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Preface

The Court Statistics Project makes information available in three distinct formats that we believe best serve the needs of the Project's constituents. *State Court Caseload Statistics, 1994*, is designed to provide specific information about particular court systems. This volume offers all interested parties high quality, baseline information on state court structure, jurisdiction, reporting practices, and caseload volume and trends. The information assembled in this product will be especially helpful to people interested in doing their own cross-state comparisons or in examining the implications of caseload volume on the work and resource needs of specific state courts. For those wishing to brush up on the uses of this data, the *Introduction* provides an overview of applications, ingredients, and interpretation of state court caseload statistics. This information is also available through the Inter-University Consortium or to anyone who requests a copy from the Court Statistics Project.

A second publication, *Examining the Work of State Courts, 1994*, provides a readable overview, with easy to understand graphics and tables, of current state court activity and trends. The goal of this work is to provide a comprehensive yet nontechnical presentation of the demands currently being placed on state courts and how caseloads have evolved over the past 11 years. Judges, policymakers, and practitioners will find this document useful for a range of planning and research needs, as well as for gaining a greater appreciation for the business of state courts.

Finally, *State Court Organization, 1993*, which is also available from the National Center for State Courts, provides an exhaustive compilation of information on state court structure and operations. This volume, the third in the series, complements, and extends the information on court jurisdiction and reporting practices provided here. A detailed table of contents for *State Court Organization, 1993* is reprinted at the back of this volume.

Introduction

Using State Court Caseload Statistics

This introduction provides an overview to the uses, ingredients, and interpretation of state court caseload statistics. This examination is offered at a time of significant improvements to the quality of court statistics in general and to the comparability of those statistics across the states in particular. To help realize the potential of caseload statistics, three main questions are considered: Why are caseload statistics useful? What are their ingredients? How can they address practical problems?

This is not a “technical” document. Although it is assumed that the reader has an interest in what courts are doing, there is no expectation of statistical expertise. Moreover, virtually all courts and states currently possess the information required to use caseload statistics. A count of the number of cases filed and disposed by month, quarter, or year is all that is needed to get started. Part of the message, however, is that with a small additional investment in effort, the potential exists to appreciably enhance a court’s capacity to identify and solve emerging problems and to present the case for the court system’s achievements and resource needs authoritatively.

Why Are Caseload Statistics Useful?

Argued in abstract, caseload statistics are important because they are analogous to the financial information business firms use to organize their operations. Because a court case is the one common unit of measurement available to all court managers, caseload statistics are the single best way to describe what courts are doing currently and to predict what they will do.

The pragmatic justification for caseload statistics is more compelling. Few would argue that the state courts are currently funded at a generous level. State budget offices routinely cast a cold eye on requests for additional judgeships, court support staff, or court facilities. Because the executive and legislative branches of the government are sophisticated producers and consumers of statistics, comparable expertise is needed by the judicial branch. Skillfully deployed caseload statistics provide powerful evidence for justifying claims to needed resources.

Occasionally, information on the combined caseload of all the state courts becomes imperative. State courts as a whole are disadvantaged in debates over where to draw the jurisdictional boundaries between the federal and state court systems. Current controversies include diversity-of-citizenship in civil matters and drug cases, which the recent *Report of the Federal Courts Study Committee* proposed be transferred out of the federal courts and into the state courts.² What would be the impact of such proposals? Only comprehensive state court caseload statistics can answer this question.

The secret language of statistics, so appealing in a fact-minded culture, is employed to sensationalize, confuse, and oversimplify. Statistical methods and statistical terms are necessary in reporting the mass data of social and economic trends, business conditions, “opinion” polls, the census. But without writers who use the words with honesty and understanding and readers who know what they mean, the results can be ... nonsense.¹

1 Darrell Huff, *How to Lie with Statistics*. New York: W. W. Horton, 1954, p.8.

2 Judicial Council of the United States, Federal Courts Study Committee. *Report of the Federal Courts Study Committee: April 2, 1990*. Philadelphia: Federal Courts Study Committee, 1990.

In response to perceived difficulties in using caseload statistics, it must be noted that they are simply counts of court activity. They are not inherently complex or obscure. The day-to-day activities of most court systems can generate the basic information that translates into caseload statistics. No extraordinary effort is required.

Like other statistics, however, caseload statistics are susceptible to twists and turns that can mislead or distort. Those twists and turns become particularly troublesome when comparisons are made across courts in any one state or among states. Yet, valid comparisons are potentially powerful tools for managing a court system, for determining and justifying the need for additional resources, and for planning.

Frequent reference is made throughout this report to a model approach for collecting and using caseload information.³ The Conference of State Court Administrators and the National Center for State Courts jointly developed that approach over the last 18 years. The key to the approach is comparison: comparison among states and comparison over time. The COSCA/NCSC approach makes comparison possible, although at times it highlights some aspects that remain problematic when building a comprehensive statistical profile of the work of state appellate and trial courts nationally.

What Are the Ingredients of Caseload Statistics?

Five types of information are required for efficient caseload statistics: (1) counts of pending, filed, and disposed cases; (2) the method by which the count is taken (i.e., the unit of count that constitutes a case and the point at which the count is taken); (3) the composition of the counting categories (the specific types of cases that are included); (4) court structure and jurisdiction to decide cases; and (5) statistical adjustments that enhance the comparability and usefulness of case counts.

Counts are taken of the number of cases that are pending at the start of a reporting period, the number of cases filed during the period, the number of cases disposed during the period, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the period. Counts of caseloads are typically organized according to the major types of cases (civil, criminal, juvenile, traffic/other ordinance violations). However, there is still only limited uniformity among the states in the degree of detail or the specific case categories used despite the direction offered by the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*.

Methods for taking counts vary. The greatest variation occurs in what, precisely, a court counts as a case. Some courts actually count the number of a particular kind of document, such as an indictment in a criminal case.

³ The current status of that approach is elaborated in the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary* (1989 edition).

There is also variation in the point in the litigation process when the count is taken. For example, some appellate courts count cases when the notice of appeal is filed, others when the trial court record is filed, and still others when both the trial record and briefs are filed with the court.

Composition refers to the construction of caseload reporting categories that contain similar types of cases for which counts are taken of pending, filed, or disposed cases. Once a standard is defined for the types of cases that belong in a category, it becomes possible to compare court caseloads. The standard adopted by the Court Statistics Project is defined in the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*.

A count can be complete, meaning that it includes all of the types of cases in the definition; incomplete in that it omits some case types that should be included; overinclusive in that it includes some case types that should not be included; or both incomplete and overinclusive. For instance, the model approach treats an accusation of driving while intoxicated (DWI/DUI) as part of a court's criminal caseload. If a state includes such offenses with traffic cases rather than criminal cases, the criminal caseload statistics will be incomplete, and the traffic caseload statistics will be overinclusive.

Court structure and jurisdiction to decide cases indicate whether a count includes all of the relevant cases for a given locality or state. Two or more courts in a jurisdiction may share the authority to decide a particular type of case. Thus, in many states, both a court of general jurisdiction and a court of limited jurisdiction may hear misdemeanor cases. Similarly, complaints in torts or contracts below a set maximum dollar amount can often be filed in either court.

