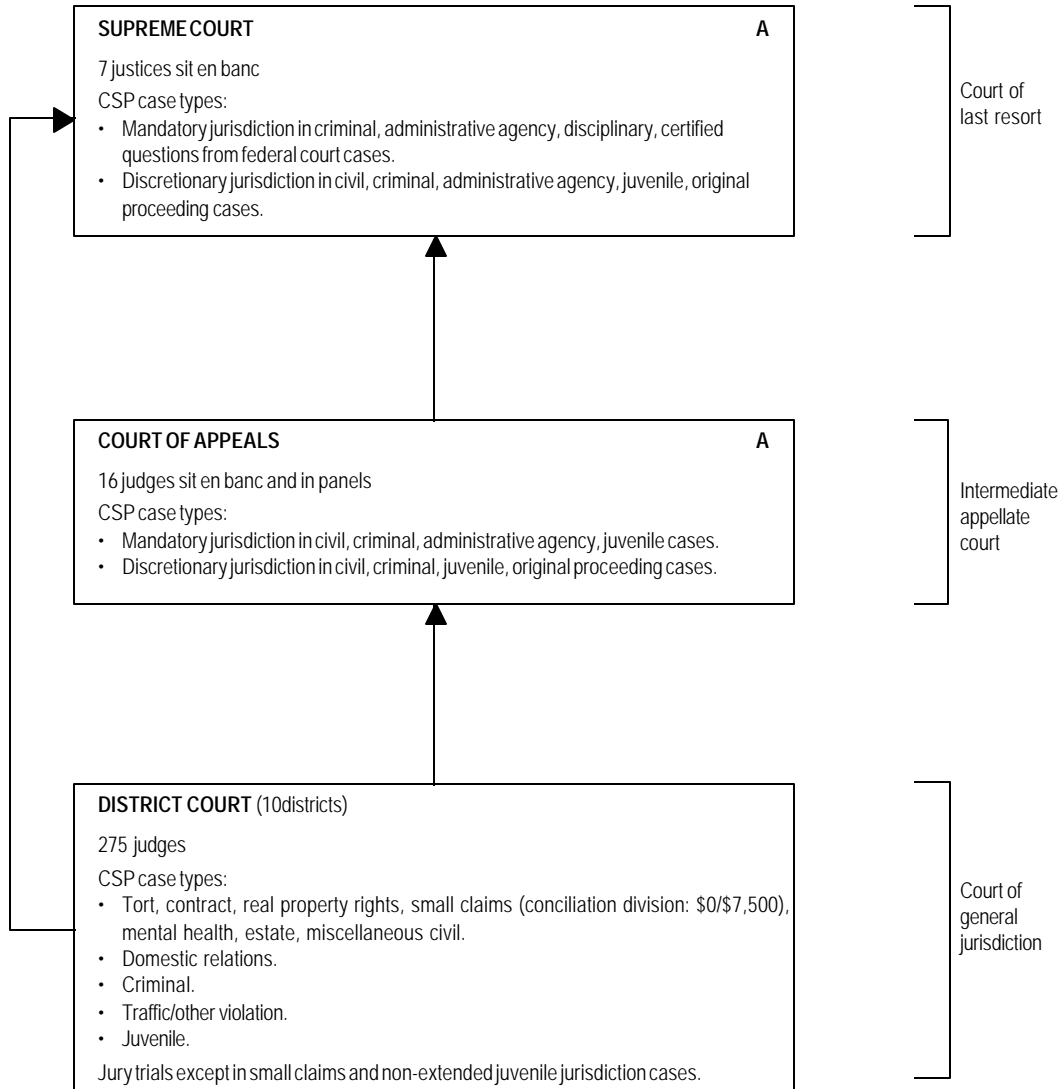


\* The Recorder's Court of Detroit merged with the Circuit Court effective October 1, 1997.

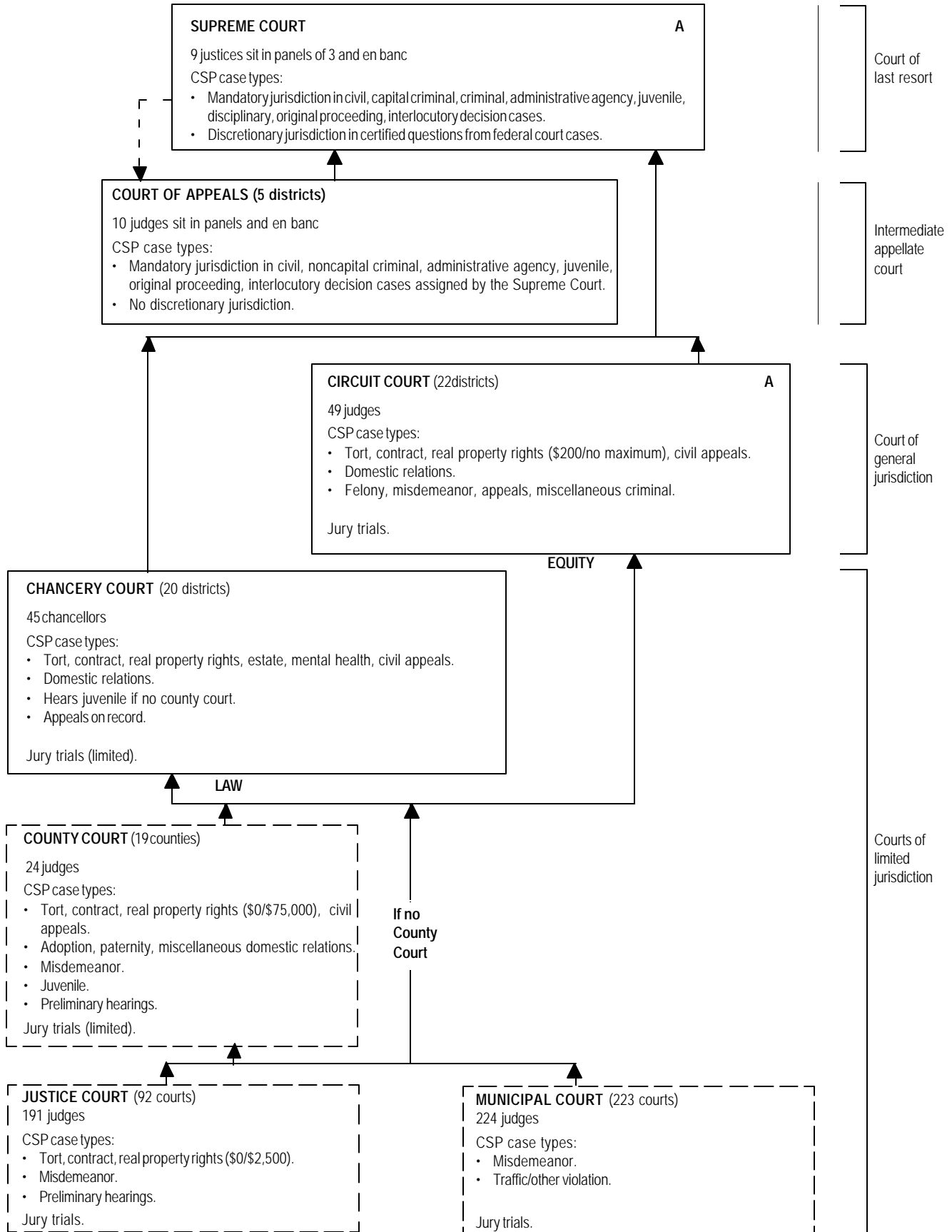
\*\* A Family Division of Circuit Court became operational on January 1, 1998.



## MINNESOTA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

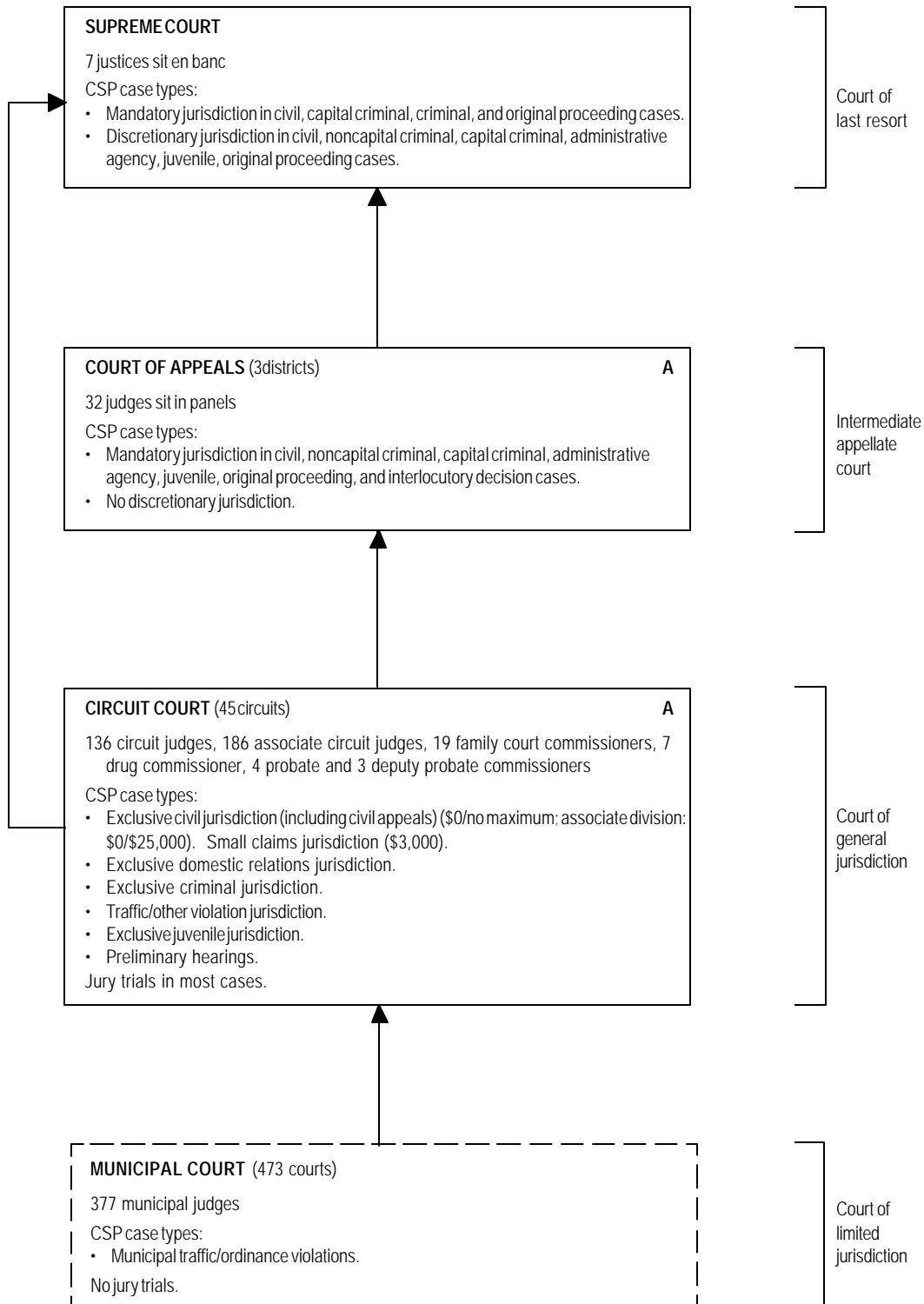


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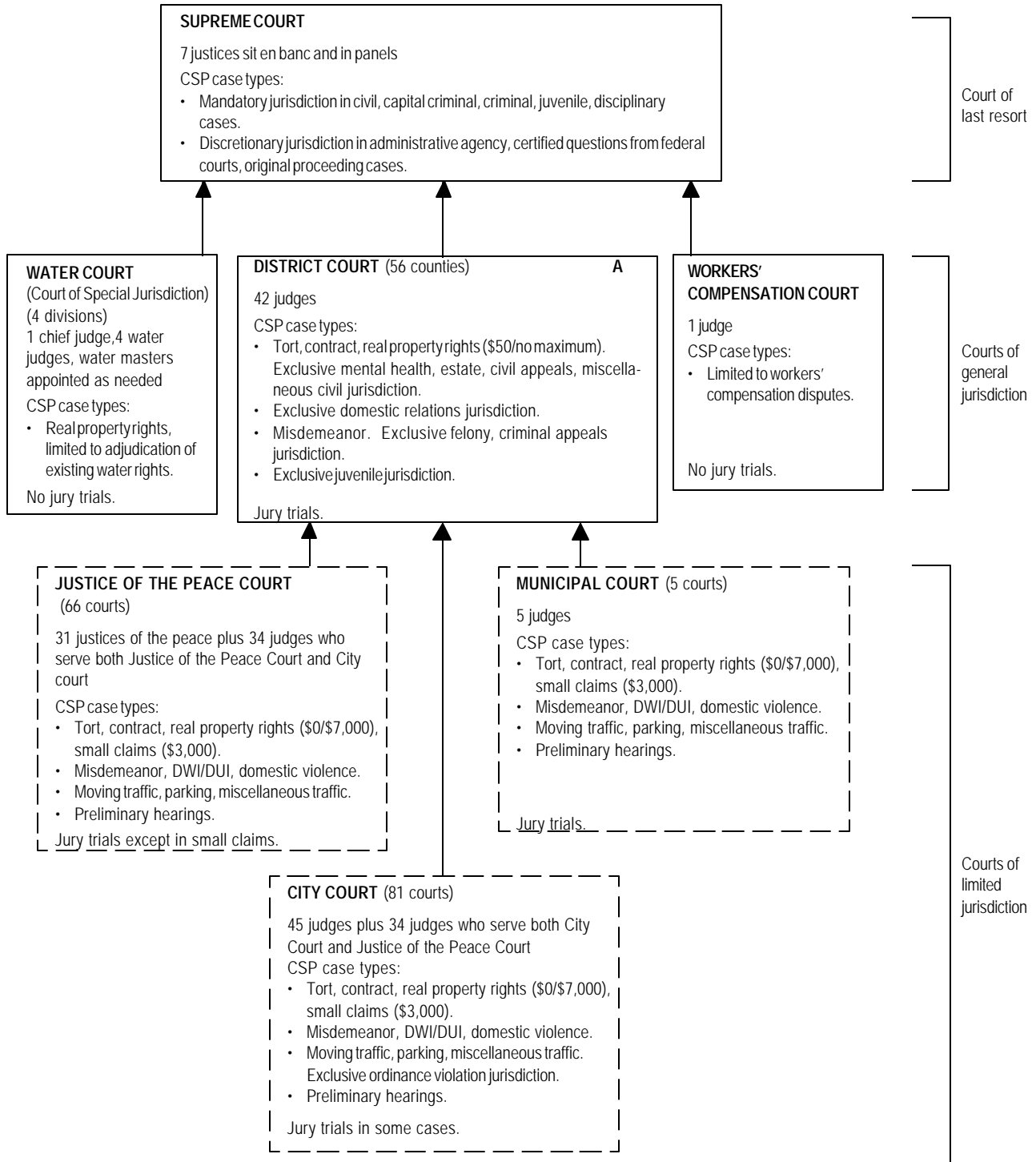


\* The Family Court was abolished July 1, 1999 and merged into County Court.  
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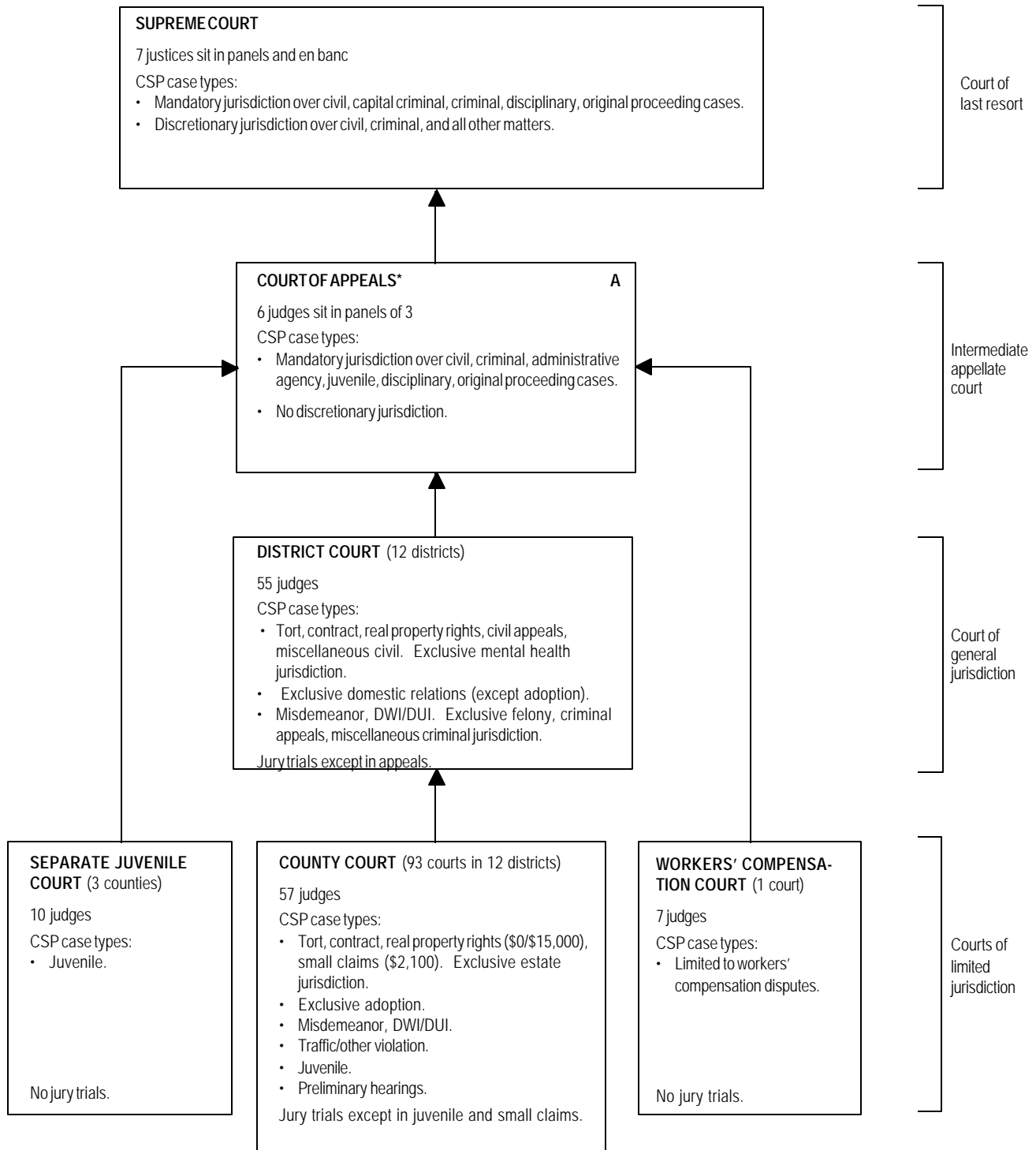
## MISSOURI COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



## MONTANA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

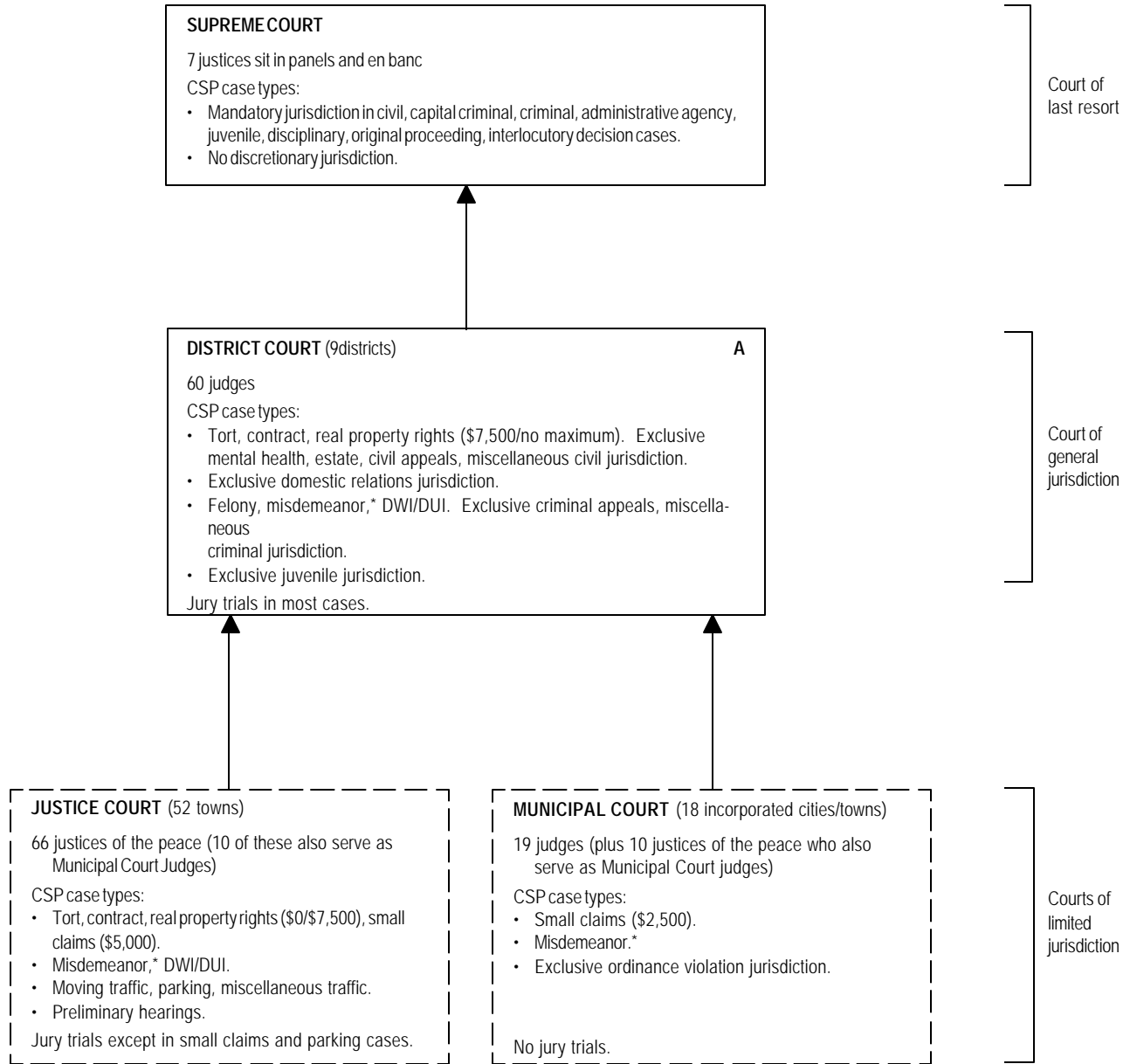


## NEBRASKA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



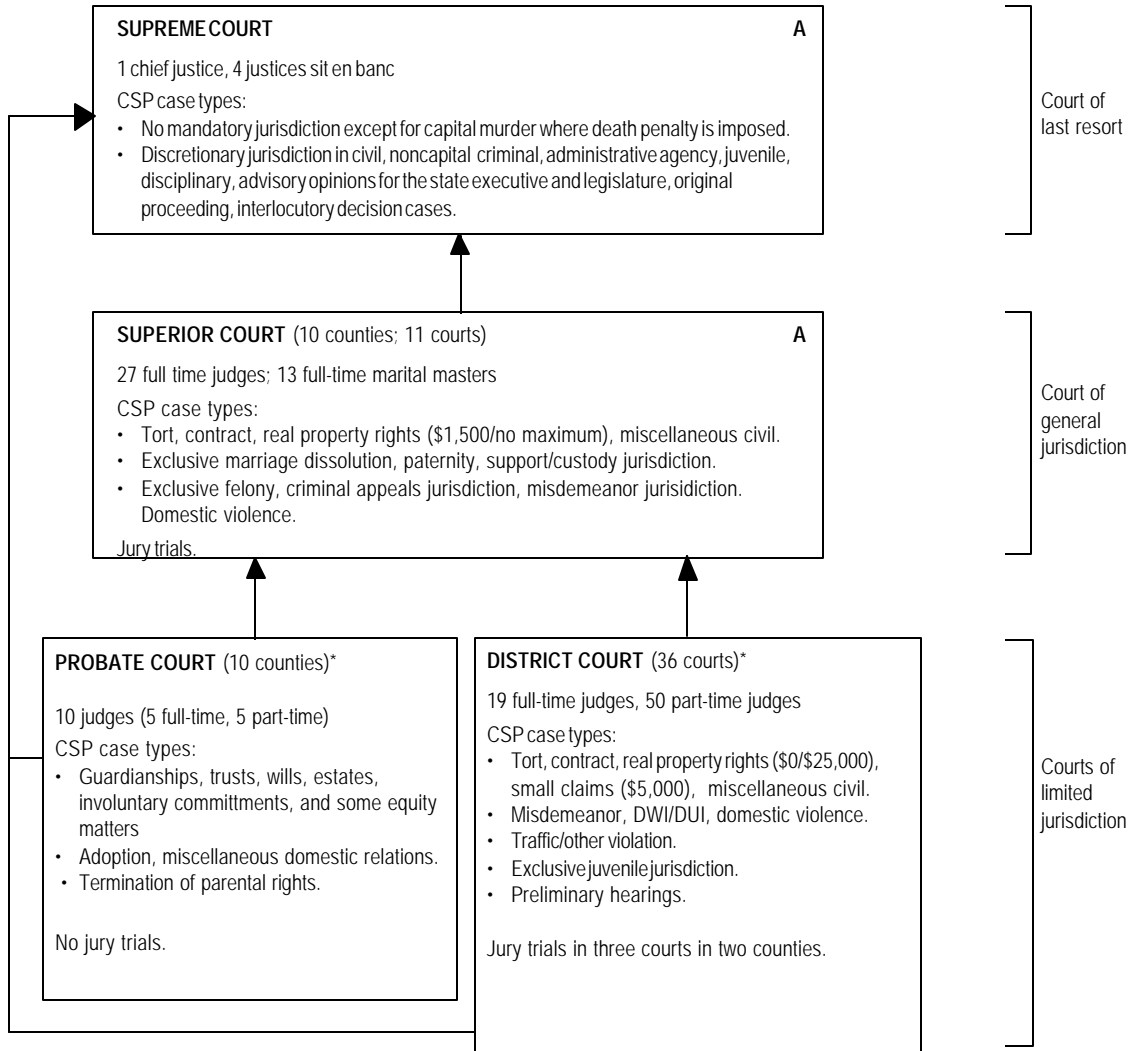
\* The Nebraska Court of Appeals was established September 6, 1991.

## NEVADA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



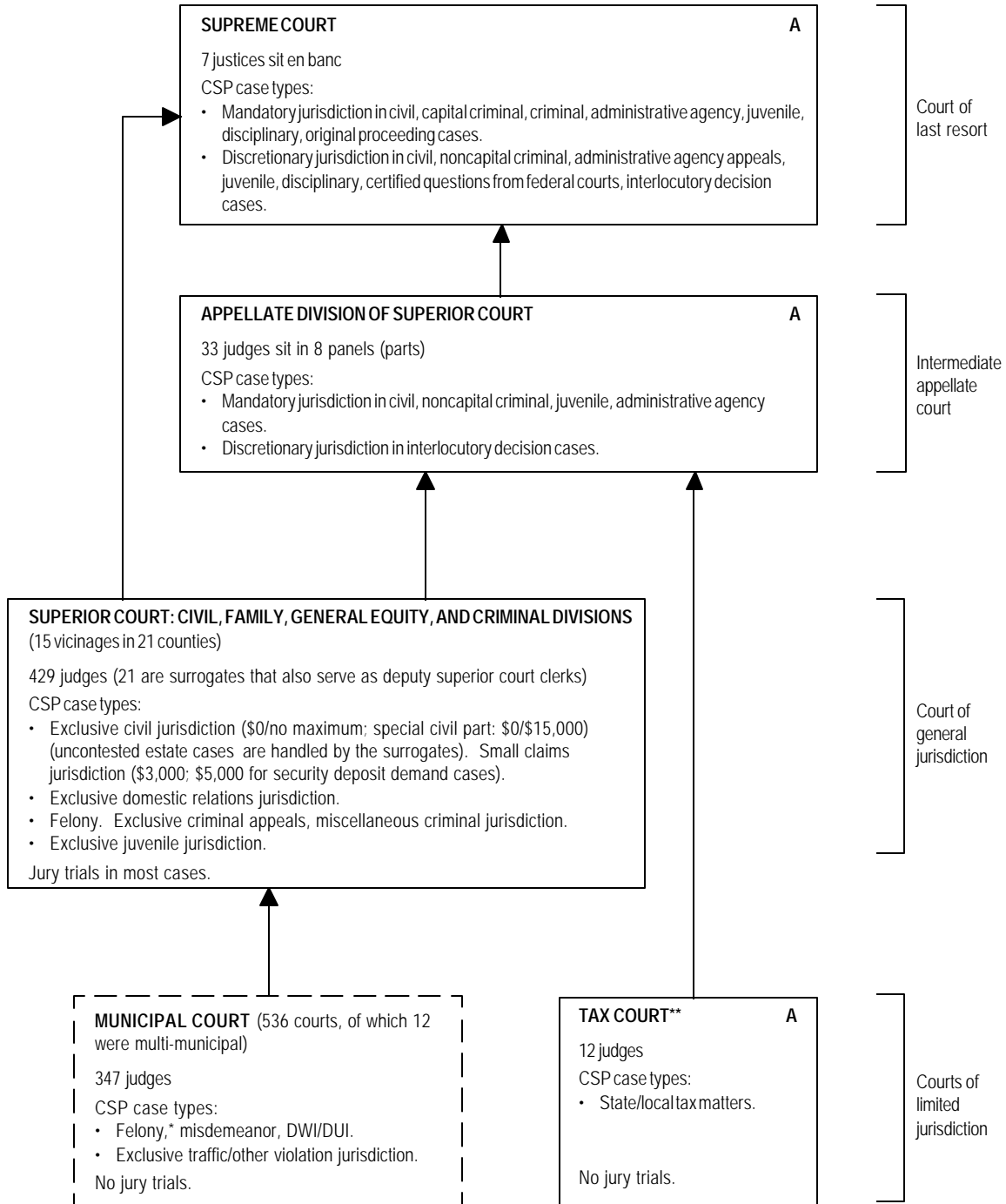
\* District Court hears gross misdemeanor cases; Justice & Municipal Courts hear misdemeanors with fines under \$1,000 and/or sentence of less than six months.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



\* A Family Division Pilot Program was created by the Legislature in 1995 and operates in six district courts and two probate courts. The Family Division Pilot Program includes domestic violence, juvenile, marital matters, termination of parental rights, adoptions, and guardianships over minors in two counties. The municipal court merged with the District Court in May, 2000.

## NEW JERSEY COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

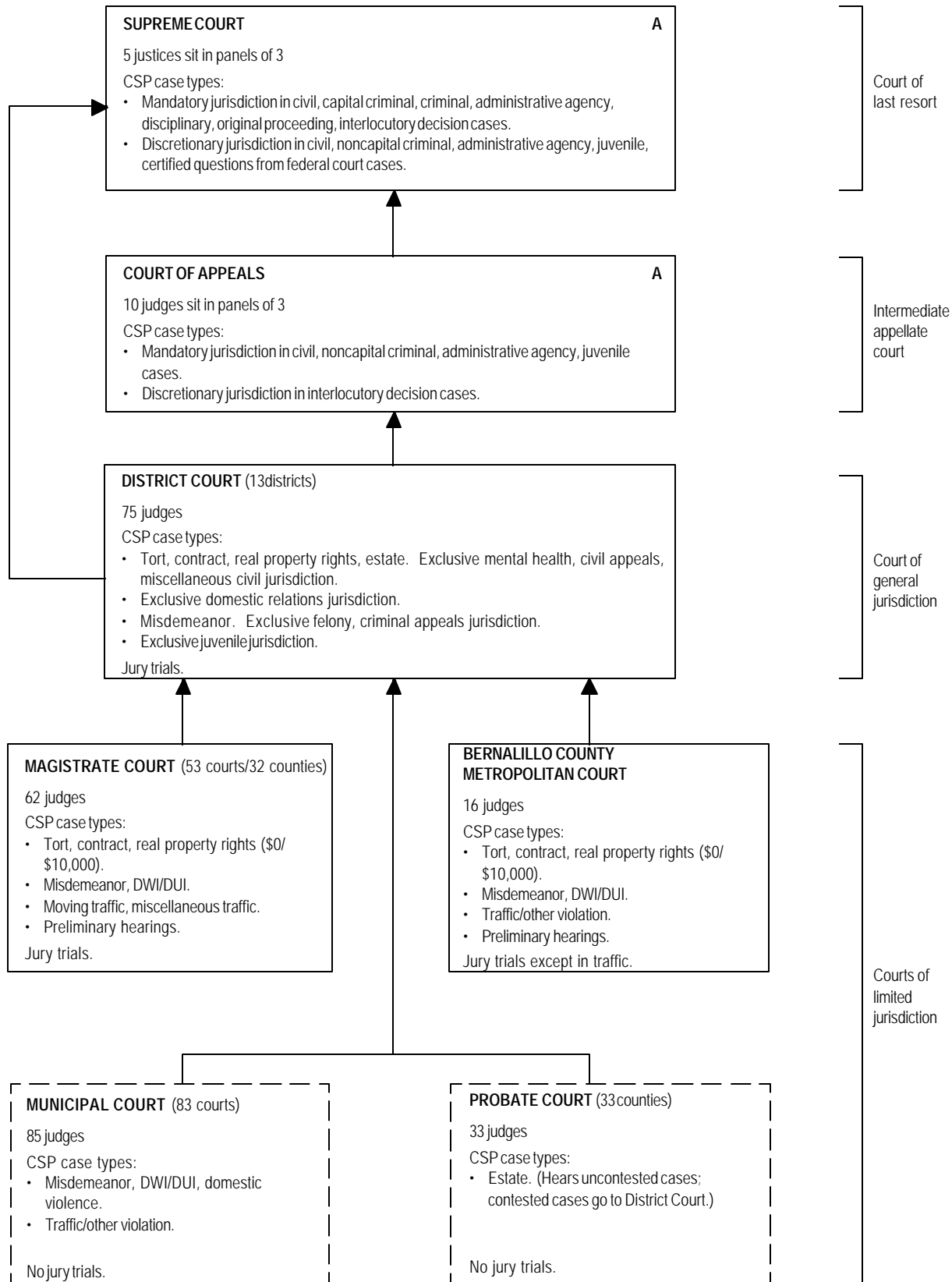


\* Felony cases are handled on first appearance in the Municipal Courts and then are transferred through the county Prosecutor's office to the Superior Court.

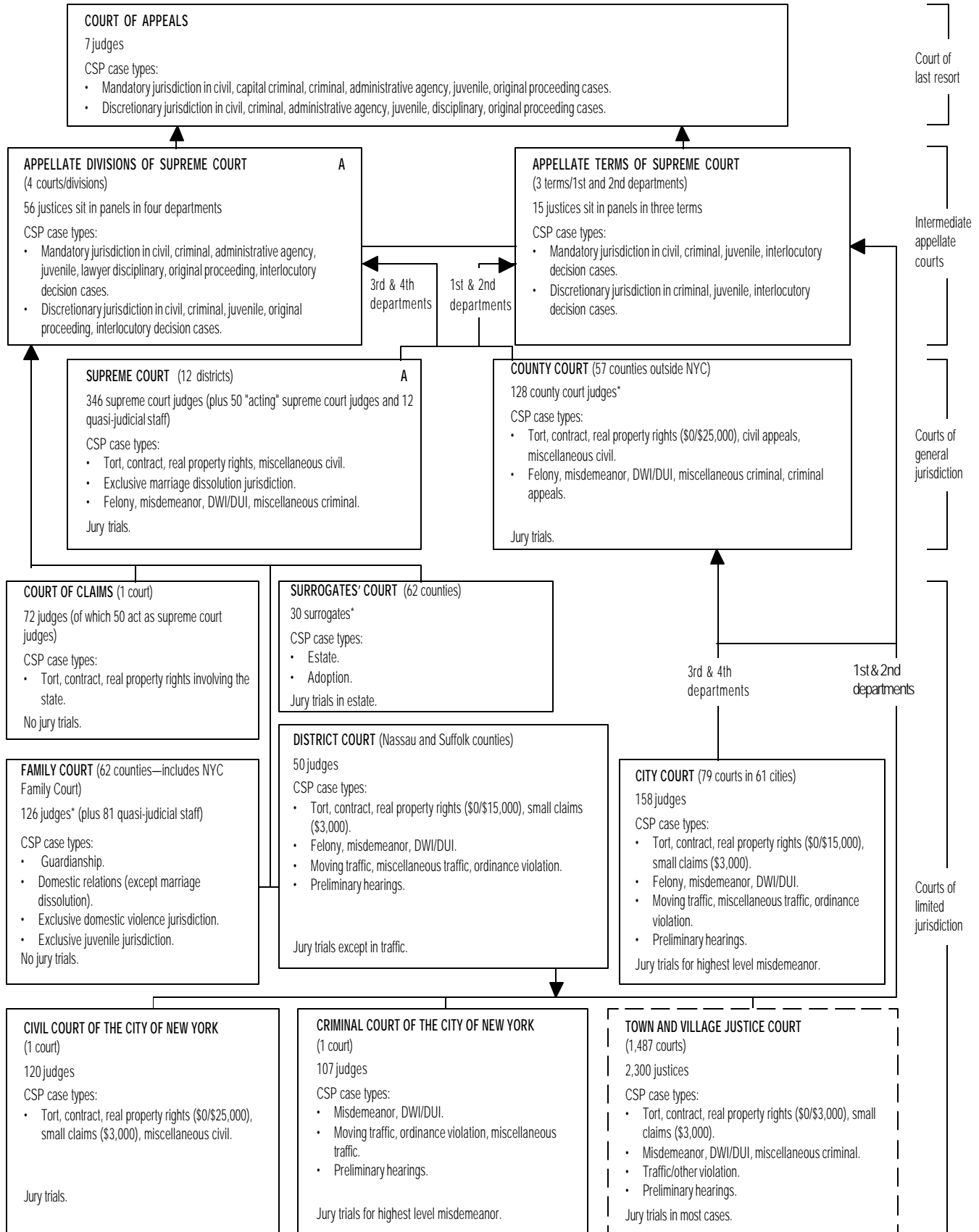
\*\* Tax court is considered a limited jurisdiction court because of its specialized subject matter. Nevertheless, it receives appeals from administrative bodies and its cases are appealed to the intermediate appellate court. Tax court judges have the same general qualifications and terms of service as superior court judges and can be cross assigned.



## NEW MEXICO COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

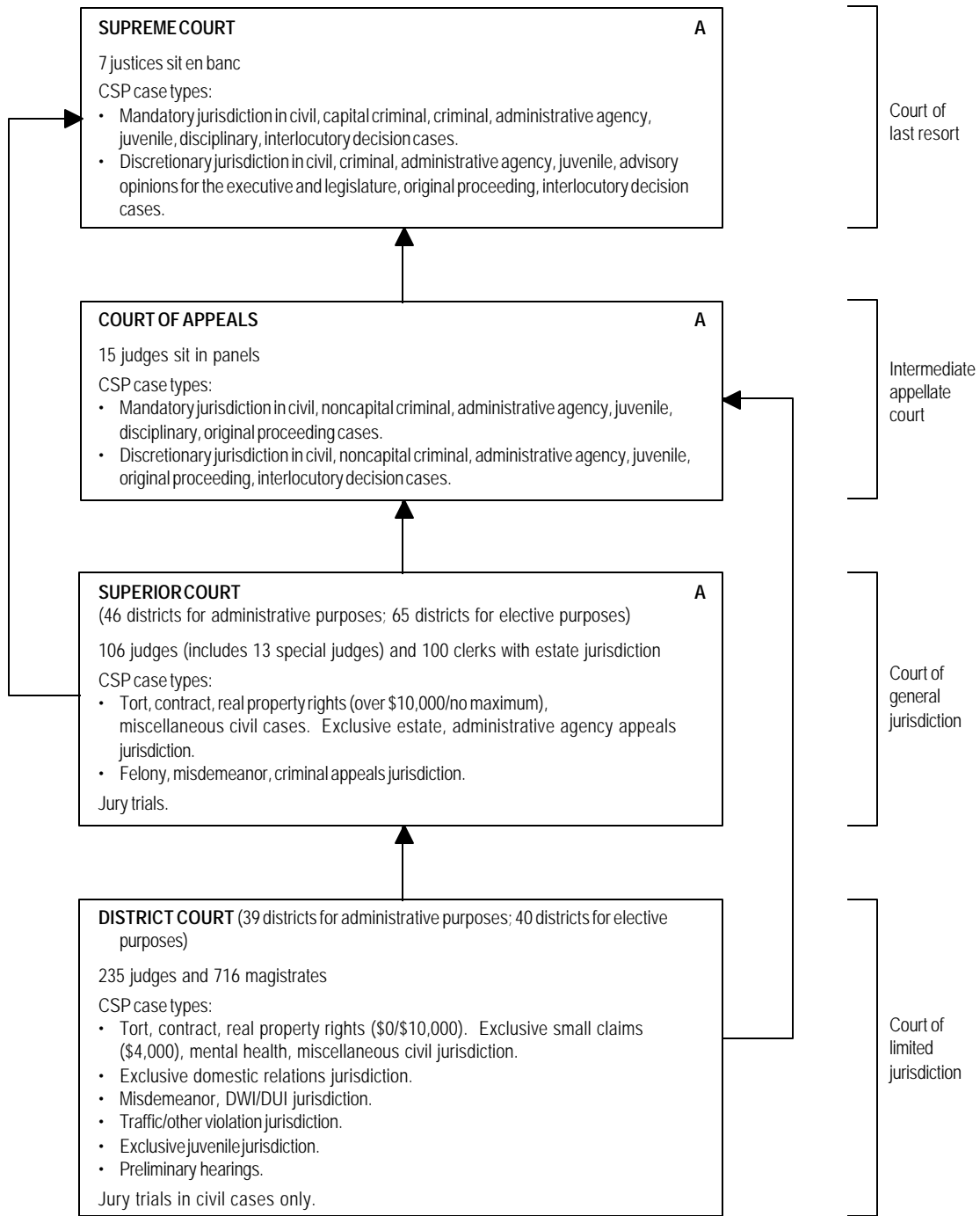


## NEW YORK COURT STRUCTURE, 2003\*

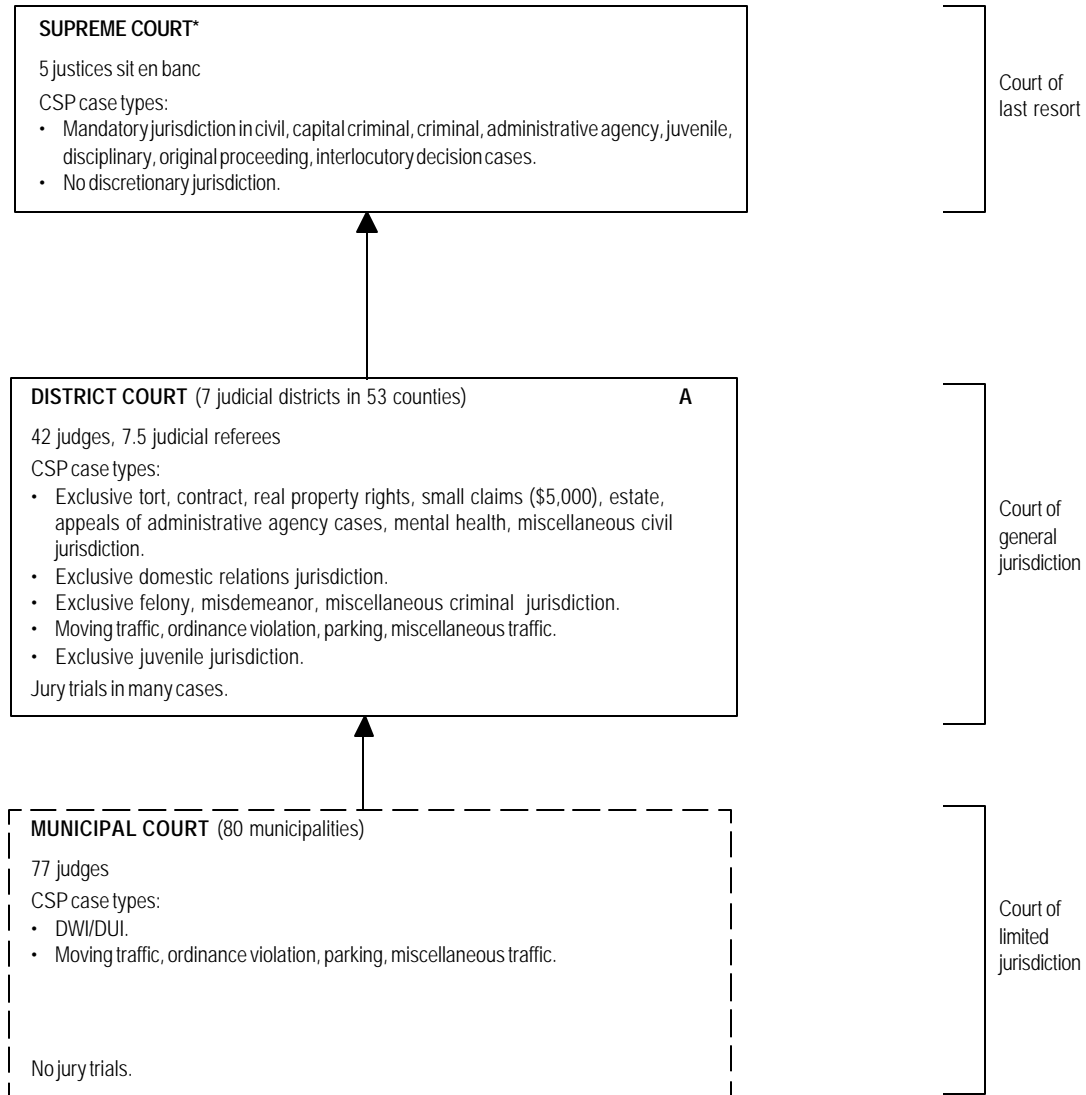


\* Unless otherwise noted, numbers reflect statutory authorization. Many judges sit in more than one court so the number of judgeships indicated in this chart does not reflect the actual number of judges in the system. Fifty County Court judges also serve Surrogates' Court and six County Court judges also serve Family Court.

