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TABLE 5.2

State Intermediate Appellate Courts and General Trial Courts: Number of Judges and Terms

State or other jurisdiction	Intermediate appellate court			General trial court		
	Name of court	2017 No. of judges	Term (years)	Name of court	2017 No. of judges	Term (years)
Alabama	Court of Criminal Appeals	5	6	Circuit Court	144	6
	Court of Civil Appeals	5	6			
Alaska	Court of Appeals	3	8	Superior Court	42	6
Arizona	Court of Appeals	22	6	Superior Court	180	4
				Tax Court	1	4 (a)
Arkansas	Court of Appeals	12	8	Circuit Court	121	6
California	Courts of Appeal	99	12	Superior Court	1,680	6
	Court of Appeals	22	8	District Court	177 (b)	6
Colorado				Denver Juvenile Court	3	6
				Denver Probate Court	1	6
				Superior Court	163	8
Connecticut	Appellate Court	9	8	Superior Court	21	12
Delaware	...	...	...	Court of Chancery	5	12
				Circuit Court	599	6
Florida	District Courts of Appeals	64	6	Superior Court	213	4
Georgia	Court of Appeals	15	6	Circuit Court	30	10
Hawaii	Intermediate Court of Appeals	6	10	District Court	45	4
Idaho	Court of Appeals	4	6	Circuit Court	934 (c)	6
Illinois	Appellate Court	54	10	Superior Court, Probate Court and Circuit Court	317	6
	Court of Appeals	15	10			
Indiana	Tax Court	1	10			
	Court of Appeals	9	6	District Court	337 (d)	6
Iowa	Court of Appeals	14	4	District Court	245 (e)	4
Kansas	Court of Appeals	14	8	Circuit Court	95	8
				Family Court	52	8
Kentucky	Courts of Appeal	53	10	District Court	218	6
				Juvenile & Family Court	18	6
Louisiana	...	...	...	Superior Court	17	7
				District Court	36	7
Maryland	Court of Special Appeals	15	10	Circuit Court	162	15
Massachusetts	Appeals Court	25	To age 70	Superior Court	77	To age 70
Michigan	Court of Appeals	27	6	Circuit Court	214	6
				Court of Claims	4	6
Minnesota	Court of Appeals	19	6	District Court	290	6
Mississippi	Court of Appeals	10	8	Circuit Court	57	4
Missouri	Court of Appeals	32	12	Circuit Court	346 (f)	6 (g)
				District Court	46 (h)	6
Montana	...	...	...	Water Court	5	4
				Workers' Compensation Court	1	6
				District Court	55	6
Nebraska	Court of Appeals	6	6	District Court	82	6
Nevada	Court of Appeals	3	6	Superior Court	22	To age 70
New Hampshire	...	...	...	Superior Court	386	7/To age 70 (i)
New Jersey	Appellate Division of Superior Court	33	7/To age 70 (i)	District Court	94	6
New Mexico	Court of Appeals	10	8	Supreme Court	269	14
New York	Appellate Division of Supreme Court	53	5 (j)	County Court	122	10
	Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	11	Duration of term	Superior Court	104 (k)	8 (l)
North Carolina	Court of Appeals	15	8	District Court	51	6
North Dakota	Temporary Court of Appeals	3	1 (m)	Court of Common Pleas	449	6
Ohio	Courts of Appeals	69	6	District Court	241 (n)	4 (o)
Oklahoma	Court of Civil Appeals	12	6	Circuit Court	172	6
Oregon	Court of Appeals	13	6	Tax Court	1	6
				Court of Common Pleas	449 (p)	10
Pennsylvania	Superior Court	23	10	Superior Court	25 (q)	Life
	Commonwealth Court	9	10	Circuit Court	58	6
Rhode Island	...	...	...	Circuit Court	43	8
South Carolina	Court of Appeals	9	6	Chancery Court	83	8
South Dakota	...	...	...	Circuit Court	35	8
				Criminal Court	33	8
Tennessee	Court of Appeals	12	8	Probate Court	2	8
	Court of Criminal Appeals	12	8	District Court	465	4
Texas	Courts of Appeals	80	6	District Court	72	6
Utah	Court of Appeals	7	6	Superior Court	34	6
Vermont			

See footnotes at end of table

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State or other jurisdiction	Intermediate appellate court			General trial court		
	Name of court	2017 No. of judges	Term (years)	Name of court	2017 No. of judges	Term (years)
Virginia	Court of Appeals	11	8	Circuit Court	157	8
Washington	Courts of Appeal	22	6	Superior Court	192	4
West Virginia	...	...	...	Circuit Court	70	8
Wisconsin	Court of Appeals	16	6	Circuit Court	249	6
Wyoming	...	...	...	District Court	23	6
Dist. of Columbia	...	...	...	Superior Court	62	15
Puerto Rico	Court of Appeals	39	16	Court of First Instance	338 (r)	12 (s)

Sources: S. Strickland, R. Schauffler, R. LaFountain & K. Holt, eds. State Court Organization. Last uploaded 30 June 2017. National Center for State Courts. www.ncsc.org/sco.

Key:

...—Court does not exist in jurisdiction or not applicable.

(a) Unless rotated to a different court by the presiding judge.

(b) Judges also serve Water Court.

(c) 514 circuit court judges and 378 associate judges.

(d) 146 of these are part-time judicial magistrates.

(e) Includes both district judges and district magistrate judges.

(f) The number of circuit court judges includes associate judges.

(g) Associate circuit judges serve a term of four years.

(h) Three of those judges serve the Water Court.

(i) Followed by tenure. All judges are subject to gubernatorial reappointment and consent by the Senate after an initial seven-year term; thereafter, they may serve until mandatory retirement at age 70.

(j) Or duration.

(k) The number of Superior Court judges includes special judges.

(l) Special judges serve a term of four years.

(m) Assignments are for a specified time, not to exceed one year or the completion of one or more cases on the docket of the supreme court.

(n) The number of district court judges includes associate judges and special judges.

(o) District and associate judges serve four year terms; special judges serve at pleasure.

(p) Includes both active and senior judges.

(q) The number of judges includes magistrates.

(r) The number of Court of First Instance judges includes Municipal Division judges.

(s) Municipal judges serve a term of eight years.