In some courts, jurisdiction is restricted to specific proceedings. An example is a preliminary hearing in a lower court to determine whether a defendant should be bound over for trial in the court of general jurisdiction.

Information on court structure and jurisdiction is therefore essential to the use of any state's caseload statistics. Each state has established various levels and types of courts. The lack of uniformity in court structure and jurisdiction even extends to the names given to the courts of various levels. The supreme court in most states is the court of last resort, the appellate court with final jurisdiction over all appeals within the state. In New York, however, the title supreme court denotes the main general jurisdiction trial court. A knowledge of court structure and jurisdiction is necessary before one can determine whether like is being compared to like.

Adjustments help make counts of cases more interpretable. Case filings per 100,000 population provide a standard measure of caseload levels that adjusts for differences in population among the states. The number of

case dispositions as a percentage of case filings in a given time period offers a clearance rate, a summary measure of whether a court or state is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The number of case filings or case dispositions per judge is a useful expression of the workload confronting a court.

Such simple adjustments transform counts of cases into comparable measures of court activity. It is also possible to make adjustments to counts of cases to estimate the impact of missing information or to make allowances for differences in methods of count used by state courts. Other calculations reveal important aspects of court activity. For example, the percentage of petitions granted by an appellate court indicates how many cases will be heard on the merits, which require briefing and oral arguments or other steps that create substantial demands on court time and resources.

How Should Caseload Statistics Be Used to Solve Problems?

Caseload statistics can form a response to certain types of problems that courts face. One set of problems relates to the volume of cases that a court must hear and to the composition of that caseload. Drug cases offer an example. Have drug filings risen more rapidly than other types of criminal cases? Are drug cases more likely to be disposed at trial than other felonies? Do they take longer to resolve in the trial court? How common is it for drug cases to be appealed? How does the trend in drug filings in one section of the country compare with trends in other regions?

A related set of problems revolves around the adequacy of court resources. How many cases are typically handled by a judge in the state courts? As caseloads continue to rise, have judicial resources kept pace? Is the provision of judicial support staff in one state adequate when compared to the staff in another state with comparable filings or dispositions per judge?

A third set of problems relates to the pace of litigation. Are more new cases being filed annually than the court is disposing during the year, thus increasing the size of the pending caseload? How long do cases take to be resolved in the trial court? In the appellate court? What proportion of cases is disposed of within the court's or ABA's time standards?

The model approach developed by COSCA and the NCSC answers such questions. Virtually all states, as well as many individual trial courts, publish their caseload statistics in annual reports. Yet the diverse methods that states employ to collect information on caseloads restrict the usefulness of the resulting information. It may seem as if courts in one state use the mark, others the yen, and still others the dollar. This approach looks at

how caseload information can be organized nationally to address problems facing state court systems and individual courts.

Comparability

The caseload statistics from each state are collated into a coherent, comprehensive summary of all state court activity and published annually by the Court Statistics Project. The report contains tables, charts, and figures that are often lengthy and crowded with symbols and explanatory matter. This does not negate the underlying simplicity or usefulness of caseload statistics as counts of court activity.

The available statistics reflect the varied responses individual trial courts and states have made to such practical problems as what constitutes a case, whether to count a reopened case as a new filing, and whether a preliminary hearing binding a defendant over to a court of general jurisdiction is a case or merely an event equivalent to a motion.

Comparability is a more substantial issue than completeness. Six reporting categories are used by the Court Statistics Project. Appellate caseloads are divided into mandatory and discretionary cases. Trial court caseloads are divided into criminal, civil, juvenile, and traffic/other ordinance violation cases. Abbreviated definitions of these categories are:

APPELLATE COURT

mandatory case: appeals of right that the court must hear and decide on the merits

discretionary case: petitions requesting court review that, if granted, will result in the case being heard and decided on its merits

TRIAL COURT

civil case: requests for an enforcement or protection of a right or the redress or prevention of a wrong

criminal case: charges of a state law violation

juvenile petition: cases processed through the special procedures that a state established to handle matters relating to individuals defined as juvenile

traffic/other ordinance violation: charges that a traffic ordinance or city, town, or village ordinance was violated

These categories represent the lowest common denominator: what one can reasonably expect most states to provide.

The advent of automated information systems means that states increasingly collect more detailed information, distinguishing tort cases from other civil filings and personal injury cases from other tort filings. Similarly, some states distinguish between various types of felonies and misdemeanors within their criminal caseloads, including the separation of drug cases from others.

Another aspect of comparability is whether the caseload count from a particular court includes all the relevant cases for a given locality or state. In some states, one court may have complete jurisdiction over a particular type of case, while in others the jurisdiction is shared between two or more courts. For example, to get a complete count of discretionary filings at the appellate level, one may only have to check the count in the COLR (states without an intermediate appellate court (IAC) or states where the IAC has only mandatory jurisdiction) or it may be necessary to examine both the COLR and the IAC (states that allocate discretionary jurisdiction to both the COLR and IAC). Therefore, when making comparisons with state court caseload statistics, it is essential to have an awareness of the variation in court structure and jurisdiction.

The court structure charts summarize in a one-page diagram the key features of each state's court organization. The format meets two objectives: (1) it is comprehensive, indicating all court systems in the state and their interrelationship; and (2) it describes the jurisdiction of the court systems using a comparable set of terminology and symbols. The court structure charts employ the common terminology developed by the NCSC Court Statistics Project for reporting court statistics.

The charts identify all the state courts in operation during the year and describe each court system's geographic and subject matter jurisdiction. The charts also provide basic descriptive information, such as the number of authorized judicial posts and whether funding is primarily local or state. Routes of appeal are indicated by lines, with an arrow showing which court receives the appeal or petition.

Conclusion

Caseload statistics are less complex and more practical than often imagined. By following relatively simple steps, courts, state court administrative offices, trial court administrative offices, trial court administrators, and others can more effectively use the statistics that they currently produce. A useful point of reference when considering an upgrade to the

quality and quantity of information currently being collected is the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*.

The flexibility and power of automated record systems means that the information compiled nationally to describe state court caseloads is becoming more comparable year by year. Caseload data available for the 1990s will be significantly more comparable across the states than what has been published in the past. Differences among states in the criminal and juvenile unit of count will continue to make comparisons tentative for those cases. Still, those differences do not affect comparisons of clearance rates or of trends.

What can be done to realize the potential that caseload statistics offer for planning and policymaking? There are three priorities. First, reliable statistics on the size of the active pending caseload are needed. Unless courts routinely review their records to identify inactive cases, an accurate picture of their backlogs is not possible. Second, information on the number of cases that reach key stages in the adjudication process would be an important addition. How many "trial notes of issue" are filed in civil cases? In what proportion of civil cases is no answer ever filed by the defendant? Third, revisions to court record systems should consider the feasibility of including information on the workload burden being imposed on the court through pretrial conferences, hearings, and trial settings.