## NORTH CAROLINA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

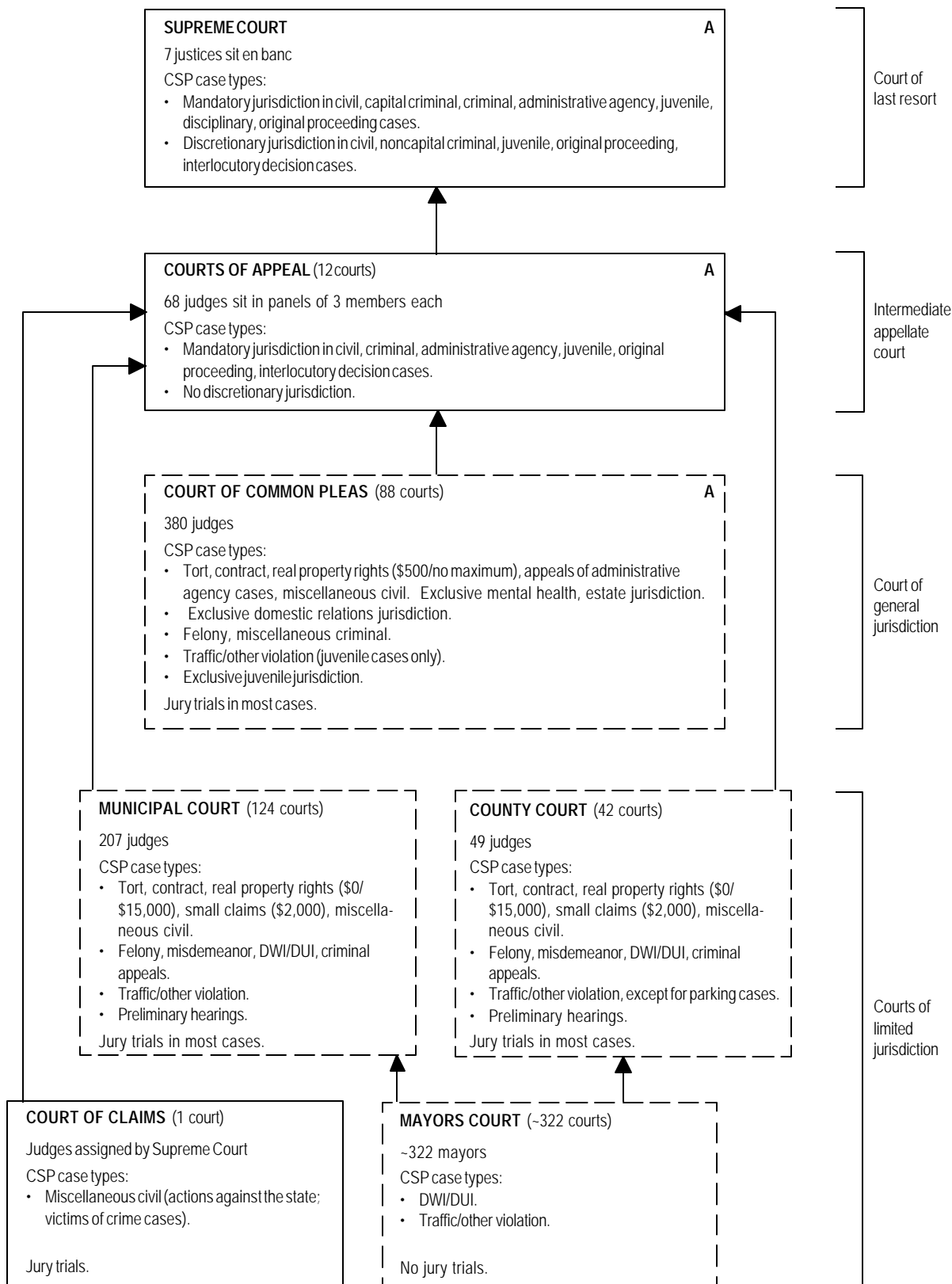


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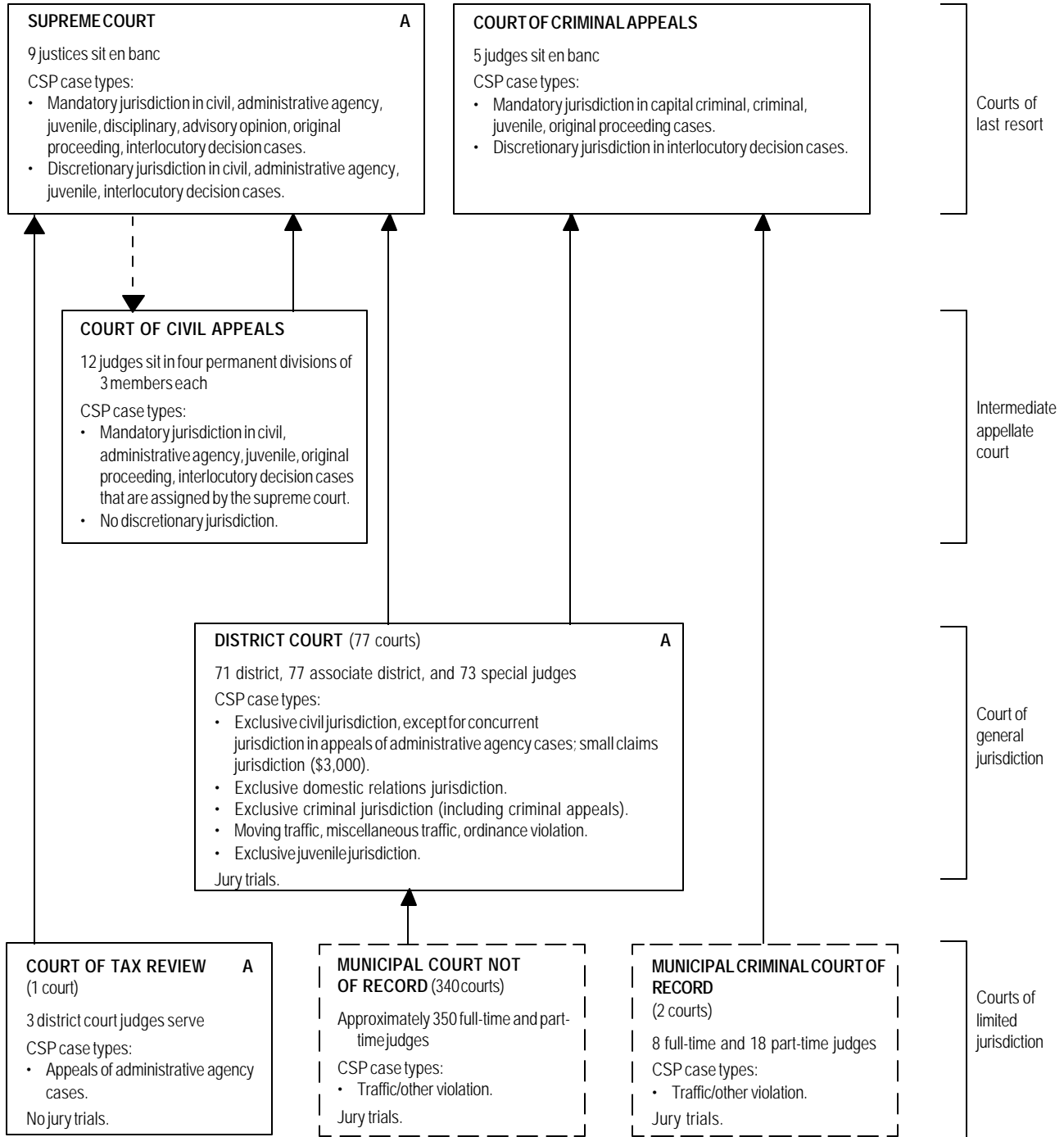


\* A temporary court of appeals was established July 1, 1987, to exercise appellate and original jurisdiction as delegated by the supreme court. This court does not sit, has no assigned judges, and has heard no appeals. It is currently unfunded.

## OHIO COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



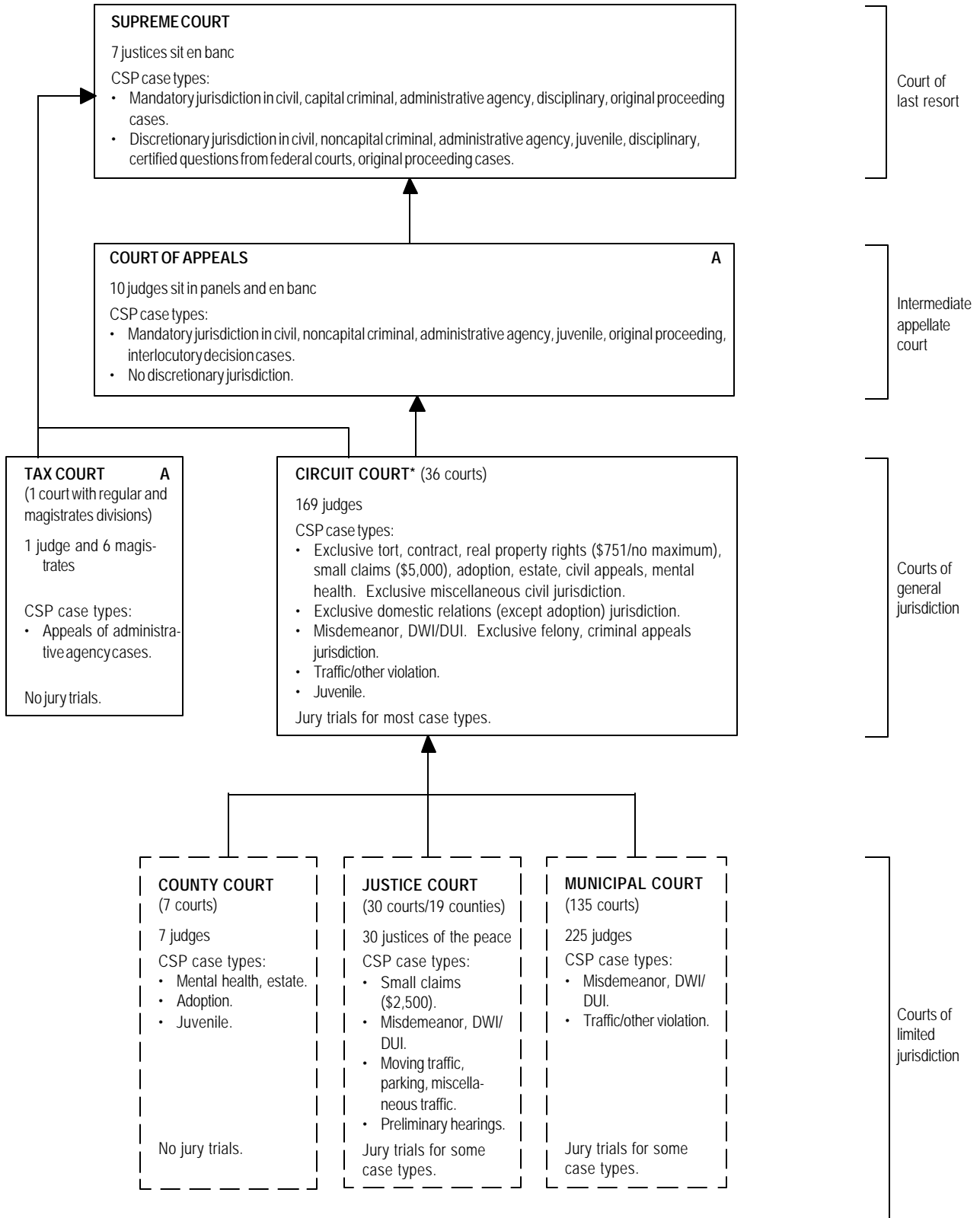
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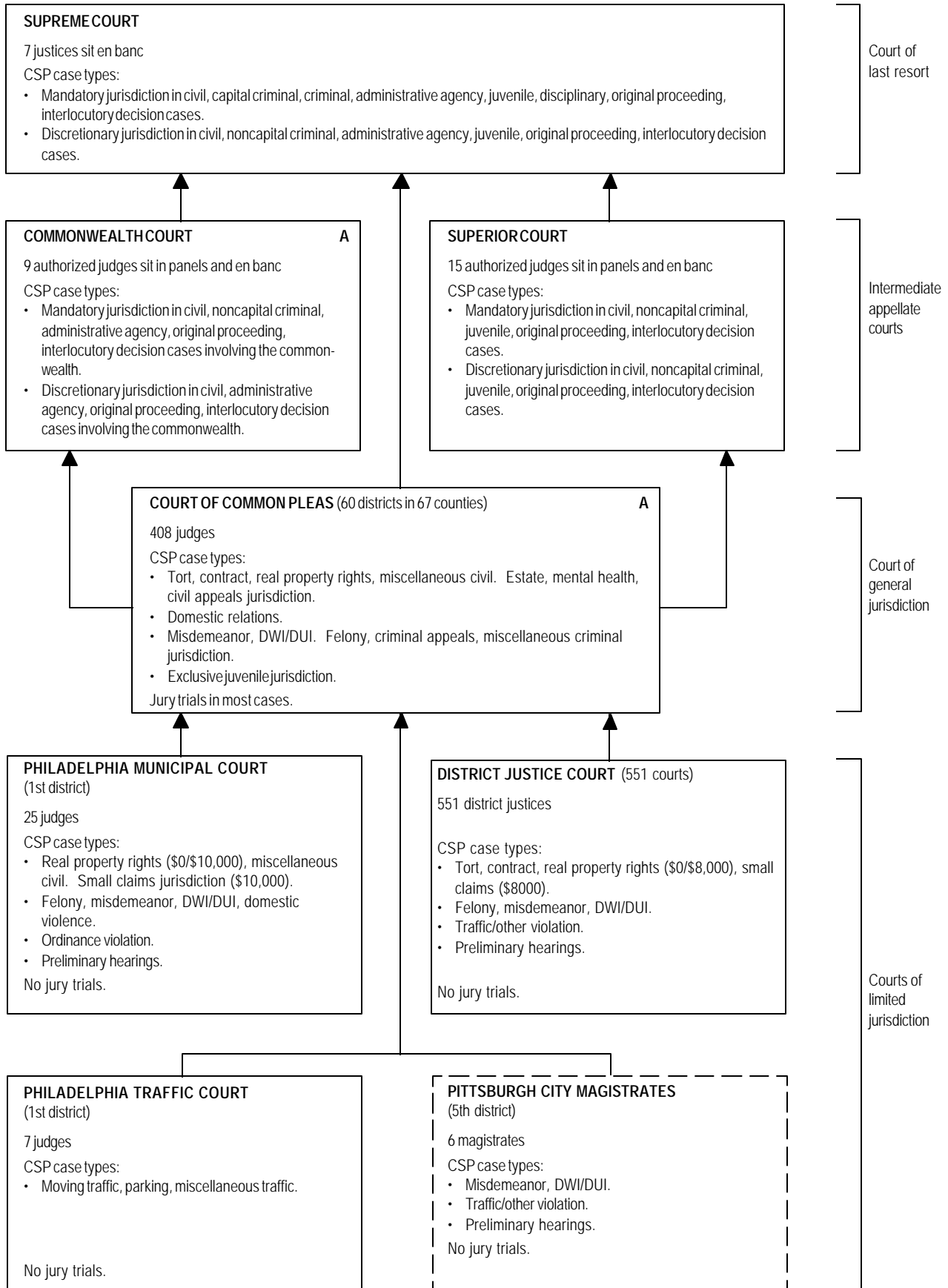
Note: Oklahoma has a workers' compensation court, which hears complaints that are handled exclusively by administrative agencies in other states.

## OREGON COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



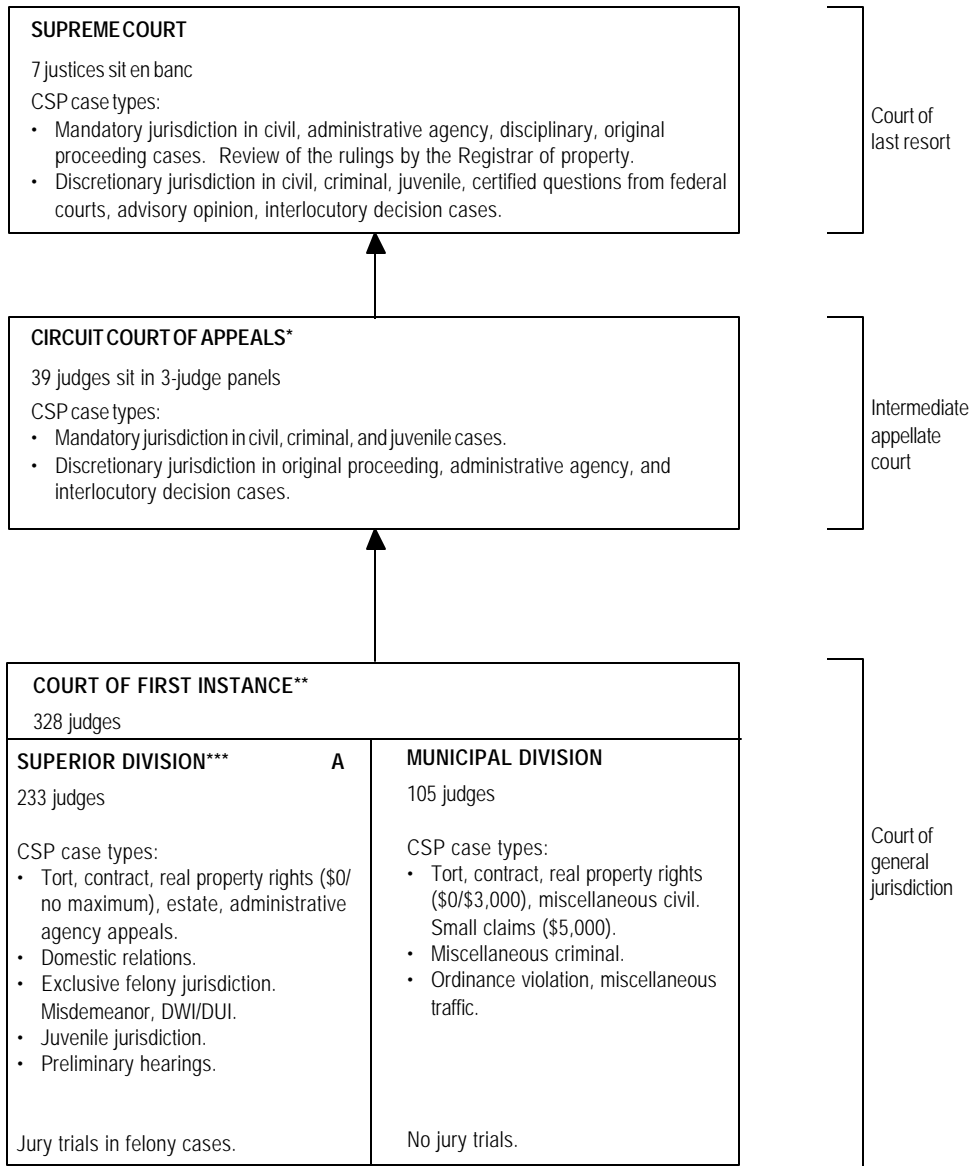
\* Effective January 15, 1998, all District Courts were eliminated and District judges became Circuit judges.

## PENNSYLVANIA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003





## PUERTO RICO COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

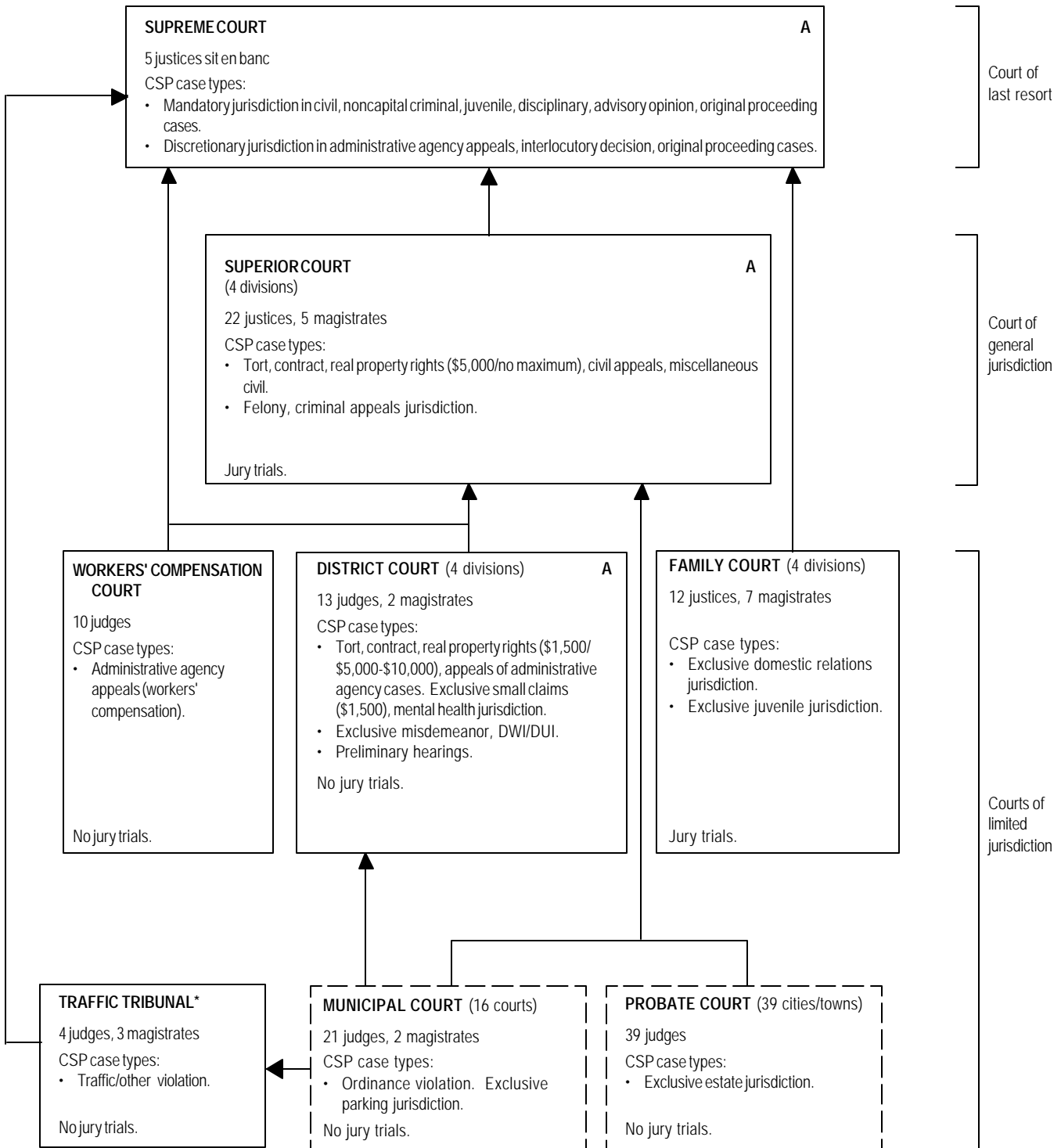


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\*\*Created in 1994; operational in 1995.

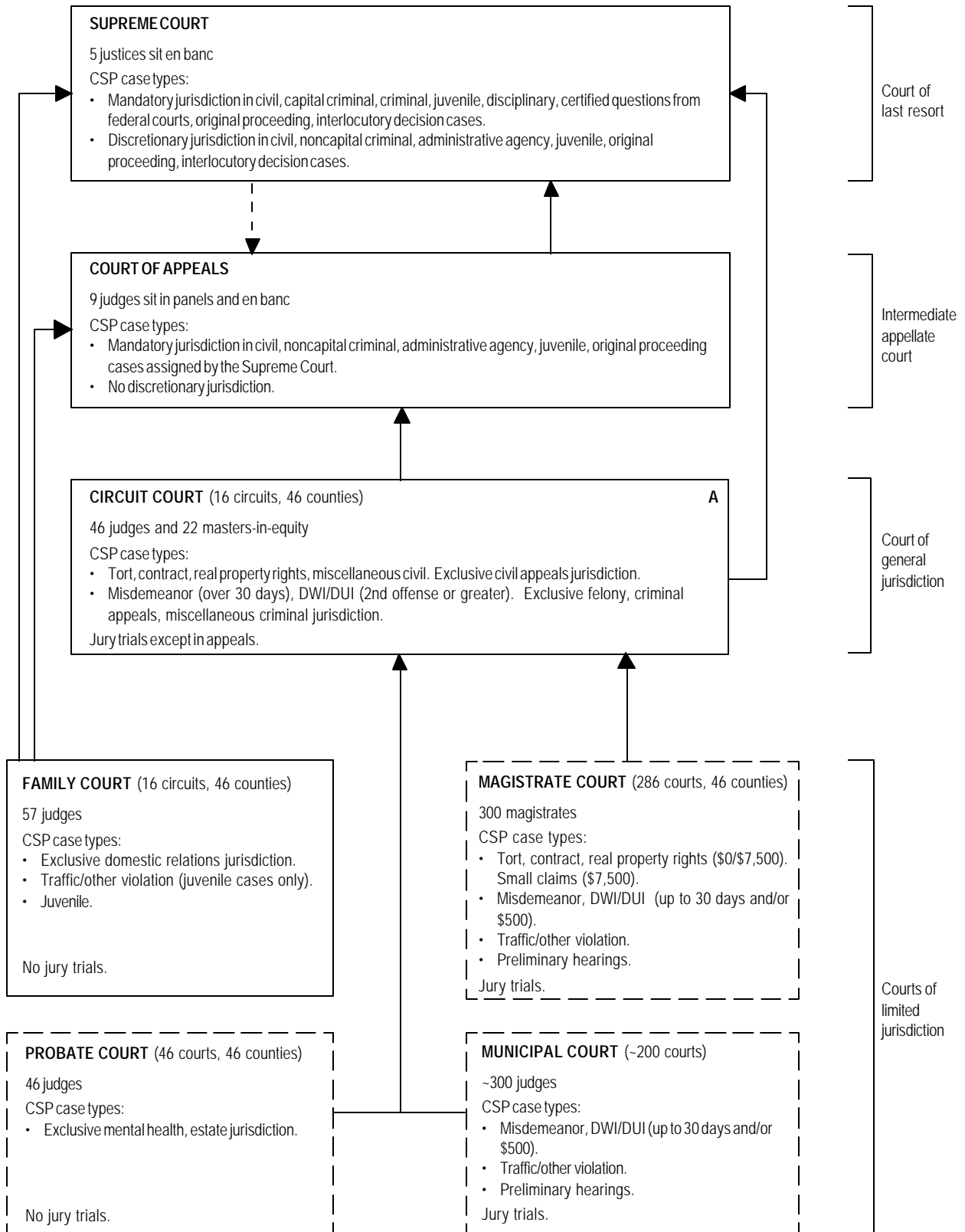
\*\*\*The Judicial Reform Act of 1994 established the abolition of the District Subsection. The District Subsection was abolished in 2002, and its functions were transferred to the Superior Division.

## RHODE ISLAND COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



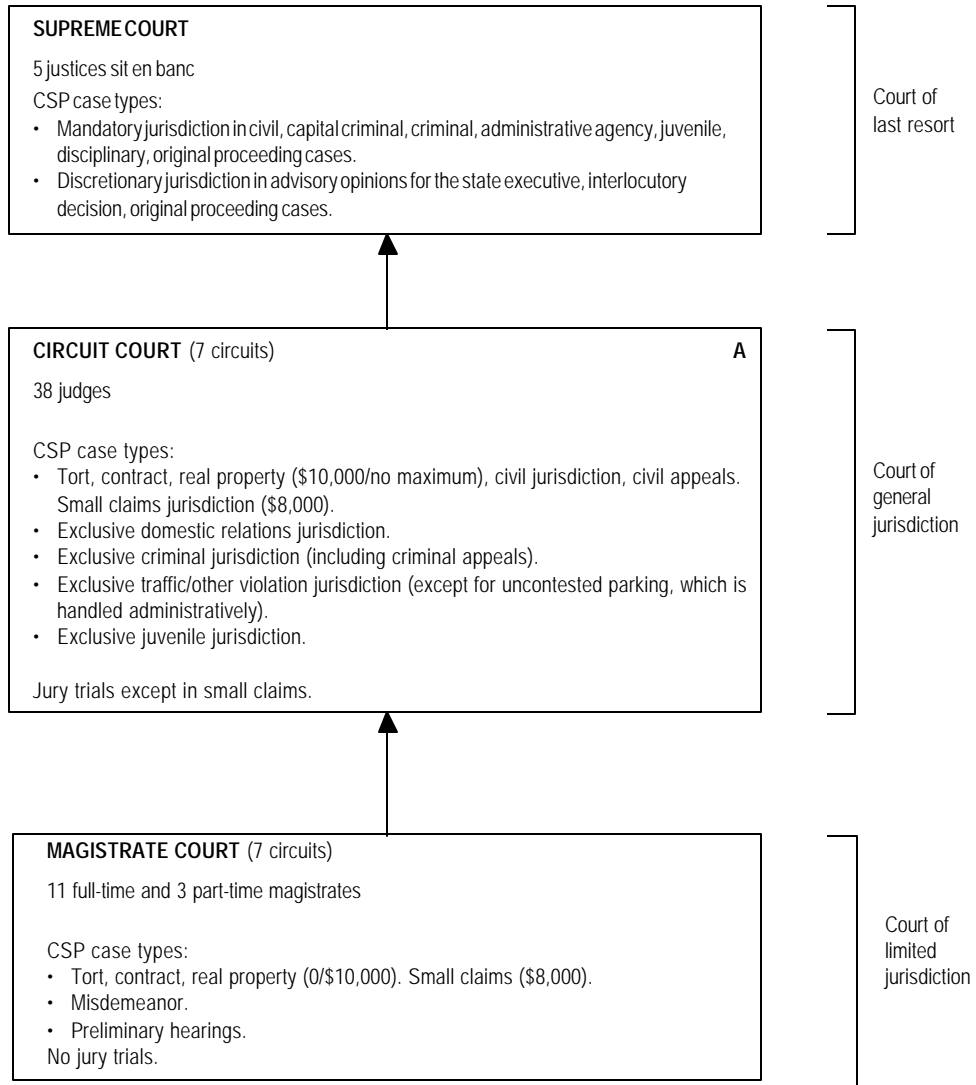
\* This court was formerly known as the Rhode Island Administrative Adjudication Court.

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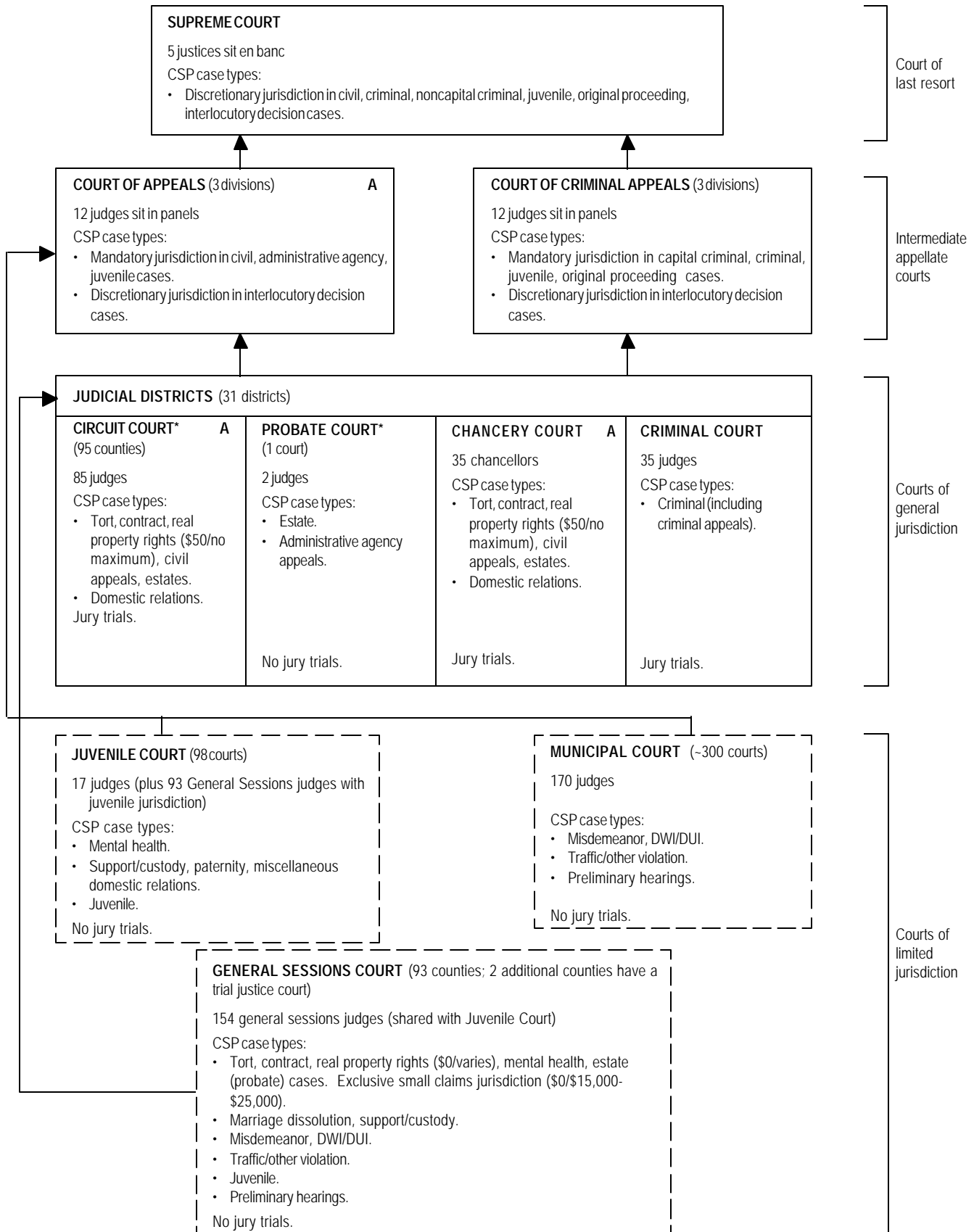


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## SOUTH DAKOTA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

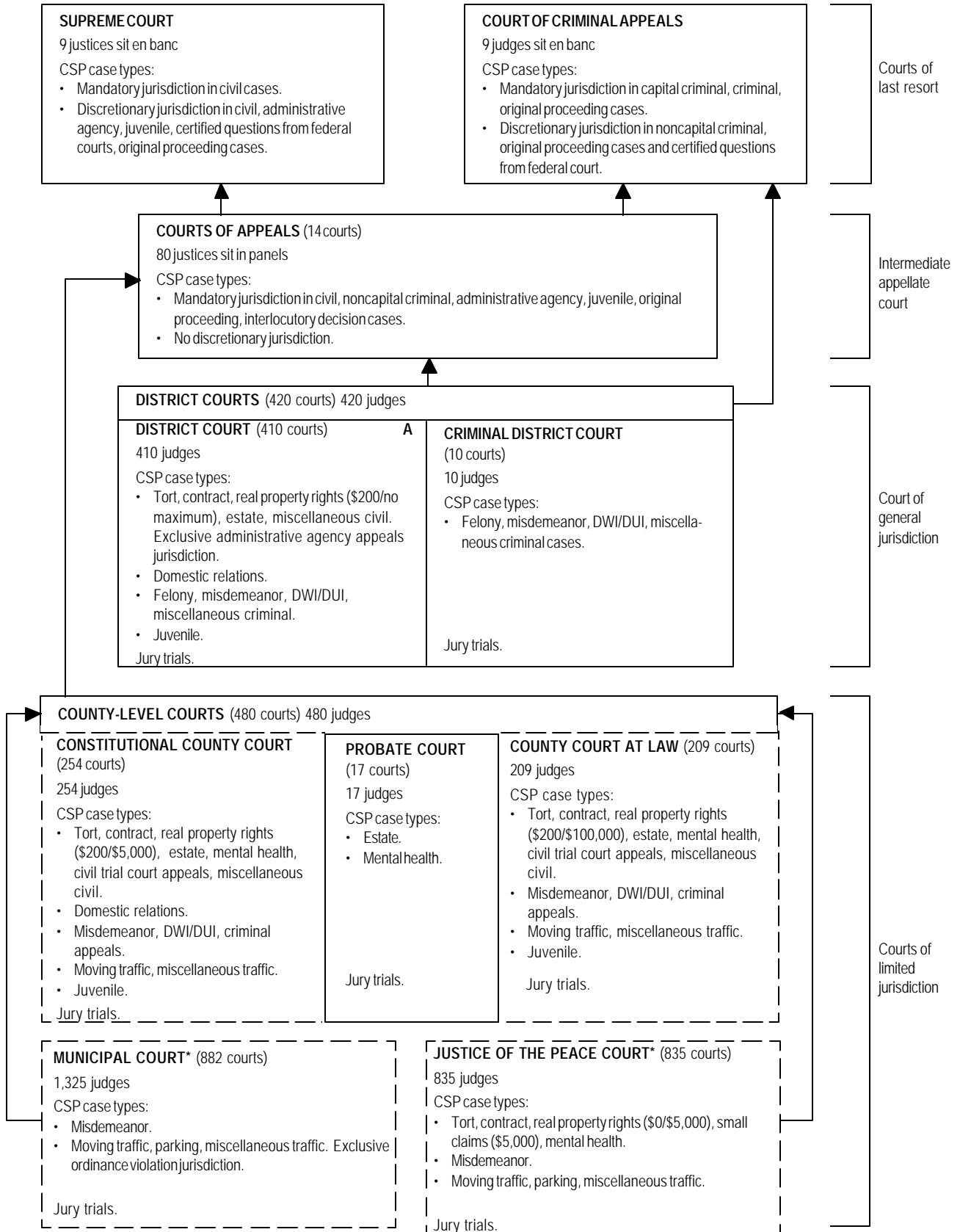


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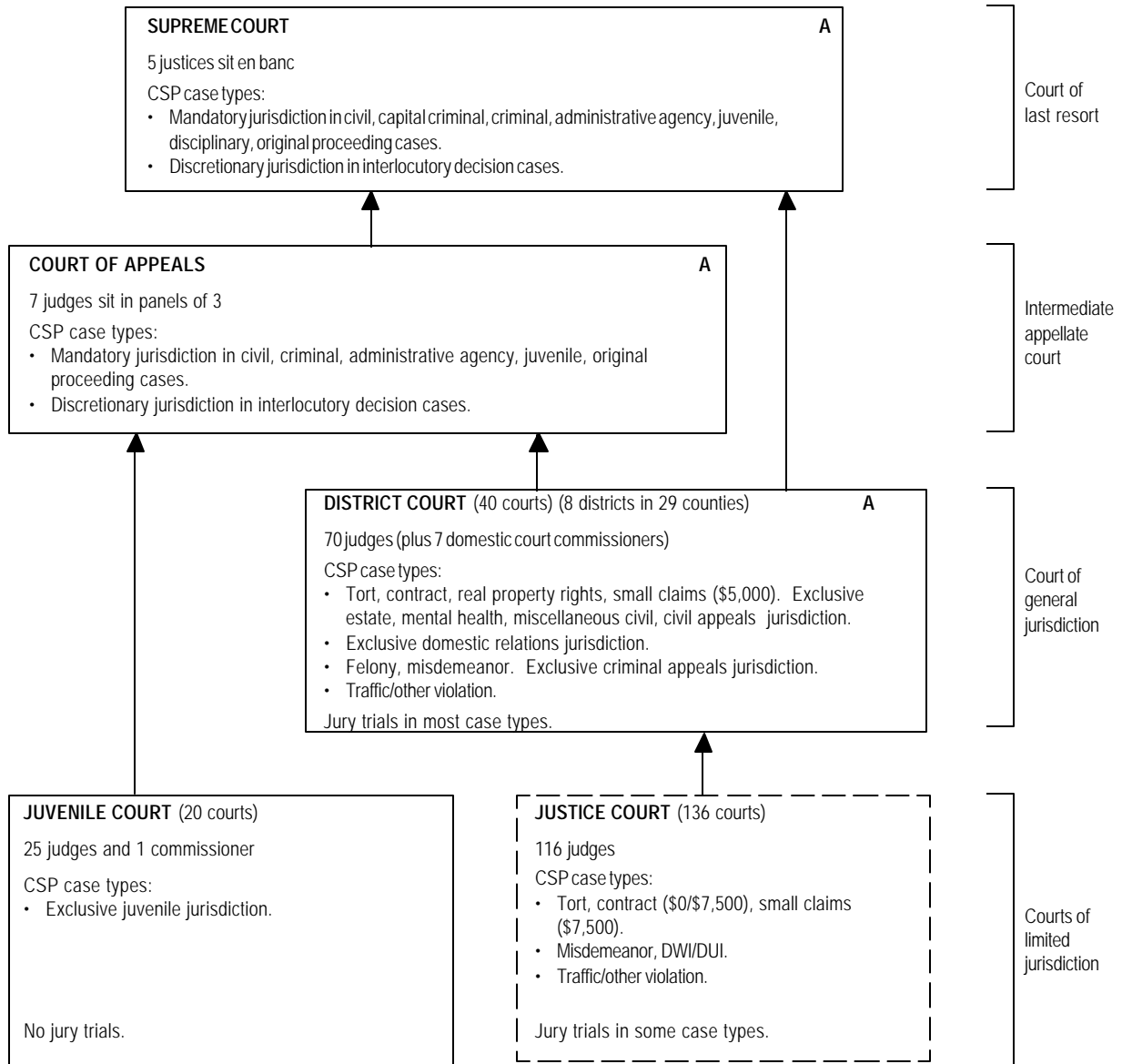
\* Effective September 1, 1998 Davidson County Probate Court became a Circuit Court with Probate jurisdiction.

## TEXAS COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

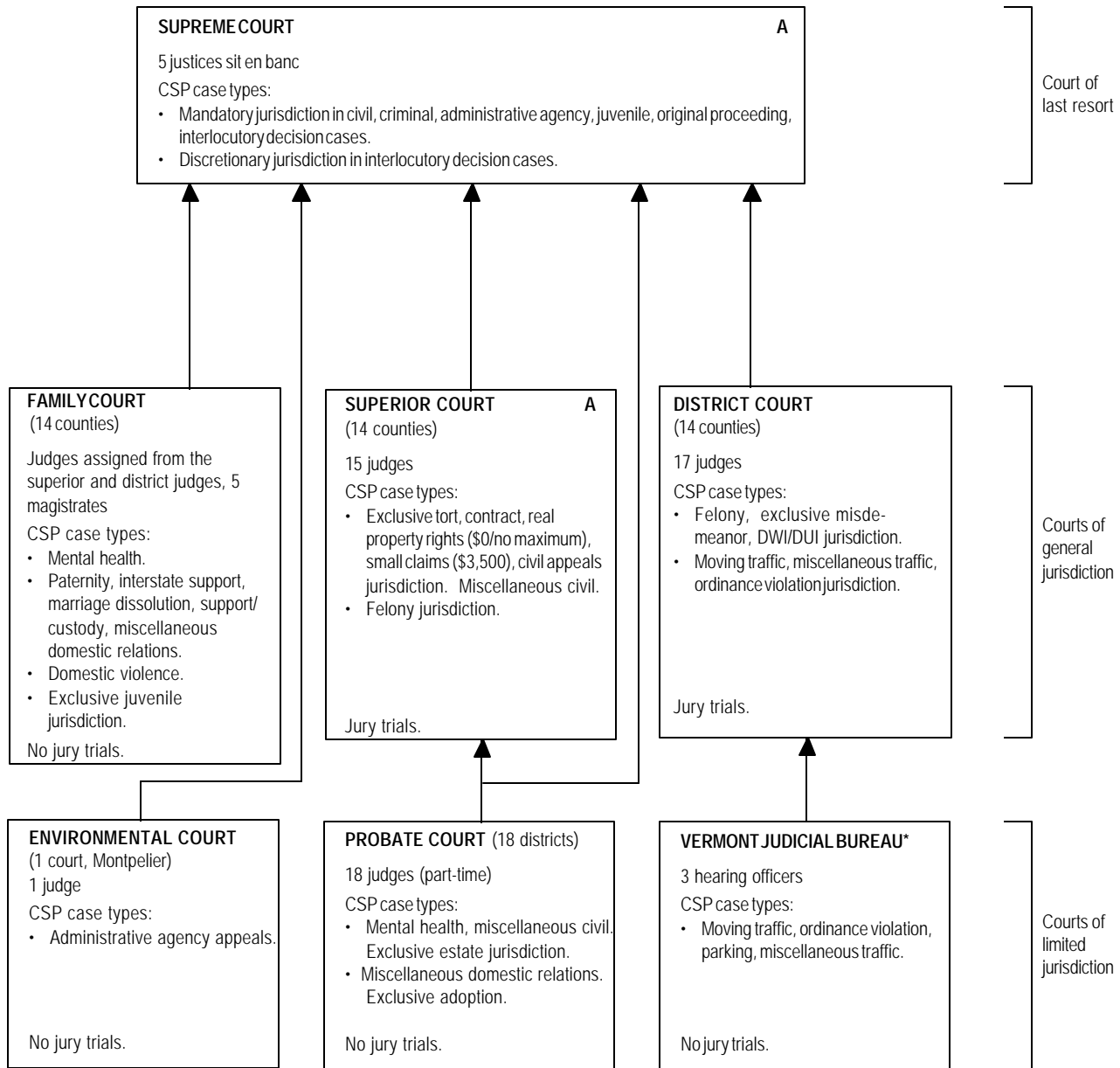


\* Some municipal and justice of the peace courts may appeal to the district court.

## UTAH COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



## VERMONT COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

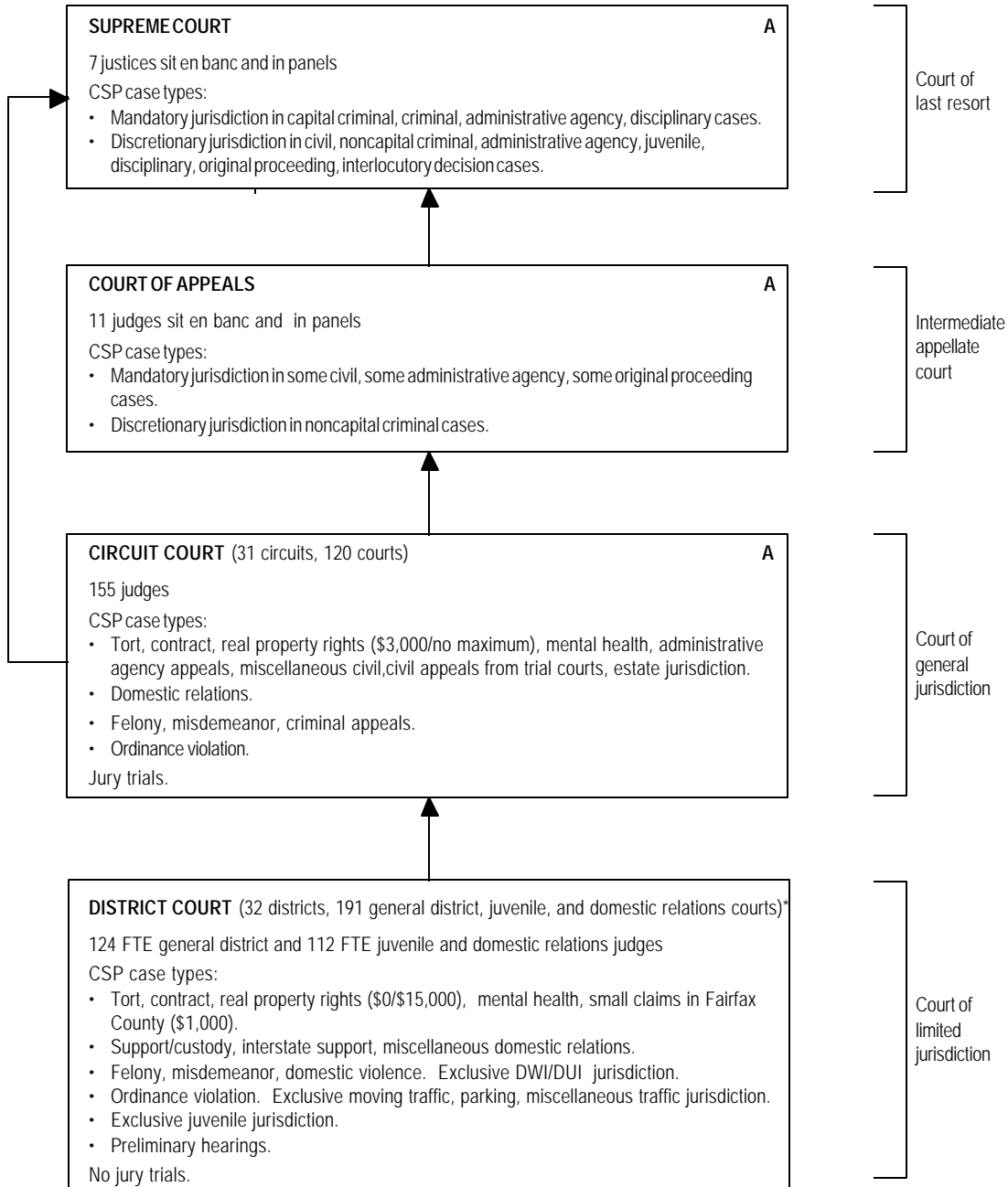


\* Renamed VERMONT JUDICIAL BUREAU as of 7/1/98, this court was formerly known as the Vermont Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau.

Note: An additional 28 assistant judges participate in findings of fact in Superior and Family Court cases. Some assistant judges, after special training, may hear small claims cases and traffic complaints, conduct criminal arraignments, and decide child support, parentage, and uncontested divorce proceedings. These assistant judges (who need not be attorneys) are elected to four-year terms by voters in Vermont's 14 counties.

