

Table 5.4
COMPENSATION OF APPELLATE COURTS AND GENERAL TRIAL COURTS

State or other jurisdiction	Appellate courts						General trial courts	Salary
	Court of last resort	Chief Justice salaries	Associate Justice salaries	Intermediate appellate court	Chief/Presiding salaries	Judges salaries		
Eastern Region								
Connecticut.....	Supreme Court	\$184,954	\$171,134	Appellate Court	\$160,727	\$160,727	Superior courts	\$154,559
Delaware.....	Supreme Court	200,631	191,860	...	...	...	Superior courts	180,233
Maine.....	Supreme Judicial Court	142,292	123,073	...	...	...	Superior courts	115,356
Maryland.....	Court of Appeals	185,908	166,908	Court of Special Appeals	154,108	154,108	Circuit courts	144,908
Massachusetts.....	Supreme Judicial Court	151,239	145,984	Appellate Court	140,358	135,087	Superior courts	129,694
New Hampshire.....	Supreme Court	151,477	146,917	...	...	...	Superior courts	137,084
New Jersey.....	Supreme Court	192,795	185,482	Appellate division of	175,534	175,534	Superior courts	165,000
New York.....	Court of Appeals	190,600	184,800	Appellate divisions of	172,800	170,700	Supreme courts	167,000
Pennsylvania.....	Supreme Court	205,415	199,606	Superior Court	194,145	188,337	Courts of common pleas	173,721
Rhode Island.....	Supreme Court	182,300	165,726	...	...	...	Superior courts	149,207
Vermont.....	Supreme Court	139,280	132,928	...	...	...	Superior/District/Family	126,369
Regional averages.....		175,172	164,947		166,279	164,082		149,376
Midwestern Region								
Illinois.....	Supreme Court	213,552	213,552	Court of Appeals	200,992	200,992	Circuit courts	184,436
Indiana.....	Supreme Court	161,524	161,524	Court of Appeals	157,014	157,017	Circuit courts	134,112
Iowa.....	Supreme Court	163,200	163,200	Court of Appeals	153,000	147,900	District courts	137,700
Kansas.....	Supreme Court	139,310	135,905	Court of Appeals	134,750	131,518	District courts	120,037
Michigan.....	Supreme Court	164,610	164,610	Court of Appeals	151,441	151,441	Circuit courts	139,919
Minnesota.....	Supreme Court	167,002	151,820	Court of Appeals	150,206	143,054	District courts	134,289
Nebraska.....	Supreme Court	152,895	152,895	Court of Appeals	145,251	145,251	District courts	141,428
North Dakota.....	Supreme Court	147,812	143,685	...	...	...	District courts	131,611
Ohio.....	Supreme Court	150,850	141,600	Court of Appeals	132,000	132,000	Courts of common pleas	121,350
South Dakota.....	Supreme Court	127,370	125,370	...	...	...	Circuit courts	117,099
Wisconsin.....	Supreme Court	153,942	145,942	Court of Appeals	137,681	137,681	Circuit courts	129,887
Regional averages.....		159,065	154,555		151,371	149,650		135,624
Southern Region								
Alabama.....	Supreme Court	(a)	(b)	Court of Criminal Appeals	(c)	(d)	Circuit courts	(e)
Arkansas.....	Supreme Court	160,001	148,108	Court of Appeals	145,828	140,732	Chancery courts	138,982
Florida.....	Supreme Court	161,200	161,200	District Court of Appeals	153,140	150,077	Circuit courts	145,080
Georgia.....	Supreme Court	167,210	167,210	Court of Appeals	166,186	166,186	Superior courts	(f)
Kentucky.....	Supreme Court	140,504	135,504	Court of Appeals	133,044	130,044	Circuit courts	124,620
Louisiana.....	Supreme Court	157,050	150,772	Court of Appeals	150,770	143,647	District courts	137,744
Mississippi.....	Supreme Court	126,293	122,460	Court of Appeals	108,130	105,050	Chancery courts	112,128
Missouri.....	Supreme Court	154,215	147,591	Court of Appeals	134,685	134,685	Circuit courts	127,020
North Carolina.....	Supreme Court	142,623	138,896	Court of Appeals	133,109	133,109	Superior courts	125,875
Oklahoma.....	Supreme Court	147,000	137,655	Court of Appeals	132,825	130,410	District courts	124,373
South Carolina.....	Supreme Court	148,350	141,286	Court of Appeals	139,873	137,753	Circuit courts	134,221
Tennessee.....	Supreme Court	181,980	176,988	Court of Appeals	173,604	162,396	Chancery courts	165,204
Texas.....	Supreme Court	152,500	150,000	Court of Appeals	(c)	(g)	District courts	(h)
Virginia.....	Supreme Court (i)	195,104	183,839	Court of Appeals (j)	171,383	168,322	Circuit courts	158,134
West Virginia.....	Supreme Court	136,000	136,000	...	...	...	Circuit courts	126,000
Regional averages.....		155,002	149,822		145,513	141,868		134,948

