

**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	No. of judges	Term (years)	Name of court	No. of judges	Term (years)
Alabama	Court of Criminal Appeals	5	6	Circuit Court	142	6
	Court of Civil Appeals	3	6	Superior Court	32 (a)	6
Alaska	Court of Appeals	22	10	Superior Court	135 (i)	4
Arizona	Court of Appeals	12	8	Chancery/Probate Court and Circuit Court	111	(b)
Arkansas	Court of Appeals	105	12	Superior Court	1,499 (c)	6
California	Court of Appeals	16	10	District Court	118 (d)	6
Colorado	Appellate Court	9	8	Superior Court	175	8
Connecticut	...	...	...	Superior Court	19	12
Delaware	...	...	...	Court of Chancery	(e)	12
Florida	District Courts of Appeals	62	6	Circuit Court	493	6
Georgia	Court of Appeals	12	6	Superior Court	183	4
Hawaii	Intermediate Court of Appeals	4	10	Circuit Court	27 (f)	10
Idaho	Court of Appeals	3	6	District Court	39 (g)	4
Illinois	Appellate Court	40 (h)	10	Circuit Court	497 (i)	6 (j)
Indiana	Court of Appeals	15 (k)	10 (l)	Superior Court, Probate Court and Circuit Court	289	6
Iowa	Court of Appeals	9	6	District Court	178 (m)	6
Kansas	Court of Appeals	10	4	District Court	233 (n)	4
Kentucky	Court of Appeals	14	8	Circuit Court	108	8
Louisiana	Court of Appeals	55	10	District Court	224 (o)	6
Maine	...	...	...	Superior Court	16	7
Maryland	Court of Special Appeals	13	10	Circuit Court	143	15
Massachusetts	Appeals Court	25	(p)	Superior Court	80	(p)
Michigan	Court of Appeals	28	6	Circuit Court	210	6
Minnesota	Court of Appeals	16	6	District Court	256	6
Mississippi	Court of Appeals	10	8	Circuit Court	49	4
Missouri	Court of Appeals	32	12	Circuit Court	314 (q)	6
Montana	...	...	...	District Court	48 (r)	6
Nebraska	Court of Appeals	6	6 (s)	District Court	54	6 (t)
Nevada	...	...	...	District Court	51	6
New Hampshire	...	...	...	Superior Court	29 (u)	(p)
New Jersey	Appellate Division of Superior Court	32	7 (v)	Superior Court	395 (w)	7 (x)
New Mexico	Court of Appeals	10	8	District Court	72	6
New York	Appellate Division of Supreme Court	55	5 (y)	Supreme Court and County Court	524	(z)
	Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	15	5 (y)			
North Carolina	Court of Appeals	12	8	Superior Court	105 (aa)	8
North Dakota	...	...	...	District Court	42	6
Ohio	Court of Appeals	68	6	Court of Common Pleas	376	6

See footnotes at end of table.

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	Name of court	No. of judges	Term (years)	Name of court	No. of judges	Term (years)
Oklahoma	Court of Appeals	12	6	District Court	150 (bb)	4
Oregon	Court of Appeals	10	6	Circuit Court	163	6
Pennsylvania	Superior Court	15	10	Tax Court	1 (jj)	6
Rhode Island	Commonwealth Court	9	10	Court of Common Pleas	394	10
South Carolina	Court of Appeals	9	Life	Superior Court	22 (kk)	Life
South Dakota .....	...	...	6	Circuit Court	46 (cc)	6
Tennessee	Court of Appeals	12	...	Circuit Court	37 (dd)	8
Texas	Court of Criminal Appeals	12	8	Chancery Court	33	8
Utah	Court of Criminal Appeals	12	8	Circuit Court	85	8
Vermont	Court of Appeals	80	6	Criminal Court	31	8
Virginia	Court of Appeals	7	10 (ff)	Probate Court	2	(ee)
Washington	Court of Appeals	...	...	District Court	414	4
West Virginia	Court of Appeals	11	8	District Court	70 (gg)	6
Wisconsin	Court of Appeals	22	6	Superior Court and District Court	29 (hh)	6
Wyoming	Court of Appeals	16	...	Circuit Court	150	8
Dist. of Columbia .....	...	...	...	Superior Court	174	4
Puerto Rico	Circuit Court of Appeals	33	16	Circuit Court	62	8
				Circuit Court	241	6
				District Court	17	6
				Superior Court	59	15
				Court of First Instance	315	12

Sources: National Center for State Courts, *State Court Caseload Statistics, 2001 and State Court Organization, 1998*.

Key:

- ... — Court does not exist in jurisdiction or not applicable.
- (a) Plus nine masters.
- (b) Circuit court judges serve four-year terms. Chancery probate court judges serve six-year terms. (Some judges serve both circuit and chancery courts).
- (c) Plus 457 commissioners and referees.
- (d) Plus 32 magistrates and 7 part-time water referees.
- (e) One chancellor and four vice-chancellors.
- (f) Plus 16 family judges.
- (g) Plus 83 full-time magistrate/judges.
- (h) Plus 12 supplemental judges.
- (i) Plus 367 associate judges.
- (j) Associate judges 4 years.
- (k) Plus one tax court judge.
- (l) Two years initial; 10 years retention.
- (m) Plus 135 part-time magistrates, 12 associate juvenile judges, 1 associate probate judge, and 7 part-time alternate district associate judges.
- (n) Includes 74 district magistrates.
- (o) Plus eleven commissioners.
- (p) To age 70.

- (q) Plus 32 commissioners.
- (r) Plus six water masters.
- (s) More than three years for first election and every six years thereafter.
- (t) The initial term is for 3 years but not more than 5 years.
- (u) Plus 11 full-time marital masters.
- (v) Followed by tenure.
- (w) Plus 21 surrogates.
- (x) On reappointment until age 70.
- (y) Or duration.
- (z) Fourteen years for Supreme Court; 10 years for county court.
- (aa) Plus 100 clerks who hear uncontested probate.
- (bb) Plus 78 special judges.
- (cc) Plus 21 masters-in-equity.
- (dd) Plus 8 full-time and 7 part-time magistrate judges, 2 part-time lay magistrates, 15 magistrate judges, 93 full-time clerk magistrates, and 49 part-time clerk magistrates.
- (ee) Locally determined.
- (ff) Three years initial; six years retention.
- (gg) Plus 7 domestic court commissioners.
- (hh) Plus 5 child support magistrates.
- (ii) Plus one part-time judge.
- (jj) Plus 6 magistrates (4 full-time, 2 part-time).
- (kk) Plus 2 general magistrates and 1 special magistrate.