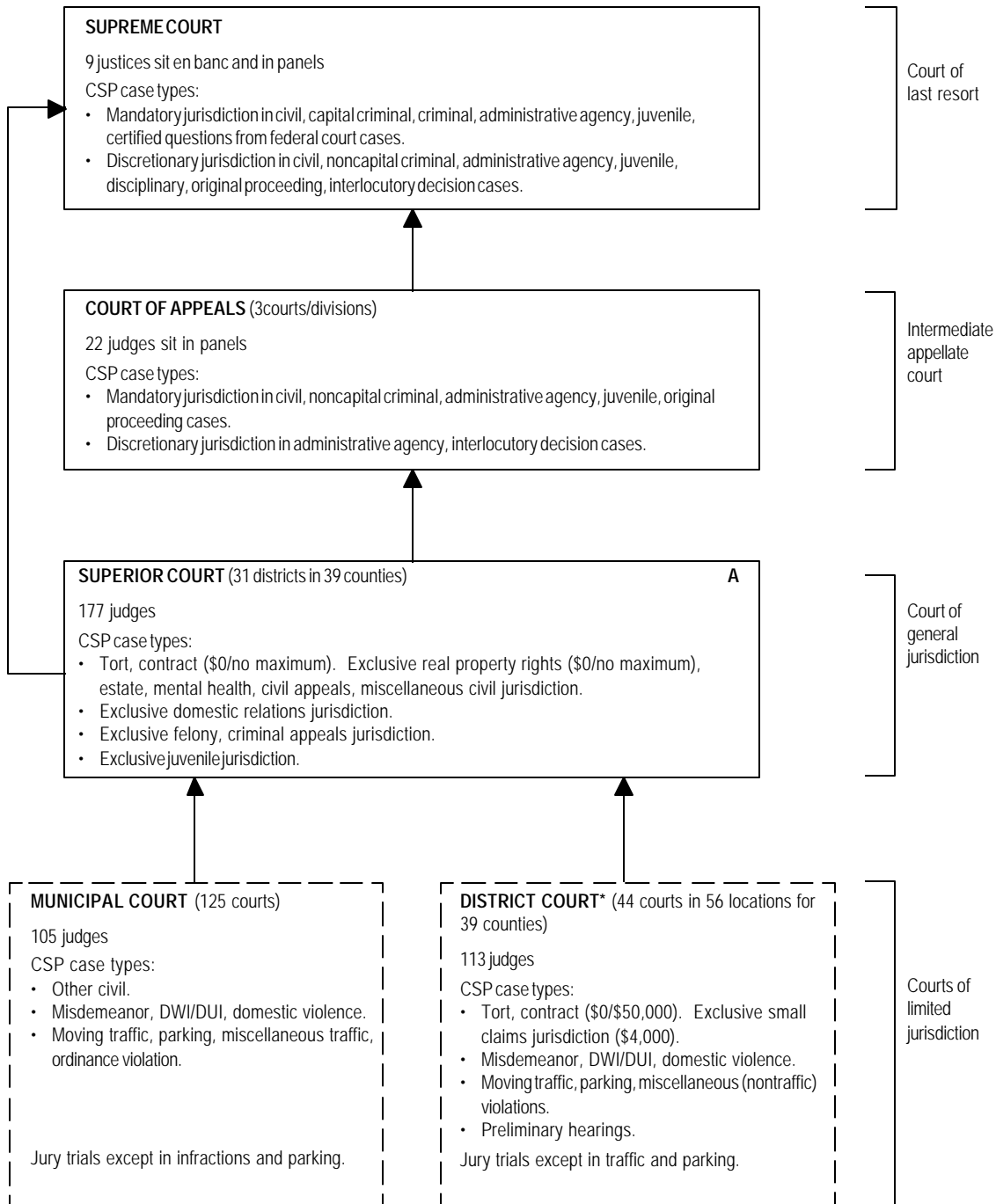


## VIRGINIA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



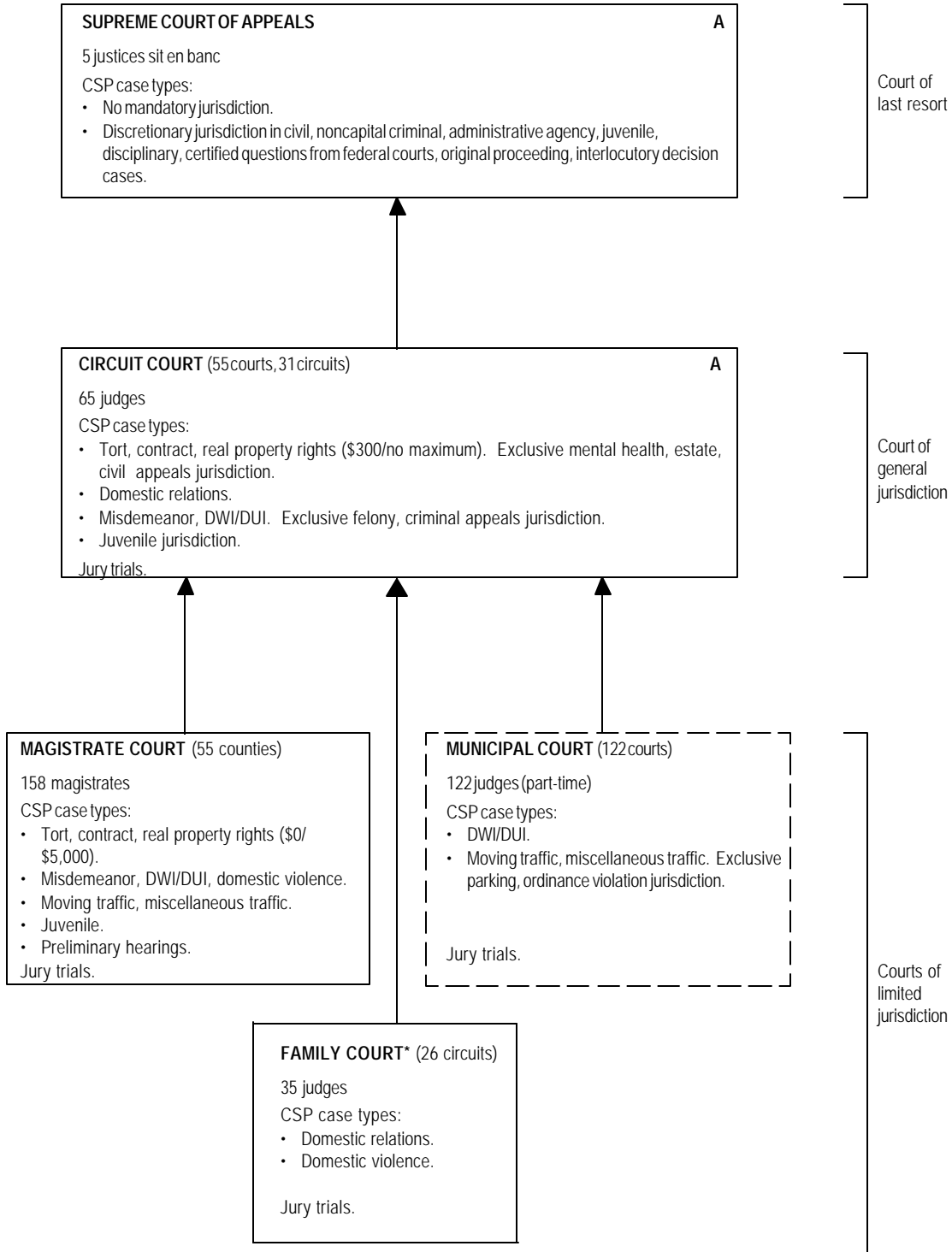
\* The district court is referred to as the juvenile and domestic relations court when hearing juvenile and domestic relations cases and as the general district court for the balance of the cases.

## WASHINGTON COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



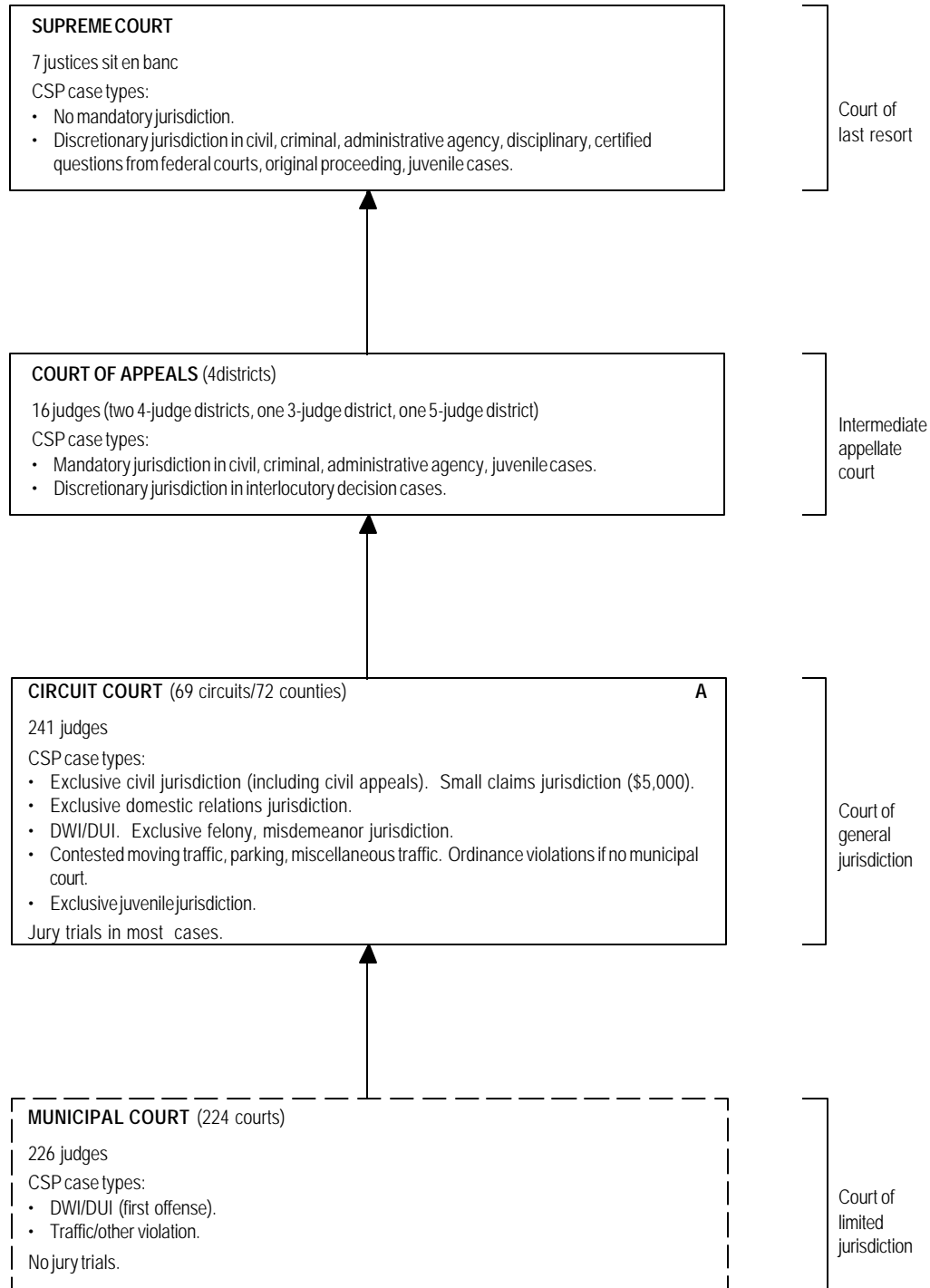
\* District court provides services to municipalities that do not have a municipal court.

## WEST VIRGINIA COURT STRUCTURE, 2003

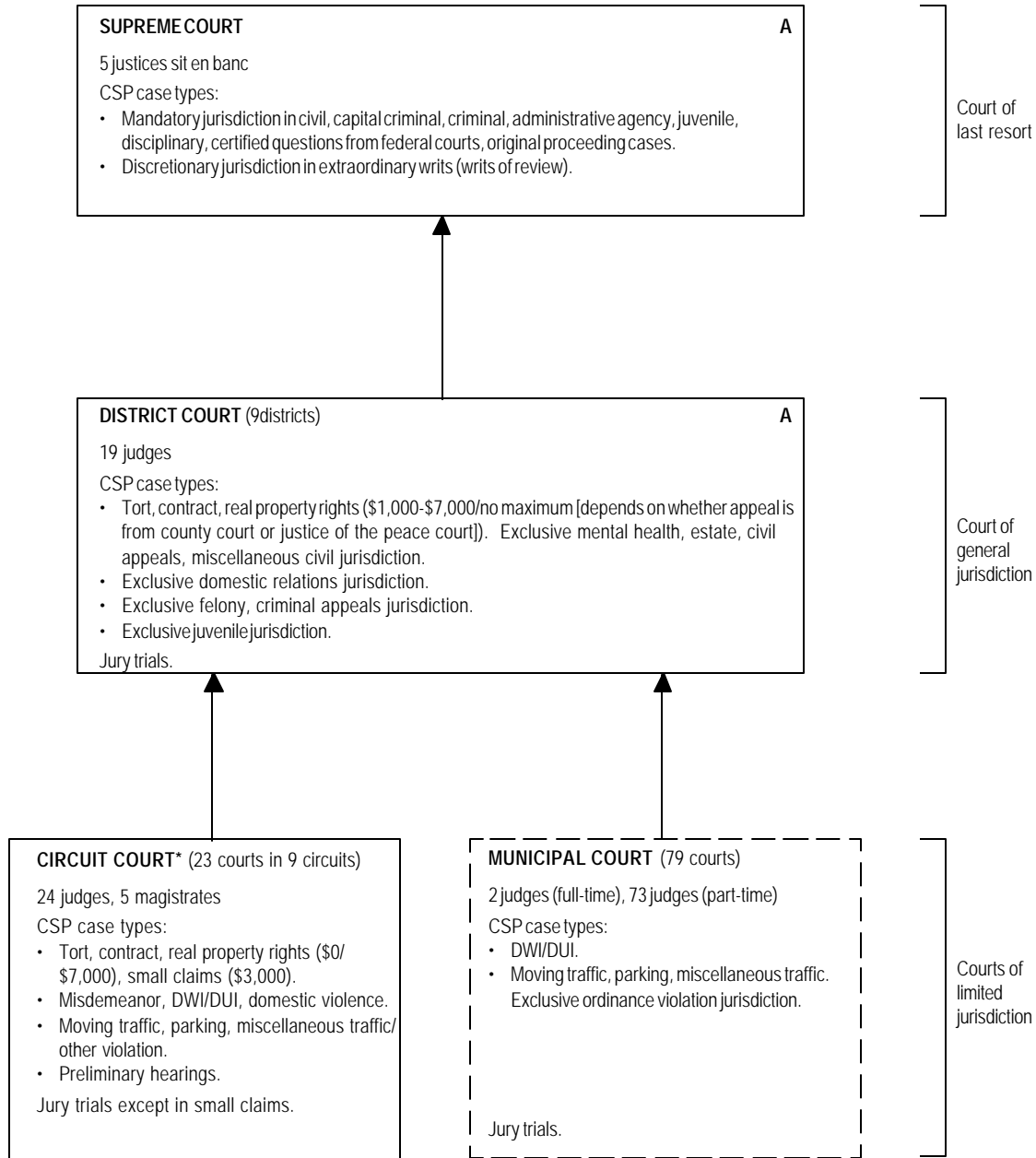


\*The Family Court was created in 2002.

## WISCONSIN COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



## WYOMING COURT STRUCTURE, 2003



\* County Courts were renamed Circuit Courts. Justice of the Peace courts were combined with the Circuit Courts in January 2003.



# **J**urisdiction and State Court Reporting Practices





**FIGURE A: Reporting Periods for All State Courts, 2003**

State	Reporting periods			
	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003	July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003	September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003	October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003
Alabama				X
Alaska		X		
Arizona		X		
Arkansas	X			
California		X		
Colorado		X		
Connecticut	X Probate Court	X		
Delaware		X		
District of Columbia	X			
Florida		X		
Georgia	X			
Hawaii		X		
Idaho	X			
Illinois	X			
Indiana	X	X Supreme Court		
Iowa	X			
Kansas		X		
Kentucky		X		
Louisiana	X			
Maine		X		
Maryland		X		
Massachusetts		X	X Supreme Judicial Court	
Michigan	X			
Minnesota	X			
Mississippi		X		
Missouri		X		
Montana	X			
Nebraska	X Supreme Court Court of Appeals District Court County Court Separate Juvenile	X Workers' Compensation Court		

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FIGURE A: Reporting Periods for All State Courts, 2003 (continued)

State	Reporting periods			
	January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003	July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003	September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003	October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003
Nevada		X	X Supreme Court	
New Hampshire	X			
New Jersey		X		
New Mexico		X		
New York	X			
North Carolina		X		
North Dakota	X			
Ohio	X			
Oklahoma		X		
Oregon	X			
Pennsylvania	X			
Puerto Rico		X		
Rhode Island	X			
South Carolina		X		
South Dakota		X		
Tennessee	X Juvenile Court Probate Court	X		
Texas			X	
Utah	X Juvenile Court	X		
Vermont		X		
Virginia	X			
Washington	X			
West Virginia	X			
Wisconsin	X			
Wyoming	X			

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, an "X" means that all of the trial and appellate courts in that state report data for the time period indicated by the column.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

**FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003**

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	The trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
<b>ALABAMA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
<b>ALASKA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
<b>ARIZONA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X-CR	O	O	X*	O	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X-CR*	X*	X*	X	O (except industrial cases & civil petition for special action)	X (only industrial cases & civil petition for special action)	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
<b>ARKANSAS:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	O	O	X	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	O	X	O
<b>CALIFORNIA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X*	X	O	O	X (death penalty only)	COLR (if petition for review of IAC)	X	O	O
Courts of Appeal	IAC	X	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
<b>COLORADO:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
<b>CONNECTICUT:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X (if motion to open)	O	O
Appellate Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X (if motion to open or if remand by COLR)	O	O
<b>DELAWARE:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:</b>										
Court of Appeals	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	The trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
FLORIDA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	IAC	X	O	O
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	(ADM. AGY. and Workers' Comp.)	X	O	O
GEORGIA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	X	O	X (notice of appeal)	O	O	X (if new appeal)
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	X	X	O	O
HAWAII:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	X (original proceedings)	O	O	X
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X (when assigned by COLR)	O	O	O	O	X
IDAHO:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X (appeal from trial court)	X (COLR if appeal from IAC)	X	O	X	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X (when assigned by COLR)	O	O	O	X	O
ILLINOIS:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Appellate Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
INDIANA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	O	X (any first filing, notice, record, brief, or motion)	X (only death penalty and/or sentence over 10 years)	X (if petition for transfer from IAC)	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X (any first filing)	X (praecipe)	O	O	O	X
Tax Court	IAC	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	O	X

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently is new case
		Notice of appeal	The trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
<b>IOWA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X	X	O	O
						(if appeal from trial court)	(COLR if appeal from IAC)			
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	TRANSFER (if appeal from trial court)	X	O	X	O	O
<b>KANSAS:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	O	X*	X	O	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X*	X	O	O	O	X
<b>KENTUCKY:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X	X	O	O
						(COLR if review is sought from IAC)				
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
<b>LOUISIANA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
<b>MAINE:</b>										
Supreme Judicial Court Sitting as Law Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	X
								(if remanded)		(if new appeal)
<b>MARYLAND:</b>										
Court of Appeals	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	X	O	O	X
						(if direct appeal)	(IAC if appeal from IAC)			
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	O	O	X
<b>MASSACHUSETTS:</b>										
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Appeals Court	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	O	X	O
								(if originally dismissed as premature)		

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently is new case
		Notice of appeal	The trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
MICHIGAN: Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	X
								(if remanded w/jurisdiction retained)	X	(if new appeal)
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	O	O	X
MINNESOTA: Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
MISSISSIPPI: Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X	O	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
					(when assigned by COLR)					
MISSOURI: Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
MONTANA: Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
		(notice plus any other filing: fee, record, motion)								
NEBRASKA: Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
NEVADA: Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
NEW HAMPSHIRE: Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X	X	O	O
								(if remanded & jurisdiction retained)		
NEW JERSEY: Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Appellate Division of Superior Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	The trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
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NEW MEXICO:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	O	X (within 30 days of notice)	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X (within 30 days of notice)	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
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NEW YORK:										
Court of Appeals	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	X
Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	X (if remitted for specific issues)	O	X (if remanded for a new trial)
Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
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NORTH CAROLINA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X (if direct appeal)	X (COLR if appeal from IAC)	X (if petition to rehear)	X	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	X (if reconsidering dismissal)	X	O
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NORTH DAKOTA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	X
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OHIO:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	IAC	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X*	O	X	O	O
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OKLAHOMA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X*	O	O	O	X	O	X*	O	X*
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	O (notice plus transcript)	X	O	O	X	O	X*	O	X*
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	TRANSFER	O	COLR	X*		O X*
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OREGON:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	The trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
<b>PENNSYLVANIA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X (direct appeal only)	O	O	X (discretionary certiorari granted)	X	X	X (if reinstated to enforce order)	X (if new appeal)	O
Superior Court	IAC	O	O	O	X (when notice of appeal is filed in appellate court)	X	O	X	O	O
Commonwealth Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	X	O (ADM. AGY.)	O	X
<b>PUERTO RICO:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X	YES, IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	X	YES, IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
<b>RHODE ISLAND:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	X
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	TRANSFER	O	O	X	O	O
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
<b>TENNESSEE:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X (Court of Appeals)	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X (Court of Criminal Appeals)	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
<b>TEXAS:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	O	O	O	X (any first filing)	X	X (Court of Crim. Appeals)	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		

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State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	The trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
<b>UTAH:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X (ADM. AGY.)	O	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	X	O
<b>VERMONT:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X (if dismissed & reinstated)	O	X (if after final decision or if statistical period has ended)
<b>VIRGINIA:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
<b>WASHINGTON:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
<b>WEST VIRGINIA:</b>										
Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X (counted as new filings as of 8/86)	O	O
<b>WISCONSIN:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	O	X (when accepted by court)	O	X	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	X
<b>WYOMING:</b>										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O

ADM. AGY. = Administrative agency cases only.  
 CR = Criminal cases only.  
 CV = Civil cases only.  
 DP = Death penalty cases only.  
 COLR = Court of last resort.  
 IAC = Intermediate appellate court.  
 X = Yes  
 O = No

**FOOTNOTES\***

Arizona-Supreme Court: Civil cases are counted when the fee is paid within 30 days after trial record is filed.  
 Court of Appeals: Civil cases are counted when the fee is paid within 30 days after trial record is filed. Juvenile/industrial/habeas corpus cases are counted at receipt of notice or at receipt of the trial record.

California-Supreme Court: Cases are counted at the notice of appeal for discretionary review cases from the IAC.

Kansas: Cases are counted at the docketing, which occurs 21 days after a notice of appeal is filed in the trial court.

Ohio-Court of Appeals: The clerk of the trial court is also the clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Oklahoma: The notice of appeal refers to the petition in error. The courts do not count reinstated cases as new filings, but do count any subsequent appeal of an earlier decided case as a new filing.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

**FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount	Limited dollar amount	Small claims			
		torts, contracts, real property	torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum				
<b>ALABAMA:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$3,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	\$3,000/\$10,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Optional
<b>ALASKA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$50,000	\$7,500	No	Yes	Yes
<b>ARIZONA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	\$5,000-\$10,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace	L	-	0/\$5,000-\$10,000	\$2,500	No	Yes	No
<b>ARKANSAS:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$100/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$5,000 (contract and personal property)	\$5,000	No	Yes	No
City Court	L	-	0/\$5,000 (contract and personal property)	-	-	-	-
<b>CALIFORNIA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	\$25,000/No maximum	0/\$25,000 (limited jurisdiction division)	\$5,000	No	Yes	No
<b>COLORADO:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Water Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$7,500	No	Yes	No
<b>CONNECTICUT:</b>							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$2,500	No	Yes	Yes
<b>DELAWARE:</b>							
Court of Chancery	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Court of Common Pleas	L	-	0/\$50,000	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$15,000	No	Yes	Yes
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	\$5,001/No maximum (No minimum for real property)	-	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>FLORIDA:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$15,001/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	\$5,001/\$15,000	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes

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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount	Limited dollar amount	Small claims			
		torts, contracts, real property	torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum				
<b>GEORGIA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	No max	Yes	No	Yes
State Court	L	0/No maximum (No real property)	-	No max	Yes	No	Yes
Civil Court (Bibb & Richmond counties only)	L	-	0/\$7,500 - 0/\$25,000 (Bibb) - (Richmond)	\$25,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Magistrate Court	L	-	0/\$5,000 (No real property)	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court (Columbus)	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$15,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>HAWAII:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$10,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$20,000 (No maximum in summary possession or ejectment)	\$3,500 (Except in residential security de- posit cases)	No	Yes	Yes
<b>IDAHO:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrates Division	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$4,000	No	Yes	No
<b>ILLINOIS:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$2,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>INDIANA:</b>							
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
County Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	-	-	\$6,000	No	Yes	Yes
City Court	L	-	0/\$500- \$3,000 (No real property)	-	-	-	-
<b>IOWA:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
<b>KANSAS:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$1,800	No	Yes	No
<b>KENTUCKY:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$4,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$4,000	\$1,500	No	Yes	Yes
<b>LOUISIANA:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
City Court, Parish Court (New Orleans City Court)	L	-	0/\$10,000-\$20,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
(Alexandria City Court)	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
Justice of the Peace Court	L	-	0/\$35,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
	L	-	0/\$3,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes

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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount	Limited dollar amount	Small claims			
		torts, contracts, real property	torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum				
<b>MAINE:</b>							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$4,500	No	Yes	Yes
<b>MARYLAND:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$2,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	0/No maximum (only real property)	\$2,500/\$25,000 (only tort, contract)	\$2,500	No	Yes	Yes
<b>MASSACHUSETTS:</b>							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Housing Court	L	0/No maximum	-	\$2,000	No	No	Yes
District Court	L	0/No maximum	-	\$2,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boston Municipal Court	L	0/No maximum	-	\$2,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Land Court	L	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MICHIGAN:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$25,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$1,500 (\$3,000 if approved by local funding unit)	\$100 (\$600 if approved)	No	Yes	No
<b>MINNESOTA:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$7,500	No	Yes	Yes
<b>MISSISSIPPI:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$200/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Chancery Court	L	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$75,000	-	-	-	-
Justice Court	L	-	0/\$2,500	-	-	-	-
<b>MISSOURI:</b>							
Circuit Court (Associate Division)	G L	0/No maximum -	- 0/\$25,000	- \$3,000	- No	- Yes	- Yes
<b>MONTANA:</b>							
District Court	G	\$50/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace	L	-	0/\$7,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$7,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
City Court	L	-	0/\$7,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
<b>NEBRASKA:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$2,100	No	Yes	No
<b>NEVADA:</b>							
District Court	G	\$7,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice Court	L	-	0/\$7,500	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$2,500	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE:</b>							
Superior Court	G	\$1,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$25,000 (up to \$50,000 with Supreme Court approval)	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes

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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount	Limited dollar amount	Small claims			
		torts, contracts, real property	torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum				
<b>NEW JERSEY:</b>							
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division)	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
(Law Division, Special Civil Part)	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$3,000 (\$5,000 for security deposit demand cases)	No	Yes	Yes
<b>NEW MEXICO:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	-	-	-	-
Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County	L	-	0/\$10,000	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW YORK:</b>							
Supreme Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	G	-	0/\$25,000	-	-	-	-
Civil Court of the City of New York	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$3,000	-	Yes	Yes
City Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$3,000	-	Yes	Yes
District Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$3,000	-	Yes	Yes
Court of Claims	L	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Town Court and Village Justice Court	L	-	0/\$3,000	\$3,000	-	Yes	Yes
<b>NORTH CAROLINA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	\$10,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$4,000	No	Yes	Yes
<b>NORTH DAKOTA:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
<b>OHIO:</b>							
Court of Common Pleas	G	\$500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
<b>OKLAHOMA:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$3,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>OREGON:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$751/No maximum	-	\$5,000	-	-	-
Justice Court	L	-	-	\$2,500	No	Yes	No
<b>PENNSYLVANIA:</b>							
Court of Common Pleas	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Justice	L	-	0/\$8,000	\$8,000	No	Yes	Yes
Philadelphia Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$10,000 (real property jurisdiction only)	\$10,000	No	Yes	Yes

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FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 2003  
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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount	Limited dollar amount	Small claims			
		torts, contracts, real property	torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum				
<b>PUERTO RICO:</b>							
Court of First Instance	G						
Superior Division		\$0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Municipal Division		-	0/\$3,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
<b>RHODE ISLAND:</b>							
Superior Court	G	\$5,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	\$1,500/\$5,000- \$10,000	\$1,500	No	Yes	Yes
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$7,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	0/\$7,500 (No max. in landlord-tenant)	\$7,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$8,000	No	Yes	Yes
Magistrate Court	L		0/\$10,000	\$8,000	No	Yes	Yes
<b>TENNESSEE:</b>							
Circuit Court, Chancery Court	G	\$50/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
General Sessions Court	L	0/No maximum (Forcible entry, detainer, and in actions to recover personal property)	0/\$15,000 (All civil actions in counties with population under 700,000); 0/\$25,000 (All civil actions in counties with popula- tion over 700,000)	\$15,000- 25,000	No	Yes	Yes
<b>TEXAS:</b>							
District Court	G	\$200/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court	L	-	\$200/\$100,000	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace	L	-	0/\$5,000	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>UTAH:</b>							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice Court	L	-	0/\$7,500	\$7,500	No	Yes	Yes
<b>VERMONT:</b>							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$3,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>VIRGINIA:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$3,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	-	-	-	-
<b>WASHINGTON:</b>							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$50,000	\$4,000	No	Yes	No
<b>WEST VIRGINIA:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	\$300/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	0/\$5,000	-	-	-	-

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FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 2003  
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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount	Limited dollar amount	Small claims			
		torts, contracts, real property	torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum				
<b>WISCONSIN:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>WYOMING:</b>							
District Court	G	\$1,000-\$7,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Circuit Court	L	-	0/\$7,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes

**JURISDICTION CODES:**

- G = General jurisdiction court.
- L = Limited jurisdiction court.
- = Information not available.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

**FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document		
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)
<b>ALABAMA:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	Information/Indictment	X				X
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X
Municipal Court	L	Complaint/warrant	X				X
<b>ALASKA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	Indictment	X		multiple charges		X
District Court	L	Complaint	X		multiple counts		X
<b>ARIZONA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X
Justice of the Peace Court	L	Complaint			Varies with jurisdiction*		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint			Varies with jurisdiction*		
<b>ARKANSAS:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X
District Court	L	Complaint	X		X		
City Court	L	Complaint	X		X		
<b>CALIFORNIA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	Complaint/indictment	X				X
<b>COLORADO:</b>							
District Court	G	Information/advisement	X				X
County Court	L	Complaint/summons	X				X
<b>CONNECTICUT:</b>							
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X
<b>DELAWARE:</b>							
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X
Family Court	L	Complaint	X				X
Justice of the Peace Court	L	Complaint	X				X
Court of Common Pleas	L	Complaint	X				X
Alderman's Court	L	Complaint	X		X		
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:</b>							
Superior Court	G	Complaint/information/indictment	X				X
<b>FLORIDA:</b>							
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				(prosecutor decides)
County Court	L	Complaint	X				X

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
<b>GEORGIA:</b>								
Superior Court	G	Indictment/accusation		X			X	
State Court	L	Accusation/citation		X			X	
Magistrate Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
Probate Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
County Recorder's Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
Municipal Courts and the City Court of Atlanta	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
<b>HAWAII:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/indictment	X				X	(most serious charge)
District Court	L	Information/complaint	X		X			
<b>IDAHO:</b>								
District Court	G	Citation		X				X
Magistrates Division	L	Information/complaint		X				X
<b>ILLINOIS:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment		X			X	
<b>INDIANA:</b>								
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	(may not be consistent)
County Court	L	Information/complaint	X				X	(may not be consistent)
City Court and Town Court	L	Information/complaint	X				X	(may not be consistent)
<b>IOWA:</b>								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
<b>KANSAS:</b>								
District Court	G	First appearance	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	First appearance	X				X	
<b>KENTUCKY:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint/citation	X				X	
<b>LOUISIANA:</b>								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	Varies			Varies		
Family and Juvenile	G	Information/complaint	X				X	
City and Parish Court	L	Information/complaint	X				X	
<b>MAINE:</b>								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	G	Information/complaint	X				X	

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
<b>MARYLAND:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	L	Citation/information/docket	X				X	
<b>MASSACHUSETTS:</b>								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
Housing Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Boston Municipal Ct.	L	Complaint	X				X	
Juvenile Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
<b>MICHIGAN:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Information	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
<b>MINNESOTA:</b>								
District Court	G	First appearance	X				X*	
<b>MISSISSIPPI:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Indictment	X				X	
County Court	L	Indictment	X				X	
Justice Court	L	Indictment	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Indictment	X				X	
<b>MISSOURI:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment		X			X	
(Associate Division)	L	Complaint/Information		X			X	
<b>MONTANA:</b>								
District Court	G	Information/indictment		X			X	
Justice of Peace Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
City Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
<b>NEBRASKA:</b>								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	(not consistently observed statewide)
County Court	L	Information/complaint	X				X	
<b>NEVADA:</b>								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
Justice Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE:</b>								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
<b>NEW JERSEY:</b>								
Superior Court (Law Division)	G	Indictment/accusation	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
<b>NEW MEXICO:</b>								
District Court	G	Complaint	X					X
Magistrate Court	L	Complaint	X					X
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court	L	Complaint	X					X
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X					X
<b>NEW YORK:</b>								
Supreme Court	G	Indictment	X			Varies depending on prosecutor		
County Court	G	Indictment	X			Varies depending on prosecutor		
Criminal Court of the City of New York	L	Docket	X			Varies depending on prosecutor		
District Court and City Court	L	Docket	X			Varies depending on prosecutor		
Town Court and Village Justice Court	L	Docket	X			Varies depending on prosecutor		
<b>NORTH CAROLINA:</b>								
Superior Court	G	Indictment/Transfer	X			Varies depending on prosecutor		
District Court	L	Warrant/summons	X			Varies depending on prosecutor		
<b>NORTH DAKOTA:</b>								
District Court	G	Information	X					X
Municipal Court	L	Information	X					X
<b>OHIO:</b>								
Court of Common Pleas	G	Arrestment	X					X
County Court	L	Warrant/summons	X					X
Municipal Court	L	Warrant/summons	X					X
Mayor's Court	L	Warrant/summons	X					X
<b>OKLAHOMA:</b>								
District Court	G	Information/indictment		X				X
<b>OREGON:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/indictment	X					X
Justice Court	L	Complaint	X			(number of charges not consistent statewide)		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X			X		
<b>PENNSYLVANIA:</b>								
Court of Common Pleas	G	Information	X					X
District Justice	L	Complaint	X					X
Philadelphia Municipal	L	Complaint	X					X
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	L	Complaint	X					X
<b>PUERTO RICO:</b>								
Court of First Instance	G	Accusation	X			X		

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
<b>RHODE ISLAND:</b>								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X					X
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Warrant/summons/ direct indictment	X				X	
Magistrate Court	L	Warrant/summons	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Warrant/summons	X				X	
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint	X				X	
Magistrate Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
<b>TENNESSEE:</b>								
Circuit and Criminal Court	G	Information/indictment	X		X			
General Sessions Court	L	No data reported						
Municipal Court	L	No data reported						
<b>TEXAS:</b>								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
County-level Courts	L	Complaint/information	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
Justice of the Peace Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
<b>UTAH:</b>								
District Court	G	Information		X				X
Justice Court	L	Citation	X				X	
<b>VERMONT:</b>								
District Court	G	Arrest	X					X
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
<b>VIRGINIA:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X		X			
District Court	L	Warrant/summons	X		X			
<b>WASHINGTON:</b>								
Superior Court	G	Information	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint/citation	X			X	(Typically no more than 2 charges)	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint/citation	X			X		
<b>WEST VIRGINIA:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X					X
Magistrate Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
<b>WISCONSIN:</b>								
Circuit Court	G	Initial appearance		X				X
Municipal Court	L	Complaint/citation*	X		X			

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
<b>WYOMING:</b>								
District Court	G	Information/indictment		X				X
Circuit Court	L	Information/indictment		X				X
Municipal Court	L	Citation/complaint	X		X			

**JURISDICTION CODES:**

G = General jurisdiction court.  
L = Limited jurisdiction court.

**FOOTNOTES\***

Arizona-Varies in limited jurisdiction courts. Prosecutor can file long form. Long form can involve one or more defendants and/or charges. Misdemeanors can also be included on citations.

Minnesota-District Court-The unit of count for all gross misdemeanor and felony cases is single defendant-single charge, but for misdemeanor cases the unit of count is single defendant-one/more charges.

Wisconsin-Municipal Court-The disposition of the complaint/citation is the point at which a criminal case is counted.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

**FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Filings are counted		Disposition counted		Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
		At intake or referral	At filing of petition or complaint	At adjudication of petition	At disposition of juvenile	
<b>ALABAMA:</b>						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
District Court	L		X	X		18
<b>ALASKA:</b>						
Superior Court	G		X	X		18
District Court	L		X	X		18
<b>ARIZONA:</b>						
Superior Court	G		X	X		18
<b>ARKANSAS:</b>						
Circuit Court	G		X		X	18*
<b>CALIFORNIA:</b>						
Superior Court	G		X	X		18
<b>COLORADO:</b>						
District Court (includes Denver Juvenile Court)	G		X		X	18
<b>CONNECTICUT:</b>						
Superior Court	G	X			X	16
Probate Court	L	X			X	16
<b>DELAWARE:</b>						
Family Court	L (special)		X	X		18
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:</b>						
Superior Court	G	X			X	18*
<b>FLORIDA:</b>						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
<b>GEORGIA:</b>						
Juvenile Court	L (special)		X		X	17*
<b>HAWAII:</b>						
Circuit Court	G (Family Court Division)	X		X		18*
<b>IDAHO:</b>						
District Court	G		X	X		18
Magistrates Division	L		X	X		18
<b>ILLINOIS:</b>						
Circuit Court	G		X		X	17 (15 for first-degree murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed robbery, robbery with a firearm, and unlawful use of weapons on school grounds)

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FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Filings are counted		Disposition counted		Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
		At intake or referral	At filing of petition or complaint	At adjudication of petition	At disposition of juvenile	
<b>INDIANA:</b>						
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
Probate Court	L		X	X		18
<b>IOWA:</b>						
District Court	G		X	X		18
<b>KANSAS:</b>						
District Court	G		X		X	18 14 (for traffic violation) 16 (for fish and game) 14 (if waived to adult status)
<b>KENTUCKY:</b>						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
District Court	L		X	X		18
<b>LOUISIANA:</b>						
District Court	G		X	X		17
Family and Juvenile Court	G		X	X		17*
City Court and Parish Court	L		X	X		17
<b>MAINE:</b>						
District Court	G		X	X		18
<b>MARYLAND:</b>						
Circuit Court	G		X		X	18
<b>MASSACHUSETTS:</b>						
District Court	L		X	X		17
Juvenile Court	L		X	X		17
Probate and Family Court	L		X	X		17
<b>MICHIGAN:</b>						
Circuit Court	G		X		X	17
<b>MINNESOTA:</b>						
District Court	G		X	X		18
<b>MISSISSIPPI:</b>						
County Court	L		X	X		18
Chancery Court	L		X	X		18
<b>MISSOURI:</b>						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		17
<b>MONTANA:</b>						
District Court	G		X		X	18

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FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Filings are counted		Disposition counted		Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
		At intake or referral	At filing of petition or complaint	At adjudication of petition	At disposition of juvenile	
<b>NEBRASKA:</b>						
Separate Juvenile Court	L		X		X	18
County Court	L		X		X	18
<b>NEVADA:</b>						
District Court	G		X		Varies by district	18*
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE:</b>						
District Court	L		X		X	17 16 (for traffic violation) 15 (for some felony charges)
Probate Court	L		X		X	17
<b>NEW JERSEY:*</b>						
Superior Court	G	X			X	18 complaint
<b>NEW MEXICO:</b>						
District Court	G		X	X		18
<b>NEW YORK:</b>						
Family Court	L		X		X	16 (except for specified felonies, 13, 14, 15)
<b>NORTH CAROLINA:</b>						
District Court	L		X	X		16 (age 13 or older may be transferred [after notice hearing and court finds probable cause] only as follows: if the offense is first degree murder, the court must transfer jurisdiction; for other felony-level offenses, the court may exercise discretion to transfer jurisdiction.)
<b>NORTH DAKOTA:</b>						
District Court	G		X		X	18
<b>OHIO:</b>						
Court of Common Pleas	G		X (warrant)		X	18

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FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Filings are counted		Disposition counted		Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
		At intake or referral	At filing of petition or complaint	At adjudication of petition	At disposition of juvenile	
OKLAHOMA: District Court	G		X (case number)	X		18
OREGON: Circuit Court	G		X	Dispositions are not counted		18*
PENNSYLVANIA: Court of Common Pleas	G	X (delinquency)	X (dependency)	X		18
PUERTO RICO: Court of First Instance	G		X		X	18 (but court keeps authority until processed minor turns 21)
RHODE ISLAND: Family Court	L	X		X		18 (court can keep jurisdiction until 21)
SOUTH CAROLINA: Family Court	L		X	X		17*
SOUTH DAKOTA: Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
TENNESSEE: General Sessions Court Juvenile Court	L L			(Data are reported with Juvenile Court data)	X	18
TEXAS: District Court County-level Court	G L		X X		X X	17 17
UTAH: Juvenile Court	L		X		X	18
VERMONT: Family Court	G		X		X	16*
VIRGINIA: District Court	L		X		X	18
WASHINGTON: Superior Court	G		X	X		18
WEST VIRGINIA: Circuit Court Magistrate Court	G L		X X		X X	18 18
WISCONSIN: Circuit Court	G		X	X		17
WYOMING: District Court	G		X	X		19

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FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

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**JURISDICTION CODES:**

- G = General jurisdiction court.
- L = Limited jurisdiction court.

**FOOTNOTES\***

Arkansas-At 14, if certain offenses are committed or other factors are involved (e.g., if offense is a felony if committed by an adult and juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent three times within the last two years for acts that would have been felonies if committed by an adult.

District of Columbia-Depending on the severity of the offense a juvenile between the ages of 16-18 can be charged as an adult.

Georgia-Age 18 for deprived juveniles. If 13 and certain offenses are committed (7), Superior Court has jurisdiction unless transferred to Juvenile Court.

Hawaii- At age 14, jurisdiction may be waived if certain offences are committed or other factors are involved (e.g. the offence would constitute a class A felony if committed by an adult, the offense resulted in serious bodily injury to the victim, or the juvenile has one or more prior adjudications for acts that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult). At age 16, jurisdiction may be waived if certain offenses are committed that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult.

Louisiana- At age 14 for armed robbery with firearm, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated battery with discharge of firearm. At age 15 for armed robbery, 2nd degree kidnapping, second or subsequent aggravated battery or aggravated battery with firearm, aggravated burglary, second or subsequent aggravated burglary or burglary of inhabited dwelling, manslaughter, attempted 1st or 2nd degree murder, and simple or forcible rape.

Nevada-Unless certified at a younger age because of felony charged.

New Jersey-All signed juvenile delinquency complaints are filed with the court and are docketed upon receipt (and therefore counted). Once complaints have been docketed they are screened by Court Intake Services and decisions are made as to how complaints will be processed (e.g., diversion, court hearings, etc.).

Oregon-At age 15, if certain felony offenses are alleged. Up to age 21 for certain status offenses.

South Carolina-At age 16, if certain felony offenses are alleged.

Vermont-At 10, if certain offenses are committed or other factors are involved.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

**FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
ALABAMA: Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	District, Probate, Municipal Courts
ALASKA: Superior Court	G	X	O	O	de novo	
		X	X	X	on the record	District Court
ARIZONA: Superior Court	G	X	X	X	de novo (if no record)	Justice of the Peace, Municipal Court
ARKANSAS: Circuit Court	G	O	X	X	de novo	Court of Common Pleas, County, District, and City
CALIFORNIA: Superior Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Limited Jurisdiction Division
COLORADO: District Court	G	X	X	O	on the record	County and Municipal Court of Record
County Court	L	O	X	X	de novo not of record	Municipal Court
CONNECTICUT: Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo or on the record	Probate Court
DELAWARE: Superior Court	G	O	X (arbitration)	O		Superior Court
		O	O	X	on the record	Family Court
		O	X	X		Common Pleas
		O	O	X	de novo	Municipal Court of Wilmington
Court of Common Pleas	L	O	X	X	de novo	Justice of the Peace, Alderman's Courts
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Superior Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	Office of Employee Appeals, Administrative Traffic Agency
FLORIDA: Circuit Court	G	O	X	O	de novo on the record	County Court
		O	O	X	on the record	County Court

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
GEORGIA: Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo or on the record	Probate Court, Magistrate Court
		O	O	X	de novo, on the record, or certiorari	Probate Court, Municipal Court, Magistrate Court, County Recorder's Court
State Court	L	O O	X O	O X	certiorari on the record	Magistrate Court County Recorder's Court
HAWAII: Circuit Court	G	X	O	O	de novo	
IDAHO: District Court	G	X (small claims only) O	X X	X O	de novo on the record	Magistrates Division Magistrates Division
ILLINOIS: Circuit Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	
INDIANA: Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	City and Town Courts
IOWA: District Court	G	X O	O X	O X	de novo on the record	Magistrates Division
KANSAS: District Court	G	X	X	X	criminal on the record civil on the record	Criminal (from Municipal Court) Civil (from limited jurisdiction judge)
KENTUCKY: Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	District Court
LOUISIANA: District Court	G	X	X	X	on the record de novo	City and Parish Justice of the Peace, Mayor's Courts
MAINE: Superior Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	District Court
MARYLAND: Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo, on the record	District Court

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
MASSACHUSETTS: Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo, on the record	Limited jurisdiction courts
MICHIGAN: Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Municipal Court District, Municipal, and Probate Courts
MINNESOTA: District Court	G	O	X		de novo	Conciliation Division
MISSISSIPPI: Circuit Court	G	X O O	X O X	X X X	on the record de novo de novo	County Court Municipal Courts Justice Courts
Chancery Court	L	X	X	X	on the record	Commission
MISSOURI: Circuit Court	G	X X	O X	O O	on the record de novo	Municipal Court, Associate Divisions
MONTANA: District Court	G	X O	X O	O X	de novo and on the record de novo	Justice of Peace, Municipal, City Crts, and State Boards
NEBRASKA: District Court	G	X O	O X	O X	de novo on the record on the record	County Court
NEVADA: District Court	G	X O O	X O O	X X X	on the record de novo on the record	Justice Court Municipal Court If Municipal Court is designated court of record
NEW HAMPSHIRE: Superior Court	G	X	O	X	de novo	District
NEW JERSEY: Superior Court	G	O	O	X	de novo on the record	Municipal Court
NEW MEXICO: District Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	Magistrate, Probate, Municipal, Bernalillo County Metropolitan Courts

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
NEW YORK: County Court	G	O	X	X	on the record	City, Town & Village Justice Courts
NORTH CAROLINA: Superior Court	G	X X	O O	X O	de novo de novo on the record	District Court
District Court	L	X O	O X	O X	on the record de novo	Magistrates
NORTH DAKOTA: District Court	G	X	O	O	on the record except for Municipal Court which is de novo	Municipal Court
OHIO: Court of Common Pleas	G	X	O	O	de novo and on the record	
County Court	L	O	O	X	de novo	Mayor's Court
Municipal Court	L	O	O	X	de novo	Mayor's Court
Court of Claims	L	X	O	O	de novo	
OKLAHOMA: District Court	G	X	O	X	de novo on the record	Municipal Court Not of Record
Court of Tax Review	L	X	O	O	de novo on the record	
OREGON: Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	County Court, Municipal Court, Justice Court
Tax Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	
PENNSYLVANIA: Court of Common Pleas	G	X	X	O	on the record	Philadelphia Municipal, District Justice, Philadelphia Traffic, Pittsburgh City Magistrates
PUERTO RICO: Court of First Instance	G	X	O	O	on the record	
RHODE ISLAND: Superior Court	G	X O	O X	O X	on the record de novo	District, Municipal, Probate Courts
District Court	L	X	O	O	on the record	
SOUTH CAROLINA: Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Magistrate, Probate, Municipal Courts

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
SOUTH DAKOTA: Circuit Court	G	X O	O X	O X	de novo and on the record de novo	Magistrates Division
TENNESSEE: Circuit, Criminal and Chancery Courts	G	X	X	X	de novo	General Sessions, Municipal, and Juvenile Courts
TEXAS: District Court	G	X	X	O	de novo	Municipal Court not of record, Justice of the Peace Courts
County-level Courts	L	O	X	X	de novo de novo on the record	Municipal Court not of record, Justice of the Peace Courts Municipal Courts of record
UTAH: District Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	Justice Courts
VERMONT: Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo or on the record	Probate Court; small claims appealed within Superior Court system
VIRGINIA: Circuit Court	G	X O	O X	O X	on the record de novo	District Court
WASHINGTON: Superior Court	G	X	X	X	de novo and de novo on the record	District, Municipal Courts
WEST VIRGINIA: Circuit Court	G	X O	O X X	O X X	on the record de novo on the record on the record	Municipal Court Magistrate Court (if no jury trial) Magistrate Court (jury trials and preliminary hearings) Family Court
WISCONSIN: Circuit Court	G	X	X	X (first offense DWI/DUI only)	de novo	Municipal Court
WYOMING: District Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Justice of the Peace, Municipal, County Courts

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 2003 (continued)

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**JURISDICTION CODES:**

- G = General jurisdiction court.
- L = Limited jurisdiction court.
- = Information not available.
- X = Yes
- O = No

**Definitions of types of appeal:**

certiorari: An appellate court case category in which a petition is presented to an appellate court asking the court to review the judgment of a trial court or administrative agency, or the decision of an intermediate appellate court.

first instance: If dissatisfied with the de novo verdict of the judge, defendant can go before the jury.

de novo: An appeal from one trial court to another trial court that results in a totally new set of proceedings and a new trial court judgment.

de novo on the record: An appeal from one trial court to another trial court that is based on the record and results in a new trial court judgment.

on the record: An appeal from one trial court to another trial court in which procedural challenges to the original trial proceedings are claimed, and an evaluation of those challenges are made—there is not a new trial court judgment on the case.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.