Accurate and comprehensive statistics are ultimately important because they form part of the currency when public policy is debated and decided in a "fact-minded culture." Those organizations and interests that master the statistics that describe their work and output are at an advantage in the competition for scarce public resources. The Court Statistics Project offers the state court community a resource for both examining itself and representing its case to the larger commonwealth.

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State Court Structure Charts

Understanding the Court Structure Charts

The court structure charts summarize in a one-page diagram the key features of each state's court organization. The format meets two objectives: (1) it is comprehensive, indicating all court systems in the state and their interrelationships, and (2) it describes the jurisdiction of the court systems, using a standard set of terminology and symbols. The court structure charts employ the common terminology developed by the National Center for State Court's Court Statistics Project for reporting caseload statistics.

The first chart is a prototype. It represents a state court organization in which there is one of each of the four court system levels recognized by the Court Statistics Project: courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, general jurisdiction trial courts, and limited jurisdiction trial courts. Routes of appeal from one court to another are indicated by lines, with an arrow showing which court receives the appeal or petition.

The charts also provide basic descriptive information, such as the number of authorized justices, judges, and magistrates (or other judicial officers). Each court system's subject matter jurisdiction is indicated using the Court Statistics Project case types. Information is also provided on the use of districts, circuits, or divisions in organizing the courts within the system and the number of courts.

The case types, which define a court system's subject matter jurisdiction, require the most explanation.

Appellate Courts

The rectangle representing each appellate court contains information on the number of authorized justices; the number of geographic divisions, if any; whether court decisions are made en banc, in panels, or both; and the Court Statistics Project case types that are heard by the court. The case types are shown separately for mandatory and discretionary cases. The case types themselves are defined in other Court Statistics Project publications, especially *1984 State Appellate Court Jurisdiction Guide for Statistical Reporting* and *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary: 1989 Edition*.

An appellate court can have both mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction over the same Court Statistics Project case type. This arises, in part, because the Court Statistics Project case types are defined broadly to be applicable to every state's courts. There are, for example, only two appellate Court Statistics Project case types for criminal appeals: capital and noncapital. A court may have mandatory jurisdiction over felony cases, but discretionary jurisdiction over misdemeanors. The list of case types would include "criminal" for both mandatory and discretionary

jurisdiction. The duplication of a case type under both headings can also occur if appeals from one lower court for that case type are mandatory, while appeals from another lower court are discretionary. Also, statutory provisions or court rules in some states automatically convert a mandatory appeal into a discretionary petition - for example, when an appeal is not filed within a specified time limit. A more comprehensive description of each appellate court's subject matter jurisdiction can be found in the *1984 State Appellate Court Jurisdiction Guide for Statistical Reporting*.

Trial Courts

The rectangle representing each trial court also lists the applicable Court Statistics Project case types. These include civil, criminal, traffic/other violation, and juvenile. Where a case type is simply listed, it means that the court system shares jurisdiction over it with other courts. The presence of exclusive jurisdiction is always explicitly stated.

The absence of a case type from a list means that the court does not have that subject matter jurisdiction. The dollar amount jurisdiction is shown where there is an upper or a lower limit to the cases that can be filed in a court. A dollar limit is not listed if a court does not have a minimum or maximum dollar amount jurisdiction for general civil cases. In criminal cases, jurisdiction is distinguished between "felony," where the court can try a felony case to verdict and sentencing, and "preliminary hearings," which applies to those limited jurisdiction courts that can conduct preliminary hearings that bind a defendant over for trial in a higher court.

Trial courts can have what is termed incidental appellate jurisdiction. The presence of such jurisdiction over the decisions of other courts is noted in the list of case types as either "civil appeals," "criminal appeals," or "administrative agency appeals." A trial court that hears appeals directly from an administrative agency has an "A" in the upper right corner of the rectangle.

For each trial court, the chart states the authorized number of judges and whether the court can impanel a jury. The rectangle representing the court also indicates the number of districts, divisions, or circuits into which the court system is divided. These subdivisions are stated using the court system's own terminology. The descriptions, therefore, are not standardized across states or court systems.

Some trial courts are totally funded from local sources and others receive some form of state funds. Locally funded court systems are drawn with broken lines. A solid line indicates some or all of the funding is derived from state funds.

