

**Table 5.4**  
**COMPENSATION OF JUDGES OF APPELLATE COURTS AND GENERAL TRIAL COURTS**

State or other jurisdiction	Appellate courts					Salary
	Court of last resort	Chief Justice salaries (a)	Associate Justice salaries (b)	Intermediate appellate court	Judges salaries (d)	
Alabama.....	Supreme Court	\$200,760	\$200,172	Court of Criminal Appeals	\$189,108	Circuit courts (e)
Alaska.....	Supreme Court	160,000	155,000	Court of Appeals	150,000	Superior courts
Arizona.....	Supreme Court	166,500	166,500	Court of Appeals	161,500	Superior courts
Arkansas.....	Supreme Court	241,978	230,750	Court of Appeals	216,330	Chancery courts
California.....	Supreme Court	176,799	173,024	Court of Appeals	166,170	Superior court
Colorado.....	Supreme Court	200,599	185,610	Appellate Court	174,323	District courts
Connecticut.....	Supreme Court	201,131	192,360	...	...	Superior courts
Delaware.....	Supreme Court	162,200	162,200	District Court of Appeals	154,140	Superior courts
Florida.....	Supreme Court	167,210	167,210	Court of Appeals	166,186	Circuit courts
Georgia.....	Supreme Court	222,480	214,524	Intermediate Court	198,624	Superior courts
Hawaii.....	Supreme Court	137,000	135,000	Court of Appeals	130,000	District courts
Idaho.....	Supreme Court	220,873	220,873	Court of Appeals	207,882	District courts
Illinois.....	Supreme Court	165,078	165,078	Court of Appeals	160,468	Circuit courts
Indiana.....	Supreme Court	178,538	170,544	Court of Appeals	154,556	Circuit courts
Iowa.....	Supreme Court	139,310	135,905	Court of Appeals	131,518	District courts
Kansas.....	Supreme Court	140,504	135,504	Court of Appeals	130,044	District courts
Kentucky.....	Supreme Court	172,819	164,589	Court of Appeals	154,059	Circuit courts
Louisiana.....	Supreme Judicial Court	149,864	129,625	...	...	District courts
Maine.....	Court of Appeals	195,433	176,433	Court of Special Appeals	163,633	Superior courts
Maryland.....	Supreme Judicial Court	181,239	175,984	Appellate Court	165,087	Circuit courts
Massachusetts.....	Supreme Court	164,610	164,610	Court of Appeals	151,441	Superior courts
Michigan.....	Supreme Court	178,892	162,630	Court of Appeals	153,240	Circuit courts
Minnesota.....	Supreme Court	148,097	142,320	Court of Appeals	134,883	District courts
Mississippi.....	Supreme Court	178,089	170,292	Court of Appeals	155,709	Chancery courts
Missouri.....	Supreme Court	137,571	136,177	...	...	Circuit courts
Montana.....	Supreme Court	166,159	166,169	Court of Appeals	157,851	District courts
Nebaska.....	Supreme Court	170,000	170,000	...	...	District courts
Nevada.....	Supreme Court	160,746	155,907	...	...	Superior courts
New Hampshire.....	Supreme Court	192,795	185,482	Appellate division of	175,534	Superior courts
New Jersey.....	Supreme Court	133,174	131,174	Court of Appeals	124,616	Superior courts
New Mexico.....	Court of Appeals	198,600	192,500	Appellate divisions of	177,900	District courts
New York.....	Supreme Court	143,623	139,896	Court of Appeals	134,109	Supreme courts
North Carolina.....	Supreme Court	156,813	152,486	...	...	Superior courts
North Dakota.....	Supreme Court	150,850	141,600	Court of Appeals	132,000	District courts
Ohio.....	Supreme Court	147,000	137,655	Court of Appeals	130,410	Courts of common pleas
Oklahoma.....	Supreme Court	138,556	135,688	Court of Appeals	132,820	District courts
Oregon.....	Supreme Court	209,329	203,409	Superior Court	191,926	Circuit courts
Pennsylvania.....	Supreme Court	189,665	172,422	...	...	Courts of common pleas
Rhode Island.....	Supreme Court	151,317	144,111	Court of Appeals	140,508	Superior courts
South Carolina.....	Supreme Court					Circuit courts

See footnotes at end of table.

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

State or other jurisdiction	Appellate courts						Salary
	Court of last resort	Chief Justice salaries	Associate Justice salaries	Intermediate appellate court	Judges salaries	General trial courts	
South Dakota.....	Supreme Court	133,713	131,713	...	...	Circuit courts	123,024
Tennessee.....	Supreme Court	187,500	182,508	Court of Appeals	173,436	Chancery courts	170,352
Texas.....	Supreme Court	170,500	168,000	Court of Appeals	(g)	District courts	(h)
Utah.....	Supreme Court	170,150	168,150	Court of Appeals	160,500	District courts	152,850
Vermont.....	Supreme Court	154,124	147,095	...	...	Superior/District/Family	139,837
Virginia.....	Supreme Court (i)	200,552	188,949	Court of Appeals (j)	173,177	Circuit courts	162,878
Washington.....	Supreme Court	172,531	172,531	Court of Appeals	164,238	Superior courts	156,363
West Virginia.....	Supreme Court	136,000	136,000	...	...	Circuit courts	126,000
Wisconsin.....	Supreme Court	155,403	147,403	Court of Appeals	139,059	Circuit courts	131,187
Wyoming.....	Supreme Court	165,000	165,000	...	...	District courts	150,000

Source: National Center for State Courts, July 1, 2015.

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 \$119,949-\$149,936.
- (f) Salary range is between \$154,000-\$163,000.
- (g) Salary range is between \$140,000-\$158,000.
- (h) Plus \$13,500 in lieu of travel, lodging, and other expenses.
- (i) Plus \$6,500 in lieu of travel, lodging, and other expenses.