**FIGURE G: Number of Authorized Justices/Judges in State Courts, 2003**

State:	Court(s) of last resort	Intermediate appellate court(s)	General jurisdiction court(s)	Limited jurisdiction court(s)
ALABAMA	9	10	142	485
ALASKA	5	3	43 (includes 9 masters)	70 (includes 53 magistrates)
ARIZONA	5	22	160	222 (includes 83 justices of the peace)
ARKANSAS	7	12	115	210
CALIFORNIA	7	105	1,915 (includes 417 commissioners and referees)	–
COLORADO	7	16	144	352
CONNECTICUT	7	10	180	133
DELAWARE	5	–	24 (includes 1 chancellor & 4 vice-chancellors)	93 (includes 57 justices of the peace, 1 chief magistrate, 3 deputy chief magistrates and 8 aldermen)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	9	–	59	–
FLORIDA	7	62	527	280
GEORGIA	7	12	188	1,260 (includes 159 chief magistrates & 358 magistrates)
HAWAII	5	4	45 (includes 17 family court judges)	22 (excludes per diem judges)
IDAHO	5	3	39*	83* (magistrate judges)
ILLINOIS	7	45	850 (includes 356 associate judges)	–
INDIANA	5	16 (includes 1 tax court judge)	296	88
IOWA	7	9	327 (includes 37 senior judges who work 1/4 time and are counted as 9 FTE, 54 district associate judges, 135 part-time magistrates, 12 associate juvenile judges, & 1 associate probate judge)	–
KANSAS	7	11	234 (includes 74 district magistrates)	280
KENTUCKY	7	14	188 (includes 59 domestic relations commissioners)	186 (includes 70 trial commissioners)
LOUISIANA	7	53	241 (includes 11 commissioners)	713 (includes 390 justices of the peace, 250 mayors)
MAINE	7	–	49	16 part-time judges
MARYLAND	7	13	146	172 (includes 66 Orphan's Court judges)
MASSACHUSETTS	7	25	82	296
MICHIGAN	7	28	216	368
MINNESOTA	7	16	275	–
MISSISSIPPI	9	10	49	484 (includes 191 justices of the peace & 45 chancellors)
MISSOURI	7	32	355 (includes 33 commissioners)	377

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FIGURE G: Number of Authorized Justices/Judges in State Courts, 2003 (continued)

State:	Court(s) of last resort	Intermediate appellate court(s)	General jurisdiction court(s)	Limited jurisdiction court(s)
MONTANA	7	–	48	115 (includes 33 justices of the peace that also serve on the city court)
NEBRASKA	7	6	55	74
NEVADA	7	–	60	85 (includes 66 justices of the peace)
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5	–	40 (includes 13 full-time marital masters)	79 (includes 55 part-time judges)
NEW JERSEY	7	33	429 (includes 21 surrogates)	359
NEW MEXICO	5	10	75	196
NEW YORK	7	71	536 (includes 50 "acting" Supreme Court judges and 12 quasi-judicial staff)	2,994 (includes 30 surrogates, 2,300 justices of the peace & 81 quasi-judicial staff)
NORTH CAROLINA	7	15	206 (includes 100 clerks who hear uncontested probate)	951 (includes 716 magistrates)
NORTH DAKOTA	5*	–	42	77
OHIO	7	68	380	578 (includes 322 mayors)
OKLAHOMA	14	12	221 (includes 73 special judges)	376 (includes part-time judges)
OREGON	7	10	176 (includes 6 magistrates)	262 (includes 30 justices of the peace)
PENNSYLVANIA	7	24	408	589 (includes 551 district justices & 6 magistrates)
PUERTO RICO	7	33	328	–
RHODE ISLAND	5	–	27 (includes 5 magistrates)	113 (includes 14 magistrates)
SOUTH CAROLINA	5	9	68 (includes 22 masters-in-equity)	703 (includes 300 magistrates)
SOUTH DAKOTA	5	–	38	14 (includes 11 full time & 3 part-time magistrates)
TENNESSEE	5	24	157 (includes 35 chancellors)	341
TEXAS	18	80	420	2,640 (includes 835 justices of the peace)
UTAH	5	7	77 (includes 7 domestic court commissioners)	142 (includes 116 justices of the peace & 1 commissioner)
VERMONT	5	–	37 (includes 5 magistrates)	22 (includes 18 part-time judges & 3 hearing officers)
VIRGINIA	7	11	155	236 (includes 112 FTE juvenile & domestic relations judges)
WASHINGTON	9	22	177	218
WEST VIRGINIA	5	–	65	315 (includes 158 magistrates & 122 part-time judges)
WISCONSIN	7	16	241	226
WYOMING	5	–	19	104 (includes 5 magistrates & 73 part-time judges)
<b>Total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>11,374</b>	<b>17,999</b>

Note: This table identifies, in parentheses, all individuals who hear cases but are not titled judges/justices. Some states may have given the title "judge" to officials who are called magistrates, justices of the peace, etc., in other states.

– = The state does not have a court at the indicated level.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

**FOOTNOTES\***

Georgia - Court of Appeals judges increased to 12 effective July 1999.

Idaho-The Magistrates Division of the District Court functions as a limited jurisdiction court.

North Dakota-A temporary court of appeals was established July 1, 1987 to exercise appellate and original jurisdiction as delegated by the supreme court. This court does not sit, has no assigned judges, has heard no appeals, and is currently unfunded.

**FIGURE H: Method of Counting Civil Cases in State Trial Courts, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Are reopened cases counted as new filings, or identified separately as reopened cases?	Qualifications or Conditions	Are enforcement/collection proceedings counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?	Are temporary injunctions counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?
<b>ALABAMA:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	New filings		No	No
District Court	L	New filings		No	No
<b>ALASKA:</b>					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	No
District Court	L	Reopened		No	No
<b>ARIZONA:</b>					
Superior Court	G	New filings		No	No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	New filings		No	No
<b>ARKANSAS:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
<b>CALIFORNIA:</b>					
Superior Court	G	Reopened	Retried cases	No	No
<b>COLORADO:</b>					
District Court	G	Reopened	Post activities	No	No
Water Court	G	Reopened	Post activities	No	No
County Court	L	Reopened	Post activities	No	No
Municipal Court	L	NA		NA	NA
<b>CONNECTICUT:</b>					
Superior Court	G	Not counted as either new filing or reopened case; only pending caseload is adjusted		No	No If heard separately (rarely occurs)
<b>DELAWARE:</b>					
Court of Chancery	G	Reopened		No	No
Superior Court	G	New filings reopened	If remanded Case rehearing	No	Yes/No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	New filings		No	Yes/No
Family Court	L	New filings are heard separately	If part of original proceeding	No	No
		Reopened if rehearing of total case			
Court of Common Pleas	L	New filings reopened	If remanded rehearing	No	No
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:</b>					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
<b>FLORIDA:</b>					
County Court	L	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No

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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Are reopened cases counted as new filings, or identified separately as reopened cases?	Qualifications or Conditions	Are enforcement/collection proceedings counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?	Are temporary injunctions counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?
<b>GEORGIA:</b>					
Superior Court	G	New filings		Yes	No
Civil Court	L	NC		NC	NC
State Court	L	New filings		Yes	No
Probate Court	L	New filings		NC	NC
Magistrate Court	L	New filings		Yes	No
Municipal Court	L	NC		NC	NC
<b>HAWAII:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes Special proceedings	Yes/Yes Circuit Court: Special proceedings
Family Court	G	New filings			Yes/No
District Court	L	New filings		No	Yes/No (included as new case filing)
<b>IDAHO:</b>					
District Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	No
Magistrates Division	L	Reopened		Yes/No	No
<b>ILLINOIS:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
<b>INDIANA:</b>					
Superior Court	G	Reopened	Redocketed	No	No
Circuit Court	G	Reopened	Redocketed	No	No
County Court	L	Reopened	Redocketed	No	No
City Court	L	NA	NA	NA	N/Applicable
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>IOWA:</b>					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes	No
<b>KANSAS:</b>					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
<b>KENTUCKY:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
District Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
<b>LOUISIANA:</b>					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/No	Yes/No
Juvenile Court	G	New filings		Yes/No	No
Family Court	G	New filings		No	No
City & Parish Courts	L	New filings		Yes/Yes	No
<b>MAINE:</b>					
Superior Court	G	New filings		No	Yes/No
District Court	L	NC		Yes	No
Probate Court	L	NC		No	No

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FIGURE H: Method of Counting Civil Cases in State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Are reopened cases counted as new filings, or identified separately as reopened cases?</u>	<u>Qualifications or Conditions</u>	<u>Are enforcement/collection proceedings counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?</u>	<u>Are temporary injunctions counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?</u>
<b>MARYLAND:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened, but included with new filings		No	NA
District Court	L	NA		NA	Yes/No
<b>MASSACHUSETTS:</b>					
Superior Court	G	NC		NA	Yes/No
District Court	L	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Boston Municipal Court	L	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Housing Court	L	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Land Court	L	NC		N/Applicable	NA
<b>MICHIGAN:</b>					
Court of Claims	G	Reopened		No	No
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
District Court	L	New filings		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	New filings		NA	NA
<b>MINNESOTA:</b>					
District Court	G	Identified separately	No	No	
<b>MISSISSIPPI:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		Yes	Yes/No
Chancery Court	L	Reopened		Yes	Yes/No
County Court	L	Varies from court to court		Varies	Yes/No
Justice Court	L	Varies from court to court		Varies	Varies
<b>MISSOURI:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	New filings		Yes/No	Yes/No
<b>MONTANA:</b>					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes	Yes/No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	NA		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	NA		NA	NA
City Court	L	NA		NA	NA
<b>NEBRASKA:</b>					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
County Court	L	Reopened		No	No
<b>NEVADA:</b>					
District Court	G	Reopened	May not be reopened but refers back to original case	Varies/Varies	Varies
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE:</b>					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	No
District Court	L	NC		No	No

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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Are reopened cases counted as new filings, or identified separately as reopened cases?	Qualifications or Conditions	Are enforcement/collection proceedings counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?	Are temporary injunctions counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?
<b>NEW JERSEY:</b>					
Superior Court: Family	G	Reopened		Yes/Yes	Yes/No (except for domestic violence)
Civil, General Equity, and Criminal Divisions	G	Reopened		No	No
<b>NEW MEXICO:</b>					
District Court	G	Reopened		Yes/Yes	No
Magistrate Court	L	Reopened		No	No
Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County	L	Reopened		No	No
<b>NEW YORK:</b>					
Supreme Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
County Court	L	NC		No	No
Court of Claims	L	NC		No	No
Family Court	L	Reopened		Yes/No	No
District Court	L	NC		No	No
City Court	L	NC		No	No
Civil Court of the City of New York	L	NC		No	No
Town & Village Justice Court	L	NC		No	No
<b>NORTH CAROLINA:</b>					
Superior Court	G	NC		No	No
District Court	L	NC		Yes/No	No
<b>NORTH DAKOTA:</b>					
District Court	G	Reopened		Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes
<b>OHIO:</b>					
Court of Common Pleas	G	Reopened		Yes/No (are counted separately in domestic relations cases)	Yes/No
Municipal Court	L	Reopened		Yes	Yes
County Court	L	Reopened		Yes	Yes
Court of Claims	L	NA		NA	NA
<b>OKLAHOMA:</b>					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
<b>OREGON:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened, not counted		Yes/No	Yes/No
Justice Court	L	NA		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	NA		NA	NA
<b>PENNSYLVANIA:</b>					
Court of Common Pleas	G	Reopened		No	No
District Justice	L	New filings		NA	NA
<b>PUERTO RICO:</b>					
Court of First Instance	G	New filings		Yes/No	No

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FIGURE H: Method of Counting Civil Cases in State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Are reopened cases counted as new filings, or identified separately as reopened cases?	Qualifications or Conditions	Are enforcement/collection proceedings counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?	Are temporary injunctions counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?
<b>RHODE ISLAND:</b>					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
District Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
Family Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
Probate Court	L	NA		NA	NA
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No (Permanent
Family Court	L	Reopened		No	No injunctions
Magistrate Court	L	Reopened		No	No are counted
Probate Court	L	Reopened		No	No as a new filing)
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
<b>TENNESSEE:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened (varies based on local practice)			(varies based on local practice)
Chancery Court	G	Reopened (varies based on local practice)			(varies based on local practice)
General Sessions Court	L	Reopened (varies based on local practice)			(varies based on local practice)
<b>TEXAS:</b>					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
Constitutional County Court	L	Reopened		No	No
County Court at Law	L	Reopened		No	No
Justice Court	L	New filings		No	No
<b>UTAH:</b>					
District Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
Justice Court	L	NC		No	Yes/No
<b>VERMONT:</b>					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
District Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Family Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Probate Court	L	Reopened		No	N/Applicable
<b>VIRGINIA:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened	Reinstated cases		
District Court	L	New filings		Yes/No	No
<b>WASHINGTON:</b>					
Superior Court	G	Reopened (but not identified separately)		No	Yes/No
Municipal Court	L	New filings		NA	NA
District Court	L	New filings		No	NA
<b>WEST VIRGINIA:</b>					
Circuit Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
Magistrate Court	L	NC		No	N/Applicable
Family Court	L	NC		No	N/Applicable

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<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Are reopened cases counted as new filings, or identified separately as reopened cases?</u>	<u>Qualifications or Conditions</u>	<u>Are enforcement/collection proceedings counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?</u>	<u>Are temporary injunctions counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?</u>
WISCONSIN: Circuit Court	G	New filings	Identified with R (reopened) suffix, but included in total count	No	Yes/Yes
WYOMING: District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
Circuit Court	L	Reopened		No	NA

**JURISDICTION CODES:**

G = General Jurisdiction Court

L = Limited Jurisdiction Court

NA = Information is not available

NC = Information is not collected/counted

N/Applicable= Civil case types heard by this court are not applicable to this figure.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.



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**TABLE 1: Reported National Caseload for State Appellate Courts, 2003**

<u>Reported Caseload</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	
<b>Courts of last resort:</b>			
I. Mandatory jurisdiction appeals:			
A. Number of reported complete cases . . . . .	25,578	26,751	
Number of courts reporting complete data . . . . .	43	42	
B. Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions . . . . .	3,327	1,361	
Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions . . . . .	5	3	
C. Number of reported cases that are incomplete . . . . .	771	474	
Number of courts reporting incomplete data . . . . .	3	2	
D. Number of reported cases that are incomplete and include some discretionary petitions . . . . .	568	570	
Number of courts reporting incomplete data that include some discretionary petitions . . . . .	1	1	
II. Discretionary jurisdiction petitions:			
A. Number of reported complete petitions . . . . .	59,677	55,877	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions . . . . .	46	42	
B. Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases . . . . .	0	3,659	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions that include some mandatory cases . . . . .	0	4	
C. Number of reported petitions that are incomplete . . . . .	1,674	1,531	
Number of courts reporting incomplete petitions . . . . .	3	2	
<b>Intermediate appellate courts:</b>			
I. Mandatory jurisdiction appeals:			
A. Number of reported complete cases . . . . .	124,646	131,214	
Number of courts reporting complete data . . . . .	36	37	
B. Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions . . . . .	29,129	37,299	
Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions . . . . .	7	7	
C. Number of reported cases that are incomplete . . . . .	4,540	4,635	
Number of courts reporting incomplete data . . . . .	1	1	
II. Discretionary jurisdiction petitions:			
A. Number of reported complete petitions . . . . .	31,407	31,174	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions . . . . .	21	19	
B. Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases . . . . .	0	0	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions that include some mandatory cases . . . . .	0	0	
C. Number of reported petitions that are incomplete . . . . .	0	0	
Number of courts reporting incomplete petitions . . . . .	0	0	
<b>Summary section for all appellate courts:</b>			
	<u>Reported Filings</u>		
	<u>COLR</u>	<u>IAC</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Number of reported complete cases/petitions . . . . .	85,255	156,053	241,308
B. Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types . . . . .	3,373	29,129	32,502
C. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete . . . . .	2,445	4,540	6,985
D. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete and include other case types . . . . .	568	0	568
Total . . . . .	91,641	189,722	281,363
	<u>Reported Dispositions</u>		
	<u>COLR</u>	<u>IAC</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Number of reported complete cases/petitions . . . . .	82,628	162,388	245,016
B. Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types . . . . .	5,020	37,299	42,319
C. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete . . . . .	2,005	4,635	6,640
D. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete and include other case types . . . . .	570	0	570
Total . . . . .	90,223	204,322	294,545

**TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2003**

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
<b>States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court</b>							
<b>ALASKA</b>							
Supreme Court	270	189	19	459	92	289	58
Court of Appeals	202	40	1	242	81	203	68
State Total	472	229	20	701	88	492	62
<b>ARIZONA</b>							
Supreme Court	178	1,027	NA	1,205	241		
Court of Appeals	3,644	173	NA	3,817	174		
State Total	3,822	1,200		5,022	186		
<b>ARKANSAS</b>							
Supreme Court	385 A	467	114	852	122	499	71
Court of Appeals	1,381	134	27	1,515	126	1,408	117
State Total	1,766 *	601	141	2,367	125	1,907	100
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>							
Supreme Court	20	8,842	118 A	8,862	1,266	138	20
Courts of Appeal	13,437	8,606	NA	22,043	210		
State Total	13,457	17,448		30,905	276		
<b>COLORADO</b>							
Supreme Court	101 A	1,300	NA	1,401	200		
Court of Appeals	2,589	NJ	NJ	2,589	162	2,589	162
State Total	2,690 *	1,300		3,990	173		
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>							
Supreme Court	43	484	59	527	75	102	15
Appellate Court	1,163 B	(B)	NA	1,163	116		
State Total	1,206 *			1,690	99		
<b>FLORIDA</b>							
Supreme Court	113	2,375	NA	2,488	355		
District Courts of Appeal	19,729	4,413	NA	24,142	389		
State Total	19,842	6,788		26,630	386		
<b>GEORGIA</b>							
Supreme Court	610	1,272	NA	1,882	269		
Court of Appeals	2,991	453	NA	3,444	287		
State Total	3,601	1,725		5,326	280		
<b>HAWAII</b>							
Supreme Court	731	79	NA	810	162		
Intermediate Court of Appeals	231	NJ	NJ	231	58	231	58
State Total	962	79		1,041	116		
<b>IDAHO</b>							
Supreme Court	568 C	203 A	NA	771	154		
Court of Appeals	602	NJ	NJ	602	201	602	201
State Total	1,170 *	203		1,373	172		
<b>ILLINOIS</b>							
Supreme Court	663	2,304	91	2,967	424	754	108
Appellate Court	8,633 B	(B)	NA	8,633	160		
State Total	9,296 *			11,600	190		

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

<u>Total mandatory cases disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Point at which cases are counted</u>
307	177	NA	484		COLR	1
255	39	NA	294		IAC	1
562	216		778			
183	1,017	NA	1,200		COLR	6
3,313	145	NA	3,458		IAC	6
3,496	1,162		4,658			
366 A	485	114	851	480	COLR	2
1,440	131	27	1,571	1,467	IAC	2
1,806 *	616	141	2,422	1,947		
27	8,625	66 A	8,652	93	COLR	6
16,768	8,407	NA	25,175		IAC	2
16,795	17,032		33,827			
108 A	1,333	NA	1,441		COLR	1
2,511	NJ	NJ	2,511	2,511	IAC	1
2,619 *	1,333		3,952			
(B)	548 B	NA			COLR	1
1,199 B	(B)	NA	1,199		IAC	1
123	2,168	NA	2,291		COLR	1
19,486	4,394	NA	23,880		IAC	1
19,609	6,562		26,171			
(B)	1,790 B	NA	1,790		COLR	2
2,980	453	NA	3,433		IAC	2
	2,243 *		5,223			
710	75	NA	785		COLR	2
224	NJ	NJ	224	224	IAC	2
934	75		1,009			
570 C	195 A	NA	765		COLR	1
609	NJ	NJ	609	609	IAC	4
1,179 *	195		1,374			
812	2,516	0	3,328	812	COLR	1
9,037 B	(B)	NA	9,037		IAC	1
9,849 *			12,365			

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
<b>IOWA</b>							
Supreme Court	1,113 B	(B)	NA	1,113	159		
Court of Appeals	1,008	NJ	NJ	1,008	112	1,008	112
State Total	2,121 *			2,121	133		
<b>KANSAS</b>							
Supreme Court	124	748	NA	872	125		
Court of Appeals	1,598 B	(B)	NA	1,598	145		
State Total	1,722 *			2,470	137		
<b>KENTUCKY</b>							
Supreme Court	396	736	NA	1,132	162		
Court of Appeals	2,690	101	NA	2,791	199		
State Total	3,086	837		3,923	187		
<b>LOUISIANA</b>							
Supreme Court	238	3,312	294	3,550	507	532	76
Courts of Appeal	3,141	6,257	1,572	9,398	177	4,713	89
State Total	3,379	9,569	1,866	12,948	216	5,245	87
<b>MARYLAND</b>							
Court of Appeals	285 A	700	102	985	141	387	55
Court of Special Appeals	1,978	423	2	2,401	185	1,980	152
State Total	2,263 *	1,123	104	3,386	169	2,367	118
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>							
Supreme Judicial Court**	290	752	NA	1,042	149		
Appeals Court	1,630	693	NA	2,323	93		
State Total	1,920	1,445		3,365	105		
<b>MICHIGAN</b>							
Supreme Court	5	2,276	NA	2,281	326		
Court of Appeals	4,345	3,100	NA	7,445	266		
State Total	4,350	5,376		9,726	278		
<b>MINNESOTA</b>							
Supreme Court	121	596	71	717	102	192	27
Court of Appeals	2,250	96	NA	2,346	147		
State Total	2,371	692		3,063	133		
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>							
Supreme Court	1,163 B	344	82				
Court of Appeals	NA	NJ	NJ				
State Total	1,163 *	344	82	1,507	167	1,245	138
<b>MISSOURI</b>							
Supreme Court	242	563	65	805	115	307	44
Court of Appeals	3,776	NJ	NJ	3,776	118	3,776	118
State Total	4,018	563	65	4,581	117	4,083	105
<b>NEBRASKA</b>							
Supreme Court	65	356	52	421	60	117	17
Court of Appeals	1,401	NJ	NJ	1,401	234	1,401	234
State Total	1,466	356	52	1,822	140	1,518	117

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

<u>Total mandatory cases disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Point at which cases are counted</u>
176	1,966	NA	2,142		COLR	1
1,097	NJ	NJ	1,097	1,097	IAC	4
1,273	1,966		3,239			
889 B	(B)	NA	889		COLR	5
1,592 B	(B)	NA	1,592		IAC	5
2,481 *			2,481			
397	752	NA	1,149		COLR	6
2,700	80	NA	2,780		IAC	3
3,097	832		3,929			
182	3,172	201	3,354	383	COLR	2
3,530	6,678	1,552	10,208	5,082	IAC	2
3,712	9,850	1,753	13,562	5,465		
258	707	NA	965		COLR	2
1,901	423	NA	2,324		IAC	2
2,159	1,130		3,289			
204	633	NA	837		COLR	2
2,020	693	NA	2,713		IAC	2
2,224	1,326		3,550			
4	2,427	NA	2,431		COLR	1
4,574	3,134	NA	7,708		IAC	1
4,578	5,561		10,139			
98	102	9	200	107	COLR	1
2,133	53	NA	2,186		IAC	1
2,231	155		2,386			
540	334	NA	874		COLR	2
543	NJ	NJ	543	543	IAC	2
1,083	334		1,417			
291	598	65	889	356	COLR	1
3,660	NJ	NJ	3,660	3,660	IAC	1
3,951	598	65	4,549	4,016		
(B)	282 B	NA	282		COLR	1
1,269	NJ	NJ	1,269	1,269	IAC	1
	282 *		1,551			

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>							
Supreme Court	411	3,108	100	3,519	503	511	73
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	7,120	0	NA	7,120	216		
State Total	7,531	3,108		10,639	266		
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>							
Supreme Court	59	535	NA	594	119		
Court of Appeals	780	76	NA	856	86		
State Total	839	611		1,450	97		
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>							
Supreme Court	114	677	26	791	113	140	20
Court of Appeals	1,747	825	109	2,572	171	1,856	124
State Total	1,861	1,502	135	3,363	153	1,996	91
<b>OHIO</b>							
Supreme Court	636	1,601	229	2,237	320	865	124
Courts of Appeals	11,202	NJ	NJ	11,202	165	11,202	165
State Total	11,838	1,601	229	13,439	179	12,067	161
<b>OKLAHOMA***</b>							
Supreme Court	1,339	502	NA	1,841	205		
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,462	NJ	NJ	1,462	292	1,462	292
Court of Appeals	499	NJ	NJ	499	42	499	42
State Total	3,300	502		3,802	146		
<b>OREGON</b>							
Supreme Court	223	805	57	1,028	147	280	40
Court of Appeals	3,314	NJ	NJ	3,314	331	3,314	331
State Total	3,537	805	57	4,342	255	3,594	211
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>							
Supreme Court	104	1,012	NA	1,116	159		
Circuit Court of Appeals	1,634	2,564	NA	4,198	108		
State Total	1,738	3,576		5,314	116		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
Supreme Court	262	1,353	NA	1,615	323		
Court of Appeals	1,414	NJ	NJ	1,414	157	1,414	157
State Total	1,676	1,353		3,029	216		
<b>TEXAS</b>							
Supreme Court	0	1,275	115	1,275	142	115	13
Court of Criminal Appeals	7,726	1,742	111	9,468	1,052	7,837	871
Courts of Appeals	10,559	NJ	NJ	10,559	132	10,559	132
State Total	18,285	3,017	226	21,302	217	18,511	189
<b>UTAH</b>							
Supreme Court	594 B	(B)	NA	594	119		
Court of Appeals	830	NJ	NJ	830	119	830	119
State Total	1,424 *			1,424	119		
<b>VIRGINIA</b>							
Supreme Court	12	2,985	289	2,997	428	301	43
Court of Appeals	701	2,591	298	3,292	299	999	91
State Total	713	5,576	587	6,289	349	1,300	72



TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
416	3,047	NA	3,463		COLR	1
7,213	0	NA	7,213		IAC	1
7,629	3,047		10,676			
64	509	NA	573		COLR	5
830	NA	NA			IAC	5
894						
118	718	24	836	142	COLR	2
1,748	748	NA	2,496		IAC	2
1,866	1,466		3,332			
636	1,569	NA	2,205		COLR	1
10,652	NJ	NJ	10,652	10,652	IAC	1
11,288	1,569		12,857			
1,625	502	NA	2,127		COLR	1
1,424	NJ	NJ	1,424	1,424	COLR	2
737	NJ	NJ	737	737	IAC	4
3,786	502		4,288			
170	792	NA	962		COLR	1
3,891	NJ	NJ	3,891	3,891	IAC	1
4,061	792		4,853			
101	925	NA	1,026		COLR	1
1,460	2,431	NA	3,891		IAC	1
1,561	3,356		4,917			
267	1,236	NA	1,503		COLR	2
1,494	NJ	NJ	1,494	1,494	IAC	4
1,761	1,236		2,997			
0	1,274	101	1,274	101	COLR	1
7,638	1,708	159	9,346	7,797	COLR	5
12,420	NJ	NJ	12,420	12,420	IAC	1
20,058	2,982	260	23,040	20,318		
598	NA	NA			COLR	1
717	NJ	NJ	717	717	IAC	1
1,315						
0	3,006	0	3,006	0	COLR	1
747	2,649	NA	3,396		IAC	1
747	5,655		6,402			

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
<b>WASHINGTON</b>							
Supreme Court	59 B	1,422 A	NA	1,481	165		
Court of Appeals	3,975	386	NA	4,361	198		
State Total	4,034 *	1,808 *		5,842	188		
<b>WISCONSIN</b>							
Supreme Court	76	1,184	0	1,260	180		
Court of Appeals	3,452 B	(B)	NA	3,452	216		
State Total	3,528 *			4,712	205		
<b>States with no intermediate appellate court</b>							
<b>DELAWARE</b>							
Supreme Court	681	0	NA	681	136		
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>							
Court of Appeals	1,644	52	NA	1,696	188		
<b>MAINE</b>							
Supreme Judicial Court	515	157	NA	672	96		
<b>MONTANA</b>							
Supreme Court	560	300	NA	860	123		
<b>NEVADA</b>							
Supreme Court	1,841	NJ	NJ	1,841	263	1,841	263
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>							
Supreme Court	NJ	842	NA	842	169		
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>							
Supreme Court	364	13	NA	377	75		
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>							
Supreme Court	281	393	129	674	135	410	82
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>							
Supreme Court	398 B	49 A	NA	447	89		
<b>VERMONT</b>							
Supreme Court	553	29	NA	582	116		
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>							
Supreme Court of Appeals	NJ	2,854	914	2,854	571	914	183
<b>WYOMING</b>							
Supreme Court	272	NJ	NJ	272	54	272	54

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

<u>Total mandatory cases disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Point at which cases are counted</u>
55 B	1,336 A	NA	1,391		COLR	6
3,742	353	NA	4,095		IAC	6
3,797 *	1,689 *		5,486			
(B)	1,039 B	125	1,039	125	COLR	6
3,452 B	(B)	NA	3,452		IAC	6
			4,491			
726	0	NA	726		COLR	1
1,786	53	NA	1,839		COLR	1
536	147	NA	683		COLR	1
608	270	20	878	628	COLR	1
1,889	NJ	NJ	1,889	1,889	COLR	2
NJ	893	NA	893		COLR	1
333	13	NA	346		COLR	1
311	403	NA	714		COLR	1
417 B	(B)	NA	417		COLR	2
533	29	NA	562		COLR	1
NJ	2,285	1,188	2,285	1,188	COLR	1
299	NJ	NJ	299	299	COLR	1

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
<b>States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts</b>							
<b>ALABAMA</b>							
Supreme Court	1,151	1,025	NA	2,176	242		
Court of Civil Appeals	1,182	NJ	NJ	1,182	236	1,182	236
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,291	NJ	NJ	2,291	458	2,291	458
State Total	4,624	1,025		5,649	297		
<b>INDIANA</b>							
Supreme Court	183	902	NA	1,085	217		
Court of Appeals	2,299 B	(B)	290	2,299	153	2,589	173
Tax Court	60	NJ	NJ	60	60	60	60
State Total	2,542			3,444	164		
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Court of Appeals	288	3,920	NA	4,208	601		
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	9,967 B	(B)	NA	9,967	178		
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	2,017 B	(B)	NA	2,017	134		
State Total	12,272 *			16,192	208		
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>							
Supreme Court	551	2,584	NA	3,135	448		
Superior Court	8,195	NJ	NJ	8,195	546	8,195	546
Commonwealth Court	4,540 A	95	NA	4,635	515		
State Total	13,286 *	2,679		15,965	515		
<b>TENNESSEE</b>							
Supreme Court	161	1,105	89	1,266	253	250	50
Court of Appeals	1,004	252	42	1,256	105	1,046	87
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,114	129	20	1,243	104	1,134	95
State Total	2,279	1,486	151	3,765	130	2,430	84

**COURT TYPE:**

COLR = Court of last resort  
 IAC = Intermediate appellate court

**POINTS AT WHICH CASES ARE COUNTED:**

- 1 = At the notice of appeal
- 2 = At the filing of trial record
- 3 = At the filing of trial record and complete briefs
- 4 = At transfer
- 5 = Other
- 6 = Varies

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
1,186	1,089	NA	2,275		COLR	1
1,225	NJ	NJ	1,225	1,225	IAC	1
2,586	NJ	NJ	2,586	2,586	IAC	1
4,997	1,089		6,086			
179	871	NA	1,050		COLR	6
2,242 B	(B)	290	2,242	2,532	IAC	6
165	NJ	NJ	165	165	IAC	6
2,586			3,457			
176	3,978	123	4,154	299	COLR	1
17,939 B	(B)	NA	17,939		IAC	2
1,838 B	(B)	NA	1,838		IAC	2
19,953 *			23,931			
612	2,353	NA	3,965		COLR	6
8,081	NJ	NJ	8,081	8,081	IAC	1
4,635 A	NA	NA	4,635		IAC	1
13,328 *			15,681			
208	1,120	NA	1,328		COLR	1
1,266	241	NA	1,507		IAC	1
1,227	222	NA	1,349		IAC	1
2,701	1,483		4,184			

**NOTE:**

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

(B) = **Mandatory** and **discretionary jurisdiction** cases cannot be separately identified. Data are reported within the jurisdiction where the court has the majority of its caseload.

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

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\*\*\* Oklahoma Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Court of Appeals data were not available for 2003. Data are repeated from 1998 for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, and from 2002 for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data do not include mandatory **attorney disciplinary** cases and **certified questions** from the federal courts.

California—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions granted** filed and disposed data do not include **original proceedings**.

Colorado—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data do not include some **disciplinary matters** and some **interlocutory decisions**.

Idaho—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed and disposed data do not include **original proceedings**.

Maryland—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data do not include some **civil**, **criminal**, and **original proceedings**.

Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data do not include some **administrative agency** cases and some **original proceedings**.

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed data do not include some **advisory opinions**, which are reported with **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed and disposed data do not include some civil and criminal **discretionary petitions** that are reported with mandatory jurisdiction cases.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.

Georgia—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

Illinois—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Indiana—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Iowa—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Kansas—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** disposed data include **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Mississippi—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include all mandatory cases filed for the state.

Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

—Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include **discretionary advisory opinions**. Total **mandatory** disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

Utah—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include some **discretionary petitions**.

Wisconsin—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

Idaho—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary original proceedings**, but do not include mandatory **interlocutory decisions** or **advisory opinions**.

**TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003**

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
<b>States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court</b>							
<b>ALASKA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	270	307	114	5	54	42
Court of Appeals	IAC	202	255	126	3	67	31
State Total		472	562	119	8	59	73
<b>ARIZONA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	178	183	103	5	36	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,644	3,313	91	22	166	65
State Total		3,822	3,496	91	27	142	68
<b>ARKANSAS</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	385 A	366 A	95	7	55	14
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,381	1,440	104	12	115	51
State Total		1,766 *	1,806 *	102	19	93	65
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	20	27	135	7	3	1
Courts of Appeal	IAC	13,437	16,768	125	105	128	38
State Total		13,457	16,795	125	112	120	38
<b>COLORADO</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	101 A	108 A	107	7	14	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,589	2,511	97	16	162	57
State Total		2,690 *	2,619 *	97	23	117	59
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	43	(B)		7	6	1
Appellate Court	IAC	1,163 B	1,199 B	103	10	116	33
State Total		1,206 *			17	71	35
<b>FLORIDA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	113	123	109	7	16	1
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	19,729	19,486	99	62	318	116
State Total		19,842	19,609	99	69	288	117
<b>GEORGIA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	610	(B)	7	87	7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,991	2,980	100	12	249	35
State Total		3,601			19	190	42
<b>HAWAII</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	731	710	97	5	146	58
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	231	224	97	4	58	18
State Total		962	934	97	9	107	76
<b>IDAHO</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	568 C	570 C	100	5	114	42
Court of Appeals	IAC	602	609	101	3	201	44
State Total		1,170 *	1,179 *	101	8	146	86
<b>ILLINOIS</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	663	812	122	7	95	5
Appellate Court	IAC	8,633 B	9,037 B	105	54	160	68
State Total		9,296 *	9,849 *	106	61	152	73

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
<b>IOWA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,113 B	176		7	159	38
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,008	1,097	109	9	112	34
State Total		2,121 *	1,273		16	133	72
<b>KANSAS</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	124	889 B		7	18	5
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,598 B	1,592 B	100	11	145	59
State Total		1,722 *	2,481 *		18	96	63
<b>KENTUCKY</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	396	397	100	7	57	10
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,690	2,700	100	14	192	65
State Total		3,086	3,097	100	21	147	75
<b>LOUISIANA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	238	182	76	7	34	5
Courts of Appeal	IAC	3,141	3,530	112	53	59	70
State Total		3,379	3,712	110	60	56	75
<b>MARYLAND</b>							
Court of Appeals	COLR	285 A	258		7	41	5
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	1,978	1,901	96	13	152	36
State Total		2,263 *	2,159		20	113	41
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>							
Supreme Judicial Court**	COLR	290	204	70	7	41	5
Appeals Court	IAC	1,630	2,020	124	25	65	25
State Total		1,920	2,224	116	32	60	30
<b>MICHIGAN</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	5	4	80	7	1	0
Court of Appeals	IAC	4,345	4,574	105	28	155	43
State Total		4,350	4,578	105	35	124	43
<b>MINNESOTA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	121	98	81	7	17	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,250	2,133	95	16	141	44
State Total		2,371	2,231	94	23	103	47
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,163 B	540		9	129	40
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	543		10		
State Total		1,163 *	1,083		19	61	40
<b>MISSOURI</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	242	291	120	7	35	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,776	3,660	97	32	118	66
State Total		4,018	3,951	98	39	103	70
<b>NEBRASKA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	65	(B)		7	9	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,401	1,269	91	7	200	81
State Total		1,466			14	105	84
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	411	416	101	7	59	5
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	7,120	7,213	101	33	216	82
State Total		7,531	7,629	101	40	188	87

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	59	64	108	5	12	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	780	830	106	10	78	42
State Total		839	894	107	15	56	45
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	114	118	104	7	16	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,747	1,748	100	15	116	21
State Total		1,861	1,866	100	22	85	22
OHIO							
Supreme Court	COLR	636	636	100	7	91	6
Courts of Appeals	IAC	11,202	10,652	95	68	165	98
State Total		11,838	11,288	95	75	158	104
OKLAHOMA***							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,339	1,625	121	9	149	38
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	1,462	1,424	97	5	292	42
Court of Appeals	IAC	499	737	148	12	42	14
State Total		3,300	3,786	115	26	127	94
OREGON							
Supreme Court	COLR	223	170	76	7	32	6
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,314	3,891	117	10	331	93
State Total		3,537	4,061	115	17	208	99
PUERTO RICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	104	101	97	7	15	3
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	1,634	1,460	89	39	42	42
State Total		1,738	1,561	90	46	38	45
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	262	267	102	5	52	6
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,414	1,494	106	9	157	34
State Total		1,676	1,761	105	14	120	40
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	0	0		9		
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	7,726	7,638	99	9	858	35
Courts of Appeals	IAC	10,559	12,420	118	80	132	48
State Total		18,285	20,058	110	98	187	83
UTAH							
Supreme Court	COLR	594 B	598		5	119	25
Court of Appeals	IAC	830	717	86	7	119	35
State Total		1,424 *	1,315		12	119	61
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	12	0		7	2	0
Court of Appeals	IAC	701	747	107	11	64	9
State Total		713	747	105	18	40	10
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	COLR	59 B	55 B	93	9	7	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,975	3,742	94	22	181	65
State Total		4,034 *	3,797 *	94	31	130	66
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	COLR	76	(B)		7	11	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,452 B	3,452 B	100	16	216	63
State Total		3,528 *			23	153	64

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
<b>States with no intermediate appellate court</b>							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	COLR	681	726	107	5	136	83
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	COLR	1,644	1,786	109	9	183	292
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	515	536	104	7	74	39
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	560	608	109	7	80	61
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,841	1,889	103	7	263	82
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	364	333	91	5	73	57
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	COLR	281	311	111	5	56	26
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	398 B	417 B	105	5	80	52
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	COLR	553	533	96	5	111	89
WEST VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
WYOMING							
Supreme Court	COLR	272	299	110	5	54	54
<b>States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts</b>							
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,151	1,186	103	9	128	26
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	1,182	1,225	104	5	236	26
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	2,291	2,586	113	5	458	51
State Total		4,624	4,997	108	19	243	103
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	183	179	98	5	37	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,299 B	2,242 B	98	15	153	37
Tax Court	IAC	60	165	275	1	60	1
State Total		2,542 *	2,586 *	102	21	121	41
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	COLR	288	176	61	7	41	2
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	9,967 B	17,939 B	180	56	178	52
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	2,017 B	1,838 B	91	15	134	11
State Total		12,272 *	19,953 *	163	78	157	64

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Number of judges	Filed per judge	Filed per 100,000 population
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	551	612	111	7	79	4
Superior Court	IAC	8,195	8,081	99	15	546	66
Commonwealth Court	IAC	4,540 A	4,635 A	102	9	504	37
State Total		13,286 *	13,328 *	100	31	429	107
<b>TENNESSEE</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	161	208	129	5	32	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,004	1,266	126	12	84	17
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	1,114	1,227	110	12	93	19
State Total		2,279	2,701	119	29	79	39

**COURT TYPE:**

COLR = Court of Last Resort  
 IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

**NOTE:**

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- NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.
- (B) = **Mandatory jurisdiction** cases cannot be separately identified and are reported with **discretionary petitions**. (See Table 4.)

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- Colorado—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data do not include some **disciplinary matters** and some **interlocutory decisions**.
- Maryland—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data do not include some **civil**, **criminal**, and **original proceedings**.
- Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data do not include some **administrative agency** cases and some **original proceedings**.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

- Connecticut—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Illinois—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Indiana—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Iowa—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Kansas—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** disposed data include **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.  
 —Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Mississippi—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include all mandatory cases filed for the state.
- New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.  
 —Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.
- South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary advisory opinions**. Total **mandatory** disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.
- Utah—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Washington—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include some **discretionary petitions**.
- Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

- Idaho—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary original proceedings**, but do not include **mandatory interlocutory decisions** or **advisory opinions**.

**TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2003**

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
<b>States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court</b>							
<b>ALASKA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	189	177	94	5	38	29
Court of Appeals	IAC	40	39	98	3	13	6
State Total		229	216	94	8	29	35
<b>ARIZONA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,027	1,017	99	5	205	18
Court of Appeals	IAC	173	145	84	22	8	3
State Total		1,200	1,162	97	27	44	22
<b>ARKANSAS</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	467	485	104	7	67	17
Court of Appeals	IAC	134	131	98	12	11	5
State Total		601	616	102	19	32	22
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	8,842	8,625	98	7	1263	25
Courts of Appeal	IAC	8,606	8,407	98	105	82	24
State Total		17,448	17,032	98	112	156	49
<b>COLORADO</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,300	1,333	103	7	186	29
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		16		
State Total		1,300	1,333	103	23	57	29
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	484	548 B		7	69	14
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	(B)		10		
State Total					17		
<b>FLORIDA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,375	2,168	91	7	339	14
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	4,413	4,394	100	62	71	26
State Total		6,788	6,562	97	69	98	40
<b>GEORGIA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,272	1,790 B		7	182	15
Court of Appeals	IAC	453	453	100	12	38	5
State Total		1,725	2,243 *		19	91	20
<b>HAWAII</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	79	75	95	5	16	6
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		4		
State Total		79	75	95	9	9	6
<b>IDAHO</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	203 A	195 A	96	5	41	15
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		3		
State Total		203	195	96	8	25	15
<b>ILLINOIS</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,304	2,516	109	7	329	18
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	(B)		54		
State Total					61		
<b>IOWA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	1,966		7		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		9		
State Total			1,966		16		

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Number of judges	Filed per judge	Filed per 100,000 population
<b>KANSAS</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	748	(B)		7	107	27
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	(B)		11		
State Total					18		
<b>KENTUCKY</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	736	752	102	7	105	18
Court of Appeals	IAC	101	80	79	14	7	2
State Total		837	832	99	21	40	20
<b>LOUISIANA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	3,312	3,172	96	7	473	74
Courts of Appeal	IAC	6,257	6,678	107	53	118	139
State Total		9,569	9,850	103	60	159	213
<b>MARYLAND</b>							
Court of Appeals	COLR	700	707	101	7	100	13
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	423	423	100	13	33	8
State Total		1,123	1,130	101	20	56	20
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>							
Supreme Judicial Court**	COLR	752	633	84	7	107	12
Appeals Court	IAC	693	693	100	25	28	11
State Total		1,445	1,326	92	32	45	22
<b>MICHIGAN</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,276	2,427	107	7	325	23
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,100	3,134	101	28	111	31
State Total		5,376	5,561	103	35	154	53
<b>MINNESOTA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	596	102	17	7	85	12
Court of Appeals	IAC	96	53	55	16	6	2
State Total		692	155	22	23	30	14
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	344	334	97	9	38	12
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		10		
State Total		344	334	97	19	18	12
<b>MISSOURI</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	563	598	106	7	80	10
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		32		
State Total		563	598	106	39	14	10
<b>NEBRASKA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	356	282 B		7	51	20
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ			6	
State Total		356	282 *		13	27	20
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	3,108	3,047	98	7	444	36
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	0	0		33		
State Total		3,108	3,047	98	40	78	36
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	535	509	95	5	107	29
Court of Appeals	IAC	76	NA		10	8	4
State Total		611			15	41	33

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Number of judges	Filed per judge	Filed per 100,000 population
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	677	718	106	7	97	8
Court of Appeals	IAC	825	748	91	15	55	10
State Total		1,502	1,466	98	22	68	18
<b>OHIO</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,601	1,569	98	7	229	14
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		68		
State Total		1,601	1,569	98	75	21	14
<b>OKLAHOMA***</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	502	502	100	9	56	14
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		5		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		12		
State Total		502	502	100	26	19	14
<b>OREGON</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	805	792	98	7	115	23
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		10		
State Total		805	792	98	17	47	23
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,012	925	91	7	145	26
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	2,564	2,431	95	39	66	66
State Total		3,576	3,356	94	46	78	92
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,353	1,236	91	5	271	33
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		9		
State Total		1,353	1,236	91	14	97	33
<b>TEXAS</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,275	1,274	100	9	142	6
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	1,742	1,708	98	9	194	8
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		80		
State Total		3,017	2,982	99	98	31	14
<b>UTAH</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	NA		5		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		7		
State Total					12		
<b>VIRGINIA</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,985	3,006	101	7	426	40
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,591	2,649	102	11	236	35
State Total		5,576	5,655	101	18	310	75
<b>WASHINGTON</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,422 A	1,336 A	94	9	158	23
Court of Appeals	IAC	386	353	91	22	18	6
State Total		1,808 *	1,689 *	93	31	58	29
<b>WISCONSIN</b>							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,184	1,039 B		7	169	22
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	(B)		16		
State Total					23		

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
<b>States with no intermediate appellate court</b>							
DELAWARE Supreme Court	COLR	0	0		5		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Court of Appeals	COLR	52	53	102	9	6	9
MAINE Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	157	147	94	7	22	12
MONTANA Supreme Court	COLR	300	270	90	7	43	33
NEVADA Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		7		
NEW HAMPSHIRE Supreme Court	COLR	842	893	106	5	170	65
NORTH DAKOTA Supreme Court	COLR	13	13	100	5	3	2
RHODE ISLAND Supreme Court	COLR	393	403	103	5	79	37
SOUTH DAKOTA Supreme Court	COLR	49 A	(B)		5	10	6
VERMONT Supreme Court	COLR	29	29	100	5	6	5
WEST VIRGINIA Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	2,854	2,285	80	5	571	158
WYOMING Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
<b>States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts</b>							
ALABAMA Supreme Court	COLR	1,025	1,089	106	9	114	23
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		5		
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		5		
State Total		1,025	1,089	106	19	54	23
INDIANA Supreme Court	COLR	902	871	97	5	180	15
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	(B)		15		
Tax Court	IAC	NJ	NJ		1		
State Total							21
NEW YORK Court of Appeals	COLR	3,920	3,978	101	7	560	20
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	(B)		56		
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	(B)		15		
State Total					78		

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,584	2,353	91	7	369	21
Superior Court	IAC	NJ	NJ		15		
Commonwealth Court	IAC	95	NA		9	11	1
State Total		2,679			31	86	22
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,105	1,120	101	5	221	19
Court of Appeals	IAC	252	241	96	12	21	4
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	129	122	95	12	11	2
State Total		1,486	1,483	100	29	51	25

**COURT TYPE:**

COLR = Court of Last Resort  
 IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

**NOTE:**

NA = Data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

(B) = **Discretionary petitions** cannot be separately identified and are reported with **mandatory** cases. (See Table 3).

