

Table 4.2
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	131	131
Alaska	Court of Civil Appeals	5	6	Superior Court	40 (a)	40 (a)
Arizona	Court of Appeals	3	8	Superior Court	136 (ii)	136 (ii)
Arkansas	Court of Appeals	22	6	Chancery/Probate Court and Circuit Court	106 (b)	106 (b)
California	Court of Appeals	12	8	Superior Court	1,012 (c)	1,012 (c)
Colorado	Court of Appeals	93	12	Superior Court	154 (d)	154 (d)
Connecticut	Appellate Court	16	8	District Court	167	167
Delaware	...	9	8	Superior Court	17	17
Florida	...	...	...	Court of Chancery	(e)	(e)
Georgia	District Courts of Appeals	61	6	Circuit Court	468	468
Hawaii	Court of Appeals	10	6	Superior Court	175	175
Hawaii	Intermediate Court of Appeals	4	10	Circuit Court	27 (f)	27 (f)
Idaho	Court of Appeals	3	6	District Court	37 (g)	37 (g)
Illinois	Appellate Court	42 (h)	10	Circuit Court	497 (i)	497 (i)
Indiana	Court of Appeals	15 (k)	10 (l)	Superior Court, Probate Court and Circuit Court	279	279
Iowa	Court of Appeals	6	6	District Court	328 (m)	328 (m)
Kansas	Court of Appeals	10	4	District Court	156 (n)	156 (n)
Kentucky	Court of Appeals	14	8	Circuit Court	108	108
Louisiana	Court of Appeals	54	10	District Court	222 (o)	222 (o)
Maine	...	...	...	Superior Court	16	16
Maryland	Court of Special Appeals	13	10	Circuit Court	140	140
Massachusetts	Appeals Court	14	...	Superior Court	80	80
Michigan	Court of Appeals	28	6	Circuit Court	210	210
Minnesota	Court of Appeals	16	6	District Court	254	254
Mississippi	Court of Appeals	10	4	Circuit Court	49	49
Missouri	Court of Appeals	32	12	Circuit Court	135 (q)	135 (q)
Montana	...	...	...	District Court	37 (r)	37 (r)
Nebraska	Court of Appeals	6	6 (s)	District Court	53	53
Nevada	...	...	...	District Court	51	51
New Hampshire	...	...	...	Superior Court	28 (u)	28 (u)
New Jersey	Appellate Division of Superior Court	32	7 (v)	Superior Court	384 (w)	384 (w)
New Mexico	Court of Appeals	10	8	District Court	72	72
New York	Appellate Division of Supreme Court	56	5 (y)	Supreme Court and County Court	496	496
New York	Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	15	5 (y)	Superior Court	99 (aa)	99 (aa)
North Carolina	Court of Appeals	12	8	Superior Court	43	43
North Dakota	...	...	...	District Court	372	372
Ohio	Court of Appeals	66	6	Court of Common Pleas

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	131	4
Oregon	Court of Appeals	10	6	Circuit Court	6	6
.....	.....	.....	.....	Tax Court	40 (a)	6
Pennsylvania	Superior Court	15	10	Court of Common Pleas	136 (ii)	10
.....	Commonwealth Court	9	10	.....	106 (b)	.....
Rhode Island .....	.....	.....	.....	Superior Court	1,012 (c)	Life
South Carolina	Court of Appeals	9	6	.....	154 (d)	6
.....	.....	.....	.....	Circuit Court	167	8
South Dakota	Court of Appeals	12	8	Chancery Court	17	8
Tennessee	Court of Criminal Appeals	12	8	Circuit Court	(e)	8
.....	.....	.....	.....	Criminal Court	468	8
.....	.....	.....	.....	Probate Court	175	(ee)
Texas	Court of Appeals	80	6	District Court	27 (f)	4
Utah	Court of Appeals	7	10 (ff)	District Court	37 (g)	6
Vermont .....	.....	.....	.....	Superior Court and District Court	497 (i)	6
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	279	8
Virginia	Court of Appeals	10	8	Circuit Court	328 (m)	4
Washington	Court of Appeals	21	6	Superior Court	156 (n)	8
West Virginia .....	.....	.....	.....	Circuit Court	108	8
Wisconsin	Court of Appeals	16	6	District Court	222 (o)	6
Wyoming .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	16
Dist. of Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....	Superior Court	140	15
Puerto Rico	Circuit Court of Appeals	33	16	Court of First Instance	.....	12

Sources: Court Statistics Project, State Court Caseload Statistics, 1998 (National Center for State Courts 1999) and State Court Organization 1998.

Key:

- Court does not exist in jurisdiction or not applicable.
- (a) Plus eight masters.
- (b) There are 30 circuit court judges who serve four-year terms. Chancery probate court consists of 33 judges who serve six-year terms. (43 additional judges serve both circuit and chancery courts).
- (c) Plus 205 commissioners.
- (d) Plus 32 magistrates.
- (e) One chancellor and four vice-chancellors.
- (f) Plus 15 family judges.
- (g) Plus 81 full-time magistrate judges.
- (h) Plus 10 supplemental judges.
- (i) Plus 318 associate judges, and 50 permissive associate judges.
- (j) Associate judges 4 years.
- (k) Plus one tax court judge.
- (l) Two years initial; 10 years retention.
- (m) Includes 112 district judges, 54 district associate judges, 7 senior judges, 12 associate juvenile judges, 135 part-time magistrates, one associate probate judge, and 7 alternate district associate judges.
- (n) Plus 69 district magistrates.

- (o) Plus eleven commissioners.
- (p) To age 70.
- (q) Plus 175 associate circuit judges.
- (r) Plus six judges for water court and one for workers' compensation court.
- (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 3 yrs.
- (u) Plus 11 full-time marital masters.
- (v) Followed by tenure.
- (w) Plus 21 surrogates.
- (x) On reapportionment till age 70.
- (y) Or duration.
- (z) Fourteen years for Supreme Court; 10 years for county court.
- (aa) Plus 100 clerks with estate jurisdiction.
- (bb) Plus 77 associate judges and 73 special judges.
- (cc) Plus 21 masters-in-equity.
- (dd) Plus 8 law magistrates, 7 part-time law magistrates, 92 full-time clerk magistrates, and 58 part-time clerk magistrates.
- (ee) Locally determined.
- (ff) Three years initial; 10 years retention.
- (gg) Plus 7 domestic court commissioners.
- (hh) District and superior court judges also serve as family court judges.
- (ii) Plus two part time judges.