

## JUDICIARY

TABLE 5.4

### Compensation of Judges of Appellate Courts and General Trial Courts

| State or other jurisdiction | Court of last resort   | Appellate courts       |                            |                              | Judges salaries | General trial courts     | Salary    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                             |                        | Chief Justice salaries | Associate Justice salaries | Intermediate appellate court |                 |                          |           |
| Alabama                     | Supreme Court          | \$181,127              | \$167,685                  | Court of Criminal Appeals    | \$178,878       | Circuit courts           | \$134,943 |
| Alaska                      | Supreme Court          | 205,776                | 205,176                    | Court of Appeals             | 193,836         | Superior courts          | 189,720   |
| Arizona                     | Supreme Court          | 164,836                | 159,685                    | Court of Appeals             | 154,534         | Superior courts          | 149,383   |
| Arkansas                    | Supreme Court          | 183,600                | 169,830                    | Court of Appeals             | 164,730         | Chancery courts          | 163,200   |
| California                  | Supreme Court          | 256,059                | 244,179                    | Court of Appeals             | 228,918         | Superior court           | 200,042   |
| Colorado                    | Supreme Court          | 181,219                | 177,350                    | Court of Appeals             | 170,324         | District courts          | 163,303   |
| Connecticut                 | Supreme Court          | 200,599                | 185,610                    | Appellate Court              | 174,323         | Superior courts          | 167,634   |
| Delaware                    | Supreme Court          | 204,148                | 195,245                    | ...                          | ...             | Superior courts          | 183,444   |
| Florida                     | Supreme Court          | 178,420                | 178,420                    | District Court of Appeals    | 169,554         | Circuit courts           | 160,688   |
| Georgia                     | Supreme Court          | 175,600                | 175,600                    | Court of Appeals             | 174,500         | Superior courts          | 169,265   |
| Hawaii                      | Supreme Court          | 231,468                | 223,200                    | Intermediate Court           | 206,652         | Circuit courts           | 201,060   |
| Idaho                       | Supreme Court          | 149,700                | 146,700                    | Court of Appeals             | 137,700         | District courts          | 131,700   |
| Illinois                    | Supreme Court          | 229,345                | 229,345                    | Court of Appeals             | 215,856         | Circuit courts           | 198,075   |
| Indiana                     | Supreme Court          | 173,599                | 173,599                    | Court of Appeals             | 168,752         | Circuit courts           | 144,137   |
| Iowa                        | Supreme Court          | 183,001                | 174,808                    | Court of Appeals             | 158,420         | District courts          | 147,494   |
| Kansas                      | Supreme Court          | 142,793                | 139,303                    | Court of Appeals             | 134,806         | District courts          | 123,038   |
| Kentucky                    | Supreme Court          | 140,508                | 135,504                    | Court of Appeals             | 130,044         | Circuit courts           | 124,620   |
| Louisiana                   | Supreme Court          | 177,703                | 169,125                    | Court of Appeals             | 158,147         | District courts          | 151,943   |
| Maine                       | Supreme Judicial Court | 154,981                | 134,056                    | ...                          | ...             | Superior courts          | 125,632   |
| Maryland                    | Court of Appeals       | 195,433                | 176,433                    | Court of Special Appeals     | 163,633         | Circuit courts           | 154,433   |
| Massachusetts               | Supreme Judicial Court | 199,989                | 194,734                    | Appellate Court              | 183,837         | Superior courts          | 178,444   |
| Michigan                    | Supreme Court          | 164,610                | 164,610                    | Court of Appeals             | 157,544         | Circuit courts           | 145,578   |
| Minnesota                   | Supreme Court          | 190,699                | 173,363                    | Court of Appeals             | 163,354         | District courts          | 153,345   |
| Mississippi                 | Supreme Court          | 159,000                | 152,250                    | Court of Appeals             | 144,827         | Chancery courts          | 136,000   |
| Missouri                    | Supreme Court          | 181,677                | 173,742                    | Court of Appeals             | 158,848         | Circuit courts           | 149,723   |
| Montana                     | Supreme Court          | 145,621                | 144,061                    | ...                          | ...             | District courts          | 132,558   |
| Nebraska                    | Supreme Court          | 173,694                | 173,694                    | Court of Appeals             | 165,009         | District courts          | 160,667   |
| Nevada                      | Supreme Court          | 170,000                | 170,000                    | Court of Appeals             | 165,000         | District courts          | 160,000   |
| New Hampshire               | Supreme Court          | 167,271                | 162,240                    | ...                          | ...             | Superior courts          | 152,159   |
| New Jersey                  | Supreme Court          | 192,795                | 185,482                    | Appellate division of        | 175,534         | Superior courts          | 165,000   |
| New Mexico                  | Supreme Court          | 133,174                | 131,174                    | Court of Appeals             | 124,616         | District courts          | 118,384   |
| New York                    | Court of Appeals       | 222,500                | 215,700                    | Appellate divisions of       | 205,400         | Supreme courts           | 194,000   |
| North Carolina              | Supreme Court          | 150,086                | 146,191                    | Court of Appeals             | 140,144         | Superior courts          | 132,584   |
| North Dakota                | Supreme Court          | 161,517                | 157,009                    | ...                          | ...             | District courts          | 143,869   |
| Ohio                        | Supreme Court          | 174,700                | 164,000                    | Court of Appeals             | 152,850         | Courts of common pleas   | 140,550   |
| Oklahoma                    | Supreme Court          | 155,820                | 145,914                    | Court of Appeals             | 138,235         | District courts          | 131,835   |
| Oregon                      | Supreme Court          | 150,572                | 147,560                    | Court of Appeals             | 144,536         | Circuit courts           | 135,776   |
| Pennsylvania                | Supreme Court          | 213,748                | 207,203                    | Superior Court               | 195,978         | Courts of common pleas   | 180,299   |
| Rhode Island                | Supreme Court          | 193,458                | 175,870                    | ...                          | ...             | Superior courts          | 158,340   |
| South Carolina              | Supreme Court          | 156,234                | 148,794                    | Court of Appeals             | 145,074         | Circuit courts           | 141,354   |
| South Dakota                | Supreme Court          | 137,270                | 135,270                    | ...                          | ...             | Circuit courts           | 126,346   |
| Tennessee                   | Supreme Court          | 190,128                | 185,064                    | Court of Appeals             | 178,908         | Chancery courts          | 172,740   |
| Texas                       | Supreme Court          | 170,500                | 168,000                    | Court of Appeals             | 158,500         | District courts          | 149,000   |
| Utah                        | Supreme Court          | 180,500                | 178,500                    | Court of Appeals             | 170,350         | District courts          | 162,250   |
| Vermont                     | Supreme Court          | 166,130                | 158,558                    | ...                          | ...             | Superior/District/Family | 150,738   |
| Virginia                    | Supreme Court          | 210,017                | 197,827                    | Court of Appeals             | 181,610         | Circuit courts           | 171,120   |
| Washington                  | Supreme Court          | 189,374                | 186,681                    | Court of Appeals             | 177,708         | Superior courts          | 169,187   |
| West Virginia               | Supreme Court          | 136,000                | 136,000                    | ...                          | ...             | Circuit courts           | 126,000   |
| Wisconsin                   | Supreme Court          | 147,403                | 147,403                    | Court of Appeals             | 139,059         | Circuit courts           | 131,187   |
| Wyoming                     | Supreme Court          | 165,000                | 165,000                    | ...                          | ...             | District courts          | 150,000   |

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TABLE 5.4

**Compensation of Judges of Appellate Courts and General Trial Courts** (continued)

*Source:* National Center for State Courts, January 1, 2018.

*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.