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

\* See the qualifying footnote for each court in the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

\*\* Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court data were not available for 2003. Data are repeated from 2002.

\*\*\* Oklahoma Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Court of Criminal Appeals data were not available for 2003. Data are repeated from 1998 for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, and from 2002 for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Idaho—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed and disposed do not include **original proceedings**.  
 South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed data do not include some **discretionary advisory opinions**, which are reported with **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.  
 Washington—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed and disposed data do not include some civil and criminal **discretionary petitions** that are reported with **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.  
 Georgia—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.  
 Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.  
 Wisconsin—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.



**TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2003**

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		Filed	Filed granted	Granted disposed				
<b>States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court</b>								
<b>ALASKA</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	189	19	NA	10		5	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	40	1	NA	3		3	0
State Total		229	20		9			
<b>ARIZONA</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,027	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	173	NA	NA			22	
State Total		1,200						
<b>ARKANSAS</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	467	114	114	24	100	7	16
Court of Appeals	IAC	134	27	27	20	100	12	2
State Total		601	141	141	23	100	19	7
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	8,842	118 A	66 A			7	17
Courts of Appeal	IAC	8,606	NA	NA			105	
State Total		17,448						
<b>COLORADO</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,300	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			16	
State Total		1,300						
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	484	59	NA	12		7	8
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			10	
State Total								
<b>FLORIDA</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,375	NA	NA			7	
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	4,413	NA	NA			62	
State Total		6,788						
<b>GEORGIA</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,272	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	453	NA	NA			12	
State Total		1,725						
<b>HAWAII</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	79	NA	NA			5	
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			4	
State Total		79						
<b>IDAHO</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	203 A	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			3	
State Total		203						
<b>ILLINOIS</b>								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,304	91	0	4		7	13
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			54	
State Total								

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TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		Filed	Filed granted	Granted disposed				
IOWA								
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			9	
State Total								
KANSAS								
Supreme Court	COLR	748	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			11	
State Total								
KENTUCKY								
Supreme Court	COLR	736	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	101	NA	NA			14	
State Total		837						
LOUISIANA								
Supreme Court	COLR	3,312	294	201	9	68	7	42
Courts of Appeal	IAC	6,257	1,572	1,552	25	99	53	30
State Total		9,569	1,866	1,753	20	94	60	31
MARYLAND								
Court of Appeals	COLR	700	102	NA	15		7	15
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	423	2	NA	0		13	0
State Total		1,123	104		9			
MASSACHUSETTS								
Supreme Judicial Court**	COLR	752	NA	NA			7	
Appeals Court	IAC	693	NA	NA			25	
State Total		1,445						
MICHIGAN								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,276	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,100	NA	NA			28	
State Total		5,376						
MINNESOTA								
Supreme Court	COLR	596	71	9	12	13	7	10
Court of Appeals	IAC	96	NA	NA			16	
State Total		692						
MISSISSIPPI								
Supreme Court	COLR	344	82	NA	24		9	9
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			10	
State Total		344	82		24		19	4
MISSOURI								
Supreme Court	COLR	563	65	65	12	100	7	9
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			32	
State Total		563	65	65	12	100		
NEBRASKA								
Supreme Court	COLR	356	52	NA	15		7	7
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			6	
State Total		356	52		15			
NEW JERSEY								
Supreme Court	COLR	3,108	100	NA	3		7	14
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	0	NA	NA			33	
State Total		3,108						

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TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		Filed	Filed granted	Granted disposed				
NEW MEXICO								
Supreme Court	COLR	535	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	76	NA	NA			10	
State Total		611						
NORTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	COLR	677	26	24	4	92	7	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	825	109	NA	13		15	7
State Total		1,502	135		9			
OHIO								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,601	229	NA	14		7	33
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			68	
State Total		1,601	229		14			
OKLAHOMA***								
Supreme Court	COLR	502	NA	NA			9	
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			12	
State Total		502						
OREGON								
Supreme Court	COLR	805	57	NA	7	7	8	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ		10		
State Total		805	57		7			
PUERTO RICO								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,012	NA	NA			7	
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	2,564	NA	NA			39	
State Total		3,576						
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,353	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			9	
State Total		1,353						
TEXAS								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,275	115	101	9	88	9	13
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	1,742	111	159	6	143	9	12
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			80	
State Total		3,017	226	260	7	115		
UTAH								
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			7	
State Total								
VIRGINIA								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,985	289	0	10		7	41
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,591	298	NA	12		11	27
State Total		5,576	587		11			
WASHINGTON								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,422 A	NA	NA			9	
Court of Appeals	IAC	386	NA	NA			22	
State Total		1,808 *						
WISCONSIN								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,184	0	125			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			16	
State Total								

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TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		Filed	Filed granted	Granted disposed				
<b>States with no intermediate appellate court</b>								
DELAWARE								
Supreme Court	COLR	0	NA	NA			5	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA								
Court of Appeals	COLR	52	NA	NA			9	
MAINE								
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	157	NA	NA			7	
MONTANA								
Supreme Court	COLR	300	NA	20			7	
NEVADA								
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ	NJ			7	
NEW HAMPSHIRE								
Supreme Court	COLR	842	NA	NA			5	
NORTH DAKOTA								
Supreme Court	COLR	13	NA	NA			5	
RHODE ISLAND								
Supreme Court	COLR	393	129	NA	33		5	26
SOUTH DAKOTA								
Supreme Court	COLR	49 A	NA	NA			5	
VERMONT								
Supreme Court	COLR	29	NA	NA			5	
WEST VIRGINIA								
Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	2,854	914	1,188	32	130	5	183
WYOMING								
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
<b>States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts</b>								
ALABAMA								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,025	NA	NA			9	
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
State Total		1,025						
INDIANA								
Supreme Court	COLR	902	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	290	290		100	15	19
Tax Court	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			1	
State Total								
NEW YORK								
Court of Appeals	COLR	3,920	NA	123			7	
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			56	
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	NA	NA			15	
State Total								

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TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		Filed	Filed granted	Granted disposed				
PENNSYLVANIA								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,584	NA	NA			7	
Superior Court	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			15	
Commonwealth Court	IAC	95	NA	NA			9	
State Total		2,679						
TENNESSEE								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,105	89	NA	8		5	18
Court of Appeals	IAC	252	42	NA	17		12	4
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	129	20	NA	16		12	2
State Total		1,486	151		10			

**COURT TYPE:**

COLR = Court of Last Resort  
 IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

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Idaho—Supreme Court—**Total discretionary petitions** filed data do not include **original proceedings**.

South Dakota—Supreme Court—**Total discretionary petitions filed** data do not include some **advisory opinions** that are reported with mandatory jurisdiction cases.

Washington—Supreme Court—**Total discretionary petitions filed** data do not include some **civil** and **criminal** discretionary petitions that are reported with mandatory jurisdiction cases.

**TABLE 6: Opinions Reported by State Appellate Courts, 2003**

State/Court name:	Composition of opinion count:				Total dispositions by signed opinion	Number of authorized justices/judges	Number of opinions/judge	Number of lawyer support personnel
	Opinion count: C=case D=written document	Signed opinions	Per curiam opinions	Memos/orders				
<b>States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court</b>								
<b>ALASKA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	139	5	28	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	76	3	25	8
<b>ARIZONA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	56	5	11	16
Court of Appeals	C	X	O	X	146	22	7	53
<b>ARKANSAS</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	290	7	41	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	790	12	66	16
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	123	7	18	78
Courts of Appeal	C	X	X	X	12,543	105	119	246
<b>COLORADO</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	85	7	12	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	278	16	17	32
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	190	7	27	17
Appellate Court	C	X	X	X	593	10	59	27
<b>FLORIDA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	81	7	12	23
District Courts of Appeal	C	X	X	X	NA	62		146
<b>GEORGIA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	421	7	60	17
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,071	12	89	46
<b>HAWAII</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	69	5	14	16
Intermediate Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	46	4	12	8
<b>IDAHO</b>								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	135	5	27	11
Court of Appeals	D	X	X	X	208	3	69	6
<b>ILLINOIS</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	113	7	16	24
Appellate Court	C	X	X	X	986	54	18	123
<b>IOWA</b>								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	171	7	24	16
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,030	9	114	6
<b>KANSAS</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	249	7	36	7
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,166	11	106	25
<b>KENTUCKY</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	233	7	33	13
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,613	14	115	34

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TABLE 6: Opinions Reported by State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Opinion count: C=case D=written document	Composition of opinion count:			Total dispositions by signed opinion	Number of authorized justices/ judges	Number of opinions/ judge	Number of lawyer support personnel
		Signed opinions	Per curiam opinions	Memos/ orders				
LOUISIANA								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	15	7	2	40
Courts of Appeal	D	X	X	X	2,958	53	56	158
MARYLAND								
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	117	7	17	14
Court of Special Appeals	C	X	X	X	178	13	14	29
MASSACHUSETTS								
Supreme Judicial Court*	D	X	X	X	NA	7		20
Appeals Court	D	X	X	X	368	25	15	40
MICHIGAN								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	51	7	7	18
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	206	28	7	103
MINNESOTA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	146	7	21	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,456	16	91	45
MISSISSIPPI								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	297	9	33	38
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	543	10	54	0
MISSOURI								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	7		15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,855	32	58	54
NEBRASKA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	212	7	30	16
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	494	6	82	13
NEW JERSEY								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	NA	7		25
Appellate Div. of Superior Ct.	C	X	X	X	366	33	11	60
NEW MEXICO								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	35	5	7	10
Court of Appeals	D	X	X	X	138	10	14	27
NORTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	28	7	4	15
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,536	15	102	28
OHIO								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	7		20
Courts of Appeals	C	X	X	X	6,861	68	101	0
OKLAHOMA**								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	9		16
Court of Criminal Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	5		12
Court of Civil Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	12		12
OREGON								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	54	7	6	13
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	10	49	18

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	Opinion count: C=case D=written document	Signed opinions	Per curiam opinions	Memos/orders				
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	54	7	8	26
Circuit Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	39		41
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	191	5	38	21
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	937	9	104	27
<b>TEXAS</b>								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	96	9	11	30
Court of Criminal Appeals	C	X	X	X	325	9	36	34
Courts of Appeals	C	X	X	X	NA	80		88
<b>UTAH</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	98	5	20	12
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	110	7	16	18
<b>VIRGINIA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	130	7	19	23
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	601	11	55	15
<b>WASHINGTON</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	139	9	15	25
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	1,846	22	84	72
<b>WISCONSIN</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	128	7	18	11
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	766	16	48	25
<b>States with no intermediate appellate court</b>								
<b>DELAWARE</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	67	5	13	5
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>								
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	299	9	33	31
<b>MAINE</b>								
Supreme Judicial Court	D	X	X	X	NA	7		11
<b>MONTANA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	377	7	54	17
<b>NEVADA</b>								
Supreme Court	D	X	X	X	87	7	12	41
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	186	5	37	15
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	203	5	41	10
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	64	5	13	17
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	177	5	35	8

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TABLE 6: Opinions Reported by State Appellate Courts, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Opinion count: C=case D=written document	Composition of opinion count:			Total dispositions by signed opinion	Number of authorized justices/judges	Number of opinions/judge	Number of lawyer support personnel
		Signed opinions	Per curiam opinions	Memos/orders				
<b>VERMONT</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	70	5	14	8
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>								
Supreme Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	68	5	14	29
<b>WYOMING</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	193	5	39	12
<b>States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts</b>								
<b>ALABAMA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	9		18
Court of Civil Appeals	C	X	X	X	287	5	57	6
Court of Criminal Appeals	C	X	X	X	137	5	27	23
<b>INDIANA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	NA	5		13
Court of Appeals	C,D	X	X	X	2,225	15	148	52
Tax Court	C,D	X	X	X	60	1	60	3
<b>NEW YORK</b>								
Court of Appeals	D	X	X	X	110	7	16	25
Appellate Div. - Supreme Ct.	D	X	X	X	NA	56		25
Appellate Terms - Supreme Ct.	D	X	X	X	NA	15		171
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	158	7	23	0
Superior Court	C	X	X	X	5,026	15	335	0
Commonwealth Court	D	X	X	X	1,721	9	191	66
<b>TENNESSEE</b>								
Supreme Court	C	X	X	X	198	5	40	12
Court of Appeals	C	X	X	X	808	12	67	12
Court of Criminal Appeals	C	X	X	X	935	12	78	9

**CODES:**

- X - Court follows this method when counting opinions.
- O - Court does not follow this method when counting opinions.
- NA - Data are not available.

\*Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court data were not available for 2003. Data are repeated from 2002.

\*\*Oklahoma Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Court of Appeals data were not available for 2003. Data are repeated from 1998 for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, and from 2002 for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Note: Disposition data are from the Manner of Disposition Survey sent to each appellate court.



**TABLE 7: Reported National Civil and Criminal Caseloads for State Trial Courts, 2003**

Reported Caseload	Filed	Disposed
<b>Civil cases:</b>		
I. General jurisdiction courts:		
A. Number of reported complete civil cases . . . . .	5,090,348	4,238,839
Number of courts reporting complete civil data . . . . .	52	43
B. Number of reported complete civil cases that include other case types . . . . .	629,805	499,000
Number of courts reporting complete civil data that include other case types . . . . .	5	6
C. Number of reported civil cases that are incomplete . . . . .	1,679,058	1,847,861
Number of courts reporting civil cases that are incomplete . . . . .	4	6
D. Number of reported civil cases that are incomplete and include noncivil case types . . . . .	154,304	147,837
Number of courts reporting civil cases that are incomplete and include noncivil case types . . . . .	2	2
II. Limited jurisdiction courts:		
A. Number of reported complete civil cases . . . . .	8,227,384	4,426,707
Number of courts reporting complete civil data . . . . .	56	40
B. Number of reported complete civil cases that include other case types . . . . .	88,061	183,025
Number of courts reporting complete civil data that include other case types . . . . .	3	5
C. Number of reported civil cases that are incomplete . . . . .	1,203,626	2,040,646
Number of courts reporting civil cases that are incomplete . . . . .	12	15
D. Number of reported civil cases that are incomplete and include noncivil case types . . . . .	0	203,071
Number of courts reporting civil cases that are incomplete and include noncivil case types . . . . .	0	2
<b>Criminal cases:</b>		
I. General jurisdiction courts:		
A. Number of reported complete criminal cases . . . . .	3,035,643	2,475,642
Number of courts reporting complete criminal data . . . . .	37	33
B. Number of reported complete criminal cases that include other case types . . . . .	797,422	620,830
Number of courts reporting complete criminal data that include other case types . . . . .	6	3
C. Number of reported criminal cases that are incomplete . . . . .	2,277,919	2,159,967
Number of courts reporting criminal cases that are incomplete . . . . .	10	11
D. Number of reported criminal cases that are incomplete and include noncriminal case types . . . . .	113,753	117,866
Number of courts reporting criminal cases that are incomplete and include noncriminal case types . . . . .	1	1
II. Limited jurisdiction courts:		
A. Number of reported complete criminal cases . . . . .	7,108,140	5,290,381
Number of courts reporting complete criminal data . . . . .	31	23
B. Number of reported complete criminal cases that include other case types . . . . .	3,363,107	4,962,798
Number of courts reporting complete criminal data that include other case types . . . . .	10	9
C. Number of reported criminal cases that are incomplete . . . . .	3,580,366	3,141,812
Number of courts reporting criminal cases that are incomplete . . . . .	17	17
D. Number of reported criminal cases that are incomplete and include noncriminal case types . . . . .	371,530	494,093
Number of courts reporting criminal cases that are incomplete and include noncriminal case types . . . . .	4	4

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TABLE 7: Reported National Civil and Criminal Caseloads for State Trial Courts, 2003 (continued)

Summary section for all trial courts:

	Reported Filings					
	General Jurisdiction		Limited Jurisdiction		Total (incomplete)	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
1. Total number of reported complete cases . . . . .	5,090,348	3,035,643	8,227,384	7,108,140	13,317,732	10,143,783
2. Total number of reported complete cases that include other case types . . . . .	629,805	797,422	88,061	3,363,107	717,866	4,160,529
3. Total number of reported cases that are incomplete . . . . .	1,679,058	2,277,919	1,203,626	3,580,366	2,882,684	5,858,285
4. Total number of reported cases that are incomplete and include other case types . . . . .	154,304	113,753	0	371,530	154,304	485,283
Total (incomplete) . . . . .	7,553,515	6,224,737	9,519,071	14,423,143	17,072,586	20,647,880

	Reported Dispositions					
	General Jurisdiction		Limited Jurisdiction		Total (incomplete)	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
1. Total number of reported complete cases . . . . .	4,238,839	2,475,642	4,426,707	5,290,381	8,665,546	7,766,023
2. Total number of reported complete cases that include other case types . . . . .	499,000	620,830	183,025	4,962,798	682,025	5,583,628
3. Total number of reported cases that are incomplete . . . . .	1,847,861	2,159,967	2,040,646	3,141,812	3,888,507	5,301,779
4. Total number of reported cases that are incomplete and include other case types . . . . .	147,837	117,866	203,071	494,093	350,908	611,959
Total (incomplete) . . . . .	6,733,537	5,374,305	6,853,449	13,889,084	13,586,986	19,263,389

**TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/ custody	Grand total incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Grand total outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/ incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>ALABAMA</b>								
Circuit	G	2	B	6	208,887	203,324	97	4,641
District	L	3	B	6	689,896	676,207	98	15,328
Municipal	L	1	B	1	562,131 A	467,125 A	83	12,490
Probate	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>ALASKA</b>								
Superior	G	2	B	6	18,584 A	18,426 A	99	2,864
District	L	3	B	6	128,812 A	138,004 A	107	19,853
State Total					147,396 *	156,430 *	106	22,718
<b>ARIZONA</b>								
Superior	G	2	D	6	252,877	244,063	97	4,531
Tax	G	2	I	1	1,053	1,098	104	19
Justice of the Peace	L	3	Z	1	861,641	811,159	94	15,439
Municipal	L	3	Z	1	1,485,373	1,478,817	100	26,616
State Total					2,600,944	2,535,137	97	46,605
<b>ARKANSAS</b>								
Circuit	G	2	D	6	214,603	205,651	96	7,873
City	L	3	A	1	88,412	61,082	69	3,244
District	L	3	A	1	1,093,743	779,520	71	40,127
State Total					1,396,758	1,046,253	75	51,244
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>								
Superior	G	6	B	6	7,994,348 A	7,207,537 A	90	22,529
<b>COLORADO</b>								
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate	G	2	D	3	169,458 A	167,260 A	99	3,724
Water	G	2	I	1	1,667	1,223	73	37
County	L	3	D	1	740,527	468,612 A		16,273
Municipal	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>								
Superior	G	6	B	5**	523,090 A	523,027 A	100	15,017
Probate	L	2	I	4	97,993	22,236 A		2,813
State Total					621,083 *	545,263 *		17,830
<b>DELAWARE</b>								
Court of Chancery	G	2	I	1	3,935	3,452	88	481
Superior	G	2	B	1	19,393	19,907	103	2,372
Alderman's	L	2	A	1	23,109	23,730	103	2,827
Court of Common Pleas	L	2	B	1	94,983	91,283	96	11,619
Family	L	2	B	3**	53,490	52,517	98	6,543
Justice of the Peace	L	2	B	1	245,444	247,368	101	30,024
State Total					440,354	438,257	100	53,867
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>								
Superior	G	6	B	6**	145,150	150,447	104	25,764
<b>FLORIDA†</b>								
Circuit	G	2	E	4	1,421,418	810,641 A		8,352
County	L	5	B	1	2,817,597	2,466,976	88	16,556
State Total					4,239,015	3,277,617 *		24,907

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/ custody	Grand total incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Grand total outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/ incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>GEORGIA</b>								
Superior	G	2	G	3	366,166	NA		4,277
Civil	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
County Recorder's	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	1	I	1	111,948 A	100,085 A	89	1,308
Magistrate	L	2	B	1	730,910	NA		8,538
Municipal	L	1	B	1	249,495 A	NA		2,915
Municipal and City of Atlanta	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
Probate	L	2	B	1	362,598	NA		4,236
State	L	2	G	1	784,037 A	634,818 A	81	9,159
State Total								
<b>HAWAII</b>								
Circuit	G	2	B	6	47,986	47,585	99	3,816
District	L	4	A	1	499,941	488,973	98	39,753
State Total					547,927	536,558	98	43,569
<b>IDAHO</b>								
District	G	2	J	6**	19,749	22,493	114	1,445
Magistrates Division	L	3	J	6**	451,648 A	505,190 A	112	33,056
State Total					471,397 *	527,683 *	112	34,501
<b>ILLINOIS</b>								
Circuit	G	2	G	6**	4,231,892	4,312,181	102	33,444
<b>INDIANA</b>								
Probate	G	2	I	1	3,837	2,487	65	62
Superior and Circuit	G	3	B	6**	1,301,293 A	1,306,143 A	100	21,003
City and Town	L	3	B	1	323,750	331,153	102	5,225
County	L	4	B	1	30,324	32,549	107	489
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	2	I	1	72,516	75,873	105	1,170
State Total					1,731,720 *	1,748,205 *	101	27,951
<b>IOWA</b>								
District	G	3	B	6	1,054,103	NA		35,804
<b>KANSAS</b>								
District	G	4	B	6**	511,193	505,571	99	18,770
Municipal	L	1	B	1	512,732 A	496,067 A	97	18,826
State Total					1,023,925 *	1,001,638 *	98	37,596
<b>KENTUCKY</b>								
Circuit	G	2	B	6	145,035	136,769	94	3,522
District	L	3	B	1	799,067	790,342	99	19,405
State Total					944,102	927,111	98	22,927
<b>LOUISIANA</b>								
District	G	3	Z	6	747,677	NA		16,629
Family and Juvenile	G	2	B	4***	21,476	19,305	90	478
City and Parish	L	3	B	1	1,125,811	1,056,166	94	25,038
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
Mayor's	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of court	Support/ custody	Grand total incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Grand total outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/ incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>MAINE</b>								
Superior	G	2	B	1	15,587	NA		1,194
District	G	4	B	5	263,870	NA		20,209
Probate	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>MARYLAND</b>								
Circuit	G	2	B	6**	282,673 B	255,734 B	90	5,131
District	L	3	B	1	2,379,917	1,450,354 A		43,201
Orphan's	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>								
Superior Court	G	2	B	1	31,445	29,611	94	489
District Court	L	2	B	1	1,110,818	669,097	60	17,266
Boston Municipal Court	L	2	B	1	38,223	32,012	84	594
Housing Court	L	2	B	1	33,207	NA		516
Juvenile Court	L	2	B	1	45,770	NA		711
Land Court	L	2	I	1	11,491	9,764	85	179
Probate & Family Court	L	2	I	5**	151,716	94,555	62	2,358
State Total					1,422,670			22,114
<b>MICHIGAN</b>								
Circuit	G	2	B	6**	350,054	347,132	99	3,473
Court of Claims	G	2	I	1	233	272	117	2
District	L	4	B	1	3,985,592	3,810,893	96	39,540
Municipal	L	4	B	1	76,270	70,488	92	757
Probate	L	2	I	1	65,993	63,911	97	655
State Total					4,478,142	4,292,696	96	44,426
<b>MINNESOTA</b>								
District	G	4	B	6	2,073,431 A	1,946,579 A	94	40,982
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>								
Circuit	G	2	B	5	28,104 A	19,179 A	68	975
Chancery	L	2	I	5	66,876 A	55,243 A	83	2,321
County	L	2	B	4	30,529 A	19,249 A	63	1,060
Justice	L	2	B	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>MISSOURI</b>								
Circuit	G	2	G	6**	879,336	855,374	97	15,415
Municipal	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>MONTANA</b>								
District	G	2	G	3	37,456	32,088	86	4,082
Water	G	2	I	1	NA	NA		
Workers' Compensation	G	2	I	1	229	269	117	25
City	L	3	B	1	58,302 A	NA		6,354
Justice of the Peace	L	3	B	1	171,284 B	NA		18,666
Municipal	L	3	B	1	77,554	NA		8,452
State Total								

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/ custody	Grand total incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Grand total outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/ incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>NEBRASKA</b>								
District	G	2	B	5	41,038	NA		2,359
County	L	1	B	1	408,829 A	NA		23,505
Separate Juvenile	L	2	I	1	4,472	NA		257
Workers' Compensation	L	2	I	1	153	148	97	9
State Total					454,492 *			26,131
<b>NEVADA</b>								
District	G	2	B	2	120,537 A	108,308 A	90	5,378
Justice	L	3	B	1	599,176 C	401,776 A		26,735
Municipal	L	3	B	1	314,162 A	301,196 A	96	14,018
State Total					1,033,875 *	811,280 *		46,131
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>								
Superior	G	2	B	5	54,436	51,735	95	4,227
District	L	4	B	5	188,861 B	182,201 B	96	14,667
Probate	L	2	I	1	9,601 A	9,408 A	98	746
State Total					252,898 *	243,344 *	96	19,640
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>								
Superior	G	2	B	6**	1,242,638	1,241,893	100	14,385
Municipal	L	4	A	1	6,267,189	6,312,514	101	72,550
Tax	L	2	I	1	6,639	5,444	82	77
State Total					7,516,466	7,559,851	101	87,012
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>								
District	G	2	B	6	103,627	98,577	95	5,528
Magistrate	L	3	B	1	172,511	163,350	95	9,202
Metropolitan Ct. of Bernalillo County	L	3	B	1	116,461	116,578	100	6,213
Municipal	L	3	B	1	NA	NA		
Probate	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>NEW YORK</b>								
Supreme and County Civil Court of the City of New York	G	2	E	1	484,556	494,892	102	2,525
Court of Claims	L	2	I	1	840,902	527,822	63	4,382
Criminal Court of the City of New York	L	2	I	1	1,683	1,516	90	9
District and City	L	2	E	1	856,825 A	694,100 A	81	4,465
Family	L	4	E	1	1,223,244	1,187,426	97	6,374
Surrogates'	L	2	I	4	689,281	685,199	99	3,592
Town and Village Justice	L	2	I	1	151,239	124,247	82	788
State Total	L	4	E	1	2,327,644	2,327,644	100	12,129
					6,575,374 *	6,042,846 *	92	34,264
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>								
Superior	G	2	E	1	326,975 B	305,392 B	93	3,889
District	L	6	E	6**	2,758,069 A	2,690,304 A	98	32,806
State Total					3,085,044 *	2,995,696 *	97	36,695
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>								
District	G	4	B	6**	185,457	181,412	98	29,259
Municipal	L	1	B	1	70,544 A	70,544 A	100	11,130
State Total					256,001 *	251,956 *	98	40,389

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of court	Support/ custody	Grand total incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Grand total outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/ incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>OHIO</b>								
Court of Common Pleas	G	2	B	6**	842,390	850,046	101	7,366
County	L	5	B	1	269,852	270,120	100	2,360
Court of Claims	L	2	I	1	1,304	1,415	109	11
Mayor's	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	5	B	1	2,718,489	2,702,655	99	23,772
State Total								
<b>OKLAHOMA†</b>								
District	G	2	J	6	561,540	527,174	94	15,991
Court of Tax Review	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
Municipal Court Not of Record	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
Municipal Criminal Court of Record	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>OREGON</b>								
Circuit	G	3	B	6**	655,574	653,325	100	18,417
Tax	G	2	I	1	1,247	1,522	122	35
County	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
Justice	L	3	B	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	3	A	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>								
Court of Common Pleas †	G	2	B	4	685,141 A	471,523 A	69	5,541
District Justice	L	4	B	1	2,429,430	2,406,244	99	19,647
Philadelphia Municipal	L	2	B	1	204,925	217,943	106	1,657
Philadelphia Traffic	L	4	I	1	292,578 A	566,648 A	194	2,366
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	L	4	B	1	341,598	NA		2,763
State Total					3,953,672 *			31,974
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>								
Court of First Instance	G	3	A	6	255,264	261,822	103	6,581
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>								
Superior	G	2	D	1	16,051	31,772	198	1,492
Workers' Compensation	L	2	I	1	8,684 A	8,775 A	101	807
District	L	2	A	1	72,049	72,789 A		6,695
Family	L	2	I	6	22,396 A	17,664 A	79	2,081
Municipal	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
Probate	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
Traffic Tribunal	L	3	I	1	101,649	106,371	105	9,445
State Total								
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>								
Circuit	G	2	B	1	185,976	186,775	100	4,484
Family	L	4	I	6**	81,318	79,909	98	1,961
Magistrate†	L	4	B	1	1,146,633 A	1,186,874 A	104	27,649
Municipal†	L	4	B	1	408,382 A	410,691 A	101	9,847
Probate	L	2	I	1	20,297 A	20,463 A	101	489
State Total					1,842,606 *	1,884,712 *	102	44,431
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA†</b>								
Circuit	G	3	B	4	242,026	237,175 A		31,666
Magistrate	L	3	B	1	NA	NA		
State Total								

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/ custody	Grand total incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Grand total outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/ incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>TENNESSEE</b>								
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	G	2	A	6**	252,651 A	242,150 A	96	4,325
Probate	G	2	I	1	2,480	2,863	115	42
General Sessions	L	1	M	6**	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	2	I	4	143,093 A	181,653 A	127	2,449
Municipal	L	1	M	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
<b>TEXAS</b>								
District	G	2	B	6**	865,448 A	812,909 A	94	3,913
County-level	L	2	B	6**	793,002 A	809,407 A	102	3,585
Justice of the Peace	L	4	A	1	2,957,016 A	2,609,318 A	88	13,369
Municipal	L	4	A	1	8,099,088 A	7,568,050 A	93	36,617
State Total					12,714,554 *	11,799,684 *	93	57,484
<b>UTAH</b>								
District	G	4	J	3	264,188	272,891	103	11,235
Justice	L	4	B	1	559,739	533,807 A		23,804
Juvenile	L	2	I	1	47,726	49,020	103	2,030
State Total					871,653	855,718 *		37,068
<b>VERMONT</b>								
District	G	2	D	1	20,650	20,518	99	3,335
Family	G	2	I	4***	23,268	24,019	103	3,758
Superior	G	2	B	1	14,945	15,044	101	2,414
Environmental	L	2	I	1	270	287	106	44
Probate	L	2	I	1	5,027	5,119	102	812
Judicial Bureau	L	4	I	1	122,605	120,794	99	19,804
State Total					186,765	185,781	99	30,167
<b>VIRGINIA</b>								
Circuit	G	2	A	3	274,722	264,212	96	3,719
District	L	4	A	4	3,652,083	3,739,589 A		49,444
State Total					3,926,805	4,003,801 *		53,163
<b>WASHINGTON</b>								
Superior	G	2	B	6	252,807	238,910	95	4,123
District	L	4	C	1	1,066,941 A	1,134,283 A	106	17,401
Municipal	L	4	C	1	1,005,213 A	1,013,661 A	101	16,394
State Total					2,324,961 *	2,386,854 *	103	37,919
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>								
Circuit	G	2	D	5	47,608	43,940	92	2,630
Magistrate	L	2	A	1	347,094	319,528	92	19,173
Municipal	L	1	A	1	NA	NA		
Family	L	2	I	5	35,464	33,362	94	1,959
State Total								
<b>WISCONSIN</b>								
Circuit	G	3	J	6**	1,239,758	1,246,730	101	22,655
Municipal	L	3	A	1	NA	572,594 A		
State Total						1,819,324 *		
<b>WYOMING</b>								
District	G	2	J	5	16,162	15,211	94	3,224
Circuit	L	3	J	1	144,634 A	144,504 A	100	28,855
Municipal	L	1	A	1	NA	NA		
State Total								

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 2003 (continued)

**NOTE:** All state trial courts with grand total jurisdiction are listed in the table, regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "incoming cases per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

NA = Data are not available.

**JURISDICTION CODES:**

G = General Jurisdiction  
L = Limited Jurisdiction

**SUPPORT/CUSTODY CODES:**

- 1 = The court does not have jurisdiction over support/custody cases
- 2 = Support/custody caseload data are not available
- 3 = Only contested support/custody cases and all UIFSA cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases
- 4 = Both contested and uncontested support/custody cases and UIFSA cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases
- 5 = Support/custody cases are counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution and, thus, a marriage dissolution that involves support/custody matters is counted as one case
- 6 = Support/custody cases are counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution, but UIFSA cases are counted separately
- \*\* = Nondissolution support/custody cases are also counted separately
- \*\*\* = Court has only interstate support jurisdiction

**PARKING CODES:**

- 1 = Parking data are unavailable
- 2 = Court does not have parking jurisdiction
- 3 = Only contested parking cases are included
- 4 = Both contested and uncontested parking cases are included
- 5 = Parking cases are handled administratively
- 6 = Uncontested parking cases are handled administratively; contested parking cases are handled by the court

**CRIMINAL UNIT OF COUNT CODES:**

- M = Missing data
- I = Data element is inapplicable
- A = Single defendant—single charge
- B = Single defendant—single incident (unlimited number of charges)
- C = Single defendant—single incident (limited number of charges)
- D = Single defendant—more than one incident
- E = Single defendant—content varies with prosecutor
- F = One/more defendants—single charge
- G = One/more defendants—single incident (unlimited number of charges)
- H = One/more defendants—single incident (limited number of charges)
- J = One/more defendants—more than one incident
- K = One/more defendants—content varies with prosecutor
- L = Inconsistent during reporting year
- Z = Both the defendant and charge components vary within the state

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

† Florida courts do not include reopened dispositions within their count of outgoing cases; thus, outgoing cases are underreported, and the calculation of outgoing cases/incoming cases reflects a misleadingly low clearance rate. Data for all Oklahoma courts are for 1997. Data for Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas are preliminary 2003 data. Data for South Carolina Magistrate Court and South Carolina Municipal Court are for 2000. Data for South Dakota Circuit Court includes data from the Magistrate Court.

\* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

- Alabama—Municipal Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **parking violation** cases and data from 106 courts and are less than 75% complete.
- Alaska—Superior Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **criminal appeal** cases.  
—District Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **felony** cases.
- California—Superior Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include partial year data from several courts.
- Colorado—District, Denver Juvenile, and Denver Probate Courts—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **criminal appeal** cases.  
—County Court—Grand total outgoing data do not include **felony, DWU/DUI** and data from Denver County and are less than 75% complete.
- Connecticut—Superior Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include some **support** cases.  
—Probate Court—Grand total outgoing data do not include most **civil** cases and no **domestic relations** cases and are less than 75% complete.
- Florida—Circuit Court—Grand total outgoing data do not include **civil appeal, criminal appeal** and **termination of parental rights** cases.
- Georgia—Juvenile Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 58 counties.  
—Municipal Court—Grand total incoming data do not include **civil** and most **traffic** cases and are less than 75% complete.  
—State Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **felony, criminal appeal, other criminal** cases and data from one court.
- Idaho—Magistrates Division—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **parking violation** cases.
- Indiana—Superior and Circuit Courts—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **civil appeal** cases.
- Kansas—Municipal Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **parking violation** cases and partial year data from four courts.
- Maryland—District Court—Grand total outgoing data do not include do not include most **civil** cases and are less than 75% complete.
- Minnesota—District Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include complete juvenile data for Scott County.
- Mississippi—Circuit Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **criminal** cases, and are less than 75% complete.  
—Chancery Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include most **juvenile** cases.  
—County Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include **criminal** and most **juvenile** cases and are less than 75% complete.

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 2003 (continued)

<p>Montana—City Court—Grand total incoming data do not include some <b>civil, domestic relations, criminal, and violations</b> cases.</p> <p>Nebraska—County Court—Grand total incoming data do not include <b>parking violation</b> cases.</p> <p>Nevada—District Court—Grand total incoming data do not include complete data from two courts. Outgoing data do not include complete data from six courts. —Justice Court—Grand total outgoing data do not include complete data from seven courts, and are less than 75% complete. —Municipal Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include any data from one court and <b>civil</b> data from ten additional courts.</p> <p>New Hampshire—Probate Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include cases from the Family Division.</p> <p>New York—Criminal Court of the City of New York—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>non-criminal traffic violation (infraction)</b> and some <b>ordinance violation</b> cases and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>North Carolina—District Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>mental health</b> and <b>adoption</b> cases. Outgoing data also do not include some <b>other civil</b> cases.</p> <p>North Dakota—Municipal Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>parking, ordinance, and other violation</b> cases, represent only the 12 municipalities with the highest case volume, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include some <b>civil appeals</b> and some <b>criminal appeals</b> cases. —Philadelphia Traffic Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>parking, ordinance, parking, and other violation</b> cases and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Rhode Island—Workers' Compensation Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include some <b>civil appeal</b> cases. —District Court—Grand total outgoing data do not include <b>mental health, civil appeals, and domestic violence</b> cases. —Family Court—Grand total incoming data do not include <b>paternity</b> cases. Outgoing data do not include most <b>domestic relations</b> cases and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>South Carolina—Magistrate Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>felony and ordinance violation</b> cases. —Municipal Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>felony</b> cases. —Probate Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>mental health</b> cases.</p> <p>South Dakota—Circuit—Grand total outgoing data do not include <b>criminal</b> cases disposed of by bench trial.</p> <p>Tennessee—Circuit, Criminal and Chancery Courts—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>criminal</b> cases from Shelby County. —Juvenile Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include some <b>domestic relations</b> and <b>juvenile</b> cases.</p> <p>Texas—District Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 67 reports. —County-level Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 57 reports. —Justice of the Peace Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 680 reports. —Municipal Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 785 reports.</p> <p>Utah—Justice Court—Grand total outgoing data do not include <b>civil</b> cases.</p> <p>Virginia—District Court—Grand total outgoing data do not include <b>small claims</b> cases from one circuit.</p>	<p>Washington—District Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include some <b>parking violation</b> cases. —Municipal Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include complete data from some courts.</p> <p>Wisconsin—Municipal Court—Grand total outgoing data do not include partial year data from 34 counties.</p> <p>Wyoming—Circuit Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data do not include data from one county and partial year data from seven other counties. Outgoing data also do not include <b>civil appeal</b> and <b>criminal appeal</b> cases.</p> <p>B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:</p> <p>Maryland—Circuit Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data include some cases from Orphan's Court.</p> <p>Montana—Justice of the Peace Court—Grand total incoming data include some <b>civil, domestic relations, criminal, and violations</b> cases from City Court.</p> <p>New Hampshire—District Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data include include cases from the Family Division of Probate Court.</p> <p>North Carolina—Superior Court—Grand total incoming and outgoing data include <b>adoption</b> and <b>mental health</b> cases from District Court.</p> <p>C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:</p> <p>Nevada—Justice Court—Grand total incoming data include misdemeanor data from one Municipal Court, but do not include data from two Justice Courts.</p>
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**TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total civil incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total civil outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>ALABAMA</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	51,260	49,902	97	1,139
District	L	A	A	146,616	140,877	96	3,258
Probate	L	A	A	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>ALASKA</b>							
Superior	G	A	A	6,437	7,355 B		992
District	L	A	A	22,934 B	32,739 B	143	3,535
State Total				29,371 *	40,094 *		4,527
<b>ARIZONA</b>							
Superior	G	A	A	70,732	69,746	99	1,267
Tax	G	A	A	1,053	1,098	104	19
Justice of the Peace	L	A	A	171,836	160,527	93	3,079
State Total				243,621	231,371	95	4,365
<b>ARKANSAS</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	49,116	46,406	94	1,802
City	L	A	A	0	0		
District	L	A	A	86,696	41,879	48	3,181
State Total				135,812	88,285	65	4,983
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>							
Superior	G	A	A	1,085,989 A	1,006,516 A	93	3,060
<b>COLORADO</b>							
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate	G	A	A	60,068	59,351	99	1,320
Water	G	A	A	1,667	1,223	73	37
County	L	A	A	204,442	177,528 C		4,493
State Total				266,177	238,102 *		5,849
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>							
Superior	G	A	A	147,902	142,706	96	4,246
Probate	L	A	A	88,816	22,236 A		2,550
State Total				236,718	164,942 *		6,796
<b>DELAWARE</b>							
Court of Chancery	G	A	A	3,935	3,452	88	481
Superior	G	A	A	10,696	10,776	101	1,308
Court of Common Pleas	L	A	A	12,264	10,026	82	1,500
Justice of the Peace	L	A	A	30,329	27,501	91	3,710
State Total				57,224	51,755	90	7,000
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>							
Superior	G	A	B	82,622	85,711	104	14,665

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total civil incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total civil outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Ongoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>FLORIDA†</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	462,348	274,464 A		2,717
County	L	A	A	563,992	445,322	79	3,314
State Total				1,026,340	719,786 *		6,031
<b>GEORGIA</b>							
Superior	G	A	A	76,504	NA		894
Civil	L	A	A	NA	NA		
Magistrate	L	A	A	376,402	NA		4,397
Municipal	L	A	A	NA	NA		
Probate	L	A	A	154,972	NA		1,810
State Total	L	A	A	233,635 A	118,070 A	51	2,729
<b>HAWAII</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	9,336	9,981	107	742
District	L	A	A	19,451	17,430	90	1,547
State Total				28,787	27,411	95	2,289
<b>IDAHO</b>							
District	G	A	A	7,075	7,413	105	518
Magistrates Division	L	A	A	66,865	68,994	103	4,894
State Total				73,940	76,407	103	5,412
<b>ILLINOIS</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	565,667	532,054	94	4,470
<b>INDIANA</b>							
Probate	G	A	A	981	462	47	16
Superior and Circuit	G	A	A	373,327 A	356,432 A	95	6,026
City and Town	L	A	A	13,336	14,925	112	215
County	L	A	A	10,744	9,460	88	173
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	A	A	72,516	75,873	105	1,170
State Total				470,904 *	457,152 *	97	7,601
<b>IOWA</b>							
District	G	A	A	140,950	NA		4,788
<b>KANSAS</b>							
District	G	A	A	204,556	198,117	97	7,511
<b>KENTUCKY</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	53,302	48,438	91	1,294
District	L	A	A	166,800	163,751	98	4,051
State Total				220,102	212,189	96	5,345
<b>LOUISIANA</b>							
District	G	A	A	164,382 B	NA		3,656
Family and Juvenile	G	A	A	0	0		
City and Parish	L	A	A	159,725	146,262	92	3,552
Justice of the Peace	L	A	A	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>MAINE</b>							
Superior	G	A	A	3,294	NA		252
District	G	A	A	33,448	NA		2,562
Probate	L	A	A	NA	NA		
State Total							

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total civil incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total civil outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>MARYLAND</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	77,176 C	71,699 C	93	1,401
District	L	A	A	896,732	16,764 A		16,278
Orphan's	L	A	A	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>							
Superior Court	G	A	A	25,832	24,822	96	402
District Court	L	A	A	244,086	193,326	79	3,794
Boston Municipal Court	L	A	A	19,482	17,083	88	303
Housing Court	L	A	A	26,355	NA		410
Juvenile Court	L	A	A	535	NA		8
Land Court	L	A	A	11,491	9,764	85	179
Probate & Family Court	L	A	A	56,869	43,678 B		884
State Total				384,650			5,979
<b>MICHIGAN</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	74,374	73,830	99	738
Court of Claims	G	A	A	233	272	117	2
District	L	A	A	628,115	587,198	93	6,231
Municipal	L	A	A	1,393	1,288	92	14
Probate	L	A	A	65,993	63,911	97	655
State Total				770,108	726,499	94	7,640
<b>MINNESOTA</b>							
District	G	A	A	145,878	145,496	100	2,883
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	28,101	19,179 B		975
Chancery	L	A	A	22,107	55,243 B		767
County	L	A	A	29,247	19,249 B		1,015
Justice	L	A	A	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>MISSOURI</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	228,716	216,697	95	4,009
<b>MONTANA</b>							
District	G	A	A	17,816	14,906	84	1,942
Water	G	A	A	NA	NA		
Workers' Compensation	G	A	A	229	269	117	25
City	L	A	A	458 A	NA		50
Justice of the Peace	L	A	A	31,079 B	NA		3,387
Municipal	L	A	A	1,763	NA		192
State Total							
<b>NEBRASKA</b>							
District	G	A	A	7,377 A	NA		424
County	L	A	A	81,392	NA		4,680
Workers' Compensation	L	A	A	153	148	97	9
State Total				88,922 *			5,113
<b>NEVADA</b>							
District	G	A	A	31,419	22,771 A		1,402
Justice	L	A	A	104,685	25,543 C		4,671
Municipal	L	A	A	3 A	3 A	100	0
State Total				136,107 *	48,317 *		6,073

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total civil incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total civil outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>							
Superior	G	A	R	10,181	9,749	96	791
District	L	A	I	34,048 B	32,116 B	94	2,644
Probate	L	A	I	8,772 A	8,606 A	98	681
State Total				53,001 *	50,471 *	95	4,116
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>							
Superior	G	A	R	799,891	796,221	100	9,260
Tax	L	A	I	6,639	5,444	82	77
State Total				806,530	801,665	99	9,337
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>							
District	G	A	R	36,229	33,575	93	1,933
Magistrate	L	A	I	18,521	17,325	94	988
Metropolitan Ct. of Bernalillo County	L	A	I	13,618	11,146	82	726
Probate	L	A	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Supreme and County	G	A	I	364,165	371,833	102	1,898
Civil Court of the City of New York	L	A	I	840,902	527,822	63	4,382
Court of Claims	L	A	I	1,683	1,516	90	9
District and City	L	A	I	308,392	265,236	86	1,607
Family	L	A	R	4,684 A	4,600 A	98	24
Surrogates'	L	A	I	147,448	118,188	80	768
Town and Village Justice	L	A	I	56,746	56,746	100	296
State Total				1,724,020 *	1,345,941 *	78	8,984
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>							
Superior	G	A	I	185,826 B	167,788 B	90	2,210
District	L	A	R	397,395 A	341,175 A	86	4,727
State Total				583,221 *	508,963 *	87	6,937
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>							
District	G	A	NF	25,790	25,065	97	4,069
<b>OHIO</b>							
Court of Common Pleas	G	A	R	242,716	244,328	101	2,122
County	L	A	I	27,038	26,385	98	236
Court of Claims	L	A	I	1,304	1,415	109	11
Municipal	L	A	I	533,655	510,222	96	4,667
State Total				804,713	782,350	97	7,037
<b>OKLAHOMA†</b>							
District	G	A	R	203,183	193,301	95	5,786
Court of Tax Review	L	A	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>OREGON</b>							
Circuit	G	A	R	155,169 B	152,759 B	98	4,359
Tax	G	A	I	1,247	1,522	122	35
County	L	A	I	NA	NA		
Justice	L	A	I	NA	NA		
State Total							

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total civil incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total civil outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>							
Court of Common Pleas †	G	A	A	77,128 C	76,138 C	99	624
District Justice	L	A	A	215,552	209,216	97	1,743
Philadelphia Municipal	L	A	A	128,484	139,465	109	1,039
State Total				421,164 *	424,819 *	101	3,406
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>							
Court of First Instance	G	A	A	109,077	111,789	102	2,812
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>							
Superior	G	A	A	9,468	25,535	270	880
Workers' Compensation	L	A	A	8,684 A	8,775 A	101	807
District	L	A	A	34,477	36,906 A		3,204
Probate	L	A	A	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	78,026	74,508	95	1,881
Magistrate †	L	A	A	201,349	190,262	94	4,855
Probate	L	A	A	20,297 A	20,463 A	101	489
State Total				299,672 *	285,233 *	95	7,226
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA †</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	53,409 B	53,008 B	99	6,988
Magistrate	L	A	A	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>TENNESSEE</b>							
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	G	A	A	67,109	62,923	94	1,149
Probate	G	A	A	2,480	2,863	115	42
General Sessions	L	A	A	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>TEXAS</b>							
District	G	A	A	212,365 A	187,289 A	88	960
County-level	L	A	A	209,023 A	223,058 A	107	945
Justice of the Peace	L	A	A	292,893 A	243,815 A	83	1,324
State Total				714,281 *	654,162 *	92	3,229
<b>UTAH</b>							
District	G	A	A	121,106	122,547	101	5,150
Justice	L	A	A	27,216	NA		1,157
State Total				148,322			6,308
<b>VERMONT</b>							
Family	G	A	A	431	389 A		70
Superior	G	A	A	14,945	15,044	101	2,414
Environmental	L	A	A	270	287	106	44
Probate	L	A	A	4,300	4,369	102	695
State Total				19,946	20,089 *		3,222

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total civil incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total civil outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>VIRGINIA</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	71,019 B	98,911 B	139	961
District	L	A	A	949,955	970,486 A		12,861
State Total				1,020,974 *	1,069,397 *		13,822
<b>WASHINGTON</b>							
Superior	G	A	A	98,664	92,513	94	1,609
District	L	A	A	127,873	104,335	82	2,086
Municipal	L	A	A	244 A	10 A	4	4
State Total				226,781 *	196,858 *	87	3,699
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	31,803	28,729	90	1,757
Magistrate	L	A	A	46,711	42,734	91	2,580
Family Court	L	A	A	56	54	96	3
State Total				78,570	71,517	91	4,340
<b>WISCONSIN</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	272,624	277,987	102	4,982
<b>WYOMING</b>							
District	G	A	A	6,123	5,722	93	1,222
Circuit	L	A	A	27,538 A	25,679 A	93	5,494
State Total				33,661 *	31,401 *	93	6,716

**NOTE:** All state trial courts with civil jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "incoming cases per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

Magistrate Court are for 2000. Data for South Dakota Circuit Court includes data from the Magistrate Court.

\* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

NA = Data are not available

**JURISDICTION CODES:**

G = General Jurisdiction  
L = Limited Jurisdiction

**UNIT OF COUNT CODE:**

A = Petition or complaint

**POINT OF FILING CODES:**

A = At filing of petition or complaint  
B = When placed on calendar  
C = At filing of notice or issue

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

† Florida courts do not include reopened dispositions within their count of outgoing cases; thus, outgoing cases are underreported, and the calculation of outgoing cases/incoming cases reflects a misleadingly low clearance rate. Data for all Oklahoma Courts are for 1997. Data for Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas are preliminary 2003 data. Data for South Carolina

- A: The following courts' data are incomplete:
  - California—Superior Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include partial year data from several courts.
  - Connecticut—Probate Court—Total **civil** outgoing data do not include most **civil** cases and are less than 75% complete.
  - Florida—Circuit Court—Total **civil** outgoing data do not include **civil appeal** cases.
  - Georgia—State Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from one court.
  - Indiana—Superior and Circuit Courts—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include **civil appeals** cases.
  - Maryland—District Court—Total **civil** outgoing data do not include most **civil** cases and are less than 75% complete.
  - Montana—City Court—Total **civil** incoming data do not include some **civil** cases.
  - Nebraska—District Court— Total **civil** incoming data do not include **civil appeal** cases.
  - Nevada—District Court—Total **civil** outgoing data do not include complete data from two courts.
    - Municipal Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 11 courts and are less than 75% complete.
  - New Hampshire—Probate Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include cases from the Family Division.
  - New York—Family Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include **mental health** cases.

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 2003 (continued)

North Carolina—District Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include **adoption** and **mental health** cases. Outgoing data also do not include some **other civil** cases.

Rhode Island—Workers' Compensation Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include some **civil appeal** cases.  
 —District Court—Total **civil** outgoing data do not include do not include **mental health** and **civil appeal** cases.

South Carolina—Probate Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include **mental health** cases.

Texas—District Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 67 reports.  
 —County-level Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 57 reports.  
 —Justice of the Peace Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 680 reports.

Vermont—Family Court— Total **civil** outgoing data do not include **elder abuse** cases.

Virginia—District Court—Total **civil** outgoing data do not include **small claims** cases from one circuit.

Washington—Municipal Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include complete data from several courts.

Wyoming—Circuit Court— Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from one county and partial year data from seven other counties. Outgoing data also do not include **civil appeal** cases.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Alaska—Superior Court—Total **civil** outgoing data include **adoption** cases.  
 —District Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data include most **domestic relations** and **juvenile** cases.

Louisiana—District Court—Total **civil** incoming data include most **domestic relations** cases.

Massachusetts—Probate and Family Court—Total **civil** outgoing data include **paternity** cases.

Mississippi—Circuit Court—Total **civil** outgoing data include **domestic relations** cases.  
 —Chancery Court—Total **civil** outgoing data include **domestic relations**, **criminal**, and some **juvenile** cases.  
 —County Court—Total **civil** outgoing data include **domestic relations** and some **civil** cases.

Montana—Justice of the Peace Court— Total **civil** incoming data include **civil** cases from City Court.

New Hampshire—District Court— Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data include cases from the Family Division of Probate Court.

North Carolina—Superior Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data include **adoption** and **mental health** cases from District Court.

Oregon—Circuit Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data include **criminal appeals** cases.

South Dakota—Circuit Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data include **paternity** cases.

Virginia—Circuit Court—Total **civil** incoming data include most **domestic relations** cases. Outgoing data include all **domestic relations** cases.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

Colorado—County Court—Total civil outgoing data include **civil protection/restraining order** cases, but do not include data from Denver County and are less than 75% complete.

Maryland—Circuit Court—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data include Orphan's Court cases, but do not include **guardianship - adult** cases.

Nevada—Justice Court—Total **civil** outgoing data include **civil protection/restraining order** cases, but do not include complete data from six courts.

Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Total **civil** incoming and outgoing data include **paternity** cases, but do not include some **civil appeal** cases.

**TABLE 9a: Reported Total State Trial Court Domestic Relations Caseload, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total domestic incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total domestic outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
<b>ALABAMA</b>							
Circuit	G	6	NF	63,530	63,345	100	1,412
District	L	6	NF	24,919	24,405	98	554
State Total				88,449	87,750	99	1,965
<b>ALASKA</b>							
Superior	G	6	R	5,251	4,501 A		809
District	L	6	R	5,993 A	5,869 A	98	924
State Total				11,244 *	10,370 *		1,733
<b>ARIZONA</b>							
Superior	G	6	NF	107,188	108,911	102	1,921
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	23,950	22,489	94	429
Municipal	L	1	I	26,510	24,510	92	475
State Total				157,648	155,910	99	2,825
<b>ARKANSAS</b>							
Circuit	G	6	NF	53,854	52,307	97	1,976
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>							
Superior	G	6	NC	451,080 A	358,939 A	80	1,271
<b>COLORADO</b>							
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate	G	3	R	43,796	32,282 A		962
County	L	1	I	10,778	NA		237
State Total				54,574			1,199
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>							
Superior	G	5**	NC	30,743 A	30,494 A	99	883
Probate	L	4	R	8,627	NA		248
State Total				39,370 *			1,130
<b>DELAWARE</b>							
Family	L	3**	R	38,449 B	38,134 B	99	4,703
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>							
Superior	G	6**	R	14,087	16,400	116	2,500
<b>FLORIDA†</b>							
Circuit	G	4	R	479,361	267,368	56	2,817
<b>GEORGIA</b>							
Superior	G	3	NF	146,325	NA		1,709
<b>HAWAII</b>							
Circuit	G	6	R	14,397	14,113	98	1,145
<b>IDAHO</b>							
District	G	6**	R	232	239	103	17
Magistrates Division	L	6**	R	16,921	18,018	106	1,238
State Total				17,153	18,257	106	1,255
<b>ILLINOIS</b>							
Circuit	G	6**	R	165,246	162,733	98	1,306

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TABLE 9a: Reported Total State Trial Court Domestic Relations Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total domestic incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total domestic outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/ incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
INDIANA							
Superior and Circuit	G	6**	R	87,278 A	83,440 A	96	1,409
Probate	G	1	I	953	650	68	15
County	L	1	I	470	466	99	8
State Total				88,701 *	84,556 *	95	1,432
IOWA							
District	G	6	NF	53,763	NA		1,826
KANSAS							
District	G	6**	NC	37,385	37,901	101	1,373
KENTUCKY							
Circuit	G	6	R	48,967 B	48,053 B	98	1,189
District	L	1	I	16,547	16,616	100	402
State Total				65,514 *	64,669 *	99	1,591
LOUISIANA							
District	G	6	NF	17,417 A	NA		387
Family and Juvenile	G	4***	NF	6,917	6,831	99	154
City and Parish	L	1	I	46	54	117	1
State Total				24,380 *			542
MAINE							
District	G	5	NC	15,649	NA		1,198
Probate	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
MARYLAND							
Circuit	G	6**	NF	94,762 B	86,110 B	91	1,720
MASSACHUSETTS							
District Court	L	1	I	33,233	30,607	92	517
Boston Municipal Court	L	1	I	146	145	99	2
Juvenile Court	L	1	I	555	NA		9
Probate & Family Court	L	5**	R	94,418	50,616 A		1,468
State Total				128,352			1,995
MICHIGAN							
Circuit	G	6**	NC	121,811	122,721	101	1,208
MINNESOTA							
District	G	6	NF	36,353	35,969	99	719
MISSISSIPPI							
Circuit	G	5	NF	3	NA		0
Chancery	L	5	NF	44,057	NA		1,529
County	L	4	NF	1,268	NA		44
State Total				45,328			1,573
MISSOURI							
Circuit	G	6**	NF	109,732	118,860	108	1,924

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TABLE 9a: Reported Total State Trial Court Domestic Relations Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total domestic incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total domestic outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/ incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
<b>MONTANA</b>							
District	G	3	R	8,834	8,516	96	963
City	L	1	I	NA	NA		
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>NEBRASKA</b>							
District	G	5	R	23,748	NA		1,365
County	L	1	I	949	NA		55
State Total				24,697			1,420
<b>NEVADA</b>							
District	G	2	R	48,141	51,426 B		2,148
Justice	L	1	I	1,908	NA		85
State Total				50,049			2,233
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>							
Superior	G	5	R	20,528	20,221	99	1,594
District	L	5	R	9,738 B	9,458 B	97	756
Probate	L	1	I	512 A	479 A	94	40
State Total				30,778 *	30,158 *	98	2,390
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>							
Superior	G	6**	R	225,129 A	226,098 A	100	2,606
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>							
District	G	6	R	37,657	36,868	98	2,009
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Supreme and County	G	1	I	65,842	67,177	102	343
Family	L	4	R	559,855 B	553,952 B	99	2,917
Surrogates'	L	1	I	3,791	6,059	160	20
State Total				629,488 *	627,188 *	100	3,280
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>							
District	L	6**	R	125,318 A	123,034 A	98	1,491
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>							
District	G	6**	NF	17,322	17,096	99	2,733
<b>OHIO</b>							
Court of Common Pleas	G	6**	R	238,767	238,668	100	2,088
<b>OKLAHOMA†</b>							
District	G	6	R	63,859	63,325	99	1,819
<b>OREGON</b>							
Circuit	G	6**	R	49,986	51,413	103	1,404
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>							
Court of Common Pleas †	G	4	NF	364,773 A	154,542 A	42	2,950
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>							
Court of First Instance	G	6	NF	33,815	37,769	112	872
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>							
Family	L	6	R	11,943 A	6,646 A	56	1,110

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TABLE 9a: Reported Total State Trial Court Domestic Relations Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total domestic incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total domestic outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
Family	L	6**	NF	60,408 B	60,631 B	100	1,457
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>							
Circuit	G	4	NC	13,137 A	13,020 A	99	1,719
<b>TENNESSEE</b>							
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	G	6**	R	65,769	62,273	95	1,126
General Sessions	L	6**	R	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	4	R	32,026 A	44,878 A	140	548
State Total							
<b>TEXAS</b>							
District	G	6**	R	350,648 C	337,268 C	96	1,585
County-level	L	6**	R	24,692 C	24,820 C	101	112
State Total				375,340 *	362,088 *	96	1,697
<b>UTAH</b>							
District	G	3	R	23,084	22,294	97	982
<b>VERMONT</b>							
Family	G	4***	NC	20,358	21,139 B		3,288
Probate	L	1	I	727	750	103	117
State Total				21,085	21,889 *		3,406
<b>VIRGINIA</b>							
Circuit	G	3	R	33,404 A	NA		452
District	L	4	R	332,311	361,066	109	4,499
State Total				365,715 *			4,951
<b>WASHINGTON</b>							
Superior	G	6	R	64,587	60,986	94	1,053
District	L	1	I	11,853	10,763	91	193
Municipal	L	1	I	212 A	77 A	36	3
State Total				76,652 *	71,826 *	94	1,250
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>							
Circuit	G	5	R	1,166	1,162	100	64
Magistrate	L	1	I	16,149	16,149	100	892
Family	L	5	R	35,408	33,308	94	1,956
State Total				52,723	50,619	96	2,912
<b>WISCONSIN</b>							
Circuit	G	6**	NF	67,314	67,977	101	1,230
<b>WYOMING</b>							
District	G	5	R	6,396	5,953	93	1,276

**NOTE:** All state trial courts with domestic relations jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "incoming cases per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

NA = Data are not available

**JURISDICTION CODES:**

G = General Jurisdiction  
L = Limited Jurisdiction

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TABLE 9a: Reported Total State Trial Court Domestic Relations Caseload, 2003 (continued)

**SUPPORT/CUSTODY CODES:**

(a) Method of count codes:

- 1 = The court does not have jurisdiction over support/custody cases
- 2 = Support/custody caseload data are not available
- 3 = Only contested support/custody cases and all UIFSA cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases
- 4 = Both contested and uncontested support/custody cases and UIFSA cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases
- 5 = Support/custody cases are counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution and, thus, a marriage dissolution that involves support/custody matters is counted as one case
- 6 = Support/custody cases are counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution, but UIFSA cases are counted separately

\*\* Nondissolution support/custody cases are also counted separately.

\*\*\* The court has only UIFSA jurisdiction.

(b) Decree change counted as:

- NC = Not counted/collected
- NF = Counted as a new filing
- R = Counted as a reopened case
- I = Inapplicable

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

† Florida courts do not include reopened dispositions within their count of outgoing cases; thus, outgoing cases are underreported, and the calculation of outgoing cases/incoming cases reflects a misleadingly low clearance rate. Data for all Oklahoma Courts are for 1997. Data for Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas are preliminary 2003 data.

\* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

- Alaska—Superior Court—Total **domestic relations** outgoing data do not include **adoption** cases.  
—District Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include most **domestic relations** cases.
- California—Superior Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include partial year data from several courts.
- Colorado—District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate—Total **domestic relations** outgoing data include do not include **paternity**, some **support**, some **visitation**, and **adoption** cases.
- Connecticut—Superior Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include some **support** cases.
- Indiana—Superior and Circuit Courts—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data include do not include **custody**, some **support**, and **visitation** cases.
- Louisiana—District Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming data do not include do not include **marriage dissolution**, **visitation**, **civil protection/restraining order**, and **other domestic relations** cases and are less than 75% complete.

- Massachusetts—Probate and Family Court—Total **domestic relations** outgoing data do not include some **paternity** cases.
- New Hampshire—Probate Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include cases from the Family Division.
- New Jersey—Superior Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include **civil protection/restraining order** cases.
- North Carolina—District Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include **adoption** cases.
- Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include **paternity** cases.
- Rhode Island—Family Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include do not include **paternity** cases. Outgoing data also do not include **support**, and **adoption** cases and are less than 75% complete.
- South Dakota—Circuit Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include **paternity** cases.
- Tennessee—Juvenile Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include some **domestic relations** cases.
- Virginia—Circuit Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming data do not include do not include most **domestic relations** cases and are less than 75% complete.
- Washington—Municipal Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data do not include complete data from some courts.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

- Delaware—Family Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data include most **juvenile dependency** and all **juvenile status offense/petition** cases.
- Kentucky—Circuit Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data include **termination of parental rights** cases.
- Maryland—Circuit Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data include **guardianship** cases.
- Nevada—District Court—Total **domestic relations** outgoing data include **guardianship**, **mental health**, and **termination of parental rights** cases.
- New Hampshire—District Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data include cases from the Family Division of Probate Court.
- New York—Family Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data include **mental health** cases.
- South Carolina—Family Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data include **juvenile dependency** cases.
- Vermont—Family Court—Total **domestic relations** outgoing data include **elder abuse** cases.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

- Texas—District Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data include **juvenile dependency** cases, but do not include data from 67 reports.  
—County-level Court—Total **domestic relations** incoming and outgoing data include **juvenile dependency** cases, but do not include data from 57 reports.

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**TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total criminal incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total criminal outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing/cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 adult population
<b>ALABAMA</b>							
Circuit	G	B	A	73,896	69,975	95	2,198
District	L	B	B	179,476 A	175,769 A	98	5,338
Municipal†	L	B	B	123,090 C	106,650 C	87	3,661
State Total				376,462 *	352,394 *	94	11,197
<b>ALASKA</b>							
Superior	G	B	A	4,056 A	3,690 A	91	898
District	L	B	B	34,847 C	34,362 C	99	7,717
State Total				38,903 *	38,052 *	98	8,615
<b>ARIZONA</b>							
Superior	G	D	A	53,198	45,647	86	1,299
Justice of the Peace	L	Z	B	229,352	198,688	87	5,599
Municipal	L	Z	B	392,044	387,630	99	9,571
State Total				674,594	631,965	94	16,468
<b>ARKANSAS</b>							
Circuit	G	D	A	79,725	73,735	92	3,921
City	L	A	B	26,117	15,279	59	1,284
District	L	A	B	413,042	315,828	76	20,313
State Total				518,884	404,842	78	25,518
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>							
Superior	G	B	A	1,404,825 A	1,187,438 A	85	5,446
<b>COLORADO</b>							
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate County	G	D	B	41,257 A	39,725 A	96	1,219
State Total	L	D	B	142,159	72,932 A		4,199
				183,416 *	112,657 *	61	5,417
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>							
Superior	G	B	A	113,753 C	117,866 C	104	4,337
<b>DELAWARE</b>							
Superior	G	B	A	8,697	9,131	105	1,415
Alderman's	L	A	B	3,542 B	3,605 B	102	576
Court of Common Pleas	L	B	B	82,719	81,257	98	13,456
Family	L	B	B	5,594	5,644	101	910
Justice of the Peace	L	B	B	43,678 A	41,469 A	95	7,105
State Total				144,230 *	141,106 *	98	23,461
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>							
Superior	G	B	G	33,316 A	33,262 A	100	7,401
<b>FLORIDA†</b>							
Circuit	G	E	A	303,385	181,713 A		2,309
County	L	B	B	922,660	766,988	83	7,022
State Total				1,226,045	948,701 *		9,332
<b>GEORGIA</b>							
Superior	G	G	A	143,337 B	NA		2,290
County Recorder's	L	B	B	NA	NA		
Magistrate	L	B	B	282,082	NA		4,507
Municipal	L	B	B	NA	NA		
Municipal and City of Atlanta	L	B	B	NA	NA		
Probate	L	B	B	12,287 A	NA		196
State	L	G	A	31,862 A	97,018 A	304	509
State Total							

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total criminal incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total criminal outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 adult population
<b>HAWAII</b>							
Circuit	G	B	B	9,489	8,890	94	998
District	L	A	F	54,790 A	52,936 A	97	5,763
State Total				64,279 *	61,826 *	96	6,761
<b>IDAHO</b>							
District	G	J	F	12,347	14,718	119	1,264
Magistrates Division	L	J	F	132,378	151,749	115	13,550
State Total				144,725	166,467	115	14,814
<b>ILLINOIS</b>							
Circuit	G	G	A	538,344	556,093	103	5,757
<b>INDIANA</b>							
Superior and Circuit	G	B	A	229,598	243,724	106	5,001
City and Town	L	B	F	48,378	44,335	92	1,054
County	L	B	F	4,066	4,659	115	89
State Total				282,042	292,718	104	6,143
<b>IOWA</b>							
District	G	B	A	81,097 A	NA		3,678
<b>KANSAS</b>							
District	G	B	C	48,506 A	44,676 A	92	2,423
Municipal	L	B	C	14,543 A	14,333 A	99	727
State Total				63,049 *	59,009 *	94	3,150
<b>KENTUCKY</b>							
Circuit	G	B	A	27,197	26,512	97	876
District	L	B	B	224,311 B	223,025 B	99	7,225
State Total				251,508 *	249,537 *	99	8,101
<b>LOUISIANA</b>							
District	G	Z	A	163,342	NA		4,997
Family and Juvenile	G	B	F	2,152	2,844	132	66
City and Parish	L	B	F	239,915	200,496	84	7,339
State Total				405,409			12,402
<b>MAINE</b>							
Superior	G	B	A	12,293 B	NA		1,232
District	G	B	F	59,657	NA		5,980
State Total				71,950 *			7,212
<b>MARYLAND</b>							
Circuit	G	B	A	76,408	71,393	93	1,864
District	L	B	G	280,906 A	291,866 A	104	6,854
State Total				357,314 *	363,259 *	102	8,718
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>							
Superior Court	G	B	A	5,613	4,789	85	114
District Court	L	B	B	573,427 B	234,256 C		11,667
Boston Municipal Court	L	B	B	12,810 B	9,981 B	78	261
Housing Court	L	B	B	6,852	NA		139
Juvenile Court	L	B	B	583	NA		12
State Total				599,285 *			12,193

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total criminal incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total criminal outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 adult population
<b>MICHIGAN</b>							
Circuit	G	B	A	66,703	67,208	101	895
District	L	B	B	1,159,269	1,023,633	88	15,563
Municipal	L	B	B	14,440	11,405	79	194
State Total				1,240,412	1,102,246	89	16,652
<b>MINNESOTA</b>							
District	G	B	C	335,701 B	325,948 B	97	8,991
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>							
Circuit	G	B	A	NA	NA		
County	L	B	A	NA	NA		
Justice	L	B	A	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	B	A	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>MISSOURI</b>							
Circuit	G	G	A	228,770	221,122	97	5,383
<b>MONTANA</b>							
District	G	G	A	8,036	6,266	78	1,175
City	L	B	B	28,853 A	NA		4,221
Justice of the Peace	L	B	B	48,215 B	NA		7,053
Municipal	L	B	B	14,299	NA		2,092
State Total				99,403 *			14,541
<b>NEBRASKA</b>							
District	G	B	A	9,913 B	NA		773
County	L	B	F	137,515 C	NA		10,728
State Total				147,428 *			11,501
<b>NEVADA</b>							
District	G	B	A	12,001	19,059	159	720
Justice	L	B	B	76,078 C	22,685 A		4,563
Municipal	L	B	B	73,605 A	73,904 A	100	4,414
State Total				161,684 *	115,648 *	72	9,697
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>							
Superior	G	B	A	23,727	21,765	92	2,457
District	L	B	B	61,995	60,541	98	6,419
State Total				85,722	82,306	96	8,876
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>							
Superior	G	B	A	125,879 B	129,581 B	103	1,938
Municipal	L	A	B	626,434	595,449	95	9,643
State Total				752,313 *	725,030 *	96	11,581
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>							
District	G	B	B	21,719	20,249	93	1,609
Magistrate	L	B	B	46,664	43,921	94	3,457
Municipal	L	B	B	NA	NA		
Metropolitan Ct. of Bernalillo County	L	B	B	25,920	23,007	89	1,920
State Total							

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total criminal incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total criminal outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 adult population
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Supreme and County Criminal Court of the City of New York	G	E	A	54,549	55,882	102	377
District and City	L	E	D	321,959	317,306	99	2,228
Town and Village Justice	L	E	D	292,054 B	279,010 B	96	2,021
State Total				345,142	345,142	100	2,389
				1,013,704 *	997,340 *	98	7,015
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>							
Superior District	G	E	A	141,149	137,604	97	2,221
State Total	L	E	E	1,472,029 B	1,458,996 B	99	23,160
				1,613,178 *	1,596,600 *	99	25,381
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>							
District	G	B	A	40,192	39,342	98	8,455
Municipal	L	B	A	22,121 A	22,121 A	100	4,653
State Total				62,313 *	61,463 *	99	13,108
<b>OHIO</b>							
Court of Common Pleas	G	B	C	91,459	89,150	97	1,072
County	L	B	E	51,741 B	51,369 B	99	606
Mayor's Municipal	L	B	E	NA	NA		
State Total	L	B	E	608,537 B	606,868 B	100	7,133
<b>OKLAHOMA†</b>							
District	G	J	A	95,935	81,632	85	3,687
<b>OREGON</b>							
Circuit	G	B	B	105,563 A	106,198 A	101	3,938
Justice	L	B	B	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	A	B	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>							
Court of Common Pleas †	G	B	A	170,197 A	172,266 A	101	1,806
District Justice	L	B	B	297,771	295,074	99	3,160
Philadelphia Municipal	L	B	B	76,441 B	78,478 B	103	811
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	L	B	B	11,966	NA		127
State Total				556,375 *			5,905
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>							
Court of First Instance	G	A	B	90,995	92,174	101	3,290
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>							
Superior District	G	D	A	6,583	6,237	95	801
State Total	L	A	B	37,572	35,883 A		4,570
				44,155	42,120 *		5,370
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
Circuit	G	B	G	107,950	112,267	104	3,480
Magistrate †	L	B	E	245,734 A	253,120 A	103	7,922
Municipal †	L	B	E	70,361 A	NA		2,268
State Total				424,045 *			13,670
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA†</b>							
Circuit	G	B	B	26,384	21,991 A		4,716
Magistrate	L	B	B	NA	NA		
State Total							

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 2003 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Unit of count</u>	<u>Point of filing</u>	<u>Total criminal incoming cases and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Total criminal outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Outgoing cases/incoming cases</u>	<u>Incoming cases per 100,000 adult population</u>
<b>TENNESSEE</b>							
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	G	A	A	119,773 A	116,954 A	98	2,719
General Sessions	L	M	M	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	M	M	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>TEXAS</b>							
District	G	B	A	263,419 A	252,054 A	96	1,659
County-level	L	B	F	494,572 A	496,674 A	100	3,114
Justice of the Peace	L	A	B	655,210 A	530,142 A	81	4,126
Municipal	L	A	B	1,208,677 A	813,040 A	67	7,611
State Total				2,621,878 *	2,091,910 *	80	16,509
<b>UTAH</b>							
District	G	J	A	43,306	48,771	113	2,716
Justice	L	B	B	84,423	79,393	94	5,295
State Total				127,729	128,164	100	8,012
<b>VERMONT</b>							
District	G	D	C	19,566	19,440	99	4,169
Superior	G	B	A	0	0		
State Total				19,566	19,440	99	4,169
<b>VIRGINIA</b>							
Circuit	G	A	A	170,299 B	165,301 B	97	3,058
District	L	A	E	815,666	2,251,466 B		14,646
State Total				985,965 *	2,416,767 *		17,704
<b>WASHINGTON</b>							
Superior	G	B	A	45,377	42,512	94	996
District	L	C	B	178,334	194,720	109	3,915
Municipal	L	C	B	134,543 A	137,192 A	102	2,953
State Total				358,254 *	374,424 *	105	7,864
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>							
Circuit	G	D	A	8,077	7,518	93	574
Magistrate	L	A	B	137,347	128,244	93	9,764
Municipal	L	A	B	NA	NA		
State Total							
<b>WISCONSIN</b>							
Circuit	G	J	C	248,960	249,042	100	6,107
Municipal	L	A	B	NA	10,728 A		
State Total					259,770 *		
<b>WYOMING</b>							
District	G	J	A	2,157	2,186	101	582
Circuit	L	J	A	29,148 A	118,825 C		7,869
Municipal	L	A	B	NA	NA		
State Total							

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 2003 (continued)

**NOTE:** All state trial courts with criminal jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "incoming cases per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

NA = Data are not available.

**JURISDICTION CODES:**

G = General Jurisdiction  
L = Limited Jurisdiction

**UNIT OF COUNT CODES:**

M = Missing data  
I = Data element is inapplicable  
A = Single defendant—single charge  
B = Single defendant—single incident (unlimited number of charges)  
C = Single defendant—single incident (limited number of charges)  
D = Single defendant—more than one incident  
E = Single defendant—content varies with prosecutor  
F = One/more defendants—single charge  
G = One/more defendants—single incident (unlimited number of charges)  
H = One/more defendants—single incident (limited number of charges)  
J = One/more defendants—more than one incident  
K = One/more defendants—content varies with prosecutor  
L = Inconsistent during reporting year  
Z = Both the defendant and charge components vary within the state

**POINT OF FILING CODES:**

M = Missing data  
I = Data element is inapplicable  
A = At the filing of the information/indictment  
B = At the filing of the complaint  
C = When defendant enters plea/initial appearance  
D = When docketed  
E = At issuance of warrant  
F = At filing of information/complaint  
G = Varies

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

† Florida courts do not include reopened dispositions within their count of outgoing cases; thus, outgoing cases are underreported, and the calculation of outgoing cases/incoming cases reflects a misleadingly low clearance rate. Data for Oklahoma courts are for 1997. Data for Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas are preliminary 2003 data. Data for South Carolina Magistrate Court and South Carolina Municipal Court are for 2000. Data for South Dakota Circuit Court includes data from the Magistrate Court.

\* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Alabama—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include **motor vehicle** cases.  
Alaska—Superior Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include **criminal appeals** cases.  
California—Superior Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include partial year data from several courts.  
Colorado—District, Denver Juvenile, and Denver Probate Courts—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include **criminal appeals** cases.  
—County Court—Total **criminal** outgoing data do not include **felony, DWI/DUI**, data from Denver County, and are less than 75% complete.  
Delaware—Justice of the Peace Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include **misdemeanor DWI/DUI** cases.  
District of Columbia—Superior Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include misdemeanor **motor vehicle** cases.  
Florida—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** outgoing data do not include **criminal appeals** cases.  
Georgia—Probate Court—Total **criminal** incoming data do not include misdemeanor **motor vehicle** cases.  
—State Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include **felony, some misdemeanor DWI/DUI, criminal appeals, other criminal**, and data from one court.  
Hawaii—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include some **motor vehicle** cases.  
Iowa—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming data do not include some **misdemeanor** cases.  
Kansas—District—Total **criminal** incoming data do not include some **misdemeanor motor vehicle - other** cases. Outgoing data do not include any **misdemeanor motor vehicle - other** cases.  
—Municipal—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include some **motor vehicle - other** cases and partial year data from four courts. Outgoing data also do not include **reckless driving** and any **motor vehicle - other** cases.  
Maryland—District—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include **reckless driving** and **motor vehicle - other** cases.  
Montana—City Court—Total **criminal** incoming data do not include some **criminal** cases.  
Nevada—Justice Court—Total **criminal** outgoing data do not include complete data from six courts.  
—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include one court.  
North Dakota—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data only represent the 12 municipalities with the highest case volume and are less than 75% complete.  
Oregon—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include **criminal appeals** cases.  
Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include some **criminal appeals** cases and partial data from one county.  
Rhode Island—District Court—Total **criminal** outgoing data do not include **domestic violence** cases.

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 2003 (continued)

South Carolina—Magistrate Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include **felony** cases.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include **felony** cases.

South Dakota—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** outgoing data do not include cases disposed of by bench trial.

Tennessee—Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery Courts—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from one county.

Texas—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 67 reports.

—County-level Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 57 reports.

—Justice of the Peace Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 680 reports.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 785 reports.

Washington—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data do not include complete data from some courts.

Wisconsin—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** outgoing data do not include partial year data from 34 counties.

Wyoming—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** incoming data do not include data from one county and partial year data from seven other counties.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Delaware—Alderman's Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Georgia—Superior Court—Total **criminal** incoming data include **non-criminal traffic violation**, **ordinance violation**, and **other violation** cases.

Kentucky—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Maine—Superior Court—Total **criminal** incoming data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Massachusetts—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming data include **ordinance violation** and **other violation** cases.

—Boston Municipal Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** and **other violation** cases.

Minnesota—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Montana—Justice of the Peace Court—Total **criminal** incoming data include criminal cases from City Court.

Nebraska—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming data include **civil appeal** cases.

New Jersey—Superior Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **civil protection/restraining order** cases.

New York—District and City Courts—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases.

North Carolina—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include some **ordinance violation** cases.

Ohio—County Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Pennsylvania—Philadelphia Municipal Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Virginia—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases.

—District Court—Total **criminal** outgoing data include most **traffic cases**.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

Alabama—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include data from 106 courts and are less than 75% complete.

Alaska—District Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include some **juvenile**, some **non-criminal traffic violation**, and **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include **felony** cases.

Connecticut—Superior Court—Total **criminal** incoming and outgoing data include **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Massachusetts—District Court—Total **criminal** outgoing data include **ordinance violation** and **other violation** cases, but do not include some **motor vehicle** cases.

Nebraska—County Court—Total **criminal** incoming data include some **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include some **misdeemeanor motor vehicle** cases.

Nevada—Justice Court—Total **criminal** incoming data include **misdeemeanor** data from one Municipal Court, but do not include data from one Justice Court.

Wyoming—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** outgoing data include **non-criminal traffic violation** cases, but do not include **criminal appeals**, data from one county, and partial year data from seven other counties.

**TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Total traffic incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total traffic outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>ALABAMA</b>						
District	L	3	306,528 B	303,957 B	99	6,811
Municipal	L	1	439,041 A	360,475 A	82	9,755
State Total			745,569 *	664,432 *	89	16,565
<b>ALASKA</b>						
District	L	3	65,038 A	65,034 A	100	10,024
<b>ARIZONA</b>						
Justice of the Peace	L	3	436,503	429,455	98	7,821
Municipal	L	3	1,066,819	1,066,677	100	19,116
State Total			1,503,322	1,496,132	100	26,937
<b>ARKANSAS</b>						
City	L	3	62,295	45,803	74	2,285
District	L	3	594,005	421,813	71	21,793
State Total			656,300	467,616	71	24,078
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>						
Superior	G	6	4,924,075 A	4,543,508 A	92	13,877
<b>COLORADO</b>						
County	L	3	383,148	218,152 A		8,420
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>						
Superior	G	6	197,157 C	200,453 C	102	5,660
<b>DELAWARE</b>						
Alderman's	L	4	19,567 A	20,125 A	103	2,394
Family	L	2	843	758	90	103
Justice of the Peace	L	2	171,437 B	178,398 B	104	20,971
State Total			191,847 *	199,281 *	104	23,468
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>						
Superior	G	6	11,860 B	11,440 B	96	2,105
<b>FLORIDA</b>						
County	L	5	1,330,945	1,254,666	94	7,820
<b>GEORGIA</b>						
Superior	G	2	NA	NA		
County Recorder's	L	1	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	1	13,924 A	13,087 A	94	163
Magistrate	L	2	72,426	NA		846
Municipal	L	1	249,495 C	NA		2,915
Municipal and City of Atlanta	L	1	NA	NA		
Probate	L	2	195,339 B	NA		2,282
State	L	2	518,540 C	419,730 C	81	6,057
State Total						
<b>HAWAII</b>						
Circuit	G	2	1,017	952	94	81
District	L	4	425,700 B	418,607 B	98	33,850
State Total			426,717 *	419,559 *	98	33,931

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 2002 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Total traffic incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total traffic outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>IDAHO</b>						
District	G	2	42	53	126	3
Magistrates Division	L	3	221,848 A	248,238 A	112	16,237
State Total			221,890 *	248,291 *	112	16,240
<b>ILLINOIS</b>						
Circuit	G	2	2,935,056	3,028,214	103	23,196
<b>INDIANA</b>						
Superior and Circuit	G	3	560,326	574,820	103	9,044
City and Town	L	3	262,036	271,893	104	4,229
County	L	4	15,044	17,964	119	243
State Total			837,406	864,677	103	13,516
<b>IOWA</b>						
District	G	3	763,335 B	NA		25,928
<b>KANSAS</b>						
District	G	4	200,653 B	204,869 B	102	7,367
Municipal	L	1	498,189 C	481,734 C	97	18,292
State Total			698,842 *	686,603 *	98	25,660
<b>KENTUCKY</b>						
Circuit	G	2	4	4	100	0
District	L	3	351,483 A	348,390 A	99	8,536
State Total			351,487 *	348,394 *	99	8,536
<b>LOUISIANA</b>						
District	G	3	390,973	NA		8,695
Family and Juvenile	G	2	4,096	2,218	54	91
City and Parish	L	3	713,771	699,055	98	15,875
Justice of the Peace	L	1	NA	NA		
Mayor's	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
<b>MAINE</b>						
Superior	G	2	NA	NA		
District	G	4	149,657 B	NA		11,462
State Total						
<b>MARYLAND</b>						
District	L	3	1,202,279 B	1,141,724 B	95	21,824
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>						
District Court	L	2	251,356 A	205,395 A	82	3,907
Boston Municipal Court	L	2	5,785 A	4,803 A	83	90
Juvenile Court	L	2	492	NA		8
State Total			257,633 *			4,005
<b>MICHIGAN</b>						
Circuit	G	2	17,818	16,096	90	177
District	L	4	2,198,208	2,200,062	100	21,808
Municipal	L	4	60,437	57,795	96	600
State Total			2,276,463	2,273,953	100	22,584
<b>MINNESOTA</b>						
District	G	4	1,490,130 A	1,385,707 A	93	29,453

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Total traffic incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total traffic outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
MISSISSIPPI						
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
MISSOURI						
Circuit	G	2	278,294	273,370	98	4,879
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
MONTANA						
City	L	3	28,991 C	NA		3,159
Justice of the Peace	L	3	91,990 B	NA		10,025
Municipal	L	3	61,492 B	NA		6,701
State Total			182,473 *			19,885
NEBRASKA						
County	L	1	182,536 C	NA		10,495
NEVADA						
District	G	2	5,997 A	3,154 A	53	268
Justice	L	3	416,505 A	353,548 A	85	18,584
Municipal	L	3	240,554 A	227,289 A	94	10,733
State Total			663,056 *	583,991 *	88	29,585
NEW HAMPSHIRE						
District	L	4	74,054	72,250	98	5,751
NEW JERSEY						
Municipal	L	4	5,640,755	5,717,065	101	65,299
NEW MEXICO						
Magistrate	L	3	107,326	102,104	95	5,725
Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County	L	3	76,923	82,425	107	4,103
Municipal	L	3	NA	NA		
State Total						
NEW YORK						
Criminal Court of the City of New York	L	2	534,866 A	376,794 A	70	2,787
District and City	L	4	622,798 A	643,180 A	103	3,245
Town and Village Justice	L	4	1,925,756	1,925,756	100	10,035
State Total			3,083,420 *	2,945,730 *	96	16,068
NORTH CAROLINA						
District	L	6	722,550 A	724,930 A	100	8,594
NORTH DAKOTA						
District	G	4	90,640	89,312 A		14,300
Municipal	L	1	48,423 A	48,423 A	100	7,640
State Total			139,063 *	137,735 *		21,940
OHIO						
Court of Common Pleas	G	2	97,988	100,963	103	857
County	L	5	191,073 A	192,366 A	101	1,671
Mayor's	L	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	5	1,576,297 A	1,585,565 A	101	13,784
State Total						

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Total traffic incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total traffic outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>OKLAHOMA†</b>						
District	G	2	185,419	177,344	96	5,280
Municipal Court Not of Record	L	1	NA	NA		
Municipal Criminal Court of Record	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
<b>OREGON</b>						
Circuit	G	3	327,149	326,372	100	9,191
Justice	L	3	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	3	NA	NA		
State Total						
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>						
District Justice	L	4	1,916,107	1,901,954	99	15,496
Philadelphia Municipal	L	2	NA	NA		
Philadelphia Traffic	L	4	292,578 A	566,648 A	194	2,366
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	L	4	329,632	NA		2,666
State Total						
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>						
Court of First Instance	G	3	11,661	12,781	110	301
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>						
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
Traffic Tribunal	L	3	101,649	106,371	105	9,445
State Total						
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>						
Family	L	4	NA	NA		
Magistrate†	L	4	699,550 A	743,492 A	106	16,868
Municipal†	L	4	338,021	410,691 B		8,151
State Total						
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>						
Circuit	G	3	140,527	140,527	100	18,386
<b>TENNESSEE</b>						
General Sessions	L	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
<b>TEXAS</b>						
County-level	L	2	56,256 A	56,726 A	101	254
Justice of the Peace	L	4	2,008,913 A	1,835,361 A	91	9,082
Municipal	L	4	6,890,411 A	6,755,010 A	98	31,152
State Total			8,955,580 *	8,647,097 *	97	40,489
<b>UTAH</b>						
District	G	4	76,692	79,279	103	3,261
Justice	L	4	448,100	454,414	101	19,056
Juvenile	L	2	1,319	1,367	104	56
State Total			526,111	535,060	102	22,374
<b>VERMONT</b>						
District	G	2	1,084	1,078	99	175
Judicial Bureau	L	4	122,605	120,794	99	19,804
State Total			123,689	121,872	99	19,979

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Total traffic incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total traffic outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 total population
<b>VIRGINIA</b>						
Circuit	G	2	NA	NA		
District	L	4	1,441,566	45,024 A		19,517
State Total						
<b>WASHINGTON</b>						
District	L	4	748,881 A	824,465 A	110	12,214
Municipal	L	4	870,214 A	876,382 A	101	14,193
State Total			1,619,095 *	1,700,847 *	105	26,406
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>						
Magistrate	L	2	145,114	130,628	90	8,016
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
<b>WISCONSIN</b>						
Circuit	G	3	617,102	618,277	100	11,277
Municipal	L	3	NA	561,866 A		
State Total				1,180,143 *		
<b>WYOMING</b>						
Circuit	L	3	87,948 A	NA		17,546
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						

**NOTE:** Parking violations are defined as part of the traffic/other violation caseload. However, states and courts within a state differ in the extent to which parking violations are processed through the courts. A code opposite the name of each court indicates the manner in which parking cases are reported by the court. Qualifying footnotes in Table 11 do not repeat the information provided by the code, and, thus, refer only to the status of the statistics on moving traffic, miscellaneous traffic, and ordinance violations. All state trial courts with traffic/other violation jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "incoming cases per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

NA = Data are not available.

**JURISDICTION CODES:**

G = General Jurisdiction  
L = Limited Jurisdiction

**PARKING CODES:**

- 1 = Parking data are unavailable
- 2 = Court does not have parking jurisdiction
- 3 = Only contested parking cases are included
- 4 = Both contested and uncontested parking cases are included
- 5 = Parking cases are handled administratively
- 6 = Uncontested parking cases are handled administratively; contested parking cases are handled by the court

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

† Data for Oklahoma courts are for 1997. Data for South Carolina Magistrate Court and South Carolina Municipal Court are from 2000.

\* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Alabama—Municipal Court—Total **traffic/other violation** incoming and outgoing data do not include **parking violation, ordinance violation**, and data from 106 courts and are less than 75% complete.

Alaska—District Court—Total **traffic/other violation** incoming and outgoing data do not include some **non-criminal traffic violation** cases and **ordinance violation** cases.

California—Superior Court—Total **traffic/other violation** incoming and outgoing data do not include partial year data from several courts.

Colorado—County Court—Total **traffic/other violation** outgoing data do not include data from one county and are less than 75% complete.

Delaware—Alderman's Court—Total **traffic/other violation** incoming and outgoing data do not include **ordinance violation** cases.

Georgia—Juvenile Court—Total **traffic/other violation** incoming and outgoing data do not include cases from 58 counties.

Idaho—Magistrates Division—Total **traffic/other violation** incoming and outgoing data do not include **parking violation** cases.

Kentucky—District Court—Total **traffic/other violation** incoming and outgoing data do not include **ordinance violation** cases.