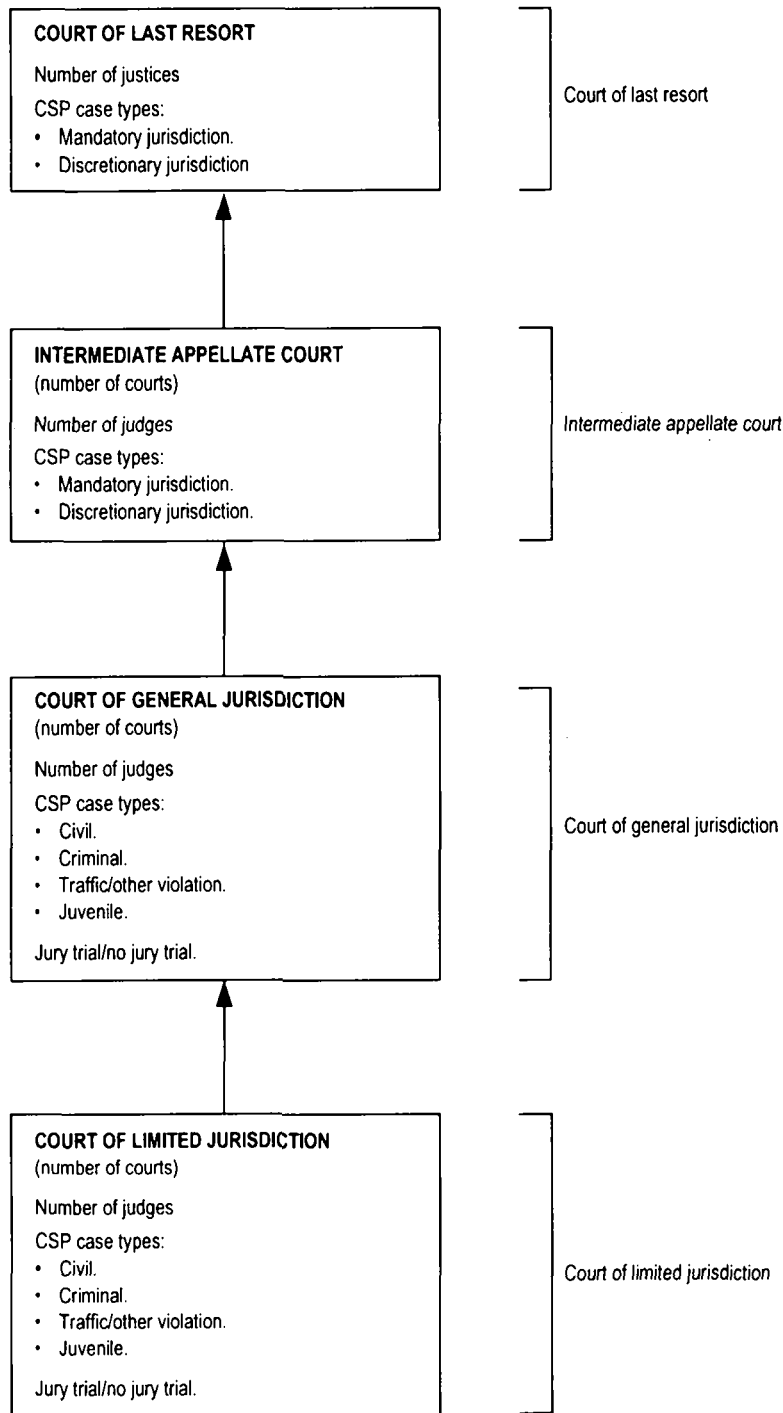
Symbols and Abbreviations

An “A” in the upper right corner of a rectangle, representing either an appellate or a trial court, indicates that the court receives appeals directly from the decision of an administrative agency. Where “administrative agency appeals” is listed as a case type, it indicates that the court hears appeals from decisions of another court on an administrative agency’s actions. It is possible for a court to have both an “A” designation and to have “administrative agency appeals” listed as a case type. Such a court hears appeals directly from an administrative agency (“A”) and has appellate jurisdiction over the decision of a lower court that has already reviewed the decision of the administrative agency.

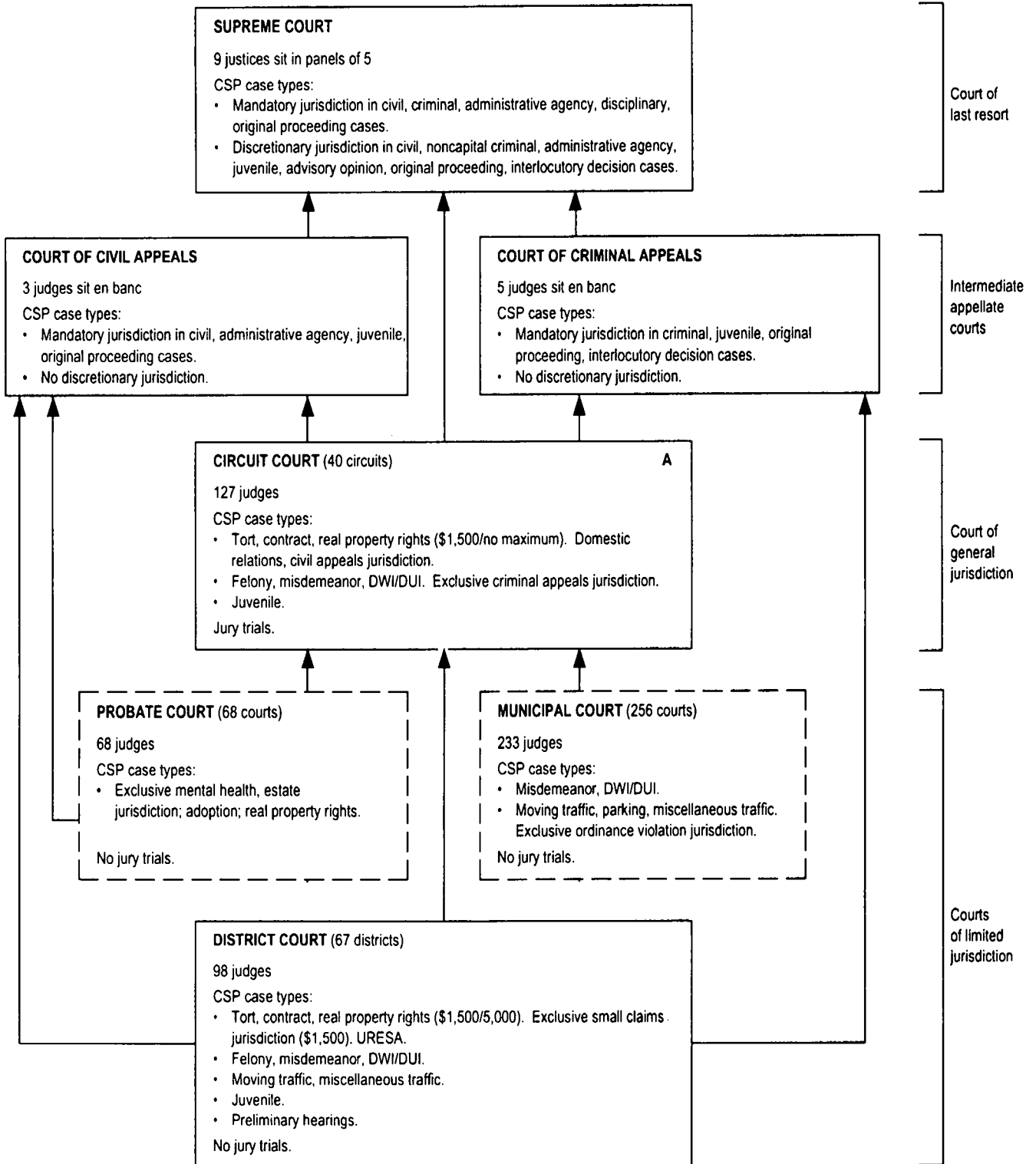
The number of justices or judges is sometimes stated as “FTE.” This represents “full-time equivalent” authorized judicial positions. “DWI/DUI” stands for “driving while intoxicated/driving under the influence.” The “SC” abbreviation stands for “small claims.” The dollar amount jurisdiction for civil cases is indicated in parentheses with a dollar sign. Where the small claims dollar amount jurisdiction is different, it is noted.

The court structure charts are convenient summaries. They do not substitute for the detailed descriptive material contained in the 47 tables of *State Court Organization, 1993*. Moreover, they are based on the Court Statistics Project’s terminology and categories. This means that a state may have established courts that are not included in these charts. Some states have courts of special jurisdiction to receive complaints on matters that are more typically directed to administrative boards and agencies. Since these courts adjudicate matters that do not fall within the Court Statistics Project case types, they are not included in the charts. The existence of such courts, however, is recognized in a footnote to the state’s court structure chart.