See footnotes at end of table.

COMPENSATION OF JUDGES OF APPELLATE COURTS AND GENERAL TRIAL COURTS — Continued

State or other jurisdiction	Appellate courts						General trial courts	Salary
	Court of last resort	Chief Justice salaries	Associate Justice salaries	Intermediate appellate court	Chief/Presiding salaries	Judges salaries		
Western Region								
Alaska.....	Supreme Court	198,768	198,192	Court of Appeals	187,236	187,236	Superior courts	183,252
Arizona.....	Supreme Court	160,000	155,000	Court of Appeals	150,000	150,000	Superior courts	145,000
California.....	Supreme Court	232,060	221,292	Court of Appeals	...	207,463	Superior court	181,292
Colorado.....	Supreme Court	147,845	144,688	Court of Appeals	142,140	138,957	District courts	133,228
Hawaii.....	Supreme Court	213,840	206,184	Intermediate Court	198,588	190,908	Circuit courts	185,736
Idaho.....	Supreme Court	123,400	121,900	Court of Appeals	...	120,900	District courts	114,300
Montana.....	Supreme Court	126,269	124,949	...	...	...	District courts	117,600
Nevada.....	Supreme Court	170,000	170,000	...	...	...	District courts	160,000
New Mexico.....	Supreme Court	126,928	124,927	Court of Appeals	119,406	118,682	District courts	112,747
Oregon.....	Supreme Court	128,556	125,688	Court of Appeals	125,688	122,820	Circuit courts	114,468
Utah.....	Supreme Court	150,300	148,300	Court of Appeals	143,550	141,550	District courts	134,800
Washington.....	Supreme Court	164,221	164,221	Court of Appeals	156,328	156,328	Superior courts	148,832
Wyoming.....	Supreme Court	165,000	165,000	...	...	...	Superior courts	150,000
Regional averages.....		161,432	158,362		152,867	153,484	District courts	144,712
Regional averages.....		159,154	156,293		145,205	140,788		140,226

Source: National Center for State Courts, July 1, 2013.

Note: Compensation is shown rounded to the nearest thousand, and is reported according to most recent legislation, even though laws may not yet have taken effect. There are other non-salary forms of judicial compensation that can be a significant part of a judge's compensation package. It should be noted that many of these can be important to judges or attorneys who might be interested in becoming judges or justices. These include retirement, disability, and death benefits, expense accounts, vacation, holiday, and sick leave and various forms of insurance coverage.

Key:

- (a) Salary range is between \$161,002 – \$201,252.
- (b) Salary range is between \$160,003 – \$200,007.
- (c) Salary range is between \$159,503 – \$199,378.
- (d) Salary range is between \$159,003 – \$198,753.
- (e) Salary range is between \$140,000 – \$147,500.
- (f) Salary range is between \$120,252 – \$190,492.
- (g) Salary range is between \$137,500 – \$145,000.
- (h) Salary range is between \$125,000 – \$140,000.
- (i) Plus \$13,500 in lieu of travel, lodging, and other expenses.
- (j) Plus \$6,500 in lieu of travel, lodging, and other expenses.