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 2003 (continued)

<p>Massachusetts—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>ordinance violation</b> and <b>other violation</b> cases.</p> <p>—Boston Municipal Court— Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>ordinance violation</b> and <b>other violation</b> cases.</p> <p>Minnesota—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>ordinance violation</b> cases and complete data for one county.</p> <p>Nevada—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming data do not include data from two courts. Outgoing data do not include data from three courts.</p> <p>—Justice Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include data from two courts.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include data from one court.</p> <p>New York—Criminal Court of the City of New York—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>non-criminal traffic violation</b> and some <b>ordinance violation</b> cases and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>—District and City Courts—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>ordinance violation</b> cases.</p> <p>North Carolina—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include some <b>ordinance violation</b> cases.</p> <p>North Dakota—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> outgoing data do not include some cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court— Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>parking violation</b>, <b>ordinance violation</b>, and <b>other violation</b> cases, represent only the 12 municipalities with the highest case volume, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Ohio—County Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>ordinance violation</b> cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>ordinance violation</b> cases.</p> <p>Pennsylvania—Philadelphia Traffic Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>parking violation</b>, <b>ordinance violation</b>, and <b>other violation</b> cases and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>South Carolina—Magistrate Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include <b>ordinance violation</b> cases.</p> <p>Texas—County-level Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 57 reports.</p> <p>—Justice of the Peace Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 680 reports.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include data from 785 reports.</p> <p>Virginia—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> outgoing data do not include most cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Washington—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data do not include some <b>parking violation</b> cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing do not include complete data from some courts.</p> <p>Wisconsin—Municipal Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> outgoing data do not include partial year data from 34 counties.</p> <p>Wyoming—Circuit Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming data do not include data from one county and partial year data from seven other counties.</p>	<p>B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:</p> <p>Alabama—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include <b>criminal motor vehicle</b> cases.</p> <p>Delaware—Justice of the Peace Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include <b>misdemeanor DWI/DUI</b> cases.</p> <p>District of Columbia—Superior Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include <b>misdemeanor motor vehicle</b> cases.</p> <p>Georgia—Probate Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include <b>misdemeanor motor vehicle</b> cases.</p> <p>Hawaii—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include some <b>criminal motor vehicle</b> cases.</p> <p>Iowa—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming data include some <b>misdemeanor</b> cases.</p> <p>Kansas—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include some <b>misdemeanor motor vehicle-other</b> cases.</p> <p>Maine—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming data include some <b>status offense/petition</b> cases.</p> <p>Maryland—District Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include <b>misdemeanor motor vehicle</b> cases.</p> <p>Montana—Justice of the Peace Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming data include cases from City Court.</p> <p>—Municipal— Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming data include <b>civil protection/restraining order</b> cases.</p> <p>South Carolina—Municipal Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> outgoing data include <b>misdemeanor</b> cases.</p> <p>C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:</p> <p>Connecticut—Superior Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include <b>DWI/DUI</b> cases, but do not include <b>ordinance violation</b> cases.</p> <p>Georgia—Municipal Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming data include some <b>criminal appeals</b> cases, but do not include most <b>non-criminal traffic violation</b>, and <b>parking violation</b>, and most <b>ordinance violation</b> cases</p> <p>—State Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include some <b>misdemeanor DWI/DUI</b> cases, but do not include data from one court.</p> <p>Kansas—Municipal—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming and outgoing data include some <b>misdemeanor motor vehicle - other</b> cases, but do not include <b>parking violation</b> cases and partial year data from four courts. Outgoing data also include <b>misdemeanor reckless driving</b> and all <b>misdemeanor motor vehicle - other</b> cases.</p> <p>Montana—City Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming data include some <b>civil protection/restraining</b> cases, but do not include some <b>traffic</b> cases.</p> <p>Nebraska—County Court—Total <b>traffic/other violation</b> incoming data include some <b>misdemeanor motor vehicle</b> cases, but do not include <b>parking violation</b> and some <b>ordinance violation</b> cases.</p>
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**TABLE 12: Reported Total State Trial Court Juvenile Caseload, 2003**

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of filing	Total juvenile incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total juvenile outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 juvenile population
<b>ALABAMA</b>						
Circuit	G	A	20,201	20,102	100	1,774
District	L	A	32,357	31,199	96	2,842
State Total			52,558	51,301	98	4,616
<b>ALASKA</b>						
Superior	G	C	2,840	2,880	101	1,440
District	L	C	NA	NA		
State Total						
<b>ARIZONA</b>						
Superior	G	C	21,759	19,759	91	1,466
<b>ARKANSAS</b>						
Circuit	G	A	31,908	33,203	104	4,609
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>						
Superior	G	C	128,379 A	111,136 A	87	1,325
<b>COLORADO</b>						
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate	G	A	24,337	35,902 B		2,089
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>						
Superior	G	F	33,535	31,508	94	3,898
Probate	L	F	550	NA		64
State Total			34,085			3,962
<b>DELAWARE</b>						
Family	L	C	8,604 A	7,981 A	93	4,244
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>						
Superior	G	B	3,265	3,634	111	2,883
<b>FLORIDA</b>						
Circuit	G	A	176,324	87,096 A		4,544
<b>GEORGIA</b>						
Juvenile	L	A	98,024 A	86,998 A	89	4,259
<b>HAWAII</b>						
Circuit	G	F	13,747	13,649	99	4,480
<b>IDAHO</b>						
District	G	C	53	70	132	14
Magistrates Division	L	C	13,636	18,191	133	3,502
State Total			13,689	18,261	133	3,515
<b>ILLINOIS</b>						
Circuit	G	C	27,579	33,087	120	835
<b>INDIANA</b>						
Probate	G	C	1,903	1,375	72	119
Superior and Circuit	G	C	50,764 B	47,727 B	94	3,164
State Total			52,667 *	49,102 *	93	3,282
<b>IOWA</b>						
District	G	A	14,958	NA		2,024

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TABLE 12: Reported Total State Trial Court Juvenile Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of filing	Total juvenile incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total juvenile outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	incoming cases per 100,000 juvenile population
KANSAS						
District	G	C	20,093	20,008	100	2,784
KENTUCKY						
Circuit	G	C	15,565 A	13,762 A	88	1,537
District	L	C	39,926	38,560	97	3,941
State Total			55,491 *	52,322 *	94	5,478
LOUISIANA						
District	G	C	11,563	NA		942
Family and Juvenile	G	C	8,311	7,412	89	677
City and Parish	L	C	12,354	10,299	83	1,006
State Total			32,228			2,626
MAINE						
District	G	C	5,459 A	NA		1,772
MARYLAND						
Circuit	G	C	34,327	26,532	77	2,434
MASSACHUSETTS						
District Court	L	C	8,716	5,513 B		574
Juvenile Court	L	C	43,605	NA		2,872
Probate & Family Court	L	C	429	261	61	28
State Total			52,750			3,474
MICHIGAN						
Circuit	G	C	69,348	67,277	97	2,636
MINNESOTA						
District	G	C	65,369 A	53,459 A	82	4,931
MISSISSIPPI						
Chancery	L	C	712 A	NA		91
County	L	C	14 A	NA		2
State Total			726 *			92
MISSOURI						
Circuit	G	C	33,824	25,325	75	2,325
MONTANA						
District	G	C	2,770	2,400	87	1,184
NEBRASKA						
County	L	C	6,437	NA		1,407
Separate Juvenile	L	C	4,472	NA		978
State Total			10,909			2,385
NEVADA						
District	G	C	22,979 A	11,898 A	52	4,005
NEW HAMPSHIRE						
District	L	C	9,026 B	7,836 B	87	2,804
Probate	L	C	317 A	323 A	102	98
State Total			9,343 *	8,159 *	87	2,902
NEW JERSEY						
Superior	G	F	91,739	89,993	98	4,282

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TABLE 12: Reported Total State Trial Court Juvenile Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of filing	Total juvenile incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total juvenile outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/ incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 juvenile population
NEW MEXICO District	G	C	8,022	7,885	98	1,528
NEW YORK Family	L	C	124,742	126,647	102	2,632
NORTH CAROLINA District	L	C	40,777	42,169	103	1,988
NORTH DAKOTA District	G	C	11,513	10,597 B		7,266
OHIO Court of Common Pleas	G	E	171,460	176,937	103	5,903
OKLAHOMA† District	G	G	13,144	11,572	88	1,445
OREGON Circuit	G	C	17,707	16,583	94	2,014
PENNSYLVANIA Court of Common Pleas †	G	G	73,043	68,577	94	2,482
PUERTO RICO Court of First Instance	G	C	9,716	7,309	75	873
RHODE ISLAND Family	L	F	10,453	11,018	105	4,116
SOUTH CAROLINA Family	L	C	20,910 C	19,278 C	92	2,001
SOUTH DAKOTA Circuit	G	C	8,569	8,629	101	4,183
TENNESSEE † General Sessions	L	B	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	B	111,067 A	136,775 A	123	7,729
State Total						
TEXAS District	G	C	39,016 A	36,298 A	93	626
County-level	L	C	8,459 A	8,129 A	96	136
State Total			47,475 *	44,427 *	94	761
UTAH Juvenile	L	C	46,407	47,653	103	6,129
VERMONT Family	G	C	2,479	2,491	100	1,655
VIRGINIA District	L	C	112,585	111,547	99	6,196
WASHINGTON Superior	G	A	44,179	42,899	97	2,804

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TABLE 12: Reported Total State Trial Court Juvenile Caseload, 2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of filing	Total juvenile incoming cases and qualifying footnotes	Total juvenile outgoing cases and qualifying footnotes	Outgoing cases/incoming cases	Incoming cases per 100,000 juvenile population
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>						
Circuit	G	C	6,562	6,531	100	1,625
Magistrate	L	C	1,773	1,773	100	439
State Total			8,335	8,304	100	2,065
<b>WISCONSIN</b>						
Circuit	G	C	33,758	33,447	99	2,419
<b>WYOMING</b>						
District	G	C	1,486	1,350	91	1,136

**NOTE:** All state trial courts with juvenile jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "incoming cases per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

NA = Data are not available.

**JURISDICTION CODES:**

G = General Jurisdiction  
L = Limited Jurisdiction

**POINT OF FILING CODES:**

M = Missing data  
I = Data element is inapplicable  
A = Filing of complaint  
B = At initial hearing (intake)  
C = Filing of petition  
E = Issuance of warrant  
F = At referral  
G = Varies

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

† Data for Oklahoma courts are for 1997. Data for Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas are preliminary 2003 data. Tennessee General Sessions Court juvenile caseload is reported in the caseload of the Juvenile Court.

\* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

- California—Superior Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include partial year data from several courts.
- Delaware—Family Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include data do not include most **dependency** and any **status offense/petition** cases.
- Florida—Circuit Court—Total **juvenile** outgoing data do not include **termination of parental rights** cases.
- Georgia—Juvenile Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include cases from 58 counties.

Kentucky—Circuit Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include **termination of parental rights** cases.

Maine—District Court—Total **juvenile** incoming data do not include some **status offense/petition** cases.

Minnesota—District Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include complete data from one county.

Mississippi—Chancery Court—Total **juvenile** incoming data do not include **delinquency**, most **dependency**, and **status offense/petition** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

—County Court—Total **juvenile** incoming data do not include **delinquency**, most **dependency**, **status offense/petition** and **other juvenile** cases and are less than 75% complete.

Nevada—District Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include complete data from one court. Outgoing data also do not include **termination of parental rights** cases.

New Hampshire—Probate Court— Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include cases from the Family Division.

Tennessee—Juvenile Court— Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include some **juvenile** cases.

Texas—District Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include **dependency** cases and data from 67 reports.

—County-level Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data do not include **dependency** cases and data from 57 reports .

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Colorado—District, Denver Juvenile and Denver Probate Court—Total **juvenile** outgoing data include **adoption**, **paternity**, some **visitation**, and some **support** cases.

Indiana—Superior and Circuit Courts—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data include **custody**, some **support** and some **visitation** cases.

Massachusetts—District Court—Total **juvenile** outgoing data include some **motor vehicle** cases.

New Hampshire—District Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data include cases from the Family Division of Probate Court.

North Dakota—District Court—Total **juvenile** outgoing data include some **traffic/other violation** cases.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

South Carolina—Family Court—Total **juvenile** incoming and outgoing data include **traffic/other violation** cases, but do not include **dependency** cases.

**TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003**

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court</b>										
<b>ALASKA</b>										
Supreme Court	469	553	333	286	297	285	335	294	258	270
Court of Appeals	371	371 *	384	327	336	301	295	272	286	202
<b>ARIZONA</b>										
Supreme Court	126	91	77	161	92	73	58	207	177	178
Court of Appeals	3,340	3,298	3,610	3,607	3,710	3,553	3,354	3,367	3,608	3,644
<b>ARKANSAS</b>										
Supreme Court	567 C	548 C	548 C	562 C	413 C	370 C	418 C	401 C	320 A	385 A
Court of Appeals	1,091	1,141	1,077	1,121	1,485	1,300	1,355	1,158	1,345	1,381
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>										
Supreme Court	27	30	30	38	33	45	32	31	23	20
Courts of Appeal	14,267	14,923	15,641	16,881	15,931	16,186	16,143	14,728	13,925	13,437
<b>COLORADO</b>										
Supreme Court	162 A	161 A	183 A	179 A	205 A	147 A	132 A	89 A	111 A	101 A
Court of Appeals	2,287	2,179	2,289	2,245	2,410	2,647	2,502	2,335	2,673	2,589
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>										
Supreme Court	38	50	58	67	30	29	54	63	46	43
Appellate Court	NA	1,227	1,179 B	1,267 B	1,223 B	1,182 B	1,204 B	1,109 B	1,148 B	1,163 B
<b>FLORIDA</b>										
Supreme Court	102	90	99	100	98	117	109	110	143	113
District Cts. of Appeal	15,858	18,241	18,542	18,932	17,599	17,424	18,983	19,183	19,369	19,729
<b>GEORGIA</b>										
Supreme Court	708	655	675	757	681	586	633	642	682	610
Court of Appeals	3,300	3,213	2,967	3,034	2,910	2,916	2,974	2,900	2,825	2,991
<b>HAWAII</b>										
Supreme Court	610	721	715	695	713	730	646	829	819	731
Intermediate Ct. of App.	295	220	163	132	148	229	239	225	260	231
<b>IDAHO</b>										
Supreme Court	438 C	432 C	508 C	559 C	500 C	424 C	494 C	460 C	573 C	568 C
Court of Appeals	222	371	353	338	300	345	427	561	491	602
<b>ILLINOIS</b>										
Supreme Court	1,226	1,224	1,311	1,297	1,258	1,026	877	820	730	663
Appellate Court	8,889 B	9,010 B	8,982 B	9,301 B	9,481 B	9,212 B	8,856 B	9,266 B	8,676 B	8,633 B
<b>IOWA</b>										
Supreme Court	1,538 B	1,506 B	1,491 B	1,574 B	1,548 B	1,194 B	1,260 B	1,006 B	1,076 B	1,113 B
Court of Appeals	616	742	809	797	753	873	855	1,068	1,061	1,008
<b>KANSAS</b>										
Supreme Court	334	283	271	224	230	198	164	154	160	124
Court of Appeals	1,797 B	2,125 B	2,312 B	2,075 B	1,884 B	1,899 B	1,820 B	1,745 B	1,635 B	1,598 B
<b>KENTUCKY</b>										
Supreme Court	416	398	526	436	444	434	401	379	413	396
Court of Appeals	2,977	3,305	3,388	3,242	3,080	3,064	2,882	2,690	2,553	2,690

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
316 355	274 355	627 365	350 353	299 358	260 317	320 285	325 303	339 266	307 255
127 3,813	101 3,439	91 3,815	92 3,908	92 3,618	74 3,416	51 3,998	189 3,593	173 3,444	183 3,313
556 C 997	550 C 939	502 C 1,042	544 C 1,315	475 C 1,524	380 C 1,354	411 C 1,327	428 C 1,275	348 A 1,062	366 A 1,440
18 14,481	10 14,524	14 15,024	13 12,600	16 19,254	9 18,941	9 18,737	11 18,280	21 17,711	27 16,768
NA 2,192	NA 2,156	NA 2,318	NA 2,274	NA 2,231	NA 2,443	NA 2,613	NA 2,414	NA 2,463	108 A 2,511
NA 1,033 B	NA 1,191 B	NA 1,153 B	NA 1,275 B	299 1,189 B	NA 1,091 B	NA 1,120 B	NA 1,199 B	NA 1,271 B	NA 1,199 B
134 16,465	81 17,663	94 18,674	135 19,021	87 18,078	94 18,227	116 18,466	123 19,204	139 19,153	123 19,486
851 3,363	775 3,379	852 3,161	402 3,028	808 3,425	631 2,906	560 3,000	618 2,864	514 3,487	NA 2,980
610 295	722 158	644 187	822 411	856 315	763 200	540 198	688 198	778 204	710 224
438 C 222	456 C 265	487 C 370	598 C 337	481 C 336	417 C 276	495 C 389	461 C 588	612 C 507	570 C 609
1,226 8,889 B	1,227 9,790 B	1,275 9,413 B	1,230 9,578 B	1,160 9,162 B	1,255 9,113 B	938 8,909 B	655 8,570 B	682 9,419 B	812 9,037 B
1,240 B 658	1,273 B 710	1,312 B 788	1,073 B 801	NA 833	327 B 766	249 B 912	203 B 874	191 1,231	176 B 1,097
410 B 1,591 B	882 B 1,628 B	861 B 1,891 B	989 B 1,961 B	1,228 B 2,023 B	1,114 B 2,067 B	1,281 B 2,240 B	1,094 B 1,868 B	1,059 B 1,742 B	889 B 1,592 B
408 2,727	367 3,175	418 3,232	457 3,201	465 3,408	394 3,162	378 3,122	405 2,880	398 2,790	397 2,700

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
LOUISIANA										
Supreme Court	143	128	146	153	185	195	187	228	227	238
Courts of Appeal	4,070	3,920	4,092	3,964	4,140	4,220	4,557	3,733	3,494	3,141
MARYLAND										
Court of Appeals	243	223	246	254	255	280	270	255 A	238 A	285 A
Court of Spec. Appeals	1,974	2,121	2,042	1,913	1,951	1,962	1,998	1,893	1,926	1,978
MASSACHUSETTS										
Supreme Judicial Court	123 A	125 A	134 A	152 A	152 A	282 A	267	264	290	290 *
Appeals Court	2,068	2,095	2,126	2,235	2,329	2,298	2,164	1,731	1,911	1,630
MICHIGAN										
Supreme Court	6	1	2	3	10	4	5	2	2	5
Court of Appeals	8,054 B	7,591 B	5,782 B	5,006 B	4,503 B	4,214 B	4,093 B	4,074	4,109	4,345
MINNESOTA										
Supreme Court	208	178	205	171	106	120	125	113	112	121
Court of Appeals	2,380	2,497	2,353	2,177	2,174	1,895	1,999	2,145	2,065	2,250
MISSISSIPPI										
Supreme Court	1,013	1,063	1,159 B	1,210 B	1,071 B	1,065 B	1,142 B	1,189 B	1,099	1,163 B
Court of Appeals	NC	535	643	719	719	719	NA	36 A	NA	NA
MISSOURI										
Supreme Court	264	272	228	273	220	223	252	250	182	242
Court of Appeals	4,473	4,405	4,539	4,168	3,842	3,678	3,724	3,611	3,714	3,776
NEBRASKA										
Supreme Court	69 B	54	60	44	52	52	80	77	75	65
Court of Appeals	1,184 B	1,349 B	1,279 B	1,322 B	1,335 B	1,414 B	1,260 B	1,347 B	1,427 B	1,401
NEW JERSEY										
Supreme Court	410	212	205	546	450	522	488	515	528	411
Appel. Div. of Superior	7,148	7,307	7,911	7,509	7,788	7,361	7,286	7,182	7,069	7,120
NEW MEXICO										
Supreme Court	234	198	78	102	64	59	62	54	59	59
Court of Appeals	750	819	941	965	966	906	862	833	781	780
NORTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	131	119	102	81	84	78	61	94	107	114
Court of Appeals	1,400	1,478	1,470	1,565	1,553	1,719	1,592	1,618	1,620	1,747
OHIO										
Supreme Court	812	818	943	891	880	674	620	675	678	636
Court of Appeals	11,032	11,435	12,455	12,488	11,713	11,079	10,394	10,760	10,745	11,202
OKLAHOMA										
Supreme Court	1,442	1,417	1,411	1,514	1,339	1,339 *	1,339 *	1,339 *	1,339 *	1,339 *
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,571	1,367	1,514	1,742	1,581	1,581 *	1,581 *	1,581 *	1,462	1,462 *
Court of Civil Appeals	1,249	1,213	1,117	581	499	499 *	499 *	499 *	499 *	499 *
OREGON										
Supreme Court	201	310	329	326	271	248	248	279	231	223
Court of Appeals	4,440	4,426	4,466	4,631	4,319	4,024	3,977	4,084	3,277	3,314

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
116 4,258	121 4,139	162 4,090	157 3,872	162 4,093	159 4,291	186 4,455	186 4,583	218 4,319	182 3,530
212 1,979	223 2,105	182 1,997	190 1,891	251 1,980	235 1,863	267 2,060	247 1,825	230 1,813	258 1,901
104 A 1,709	131 A 1,851	105 1,294	127 A 2,115	122 A 2,097	144 A 2,800	463 2,145	297 1,703	204 2,128	204 * 2,020
NA 12,824 B	NA 12,596 B	NA 10,842 B	NA 10,233 B	5 8,682 B	3 4,239 B	2 4,100 B	NA 4,149	2 4,633	4 4,574
174 2,373	187 2,441	181 2,391	163 2,211	115 1,991	113 1,649	121 1,961	111 2,145	121 1,909	98 2,133
805 NC	772 535	500 643	894 719	641 776	738 635	598 595	648 567	653 610	540 543
259 4,302	226 4,285	236 4,349	255 4,515	216 4,281	215 3,927	222 3,781	254 3,790	193 3,661	291 3,660
315 B 895 B	300 B 1,106 B	305 B 1,172 B	305 B 1,111 B	309 B 1,146 B	NA 1,205 B	NA 1,224 B	NA 1,077 B	NA 1,311	NA 1,269
405 6,980	206 7,416	190 7,530	493 7,842	547 7,647	478 7,483	481 7,217	508 7,354	536 7,280	416 7,213
194 936 B	257 827 B	68 894 B	66 925 B	53 925 B	49 939 B	51 946 B	48 893 B	45 855 B	64 830
110 1,550	134 1,420	134 1,425	129 1,559	98 1,585	91 1,631	90 1,460	65 1,465	131 1,726	118 1,748
819 11,565	701 11,551	915 12,509	827 12,440	1,045 12,239	722 11,509	642 11,621	674 11,150	752 10,627	636 10,652
1,739	1,483	1,672	1,494	1,625	1,625 *	1,625 *	1,625 *	1,625 *	1,625 *
1,360 1,625	1,267 1,808	1,143 1,806	679 1,670	737 1,674	737 * 1,674 *	737 * 1,674 *	737 * 1,674 *	737 * 1,674 *	1,424 * 737 *
296 B 4,592	282 B 4,430	282 B 4,321	263 B 4,474	278 B 4,790	290 B 4,107	290 B 4,107	290 3,840	276 3,844	170 3,891

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
PUERTO RICO										
Supreme Court	NA	209	363	95	54	129	140	104	125	104
Court of Appeals	NC	1,425	1,454	1,739	1,553	1,410	1,550	1,382	1,576	1,634
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	443	301	275	355	2,033 *	258	140	329	213	262
Court of Appeals	461	680	756	907	965	925	900	1,413	1,458	1,414
TEXAS										
Supreme Court	13	0	9	5	14	4	4	11	6	0
Court of Criminal Appeals	3,590	4,232	4,963	6,287	7,910	8,769	8,714	6,822	7,177	7,726
Courts of Appeals	9,297	9,734	10,742	10,754	11,566	12,291	12,343	11,700	11,984	10,559
UTAH										
Supreme Court	631 B	584 B	558 B	616 B	577 B	662 B	604 B	530 B	529 B	594 B
Court of Appeals	785 B	838 B	842 B	741 B	711 B	748 B	796 B	732 B	735 B	830
VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court	71	59	88	58	127	150	201	NA	0	12
Court of Appeals	663	772	839	712	640	695	623	733	737	701
WASHINGTON										
Supreme Court	113 B	111 B	111 B	94 B	75 B	73 B	63 B	73 B	72 B	59 B
Court of Appeals	3,503	3,663	3,678	3,618	3,974	3,613	3,797	3,756	3,927	3,975
WISCONSIN										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	45	54	76
Court of Appeals	3,345 B	3,532 B	3,628 B	3,763 B	3,577 B	3,279 B	3,472 B	3,421 B	3,342 B	3,452 B
<b>States with no intermediate appellate court</b>										
DELAWARE										
Supreme Court	488 B	530 B	532 B	551 B	554 B	558 B	656 B	582	715	681
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA										
Court of Appeals	1,689	1,832	2,008	2,076	1,943	1,757	1,698	1,604	1,466	1,644
MAINE										
Supreme Judicial Court	1,038 B	988 B	841 B	724 B	778 B	752 B	442 B	529 B	560	515
MONTANA										
Supreme Court	633 A	521 A	731 A	729 A	587 A	653	580	562	584	560
NEVADA										
Supreme Court	1,256	1,350	1,911	1,835	1,943	1,894	1,803	1,803	1,723	1,841
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NORTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	360	403	367	387	360	370	334	285	340	364
RHODE ISLAND										
Supreme Court	463	477	406	476	411	383	396	342	339	281

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
NA	212	341	183	91	144	174	130	156	101
NC	586	948	1,442	1,615	1,551	1,670	1,486	1,538	1,460
503 B	557 B	436 B	NA	2,159 *	2,159 *	271 B	422	240	267
515	523	694	886	895	1,062	813	1,547	1,438	1,494
13	0	8	5	10	4	4	15	6	0
3,628	4,782	4,555	6,156	6,488	7,914	7,764	6,979	6,965	7,638
9,543	9,649	10,164	11,249	11,736	13,150	13,429	13,129	12,399	12,420
478 B	584 B	604 B	632 B	561 B	622 B	587 B	548 B	NA	598
887 B	848 B	748 B	805 B	805 B	711 B	755 B	762 B	NA	717
77	61	73	70	87	113	193	NA	0	0
635	725	876	886	616	656	678	704	768	747
143 B	102 B	109 B	100 B	107 B	76 B	85 B	59 B	75 B	55 B
3,530	3,545	3,725	4,364	3,687	4,079	3,898	3,879	3,893	3,742
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	45	39	NA
3,262 B	3,465 B	3,638 B	3,679 B	3,777 B	3,409 B	3,574 B	3,519 B	3,486 B	3,452 B
482 B	495 B	535 B	537 B	582 B	527 B	599 B	598	713	726
1,566	1,482	1,783	2,129	1,901	1,793	1,906	1,768	1,779	1,786
818 B	732 B	800 B	769 B	833 B	719 B	542 B	469 B	600	536
540 A	543 A	493 A	673 A	505 A	564	591	588	594	608
1,131	1,078	1,370	1,471	2,299	2,073	1,932	2,001	1,866	1,889
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
383	371	384	389	356	380	347	318	319	333
427	410	403	488	448	369	378	396	396	311

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>										
Supreme Court	351 B	358 B	412 B	367 B	403 B	436 B	396 B	436 B	383 B	398 B
<b>VERMONT</b>										
Supreme Court	634	640	633	558	557	555	545	592	514	553
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>										
Supreme Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
<b>WYOMING</b>										
Supreme Court	335	345	357	380	381	355	364	283	283 *	272
<b>States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts</b>										
<b>ALABAMA</b>										
Supreme Court	1,158	879	830	811	889	784	1,174	NA	1,254	1,151
Court of Civil Appeals	906	1,167	1,530	1,447	1,437	1,437	1,404	1,301	1,293	1,182
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,260	2,490	2,364	2,472	2,573	2,513	2,630	2,704	2,648	2,291
<b>INDIANA</b>										
Supreme Court	224	231	284	287	279	314	285	318	241	183
Court of Appeals	1,867	1,803	2,126	2,071	2,140	2,053	2,160	1,938	2,055	2,299 B
Tax Court	288	135	186	205	207	240	131	106	141	60
<b>NEW YORK</b>										
Court of Appeals	502	499	451	432	350	350	300	287	292	288
Appellate Division of Supreme Court	10,788 B	10,851 B	11,450 B	11,676 B	11,761 B	11,745 B	11,110 B	10,023 B	10,109 B	9,967 B
Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	2,209 B	2,371 B	2,455 B	2,136 B	2,121 B	2,250 B	2,078 B	1,843 B	2,089 B	2,017 B
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>										
Supreme Court	365	307	447	429	547	507	327	419	532	551
Superior Court	7,554	7,606	7,817	9,001	8,000 A	7,299	8,131	7,839	8,160	8,195
Commonwealth Court	4,380 A	4,939 A	4,594 A	4,453 A	5,603 A	4,490	4,210 A	4,447 A	4,722 A	4,540 A
<b>TENNESSEE</b>										
Supreme Court	314 B	307 B	400 B	400 B	349 B	264 B	330 B	200	173	161
Court of Appeals	1,103 B	1,106 B	1,152 B	1,117 B	1,087 B	1,278 B	1,161 B	1,119	1,111	1,004
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,167 B	1,088 B	1,338 B	1,374 B	1,165 B	1,182 B	1,143	1,167	1,042	1,114



Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
406 B	461 B	461 B	504 B	397 B	482 B	407 B	480 B	428 B	417 B
610	632	671	619	563	612	529	580	590	533
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
282	387	318	344	359	372	389	271	271 *	299
1,154	1,005	830	819	840	701	851	2,220 B	1,334	1,186
823	1,949	1,348	1,572	1,458	1,458	1,538	1,286	1,306	1,225
2,096	2,400	2,331	2,323	2,701	2,469	2,676	2,688	2,748	2,586
220	226	266	289	273	295	356	323	307	179
1,864	1,838	1,934	1,763	2,246	2,216	2,157	2,024	1,980	2,242 B
123	252	121	152	155	134	132	300	132	165
249	340	295	260	198	208	170	176	176	176
13,508 B	18,831 B	19,200 B	18,874 B	19,227 B	19,074 B	20,063 B	17,660 B	19,109 B	17,939 B
2,091 B	2,356 B	2,401 B	2,367 B	2,064 B	2,050 B	2,238 B	2,131 B	1,928 B	1,838 B
348	446	683	676	802	1,016	548	658	742	612
6,791	7,558	7,693	7,825	8,168	8,597	7,165	7,944	8,150	8,081
4,267 B	4,681 B	4,043 B	4,996 B	5,491 B	5,964 B	4,341 B	4,611 A	4,753 A	4,635 A
391 B	418 B	499 B	397 B	392 B	NA	344 B	340	255	208
1,021 B	1,201 B	1,047 B	1,108 B	1,102 B	1,144 B	1,055 B	1,187	1,178	1,266
937 B	1,099 B	1,015 B	1,164 B	1,542 B	1,372 B	1,289 B	1,218	1,265	1,227

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003 (continued)

**COURT TYPE:**

COLR = Court of last resort  
 IAC = Intermediate appellate court

**NOTE:**

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable.  
 NC = Indicates that the court did not exist during that year.  
 NJ = Indicates that the court does not have jurisdiction.

\* Alaska—Court of Appeals—Data problem in 1995. The 1994 numbers are repeated again in 1995.

\* Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court—2003 data not available. The 2002 numbers are repeated in 2003.

\* Oklahoma—Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Court of Appeals—2003 data not available. The 1998 numbers are repeated in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. The 1998 numbers are repeated for 1999, 2000, and 2001, and the 2002 number are repeated for 2003 for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

\* South Carolina—Supreme Court—Mandatory filings and dispositions were counted differently in 1998. Disposed data were not available in 1999. The 1998 numbers were repeated for 1999.

\* Wyoming—Supreme Court—2002 data not available. The 2001 numbers are repeated in 2002.

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

- Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 2002-2003 do not include **attorney disciplinary** cases and **certified questions** from the federal courts.
- Colorado—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1994-2003 and disposed data for 2003 do not include some **disciplinary matters** and some **interlocutory decisions**.
- Maryland—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data for 2001-2003 do not include some **civil**, **criminal**, and **original proceedings**.
- Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-1999 do not include **attorney disciplinary** and other cases filed in the "Single Justice" side of the court.
- Mississippi—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data for 2001 do not include some **civil**, **criminal**, and **original proceedings**, and **interlocutory decisions**.
- Montana—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-1998 do not include **administrative agency**, **advisory opinions**, and **original proceedings**.
- Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1994-2003 and disposed data for 2001-2002 do not include some **original proceedings** and some **administrative agency appeals**.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

- Alabama—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** disposed data for 2001 include **discretionary petitions**.
- Connecticut—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1996-2003 include **discretionary jurisdiction**. Disposed data for 1994-2003 include **discretionary dispositions**.
- Delaware—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2000 include some **discretionary petitions**. Filed data for 1994-2000 include **discretionary petitions** that were **granted**.
- Illinois—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2003 include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Indiana—Court of Appelas—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 2003 include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Iowa—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2002 include **discretionary original proceedings** and **discretionary administrative agency** cases **granted** review and disposed. Filed data for 2003 include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Kansas—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** disposed data for 1994-2003 include all **discretionary petitions**.  
 —Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1994-2002 include a few **discretionary petitions** that were **granted**. Filed data for 2003 include all **discretionary petitions**. Disposed data for 1994-2003 include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2001 include **discretionary petitions**.
- Michigan—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2000 include **discretionary petitions**.
- Mississippi—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1996-2003 include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1994 include **discretionary petitions**. Disposed data for 1994-1998 include **discretionary petitions**.  
 —Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1994-2002 include **discretionary petitions**. Disposed data for 1994-2001 data include **discretionary petitions**.
- New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** disposed data for 1994-2002 include **discretionary interlocutory decisions**.
- New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2003 include all **discretionary petitions**.  
 —Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2003 include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Oregon—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** disposed data for 1994-2000 include all **discretionary petitions** that were **granted**.
- Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total **mandatory** disposed data for 1994-2000 include some **discretionary petitions**.
- South Carolina—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** disposed data for 1994-1996 and 2000 include **discretionary petitions**.
- South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2003 include **discretionary advisory opinions**.
- Tennessee—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1994-2000 include **discretionary petitions** that were **granted**. Disposed data for 1994-1998 and 2000 include **discretionary petitions** that were **granted**.  
 —Court of Appeals— Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2000 include **discretionary petitions** that were **granted**.

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003 (continued)

—Court of Criminal Appeals— Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-1999 include **discretionary petitions** that were **granted**.

Utah—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1994-2003 and disposed data for 1992-2001 include all **discretionary petitions**.

—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1994-2002 and disposed data in 1994-2001 include all **discretionary petitions**.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2003 include some **discretionary petitions**.

Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2003 include **discretionary interlocutory decisions**.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2001 include some **discretionary petitions**, but do not include **mandatory attorney disciplinary** cases and **mandatory advisory opinions**.

Idaho—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data for 1994-2003 include **discretionary petitions** that were **granted**, but do not include **mandatory interlocutory decisions** and **mandatory advisory opinions**.

**TABLE 14: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003**

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court</b>										
<b>ALASKA</b>										
Supreme Court	199	200	185	200	238	187	194	192	157	189
Court of Appeals	51	51	48	59	43	45	34	36	35	40
<b>ARIZONA</b>										
Supreme Court	1,221	1,304	1,594	1,820	1,366	1,209	1,307	1,042	1,050	1,027
Court of Appeals	198	201	188	218	151	157	159	95	116	173
<b>ARKANSAS</b>										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	877	877	478	453	477	446	467
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	136	164	164	145	134
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>										
Supreme Court	6,758	6,299	6,808	7,563	8,627	8,265	9,039	8,860	8,894	8,842
Courts of Appeal	7,119	7,403	8,069	8,879	9,116	8,915	8,895	8,654	8,454	8,606
<b>COLORADO</b>										
Supreme Court	1,115	1,197	1,218	1,332	1,317	1,378	1,485	1,278	1,257	1,300
Appellate Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>										
Supreme Court	120	274	363	453	472	365	394	442	499	484
Appellate Court	59	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>FLORIDA</b>										
Supreme Court	1,868	2,085	2,428	2,394	2,404	2,629	2,622	2,785	2,634	2,375
District Courts of Appeal	3,123	3,455	3,580	3,579	4,057	3,788	3,901	1,301	1,376	4,413
<b>GEORGIA</b>										
Supreme Court	1,246	1,399	1,257	1,362	1,226	1,148	1,210	1,214	1,190	1,272
Court of Appeals	611	419	483	479	455	434	420	413	435	453
<b>HAWAII</b>										
Supreme Court	38	23	32	86	92	78	79	70	67	79
Intermediate Ct. of Ap.	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
<b>IDAHO</b>										
Supreme Court	127	96	127	107	90	82	114	187	184	203 A
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
<b>ILLINOIS</b>										
Supreme Court	1,895	2,121	2,374	2,308	2,309	2,200	2,245	2,325	2,579	2,304
Appellate Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>IOWA</b>										
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
<b>KANSAS</b>										
Supreme Court	525	566	604	786	1,019	981	1,087	879	883	748
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	29	NA	NA	NA
<b>KENTUCKY</b>										
Supreme Court	724	806	707	751	779	803	847	763	742	736
Court of Appeals	108	105	102	105	106	84	76	92	75	101

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
212	199	176	206	215	199	179	166	177	177
56	56	51	66	48	38	30	38	36	39
1,220	1,354	1,555	1,500	1,175	1,287	1,196	1,170	1,091	1,017
180	260	193	205	172	163	139	101	111	145
NA	NA	NA	799	424	487	448	475	436	485
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	140	161	164	138	131
6,783	6,554	6,524	7,406	8,219	8,599	8,868	9,036	8,781	8,625
7,290	7,531	8,146	NA	9,496	9,422	9,466	9,096	8,348	8,407
1,290 B	1,316 B	1,369 B	1,432 B	1,561 B	1,615 B	1,563 B	1,425 B	1,415 B	1,333
NA	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
255	238	238	NA	260	216	426	475 B	539 B	548 B
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,931	2,017	2,448	2,238	2,365	2,422	2,417	2,809	2,838	2,168
2,745	3,326	3,352	3,221	3,475	4,402	3,784	NA	1,237	4,394
992	1,398	1,257	1,330	1,545	1,066	1,171	1,205	1,479	1,790 B
559	595	502	481	455	438	419	451	416	453
42	22	32	86	88	82	80	68	69	75
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
112	114	125	105	82	86	109	165	198	195 A
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
1,793	2,193	2,118	2,247	2,200	2,208	2,238	2,051	2,407	2,516
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
186 A	183 A	171	NA	NA	1,694 *	1,822 A	2,201	1,989	1,966
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
735	678	700	720	749	746	793	702	725	752
103	109	116	101	106	93	74	83	86	80

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TABLE 14: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
LOUISIANA										
Supreme Court	3,028	3,000	2,955	3,068	3,038	3,457	3,378	3,230	3,029	3,312
Courts of Appeal	5,084	5,373	5,426	6,134	6,375	6,901	6,127	5,926	5,956	6,257
MARYLAND										
Court of Appeals	688	772	745	683	707	702	741	700	721	700
Court of Spec. Appeals	350	509	378	436	428	392	324	441	568	423
MASSACHUSETTS										
Supreme Judicial Court	684 A	753 A	728 A	768 A	980 A	781 A	706	750	752	752 *
Appeals Court	1,016	988	945	NA	944	NA	768	751	741	693
MICHIGAN										
Supreme Court	3,182	3,172	2,768	2,844	2,426	2,242	2,154	2,262	2,271	2,276
Court of Appeals	2,668	2,768	3,325	3,407	3,469	3,517	3,367	3,028	3,047	3,100
MINNESOTA										
Supreme Court	774	785	743	741	680	656	622	691	674	596
Court of Appeals	76	51	65	51	65	35	116	100	91	96
MISSISSIPPI										
Supreme Court	60	84	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	302	344
Court of Appeals	NC	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NA
MISSOURI										
Supreme Court	781	791	690	645	586	577	786	752	623	563
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEBRASKA										
Supreme Court	192	347	240	282	374	306	247	209	328	356
Court of Appeals	NA	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEW JERSEY										
Supreme Court	2,953	3,038	3,060	3,340	3,248	2,969	3,111	2,812	2,949	3,108
Appellate Div. of Super.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW MEXICO										
Supreme Court	629	613	649	650	736	513	544	531	515	535
Court of Appeals	56	51	55	48	44	60	86	70	85	76
NORTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	489	471	502	544	547	609	577	634	662	677
Court of Appeals	390	428	462	523	582	633	676	762	768	825
OKLAHOMA										
Supreme Court	512	578	507	436	502	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *
Court of Criminal Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OHIO										
Supreme Court	1,957	1,861	1,945	1,839	1,848	1,653	1,735	1,609	1,529	1,601
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OREGON										
Supreme Court	801	768	736	918	962	1,037	1,037	735	701	805
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
PUERTO RICO										
Supreme Court	NA	1,038	393	627	1,047	1,002	1,120	1,138	1,029	1,012
Circuit Court of Appeals	NC	1,076	1,200	2,042	2,276	2,121	2,416	3,890	2,349	2,564

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
2,832	2,758	3,401	3,400	3,230	3,131	2,842	3,144	3,232	3,172
4,659	5,325	5,502	6,351	6,610	6,984	6,325	6,308	6,426	6,678
767	708	769	784	707	702	712	712	718	707
332	509	378	436	446	392	324	441	568	423
NA	734	728	768	794	781	422	667	633	633 *
996	988	945	NA	944	NA	768	751	741	693
2,516 B	2,799 B	2,898	2,736	2,987	2,568	2,300	2,357	2,052	2,427
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3,476	3,699	NA	3,014	3,134
628	747	770	721	NA	573	666	80	83	102
53	54	65	51	54	33	118	90	98	53
38	73	297	NA	NA	NA	NA	238	289	334
NC	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
712	776	668	522	581	603	764	760	616	598
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	327	377	259	311 B	282 B
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
2,806	2,958	3,070	3,311	3,343	2,808	3,084	2,901	3,009	3,047
NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
436	632	641	650	692	513	528	532	457	509
0	NA	NA	NA	NJ	NJ	NJ	NA	NA	NA
317	470	443	556	500	616	632	635	601	718
307	376	401	459	523	563	597	690	715	748
652	592	384	431	502	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *	502 *
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
1,700	1,698	1,831	1,759	1,663	1,565	1,603	1,543	1,365	1,569
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
797	732	732	684	929	1,013	1,013	803	808	792
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NA	1,220	487	631	879	1,085	1,136	1,143	1,084	925
NC	670	1,041	1,594	2,524	2,278	2,419	3,954	2,344	2,431

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TABLE 14: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Supreme Court	50	61	197	646 *	977	1,109	1,066	1,042	1,185	1,353
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
TEXAS										
Supreme Court	1,394	1,407	1,340	1,373	1,829	1,818	1,376	1,301	1,295	1,275
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,477	1,439	1,847	1,677	1,983	2,060	2,271	2,036	1,951	1,742
Courts of Appeal	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
UTAH										
Supreme Court	136	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NJ
VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court	2,169	2,285	1,546	2,671	2,576	2,881	2,878	2,901	3,026	2,985
Court of Appeals	1,989	2,259	2,379	2,337	2,371	2,415	2,445	2,766	2,677	2,591
WASHINGTON										
Supreme Court	1,142 A	1,073 A	1,135 A	1,268 A	1,146 A	1,355 A	1,458 A	1,319 A	1,297 A	1,422 A
Court of Appeals	399	455	504	430	442	350	391	433	396	386
WISCONSIN										
Supreme Court	1,158	1,123	1,217	1,124	1,189	1,101	1,185	1,198	1,126	1,184
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>States with no intermediate appellate court</b>										
DELAWARE										
Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA										
Court of Appeals	18	16	28	23	25	26	45	55	54	52
MAINE										
Supreme Judicial Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	257	192	178	157
MONTANA										
Supreme Court	111	67	101	NA	144	53	288	347	214	300
NEVADA										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEW HAMPSHIRE										
Supreme Court	880	892	850	915	839	826	834	766	813	842
NORTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	25	26	28	15	20	12	16	22	23	13
RHODE ISLAND										
Supreme Court	297	285	268	210	212	191	163	312	415	393
SOUTH DAKOTA										
Supreme Court	57 A	67 A	53 A	56 A	54 A	62 A	42 A	58 A	74 A	49 A
VERMONT										
Supreme Court	23	35	20	24	25	29	27	26	16	29



Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
NA	NA	NA	1,239	732	732	1,045	1,164	1,322	1,236
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
1,574	1,376	1,362	1,308	1,466	1,454	1,381	1,297	1,306	1,274
1,666	1,452	2,002	1,644	1,866	2,319	2,578	2,128	2,017	1,708
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NA	106	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NJ
1,446	2,260	2,382	2,619	2,769	2,810	2,797	3,007	2,992	3,006
2,491	2,505	2,460	2,306	2,303	2,458	2,554	2,320	2,691	2,649
1,058 A	1,044 A	1,076 A	1,180 A	1,236	1,259	1,332 A	1,535 A	1,253 A	1,336 A
374	385	460	499	464	386	340	458	413	353
888	1,008	1,181	1,142	1,177	1,128	1,170	1,192	1,148	1,039 B
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	13	22	26	19	37	44	52	57	53
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	256	188	259	147
117	81	186	NA	128	106	252	322	198	270
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
662	875	857	907	767	826	717	1,014	939	893
NA	26	31	17	17	12	22	30	26	13
292	304	302	219	234	208	185	266	422	403
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
26	33	23	23	24	29	28	24	13	29

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TABLE 14: Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
WEST VIRGINIA										
Supreme Court of Appeals	2,442	2,691	3,099	3,114	3,415	3,539	3,029	2,650	2,653	2,854
WYOMING										
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
<b>States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts</b>										
ALABAMA										
Supreme Court	708	797	915	956	967	1,107	1,224	NA	1,130	1,025
Court of Civil Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Criminal Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
INDIANA										
Supreme Court	672	818	817	711	733	815	827	801	748	902
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tax Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEW YORK										
Court of Appeals	4,588	4,861	4,582	4,647	4,466	4,320	4,381	4,266	3,986	3,920
Appellate Div.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Appellate Terms	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PENNSYLVANIA										
Supreme Court	2,695	3,009	2,870	2,890	3,113	3,496	2,884	2,767	2,701	2,584
Superior Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Commonwealth Court	151	172	110	997	NA	NA	NA	NA	63	95
TENNESSEE										
Supreme Court	828	903	859	954	1,134	1,001	989	980	1,056	1,105
Court of Appeals	264	242	273	233	288	260	282	214	269	252
Court of Criminal Appeals	174	166	175	136	NA	107	86	126	133	129

**COURT TYPE:**

COLR = Court of last resort  
 IAC = Intermediate appellate court

**NOTE:**

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable.  
 NC = Indicates that the court did not exist during that year.  
 NJ = Indicates that the court does not have jurisdiction.

\*Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court—2003 data not available. The 2002 numbers are repeated in 2003.

\* Oklahoma—Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, and Court of Appeals—2003 data not available. The 1998 numbers are repeated in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. The 1998 numbers are repeated for 1999, 2000, and 2001, and the 2002 number are repeated for 2003 for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

\* South Carolina—Supreme Court—**Discretionary petitions** were counted differently in 1997.

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

- Idaho—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed and disposed data do not include **original proceedings**.
- Iowa—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data for 1994-1995 and 2000 do not include some **original proceedings**.
- Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed data for 1994-1999 do not include certain cases filed in the "Single Justice" side of the court, in which a single justice was asked to allow a certain type of **interlocutory appeal** to proceed (which, if allowed, could be sent to either appellate court) or to allow an appeal from the denial of a motion for new trial in certain capital cases.

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
2,100	2,098	2,583	3,085	3,488	3,089 A	1,412 A	3,703 A	2,686	2,285
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
659	807	882	915	918	901	1,386	NA	1,193	1,089
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
641	723	813	752	742	805	904	748	796	871
87	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NA	NA	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
4,303	4,872	4,796	4,572	4,532	4,321	4,256	4,314	4,076	3,978
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3,340	2,850	2,724	2,943	2,798	3,709	2,996	2,693	2,763	2,353
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NA	NA	NA	1,065	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
760	785	870	639	921	1,028	817	982	1,014	1,120
194	182	196	424	250	131	80	152	239	241
128	118	115	104	NA	101	74	88	126	122

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed data for 1994-2003 do not include some **advisory opinions**.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed and disposed data for 1994-2003 do not include some **civil and criminal discretionary petition** cases.

West Virginia—Supreme Court of Appeals—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data for 1999-2001 are not complete.