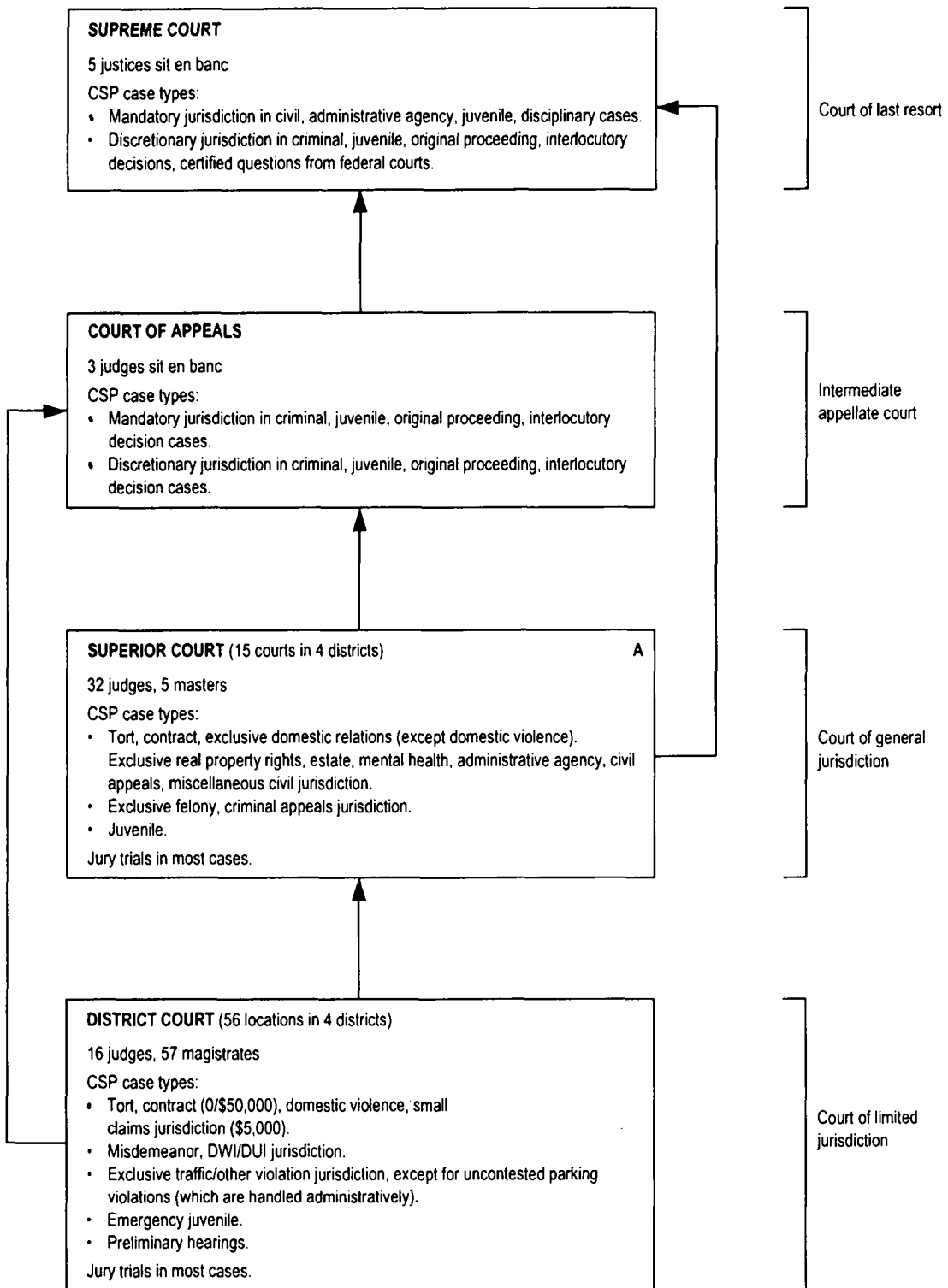
STATE COURT STRUCTURE PROTOTYPE, 1994



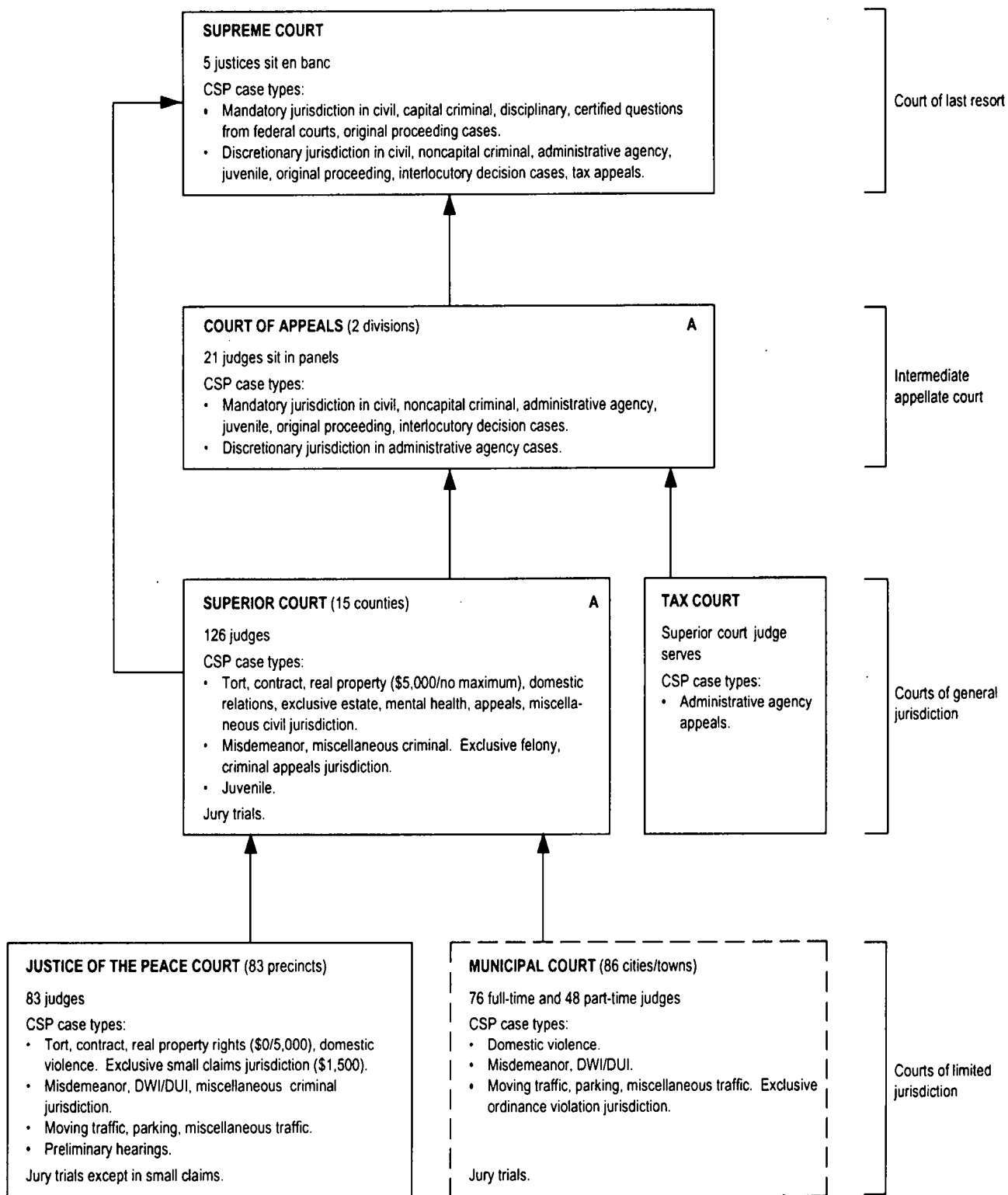
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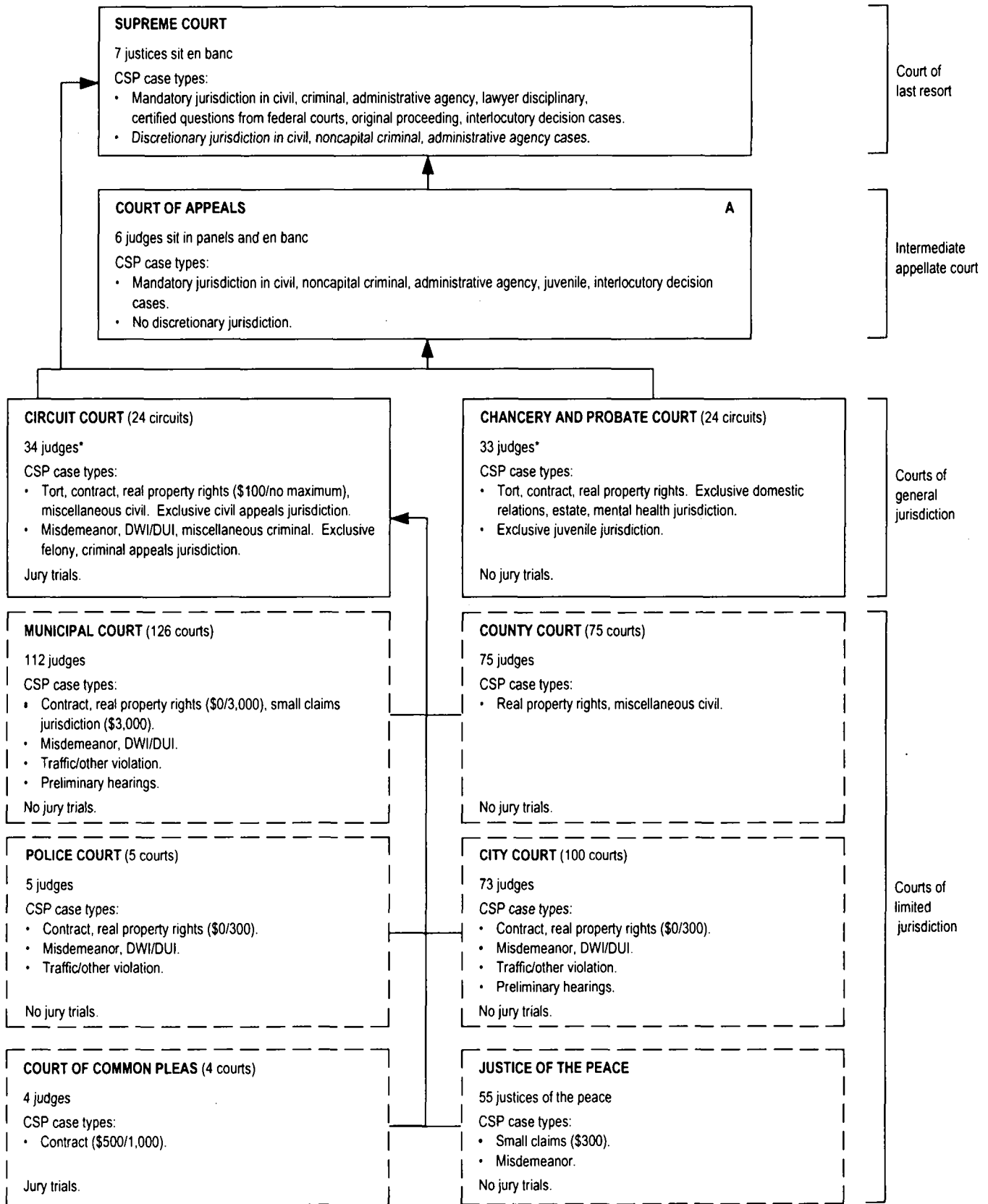
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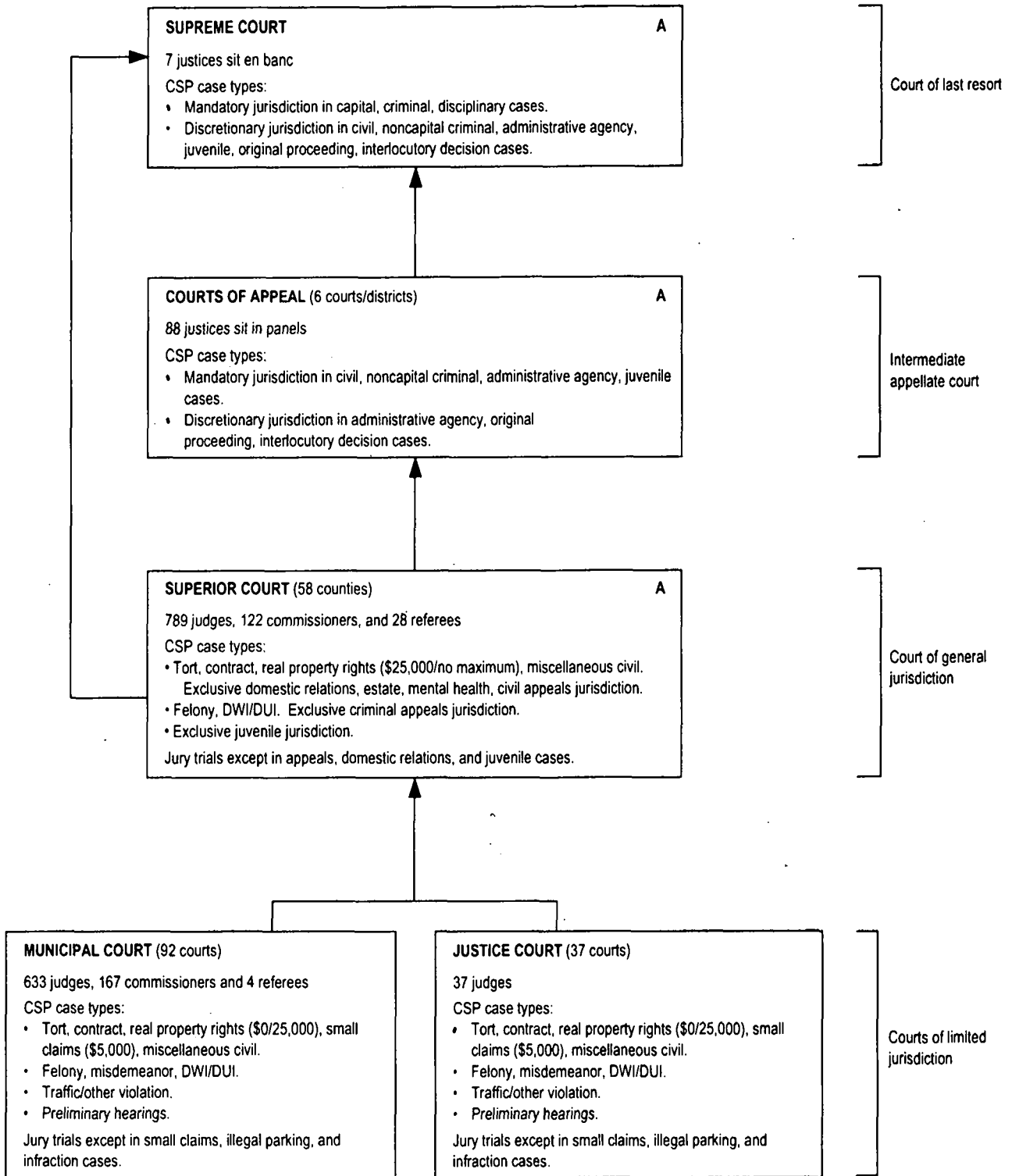