Wisconsin—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data for 2003 include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Colorado—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data for 1994-2002 include **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data for 2001-2003 include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

Georgia—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data for 2003 include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

Michigan—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data for 1994-1995 include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data for 2002-2003 include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

**TABLE 15: Felony Caseload in State Trial Courts of General Jurisdiction, 1994-2003**

State/Court name:	Number of incoming cases and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
ALABAMA Circuit	37,695	40,219	42,551	43,596	47,869	43,340	34,707	35,451	36,173	39,587
ALASKA Superior	2,696 A	2,778 A	3,228	3,362	3,588	3,429	3,618	3,337	3,550	4,056
ARIZONA Superior	28,522	30,299	30,817	34,649	39,513	38,262	40,208	43,462	45,322	50,884
ARKANSAS Circuit	35,432	39,273	38,866	39,350	45,925	44,717	48,930	50,903	53,986	56,988
CALIFORNIA Superior	247,589 A	256,959 A	245,587 A	251,575 A	260,311 A	246,306 A	238,685 A	237,491 A	242,760 A	246,034 A
COLORADO District	23,478	26,852	29,994	32,457	38,419	37,144	35,767	36,859	39,146	41,257
CONNECTICUT Superior	37,940 A	39,243 A	37,662 A	38,995 A	37,331 A	36,158 A	33,745 A	33,762 A	36,286 A	36,450 A
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Superior	17,203	15,240	15,439	13,378	12,594	11,874	10,308	10,234	10,184	9,911
FLORIDA Circuit	177,457	187,207	197,230	199,658	191,067	196,986	193,845	198,822	204,474	302,038
GEORGIA Superior	64,206	66,648	66,375	73,011	74,872	73,476	73,897 B	74,326 B	84,980 B	86,838 B
HAWAII Circuit	4,390 B	4,620 B	4,350 B	4,823 B	5,104 B	4,444 B	4,360 B	4,603 B	4,752 B	4,059
IDAHO District	8,847	10,295	9,663	10,009	10,919	10,531	10,521	11,266	11,300	11,662
ILLINOIS Circuit	81,647 A	88,772 A	90,902 A	97,764 A	101,399 A	91,103 A	97,077 A	101,463 A	103,642 A	96,320 A
INDIANA Superior and Circuit	40,977	44,193	47,451	43,397	51,056	54,548	55,371	60,381	64,626	61,820
IOWA District	14,719	16,603	18,510	19,228	20,729	20,508	22,036	23,402	26,423	26,314
KANSAS District	14,423	15,267	17,150	17,831	17,653	19,007	17,234	16,876	17,437	18,527
KENTUCKY Circuit	17,844 B	18,739 B	19,128 B	20,102 B	20,752 B	21,770 B	22,041 B	22,934 B	24,788 B	26,884 B
LOUISIANA District	31,907 A	30,006 A	48,507 A	46,051 A	54,726 A	48,172 A	53,584 A	54,012 A	53,482 A	60,065 A
MAINE Superior	3,629	3,619	3,473	3,549	3,522	3,517	NA	NA	NA	NA
District	3,898	3,535	3,690	3,906	4,095	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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TABLE 15: Felony Caseload in State Trial Courts of General Jurisdiction, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of incoming cases and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
MARYLAND Circuit	63,854 B	63,415 B	64,061 B	63,001 B	66,033 B	66,537 B	68,418 B	72,197 B	71,821 B	71,025 B
MASSACHUSETTS Superior Court	8,089	7,999	8,101	8,064	8,334	8,840	5,018	5,009	5,621	5,613
MICHIGAN Circuit	67,207 B	68,865 B	71,812 B	70,957 B	71,878 B	61,611 B	63,585 B	65,582 B	66,708	65,728
MINNESOTA District	18,183 A	18,456 A	18,927 A	20,272 A	21,555 A	21,420 A	22,262 A	24,448 A	27,785 A	29,125
MISSOURI Circuit	67,571	76,235	81,198	84,131	87,803	80,889	81,511	84,468	94,281	93,514
NEBRASKA District	5,376 B	5,833 B	6,238 B	6,733 B	7,276 B	7,103 B	7,642 B	7,786 B	8,678 B	8,509 B
NEVADA District	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	10,284 A	9,950	9,856	9,657
NEW HAMPSHIRE Superior	6,114	6,036	6,302	6,406	6,031	6,701	6,680	7,914	7,902	9,351
NEW JERSEY Superior	47,228	46,652	46,437	48,208	49,807	49,075	46,000	51,225	53,295	53,222
NEW MEXICO District	10,757	12,471	13,854	13,675	14,736	16,186	17,077	19,237	18,893	19,784
NEW YORK Supreme and County	71,419 B	68,326 B	68,067 B	63,339 B	63,329 B	55,425 B	53,932 B	52,500 B	53,264 B	53,584 B
NORTH CAROLINA Superior	83,823	83,417	83,212	88,349	92,672	94,517	93,602	95,953	100,729	100,837
NORTH DAKOTA District	1,840	2,428	3,614	3,223	3,979	4,139	4,500	5,084	5,937	6,296
OHIO Court of Common Pleas	64,766	67,266	66,850	62,530	64,219	66,689	68,923	76,830	79,063	84,507
OKLAHOMA District	36,432 B	40,455 B	38,254 B	45,995 B	45,995 B	45,995 B	45,995 B	45,995 B	45,995 B	45,995 B
OREGON Circuit	30,725	33,457	30,797	33,719	39,587	37,459	35,727	35,712	36,411	35,176
PENNSYLVANIA Court of Common Pleas	139,985 B	143,588 B	144,251 B	149,123 B	155,460 B	155,089 B	162,414 B	167,773 B	173,141 C	170,197 C
PUERTO RICO Court of First Instance	37,779	35,719	35,473	33,073	37,870	37,183	35,327	36,906	39,333	38,522

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TABLE 15: Felony Caseload in State Trial Courts of General Jurisdiction, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of incoming cases and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
RHODE ISLAND Superior	5,682	6,045	6,155	5,698	5,703	4,948	5,554	5,595	5,628	6,026
SOUTH DAKOTA Circuit	5,467	5,927	5,998	6,099	5,703	5,315	5,698	5,422	6,784	6,277
TENNESSEE Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	68,690 B	61,977 B	88,057 B	69,190 B	72,495 B	72,171 B	72,234 B	73,154 B	64,395 C	95,964 C
TEXAS District	154,257 A	140,381 A	139,529 A	145,748 A	148,965 A	144,365 A	157,430 A	154,116 A	169,212 A	241,525 A
UTAH District	15,525	19,686	20,996	18,240	17,889	17,520	18,438	17,324	17,269	20,001
VERMONT District Superior	2,842 1	3,018 1	3,010 1	3,435 0	3,368 2	3,311 1	3,447 0	3,243 2	3,654 1	3,940 0
VIRGINIA Circuit	77,104	81,328	81,819	88,269	95,806	96,584	105,909	108,164	112,107	115,013 B
WASHINGTON Superior	28,728	32,296	31,035	34,103	37,592	37,995	39,694	41,387	41,908	44,311
WEST VIRGINIA Circuit	4,604	4,167	4,424	4,819	4,744	4,751	4,349	5,042	4,871	5,631
WISCONSIN Circuit	18,777 A	24,246 A	28,388 A	29,117 A	28,236 A	27,184	29,344	31,192	30,564 A	55,108 A
WYOMING District†	1,733 A	1,789 A	1,835 A	1,983 A	1,993 A	1,449 A	1,963	1,963	1,963	2,115

States that do not appear were unable to provide data.

NA = Data were unavailable or not comparable.

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

† 1997 data for Oklahoma are repeated for 1998-2003 since data were not available. 2003 data for Pennsylvania are preliminary. 2000 data for Wyoming are repeated for 2001-2002 since data were not available.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Alaska—Superior Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-1995 do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

California—Superior Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994 and 1996 do not include partial data from three courts. Data for 1995 do not include data from two courts. Data for 1997 do not include partial data from five courts. Data for 1998 do not include partial data from six courts. Data for 1999-2003 do not include partial year data from several courts.

Connecticut—Superior Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2003 do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Illinois—Circuit Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2003 do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Louisiana—District Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2003 do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Minnesota—District Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2002 do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Nevada—District Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 2000 do not include partial data from several courts.

Texas—District Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2003 do not include data from several courts.

Wisconsin—Circuit Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-1998 and 2002-2003 do not include **DWI/DUI** cases. Data for 1994 also do not include some **felony** cases.

Wyoming—District Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1996 do not include cases from two counties. For 1994-1995 and 1997-1999, one county did not report.

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TABLE 15: Felony Caseload in State Trial Courts of General Jurisdiction, 1994-2003 (continued)

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

- Georgia—Superior Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 2000-2003 include **criminal appeals** cases.
- Hawaii—Circuit Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2002 include **misdemeanor** cases.
- Kentucky—Circuit Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2003 include **misdemeanor** cases.
- Maryland—Circuit Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2003 include **misdemeanor**, some **criminal appeals**, and **other criminal** cases.
- Michigan—Circuit Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2001 include **other criminal** cases.
- Nebraska—District Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2003 include **misdemeanor** cases.
- New York—Supreme and County Courts—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2003 include **criminal appeals** cases. Data for 1994-2002 also include **misdemeanor** cases.
- Oklahoma—District Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-1997 include some **other criminal** cases.
- Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-2002 include **misdemeanor** and some **criminal appeals** cases.
- Tennessee—Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 1994-1996 include **misdemeanor** and some **criminal appeals** cases. Data for 1997-2001 include **misdemeanor DWI/DUI** cases.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

- ~~Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas—Total~~ **felony** incoming data for 2003 include **misdemeanor** cases, but do not include partial data from one county.
- Tennessee—Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery Court—Total **felony** incoming data for 2002 include **misdemeanor DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include partial data from one county. Data from 2003 include **misdemeanor and criminal appeals** cases, but do not include data from one county.

**TABLE 16: Tort Caseload in State Trial Courts of General Jurisdiction, 1994-2003**

State/Court name:	Number of incoming cases and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
ALABAMA Circuit	10,893 B	12,254 B	16,658 B	13,202 B	13,112 B	12,124	11,644	11,791	12,073	NA
ALASKA Superior	875	1,024	1,005	1,048	1,026	986	926	1,105	1,077	1,098
ARIZONA Superior*	22,815	13,776	15,116	14,934	15,006	13,480	12,250	11,853	12,246	13,068
ARKANSAS Circuit	5,298	5,254	5,180	4,586	4,331	4,252	4,401	4,834	5,293	5,794
CALIFORNIA Superior	83,721 A	79,490 A	77,402 A	70,039 A	68,297 A	69,666 A	71,141 A	77,205 A	81,787 A	78,836 A
COLORADO District	4,977	4,731	4,763	4,994	4,984	4,882	5,106	4,957	5,286	5,986
CONNECTICUT Superior	15,642	17,932	19,211	19,903	20,036	18,887	18,506	17,562	17,398	17,509
FLORIDA Circuit	43,045	46,025	46,239	47,996	45,886	47,045	49,284	47,339	39,937 A	47,662
HAWAII Circuit	2,517 A	2,934 A	2,468 A	2,205 A	2,105 A	1,824	1,712	1,696	1,682	1,647
IDAHO District	1,221	1,176	1,423	1,363	1,391	1,600	1,474	1,617	1,492	1,520
INDIANA Superior and Circuit	13,473	13,366	13,032	13,033	12,412	12,665	13,902	12,685	13,369	11,845
IOWA District	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,146	4,778
KANSAS District	4,282	5,082	5,641	6,194	6,358	5,762	5,464	4,853	4,850	4,019
MAINE Superior	1,740	1,819	1,657	1,572	1,386	1,271	1,253	1,162	1,113	1,239
MARYLAND Circuit	14,485 A	15,427 A	15,540 A	15,517 A	14,769 A	13,458 A	11,631 A	11,050 A	11,897 A	11,648 A
MASSACHUSETTS Superior Court	13,774	13,854	12,982	12,299	11,602	11,127	8,003	8,808	8,269	8,850
MICHIGAN Circuit Court of Claims	39,538 NA	30,372 NA	52,270 NA	24,891 NA	23,800 NA	22,509 NA	22,243 NA	22,623 NA	21,382 48 A	20,573 40 A
MINNESOTA District	6,751	6,919	6,887	7,312	6,748	6,088	5,552	5,916	5,892	5,742
MISSISSIPPI Circuit	NA	NA	NA	5,602	5,629	5,097	5,097	5,097	5,660	7,952

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TABLE 16: Tort Caseload in State Trial Courts of General Jurisdiction, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of incoming cases and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
MISSOURI Circuit	16,960	17,506	19,495	19,344	20,757	18,953	19,061	18,627	19,385	20,109
NEVADA District	7,032	7,444	8,432	8,691	8,116	7,486	7,477 A	7,301	7,359	7,832
NEW HAMPSHIRE Superior	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,021 A	1,911 A	1,882 A	1,927 A	1,879 A	1,847 A
NEW JERSEY Superior	63,538 A	60,234 A	57,627 A	57,955 A	82,817	79,142	74,472	69,484	71,692	67,609
NEW MEXICO District	4,842	5,159	5,437	5,364	4,940	5,247	4,851	3,381	3,800	3,826
NEW YORK Supreme and County	75,298	81,265	84,126	82,514	81,794	80,863	78,323	80,593	82,013	80,734
NORTH CAROLINA Superior	9,739	10,256	10,536	10,588	10,683	10,098	9,977	9,456	9,456	9,417
NORTH DAKOTA District	535	685	531	563	717	638	619	562	614	476
OHIO Court of Common Pleas	31,181	33,371	36,896	50,472	31,298	31,873	30,197	32,111	33,091	32,032
OREGON Circuit	7,960	8,374	8,526	8,138	7,369	7,120	6,516	7,009	7,235	7,404
PENNSYLVANIA Court of Common Pleas†	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,989 A
PUERTO RICO Court of First Instance	9,803 B	10,236 A	10,024 A	10,311 A	10,788 A	9,834 A	9,950 A	10,211 A	10,279 A	8,900
RHODE ISLAND Superior	NA	NA	3,923	3,537	3,495	3,496	3,409	3,516	3,415	NA
TENNESSEE Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	12,221	13,726	14,054	14,481	13,873	12,186	11,891	12,523	12,166	12,837
TEXAS District	48,631 A	51,544 A	46,493 A	42,954 A	40,385 A	35,668 A	34,224 A	33,545 A	34,690 A	43,165 A
UTAH District	1,928 B	2,058 B	1,686	1,827	1,849	2,386	2,303	2,200	2,165	2,493
WASHINGTON Superior	11,950	12,850	12,776	12,552	12,290	11,674	11,277	10,849	11,483	11,982
WEST VIRGINIA Circuit	NA	NA	NA	1,015 A	1,349 A	1,050 A	2,604 A	1,287 A	669 A	627 A

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TABLE 16: Tort Caseload in State Trial Courts of General Jurisdiction, 1994-2003 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of incoming cases and qualifying footnotes									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
WISCONSIN Circuit	9,583	10,559	6,285	8,495	8,725	8,283	7,713	7,947	NA	NA
WYOMING District†	530 A	505 A	611 A	605 A	536 A	420 A	493	493	493	568

States that do not appear were unable to provide data.

NA = Data were unavailable or not comparable.

**QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:**

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

† 1999 data for Mississippi Circuit Court are repeated for 2000 and 2001 since data were not available. 2003 data for the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas are preliminary data. 2000 data for Wyoming are repeated for 2001 and 2002 since data were not available.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

California—Superior Court—Total **tort** incoming data do not include cases valued under \$25,000. Data for 1994 and 1996 also do not include partial data from three courts. Data for 1995 also do not include partial data from two courts. Data for 1997 also do not include partial data for five courts. Data for 1998 also do not include partial data for six courts. Data for 1999-2003 also do not include partial data from several courts. In 2001, data for 1993-1999 were updated using additional data from California.

Florida—Circuit Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 2002 do not include reopened cases.

Hawaii—Circuit Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 1994-1998 do not include a small number of District Court transfers reported with other civil cases.

Maryland—Circuit Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 1994-2003 do not include some cases reported with other civil cases.

Michigan—Court of Claims—Total **tort** incoming data for 2002-2003 do not include some cases reported with other civil cases.

Nevada—District Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 2000 do not include partial data from several courts.

New Hampshire—Superior Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 1998-2003 do not include some cases reported with other civil cases.

New Jersey—Superior Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 1994-1997 do not include some cases reported with other civil cases.

Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Total **tort** incoming data for 2003 do not include some cases reported with other civil cases.

Puerto Rico—Court of First Instance—Total **tort** incoming data for 1995-2002 do not include cases from the Municipal Division.

Texas—District Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 1994-2003 do not include data from several courts.

West Virginia—Circuit Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 1997-2003 do not include most cases reported with other civil cases.

Wyoming—District Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 1996 do not include cases from two counties. For 1994-1995 and 1997-1999, one county did not report tort data.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Alabama—Circuit Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 1994-1998 include some **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Puerto Rico—Court of First Instance—Total **tort** incoming data for 1994 include **civil appeals** cases.

Utah—District Court—Total **tort** incoming data for 1994-1995 include de novo **appeals** from the Justice Court.

\* Additional court information:

Arizona—Superior Court—Tort reform legislation caused the tort caseload to increase dramatically in 1994.

# **A**ppendix 1: *Methodology*



## **Court Statistics Project: Goals and Organization**

The Court Statistics Project of the National Center for State Courts compiles and reports comparable court caseload data from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Project publications and technical assistance encourage greater uniformity in how individual state courts and state court administrative offices collect and publish caseload information. Progress toward these goals should result in more meaningful and useful caseload information for judges, court managers, and court administrators.

The *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report* series is a cooperative effort of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Responsibility for project management and staffing is assumed by the NCSC's Court Statistics Project. COSCA, through its Court Statistics Committee, provides policy guidance and review. The Court Statistics Committee includes members of COSCA and representatives of state court administrative offices, the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks, the National Association for Court Management, and the academic community. Preparation of the 2003 caseload report was funded by an ongoing grant from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (2003-BJ-CX-K103) to the NCSC.

In addition to preparing publications, the Court Statistics Project responds to thousands of requests for information and assistance each year. These requests come from a variety of sources, including state court administrative offices, local courts, individual judges, federal and state agencies, legislators, the media, academic researchers, students, and NCSC staff.

## **Evolution of the Court Statistics Project**

During the Court Statistics Project's original data compilation efforts, the *State of the Art* and *State Court Caseload Statistics: 1975 Annual Report*, classification problems arose from the multitude of categories and terms used by the states to report their caseloads. This suggested the need for a model annual report and a statistical dictionary of terms for court usage.

The *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary* provided the first set of common terminology, definitions, and usage for reporting appellate and trial court caseloads. Terms for reporting data on case disposition methods were provided in the *Dictionary* and in other project publications. The classification scheme and associated definitions served as a model framework for developing comparable and useful data. A second edition of the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary* was published in 1989, consolidating and revising the original 1980 version and the 1984 *Supplement*.

Once a set of recommended terms was adopted, the project's focus shifted to

assessing the comparability of caseload data reported by the courts to those terms. It became particularly important to detail the subject matter jurisdiction and methods of counting cases in each state court. Problems related to categorizing and counting cases in the trial and appellate courts were resolved through the development of the *1984 State Trial Court Jurisdiction Guide for Statistical Reporting* and the *1984 State Appellate Court Jurisdiction Guide for Statistical Reporting*. The introduction to the 1981 report detailed the impact of the *Trial Court Jurisdiction Guide* on the Court Statistics Project data collection and the introduction to the 1984 report described the effect of the *Appellate Court Jurisdiction Guide*.

The *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*, originally published in 2004, represents the Court Statistics Project's new data reporting format. Building upon the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*, the *Guide* includes expanded case type classification matrices, definitions for case types that were not included in the original *Dictionary*, and more detailed manner of disposition categories. The *Guide* serves as the model reporting framework for developing comparable and useful data.

The *State Court Organization* series serves as a valuable complement to the *Report* series. *State Court Organization 1998* is a reference book that describes in great depth the structure, organization, and management of the state trial and appellate courts. An updated edition of *State Court Organization* is scheduled for publication in late 2005.

## Sources of Data

Information for the national caseload databases comes from published and unpublished sources supplied by state court administrators and appellate court clerks. Published data typically come from official state court annual reports, which vary widely in form and detail. Although constituting the most reliable and valid data available at the state level, they arrive from statistical data filed monthly, quarterly, or annually by numerous local jurisdictions and, in most states, several trial and appellate court systems. Moreover, these caseload statistics are primarily collected to assist states in managing their own systems and are not prepared specifically for inclusion in the COSCA/NCSC caseload statistics report series.

Some states either do not publish an annual report or publish only limited caseload statistics for either trial or appellate courts. The Court Statistics Project receives unpublished data from those states in a wide range of forms, including internal management memos, computer-generated output, and the project's statistical and jurisdictional profiles, which are updated by state court administrative office staff.

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Extensive telephone contact and follow-up correspondence are used to collect missing data, confirm the accuracy of available data, and determine the legal jurisdiction of each court. Information is also collected concerning the number of judges per court or court system (from annual reports, offices of state court administrators, and appellate court clerks); the state population (based on Bureau of the Census revised estimates); and special characteristics regarding subject matter jurisdiction and court structure. Appendix 2 lists the source of each state's 2003 caseload statistics.

## Data Collection Procedures

The following outline summarizes the major tasks involved in compiling the 2003 caseload data reported in this volume:

**A.** The 2003 state reports were evaluated to note changes in the categories and terminology used for data reporting, changes in the range of available data, and changes in the state's court organization or jurisdiction. This entailed a direct comparison of the 2003 material with the contents of individual states' 2002 annual reports. Project staff used a copy of each state's 2002 trial and appellate court statistical spreadsheets, trial and appellate court jurisdiction guides, and the state court structure chart as worksheets for gathering the 2003 data. Use of the previous year's spreadsheets provides the data collector with a reference point to identify and replicate the logic used in the data collection and ensures consistency over time in the report series. The caseload data were entered onto the 2003 spreadsheets. Caseload terminology is defined by the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*.

In 2003, project staff also implemented the trial court "Caseload Summary" matrices of the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*. The implementation of the *Guide* matrices necessitated a review of all the trial court data elements reported by each state to ensure that the 2003 data was consistent with the *Guide's* recommended case type definitions and classifications. Trial court trend data was also reviewed and updated, when needed, to ensure consistency both with the *Guide* recommendations and over time.

**B.** Caseload numbers were screened for significant changes from the previous year. A record that documents and, where possible, explains such changes is maintained. This process serves as another reliability check by identifying statutory, organizational, or procedural changes that potentially had an effect on the size of the reported court caseload.

**C.** The data were then transferred from the handwritten copy to computer databases that are created as Excel spreadsheets. Mathematical formulas are embedded in each spreadsheet to compute the caseload totals. Linked spreadsheets contain the information on the number of judges, court

jurisdiction, and state population needed to generate caseload tables for the 2003 report.

**D.** After the data were entered and checked for entry errors and internal consistency, individual spreadsheets were generated for the appellate and trial courts using Excel software. The spreadsheet relates the total for each model reporting category to the category or categories the state used to report its caseload numbers.

**E.** Trial and appellate court spreadsheets for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are sent directly to the states' administrative offices of the courts and/or the appellate court clerks' offices for verification. This step in the data collection process (which began with the 1989 report) provides further assurance of data accuracy and often yields the bonus of additional caseload data or improved information on the content and accuracy of the data.

**F.** The final databases are stored in SPSS and Excel at the NCSC. The annual CSP databases are also archived with the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan.

## Ongoing Data Collection

Four basic types of data elements are collected by the Court Statistics Project: (1) trial court caseload statistics, (2) trial court jurisdictional/organizational information, (3) appellate court caseload statistics, and (4) appellate court jurisdictional/organizational information.

For trial courts, emphasis is placed on reporting the total number of civil, domestic relations, criminal, juvenile, and traffic/other violation cases according to the model reporting format. Each of these major case categories can be reduced to more specific case sub-categories and/or case types. For example, civil consists of the sub-categories of tort, contract, real property, probate/estate, civil appeals, and miscellaneous civil as well as the case types of small claims, mental health, and "other" civil. The sub-categories, however, can be further refined into specific case types; for example, the tort sub-category can be divided into automobile tort, intentional tort, medical and legal malpractice, premises liability, product liability, and slander/libel/defamation cases.

The *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting* recommends that trial court caseload statistics be collected for "pending", "incoming", and "outgoing" cases. Pending caseloads are the sum of active and inactive pending cases at the beginning and end of the reporting period. Incoming caseloads are the sum of those cases that are *newly filed*, *reopened*, and *reactivated*. Outgoing caseloads are the sum of *entries of judgment*, *reopened disposi-*



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tions, and cases that were *placed on inactive status*. With the implementation of the *Guide's* trial court "Caseload Summary" matrix, project staff requested that each state report caseloads in each of these ten categories. All numbers that are received are entered into the database for each case type.

The trial court jurisdictional profile collects an assortment of information relevant to the organization and jurisdiction of each trial court system. Before the use of Excel spreadsheets for reporting statistical data, the main purpose of the profile was to translate the terminology used by the states when reporting statistical information into generic terms recommended by the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary, 1989*. The jurisdictional profile currently collects information on number of courts, number of judges, methods of counting cases, availability of jury trials, and dollar amount jurisdiction of the court.

There are also statistical spreadsheets and jurisdiction guides for each state appellate court. Two major case types are used on the statistical spreadsheet: mandatory cases that the court must hear on the merits as appeals of right and discretionary petition cases that the court decides whether to accept and then reach a decision on the merits. The statistical spreadsheet also contains the number of petitions granted if it can be determined. Mandatory and discretionary petitions are further differentiated by whether the case is a review of a final trial court judgment or some other matter, such as a request for interlocutory or postconviction relief. When possible, the statistics are classified according to subject matter, chiefly civil, criminal, juvenile, disciplinary, or administrative agency.

The appellate court jurisdiction guide contains information about each court, including number of court locations, number of justices/judges, number of legal support personnel, point at which appeals are counted as cases, procedures used to review discretionary petitions, and use of panels.

## **Supplementary Data Collection**

The Court Statistics Project supplements its ongoing, general data collection efforts by collecting manner of disposition data from the states' general jurisdiction courts. All of the states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico were contacted and asked to supply manner of disposition data to the project. Disposition statistics from these courts present a picture of the way cases are disposed in state trial courts nationally. They are useful in comparing court backlogs, case management systems, and the impact of specialized programs such as arbitration and mediation.

Several obstacles hinder the achievement of comprehensive national statistics on manner of disposition for court cases. First, some states do not collect any

disposition data. Second, other states define disposition categories differently, so information may not be comparable. For example, many states have a different definition of what a bench trial is and what is considered a hearing before a judge. States with a very high bench trial rate are using a more liberal definition of what constitutes a bench trial. Third, the mix of cases included in disposition totals may vary. For example, some states report contested and uncontested divorce cases together, while others do not. Also, differences in subject matter jurisdiction, court structure, and units for counting cases will affect the use of manner of disposition statistics.

### Completeness

States vary in their ability to report comprehensive and complete manner of disposition data. For example, in criminal cases, Arizona and Maryland reported only trial dispositions while Louisiana provided the number of criminal cases disposed by jury trials only.

### Comparability

Comparability is possible when states count trials similarly, use similar methods for counting cases, and report information for a similar range of case types. The point at which a state counts a jury trial varies widely. The table below shows the relative use of alternative trial definitions.

The definitional differences for trials explain some of the variation in trial rates. Generally, most states providing data define a trial in a way that inflates the number of cases disposed at trial.

Definitions	Number of states which use definition for criminal	Number of states which use definition for civil
A) A jury trial is counted when a jury is selected, empaneled, or sworn. A nonjury trial is counted when evidence is first introduced or first witness is sworn.	36	35
B) A jury trial is counted at introduction or swearing of first witness. A nonjury trial is counted when evidence is first introduced or swearing of first witness.	2	2
C) A jury trial is counted at verdict or decision. A nonjury trial is counted at the decision.	14	15

On the criminal side, courts vary in the point at which they count a case as initially filed. Most states count a criminal case as filed at the information or indictment, although some use the arraignment. Courts also differ in case unit of count. As shown on the opposite page, states differ on whether they count charges, defendants, or indictments.

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Definitions for unit of count—Criminal	Number of states
Single Defendant/Single Charge	3
Single Defendant/Single Incident	30
Single Defendant/Single Incident (maximum number of charges)	0
Single Defendant/One or More Incidents	6
Single Defendant/Varies with Prosecutor	3
Single Defendant/Single Charge	0
One or More Defendants/Single Incident	4
One or More Defendants/One or More Incidents	5
One or More Defendants/Varies with Prosecutor	0
Varies with Prosecutor/Varies with Prosecutor	1

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Definition of point of count—Criminal	Number of states
At the filing of the Information or Indictment	38
At the filing of the Information or Complaint	1
At the filing of Complaint (Warrant/Accusation)	6
At the Arraignment (First Appearance)	5
Varies (at filing of the complaint, information, indictment)	2

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## Footnotes

Footnotes indicate the degree to which a court’s statistics conform to the Court Statistics Project’s reporting categories defined in the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*. Footnoted caseload statistics are either overinclusive in that they contain case types other than those defined for the term in the *Guide* or underinclusive in that some case types defined for the term in the *Guide* are not included. It is possible for a caseload statistic to contain inapplicable case types while also omitting those which are applicable, making the total or subtotal simultaneously overinclusive and underinclusive.

The 2003 report uses a simplified system of footnotes. An “A” footnote indicates that the caseload statistic for a statewide court system does not include some of the recommended case types; a “B” footnote indicates that the statistic includes some extraneous case types; a “C” footnote indicates that the data are both incomplete and overinclusive. The text of the footnote explains for each court system how the caseload data differ from the reporting category recommended in the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*. Caseload statistics that are not qualified by a footnote conform to the *Guide*’s definition.

Incoming and outgoing caseloads are also affected by the unit and method of count used by the states, differing subject matter and dollar amount jurisdiction, and different court system structures. Most of these differences are described in the figures found in this volume and are summarized in the court structure chart for each state. The most important differences are reported in summary

form in the main caseload tables.

### **Variations in Reporting Periods**

As indicated in Figure A, most states report data by calendar year, others by fiscal year, and a few appellate courts by court term. Therefore, the 12-month period covered in this report is not the same for all courts.

This report reflects court organization and jurisdiction in 2003. Since 1975, new courts have been created at both the appellate and trial level, additional courts report data to the Court Statistics Project, and courts may have merged and/or changed counting or reporting methods. The dollar amount limits of civil jurisdiction in many trial courts also vary. Care is therefore required when comparing 2003 data to previous years. The trend analysis used in this report offers a model for undertaking such comparisons.

### **Final Note**

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**A**ppendix 2: *Sources of 2003*  

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*State Court Caseload Statistics*



# Sources of 2003 State Court Caseload Statistics

State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
Alabama	The Unified Judicial System of Alabama, 2003 Annual Report & Statistics www.alacourt.gov	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals and The Unified Judicial System of Alabama, 2003 Annual Report & Statistics www.alacourt.gov	The Unified Judicial System of Alabama, 2003 Annual Report & Statistics www.alacourt.gov	The Unified Judicial System of Alabama, 2003 Annual Report & Statistics www.alacourt.gov
Alaska	Alaska Court System, 2003 Annual Report.	Alaska Court System, 2003 Annual Report.	Alaska Court System, 2003 Annual Report	Alaska Court System, 2003 Annual Report.
Arizona	The Arizona Courts 2003 Data Book Volume 1 www.supreme.state.az.us	The Arizona Courts 2003 Data Book Volume 1 www.supreme.state.az.us	The Arizona Courts 2003 Data Book Volumes 1 & 2 www.supreme.state.az.us	The Arizona Courts 2003 Data Book Volume 2 www.supreme.state.az.us
Arkansas	Data provided by the Clerk of Court and Statistical Supplement to the 2003 Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary.	Data provided by the Clerk of Court and Statistical Supplement to the 2003 Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary.	Data provided by the Clerk of Court and Statistical Supplement to the 2003 Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary.	Statistical Supplement to the 2003 Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary.
California	Judicial Council of California, 2004 Court Statistics Report www.courtinfo.ca.gov	Judicial Council of California, 2004 Court Statistics Report www.courtinfo.ca.gov	Judicial Council of California, 2004 Court Statistics Report www.courtinfo.ca.gov	-----
Colorado	Colorado Judicial Branch FY2003 Annual Statistical Report www.courts.state.co.us	Colorado Judicial Branch FY2003 Annual Statistical Report www.courts.state.co.us	Colorado Judicial Branch FY2003 Annual Statistical Report www.courts.state.co.us	Colorado Judicial Branch FY2003 Annual Statistical Report www.courts.state.co.us
Connecticut	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Court.	Data provided by the Appellate Court Clerk.	Data provided by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator.	Data provided by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator.
Delaware	2003 Statistical Report of the Delaware Judiciary www.courts.state.de.us	-----	2003 Statistical Report of the Delaware Judiciary www.courts.state.de.us	2003 Statistical Report of the Delaware Judiciary www.courts.state.de.us
District of Columbia	District of Columbia Courts, 2003 Annual Report.	-----	District of Columbia Courts, 2003 Annual Report.	-----
Florida	Data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator.	Data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator.	Florida's Trial Courts FY2002-2003 Statistical Reference Guide	Florida's Trial Courts FY2002-2003 Statistical Reference Guide
Georgia	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.
Hawaii	The Judiciary, State of Hawaii: 2003 Statistical Supplement www.courts.state.hi.us	The Judiciary, State of Hawaii: 2003 Statistical Supplement www.courts.state.hi.us	The Judiciary, State of Hawaii: 2003 Statistical Supplement www.courts.state.hi.us	The Judiciary, State of Hawaii: 2003 Statistical Supplement www.courts.state.hi.us
Idaho	2003 Annual Report of the Idaho Courts www.isc.idaho.gov	2003 Annual Report of the Idaho Courts www.isc.idaho.gov	2003 Annual Report of the Idaho Courts www.isc.idaho.gov	2003 Annual Report of the Idaho Courts www.isc.idaho.gov
Illinois	Annual Report of the Illinois Courts, Statistical Summary 2003 www.state.il.us/court	Annual Report of the Illinois Courts, Statistical Summary 2003 www.state.il.us/court	Annual Report of the Illinois Courts, Statistical Summary 2003 www.state.il.us/court	-----
Indiana	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Data provided by the Appellate Court Clerk.	Data provided the Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration.	Data provided by the Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration

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State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
Iowa	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Court.	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Court.	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.	-----
Kansas	Annual Report of the Courts of Kansas: FY 2003.	Annual Report of the Courts of Kansas: FY 2003.	Annual Report of the Courts of Kansas: FY 2003.	Annual Report of the Kansas Municipal Courts: FY 2003.
Kentucky	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	FY2004 Historical Reports www.kycourts.net	FY2004 Historical Reports www.kycourts.net
Louisiana	Supreme Court of Louisiana Annual Report 2003 of the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court.	Data provided by the Judicial Administrator.	Data provided by the Judicial Administrator.	Data provided by the Judicial Administrator.
Maine	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	-----	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
Maryland	Maryland Judiciary Annual Report 2002-2003: Statistical Abstract and Court Related Agencies www.courts.state.md.us	Maryland Judiciary Annual Report 2002-2003: Statistical Abstract and Court Related Agencies www.courts.state.md.us	Maryland Judiciary Annual Report 2002-2003: Statistical Abstract and Court Related Agencies www.courts.state.md.us	Maryland Judiciary Annual Report 2002-2003: Statistical Abstract and Court Related Agencies www.courts.state.md.us
Massachusetts	Data not available.	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appeals Court.	Trial Court Statistics www.mass.gov/courts	Trial Court Statistics www.mass.gov/courts
Michigan	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	Michigan Supreme Court, 2003 Annual Reporting Statistical Supplement www.courts.michigan.gov	Michigan Supreme Court, 2003 Annual Reporting Statistical Supplement www.courts.michigan.gov
Minnesota	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.	-----
Mississippi	Data provided by the Appellate Court Clerk.	Data provided by the Appellate Court Clerk.	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
Missouri	Missouri Judicial Report Supplement, FY 2003.	Missouri Judicial Report Supplement, FY 2003.	Missouri Judicial Report Supplement, FY 2003.	Missouri Judicial Report Supplement, FY 2003.
Montana	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.	-----	Judiciary of the State of Montana, 2003 Annual Report www.lawlibrary.state.mt.us	Judiciary of the State of Montana, 2003 Annual Report www.lawlibrary.state.mt.us
Nebraska	The Courts of Nebraska, 2003 Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Annual Caseload Report. court.nol.org	The Courts of Nebraska, 2003 Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Annual Caseload Report. court.nol.org	2003 Annual Caseload Report for all Nebraska Courts. court.nol.org	2003 Annual Caseload Report for all Nebraska Courts. court.nol.org
Nevada	Annual Report of the Nevada Judiciary, FY 2003	-----	Annual Report of the Nevada Judiciary, FY 2003	Annual Report of the Nevada Judiciary, FY 2003
New Hampshire	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	-----	Data provided by the Director, Administrative Office of the Courts.	Data provided by the Director, Administrative Office of the Courts.
New Jersey	Judiciary of the State of New Jersey, 2002-2003 Annual Report. www.judiciary.state.nj.us	Judiciary of the State of New Jersey, 2002-2003 Annual Report. www.judiciary.state.nj.us	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.



State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
New Mexico	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	New Mexico State Court 2003 Annual Report www.nmcourts.com	New Mexico State Court 2003 Annual Report www.nmcourts.com
New York	Data were provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	Data provided by the Office of Court Administration.	Data were provided by the Chief Administrator of Courts.	Data were provided by the Chief Administrator of Courts.
North Carolina	2002-03 North Carolina Courts Statistical and Operational Summary. www.nccourts.org	2002-03 North Carolina Courts Statistical and Operational Summary. www.nccourts.org	2002-03 North Carolina Courts Statistical and Operational Summary. www.nccourts.org	2002-03 North Carolina Courts Statistical and Operational Summary. www.nccourts.org
North Dakota	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	_____	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	North Dakota Courts Annual Report, 2003. www.court.nd.us
Ohio	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	The Ohio Courts Summary, 2003.	The Ohio Courts Summary, 2003.	The Ohio Courts Summary, 2003.
Oklahoma	Data not available.	Data not available.	Data not available.	Data not available.
Oregon	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Data provided by the Clerk of Court of Appeals.	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.
Pennsylvania	2003 Caseload Statistics of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania www.aopc.org	Annual Report 2003, Superior Court of Pennsylvania www.superior.court.state.pa.us & Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, 2003 Statistical Report www.superior.court.state.pa.us	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.	Data provided by the State Court Administrator.
Puerto Rico	Data provided by the Office of Courts Administration.	Data provided by the Office of Courts Administration.	Data provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.	_____
Rhode Island	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	_____	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
South Carolina	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	Data provided by the Office of South Carolina Court Administration.	Data provided by the Office of South Carolina Court Administration and Probate Court Workload Reports www.judicial.state.sc.us. Magistrate Court and Municipal Court data not available.
South Dakota	FY 2003 Annual Report of South Dakota Unified Judicial System.	_____	FY 2003 Annual Report of South Dakota Unified Judicial System.	_____
Tennessee	Annual Report of the Tennessee Judiciary, 2002-2003.	Annual Report of the Tennessee Judiciary, 2002-2003 and some data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals.	Annual Report of the Tennessee Judiciary, 2002-2003.	Annual Report of the Tennessee Judiciary, 2002-2003 and 2003 TCJFCJ Annual Report www.state.tn.us/tcjfcj

Sources of 2002 State Court Caseload Statistics

State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
Texas	Texas Judicial System FY 2003 Annual Report. <a href="http://www.courts.state.tx.us">www.courts.state.tx.us</a>	Texas Judicial System FY 2003 Annual Report. <a href="http://www.courts.state.tx.us">www.courts.state.tx.us</a>	Texas Judicial System FY 2003 Annual Report. <a href="http://www.courts.state.tx.us">www.courts.state.tx.us</a>	Texas Judicial System FY 2003 Annual Report. <a href="http://www.courts.state.tx.us">www.courts.state.tx.us</a>
Utah	Utah State Courts: 2004 Annual Report to the Community. <a href="http://www.utcourts.gov">www.utcourts.gov</a>	Utah State Courts: 2004 Annual Report to the Community. <a href="http://www.utcourts.gov">www.utcourts.gov</a>	Utah Courts Caseload Statistics <a href="http://www.utcourts.gov">www.utcourts.gov</a>	Utah Courts Caseload Statistics <a href="http://www.utcourts.gov">www.utcourts.gov</a>
Vermont	Vermont Judiciary Statistics, FY 2003 <a href="http://www.vermontjudiciary.org">www.vermontjudiciary.org</a>	-----	Vermont Judiciary Statistics, FY 2003 <a href="http://www.vermontjudiciary.org">www.vermontjudiciary.org</a>	Vermont Judiciary Statistics, FY 2003 <a href="http://www.vermontjudiciary.org">www.vermontjudiciary.org</a>
Virginia	The Virginia 2003 State of the Judiciary Report. <a href="http://www.courts.state.va.us">www.courts.state.va.us</a>	The Virginia 2003 State of the Judiciary Report. <a href="http://www.courts.state.va.us">www.courts.state.va.us</a>	The Virginia 2003 State of the Judiciary Report. <a href="http://www.courts.state.va.us">www.courts.state.va.us</a>	The Virginia 2003 State of the Judiciary Report. <a href="http://www.courts.state.va.us">www.courts.state.va.us</a>
Washington	Supreme Court 2003 Annual Caseload Report <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov">www.courts.wa.gov</a>	Court of Appeals 2003 Annual Caseload Report <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov">www.courts.wa.gov</a>	Superior Court 2003 Annual Caseload Report <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov">www.courts.wa.gov</a>	Courts of Limited Jurisdiction 2003 Annual Caseload Report <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov">www.courts.wa.gov</a>
West Virginia	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	-----	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
Wisconsin	Supreme Court Monthly Statistical Report: Cumulative January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 <a href="http://www.courts.state.wi.us">www.courts.state.wi.us</a>	Court of Appeals Annual Report, 2003 <a href="http://www.courts.state.wi.us">www.courts.state.wi.us</a>	Circuit Court 2003 Statistical Reports <a href="http://www.courts.state.wi.us">www.courts.state.wi.us</a>	Municipal Court 2003 Statistical Reports <a href="http://www.courts.state.wi.us">www.courts.state.wi.us</a>
Wyoming	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	-----	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

# **A**ppendix 3: *State Populations*

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# State Populations

## Resident Population, 2003

State or territory	Population (in thousands)		
	2003 Juvenile	2003 Adult	2003 Total
Alabama .....	1,139	3,362	4,501
Alaska .....	197	452	649
Arizona .....	1,484	4,096	5,581
Arkansas .....	692	2,033	2,726
California .....	9,687	25,797	35,484
Colorado .....	1,165	3,386	4,551
Connecticut .....	860	2,623	3,483
Delaware .....	203	615	817
District of Columbia .....	113	450	563
Florida .....	3,880	13,139	17,019
Georgia .....	2,301	6,259	8,560
Hawaii .....	307	951	1,258
Idaho .....	389	977	1,366
Illinois .....	3,303	9,351	12,654
Indiana .....	1,605	4,591	6,196
Iowa .....	739	2,205	2,944
Kansas .....	722	2,002	2,724
Kentucky .....	1,013	3,105	4,118
Louisiana .....	1,227	3,269	4,496
Maine .....	308	998	1,306
Maryland .....	1,410	4,099	5,509
Massachusetts .....	1,518	4,915	6,433
Michigan .....	2,631	7,449	10,080
Minnesota .....	1,326	3,734	5,059
Mississippi .....	787	2,095	2,881
Missouri .....	1,455	4,250	5,704
Montana .....	234	684	918
Nebraska .....	457	1,282	1,739
Nevada .....	574	1,667	2,241
New Hampshire .....	322	966	1,288
New Jersey .....	2,142	6,496	8,638
New Mexico .....	525	1,350	1,875
New York .....	4,740	14,450	19,190
North Carolina .....	2,051	6,356	8,407
North Dakota .....	158	475	634
Ohio .....	2,905	8,531	11,436
Oklahoma .....	909	2,602	3,512
Oregon .....	879	2,680	3,560
Pennsylvania .....	2,943	9,422	12,365
Puerto Rico .....	1,113	2,765	3,879

State Populations

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Resident Population, 2003 (continued)

State or territory	Population (in thousands)		
	2003 Juvenile	2003 Adult	2003 Total
Rhode Island .....	254	822	1,076
South Carolina .....	1,045	3,102	4,147
South Dakota .....	205	559	764
Tennessee .....	1,437	4,405	5,842
Texas .....	6,237	15,881	22,119
Utah .....	757	1,594	2,351
Vermont .....	150	469	619
Virginia .....	1,817	5,569	7,386
Washington .....	1,576	4,556	6,131
West Virginia .....	404	1,407	1,810
Wisconsin .....	1,395	4,077	5,472
Wyoming .....	131	370	501

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2004.

**Total State Population for Trend Tables, 1994-2003**

State or territory	Population (in thousands)									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Alabama	4,219	4,253	4,273	4,319	4,352	4,370	4,447	4,464	4,487	4,501
Alaska	606	604	607	609	614	620	627	635	644	649
Arizona	4,075	4,218	4,428	4,555	4,669	4,778	5,131	5,307	5,456	5,581
Arkansas	2,453	2,484	2,510	2,523	2,538	2,551	2,673	2,692	2,710	2,726
California	31,431	31,589	31,878	32,268	32,667	33,145	33,872	34,501	35,116	35,484
Colorado	3,656	3,747	3,823	3,893	3,971	4,056	4,301	4,418	4,507	4,551
Connecticut	3,275	3,275	3,274	3,270	3,274	3,282	3,406	3,425	3,461	3,483
Delaware	706	717	725	732	744	754	784	796	807	817
District of Columbia	570	554	543	529	523	519	572	572	571	563
Florida	13,953	14,166	14,400	14,654	14,916	15,111	15,982	16,397	16,713	17,019
Georgia	7,055	7,201	7,353	7,486	7,642	7,788	8,186	8,384	8,560	8,560
Hawaii	1,179	1,187	1,184	1,187	1,193	1,185	1,212	1,224	1,245	1,258
Idaho	1,133	1,163	1,189	1,210	1,229	1,252	1,294	1,321	1,341	1,366
Illinois	11,752	11,830	11,847	11,896	12,045	12,128	12,419	12,482	12,601	12,654
Indiana	5,752	5,803	5,841	5,864	5,899	5,943	6,080	6,115	6,159	6,196
Iowa	2,829	2,842	2,852	2,852	2,862	2,869	2,926	2,923	2,937	2,944
Kansas	2,554	2,565	2,572	2,595	2,629	2,654	2,688	2,695	2,716	2,724
Kentucky	3,827	3,860	3,884	3,908	3,936	3,961	4,042	4,066	4,093	4,118
Louisiana	4,315	4,342	4,351	4,352	4,369	4,372	4,469	4,465	4,483	4,496
Maine	1,240	1,241	1,243	1,242	1,244	1,253	1,275	1,287	1,294	1,306
Maryland	5,006	5,042	5,072	5,094	5,135	5,172	5,296	5,375	5,458	5,509
Massachusetts	6,041	6,074	6,092	6,118	6,147	6,175	6,349	6,379	6,428	6,433
Michigan	9,496	9,549	9,594	9,774	9,817	9,864	9,938	9,991	10,050	10,080
Minnesota	4,567	4,610	4,658	4,686	4,725	4,776	4,919	4,972	5,020	5,059
Mississippi	2,669	2,697	2,716	2,731	2,752	2,769	2,845	2,858	2,872	2,881
Missouri	5,278	5,324	5,359	5,402	5,439	5,468	5,595	5,630	5,673	5,704
Montana	856	870	879	879	880	883	902	904	909	918
Nebraska	1,623	1,637	1,652	1,657	1,663	1,666	1,711	1,713	1,729	1,739
Nevada	1,457	1,530	1,603	1,677	1,747	1,809	1,998	2,106	2,173	2,241
New Hampshire	1,137	1,148	1,162	1,173	1,185	1,201	1,236	1,259	1,275	1,288
New Jersey	7,904	7,945	7,988	8,053	8,115	8,143	8,414	8,484	8,590	8,638
New Mexico	1,654	1,685	1,713	1,730	1,737	1,740	1,819	1,829	1,855	1,875
New York	18,169	18,136	18,185	18,137	18,175	18,197	18,976	19,011	19,158	19,190
North Carolina	7,070	7,195	7,323	7,425	7,546	7,651	8,049	8,186	8,320	8,407
North Dakota	638	641	644	641	638	634	642	634	634	634
Ohio	11,102	11,151	11,173	11,186	11,209	11,257	11,353	11,374	11,421	11,436
Oklahoma	3,258	3,278	3,301	3,317	3,347	3,358	3,451	3,460	3,494	3,512
Oregon	3,086	3,141	3,204	3,243	3,282	3,316	3,421	3,473	3,522	3,560
Pennsylvania	12,052	12,072	12,056	12,020	12,001	11,994	12,281	12,287	12,335	12,365
Puerto Rico	3,686	3,719	3,733	3,806	3,857	3,890	3,809	3,857	3,859	3,879
Rhode Island	997	990	990	987	988	991	1,048	1,059	1,070	1,076
South Carolina	3,664	3,673	3,699	3,760	3,836	3,886	4,012	4,063	4,107	4,147
South Dakota	721	729	732	738	738	733	755	757	761	764
Tennessee	5,175	5,256	5,320	5,368	5,431	5,484	5,689	5,740	5,797	5,842
Texas	18,378	18,724	19,128	19,439	19,760	20,044	20,852	21,325	21,780	22,119
Utah	1,908	1,951	2,000	2,059	2,100	2,130	2,233	2,270	2,316	2,351
Vermont	580	585	589	589	591	594	609	613	617	619
Virginia	6,552	6,618	6,675	6,734	6,791	6,873	7,079	7,188	7,294	7,386
Washington	5,343	5,431	5,533	5,610	5,689	5,756	5,894	5,988	6,069	6,131
West Virginia	1,822	1,828	1,826	1,816	1,811	1,807	1,808	1,802	1,802	1,810
Wisconsin	5,082	5,123	5,160	5,170	5,224	5,250	5,364	5,402	5,441	5,472
Wyoming	476	480	481	480	481	480	494	494	499	501
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264,027</b>	<b>266,475</b>	<b>269,017</b>	<b>271,442</b>	<b>274,156</b>	<b>276,580</b>	<b>285,231</b>	<b>288,654</b>	<b>292,228</b>	<b>294,564</b>

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2004.

# State Court Organization 1998

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The Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Center for State Courts announce *State Court Organization, 1998*. Copies are available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service and also on the Internet at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/sco98.htm>. The newest edition covers most of the topics included in the 1993 edition and several new topics as well. Notable additions are tables on court automation, specialized courts, the administrative authority of presiding trial court judges, and the processing of domestic violence cases. A table of contents appears below:

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