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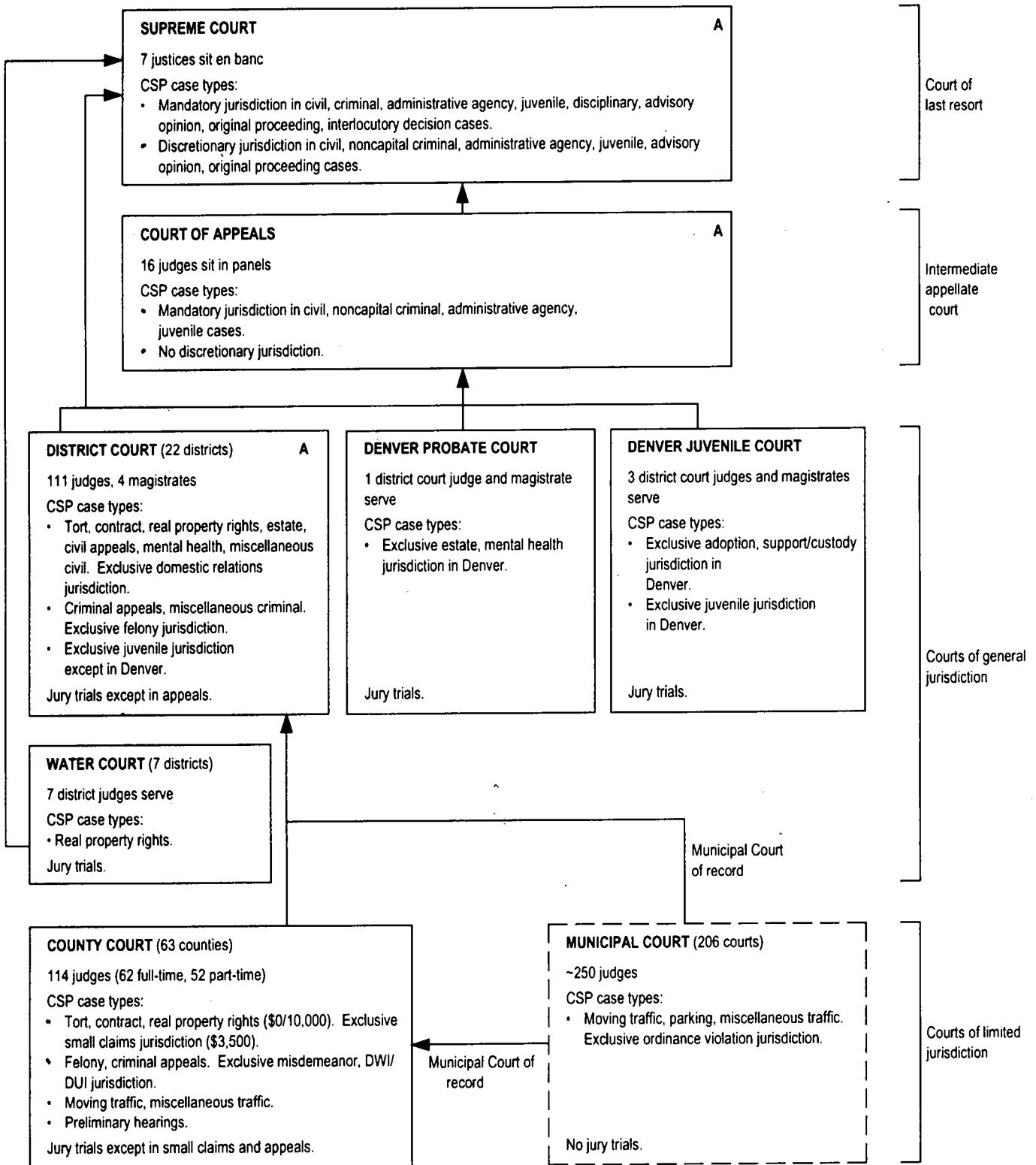


* Thirty-three additional judges serve both circuit and chancery courts, 27 of which are primarily responsible for the juvenile division of chancery court.

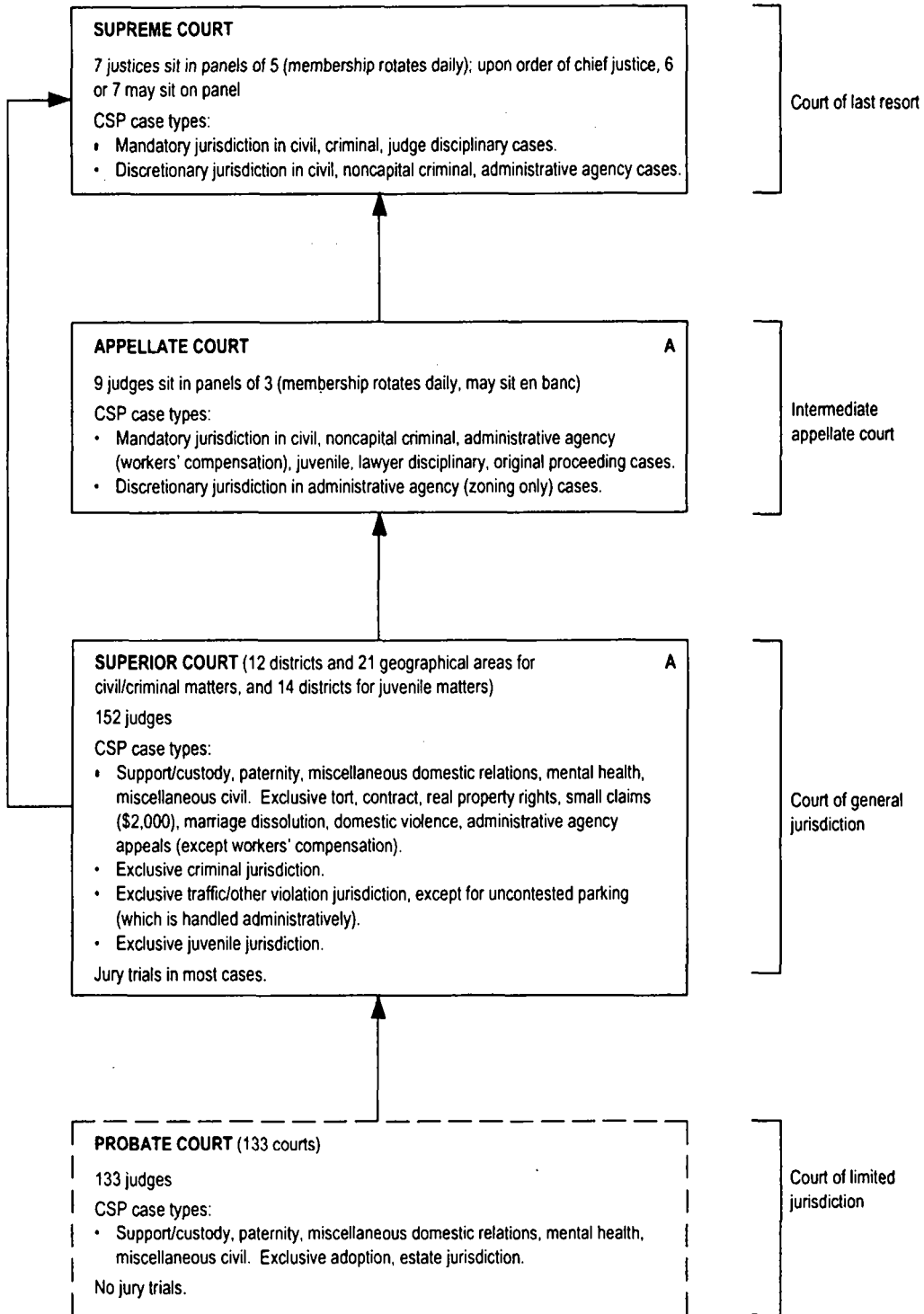
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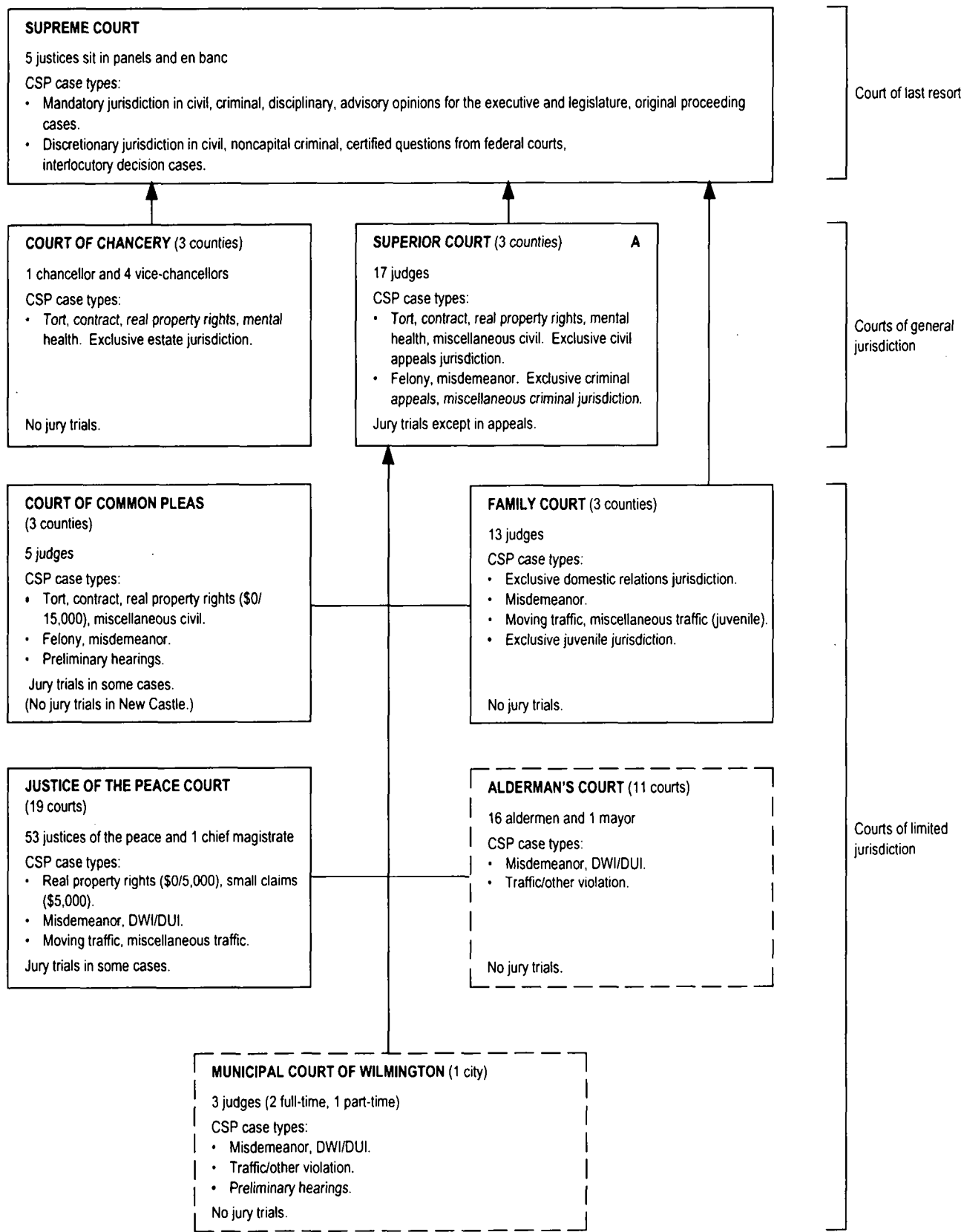
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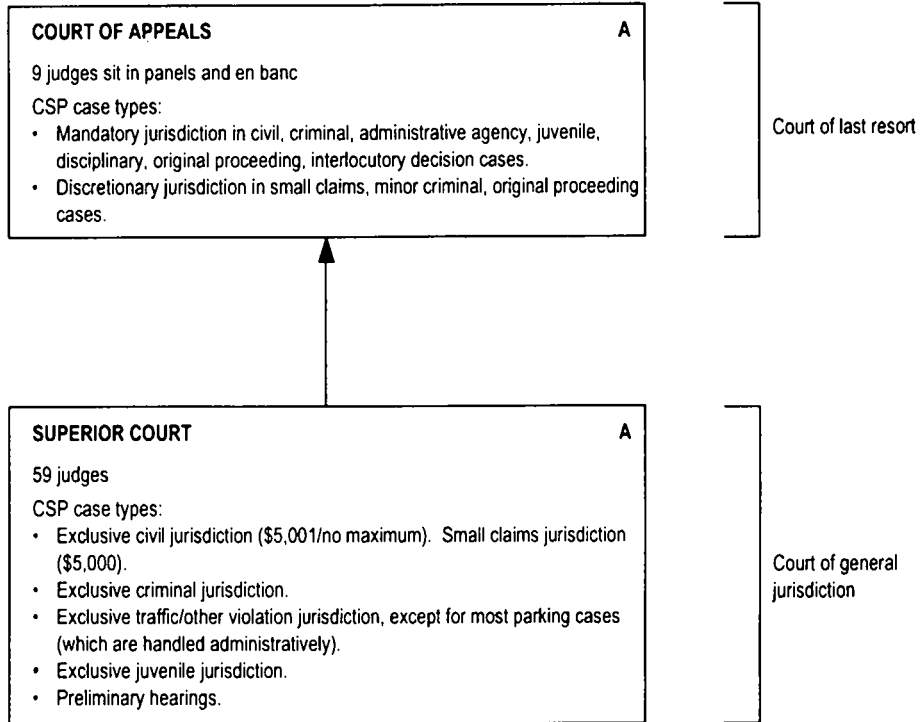
CONNECTICUT COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



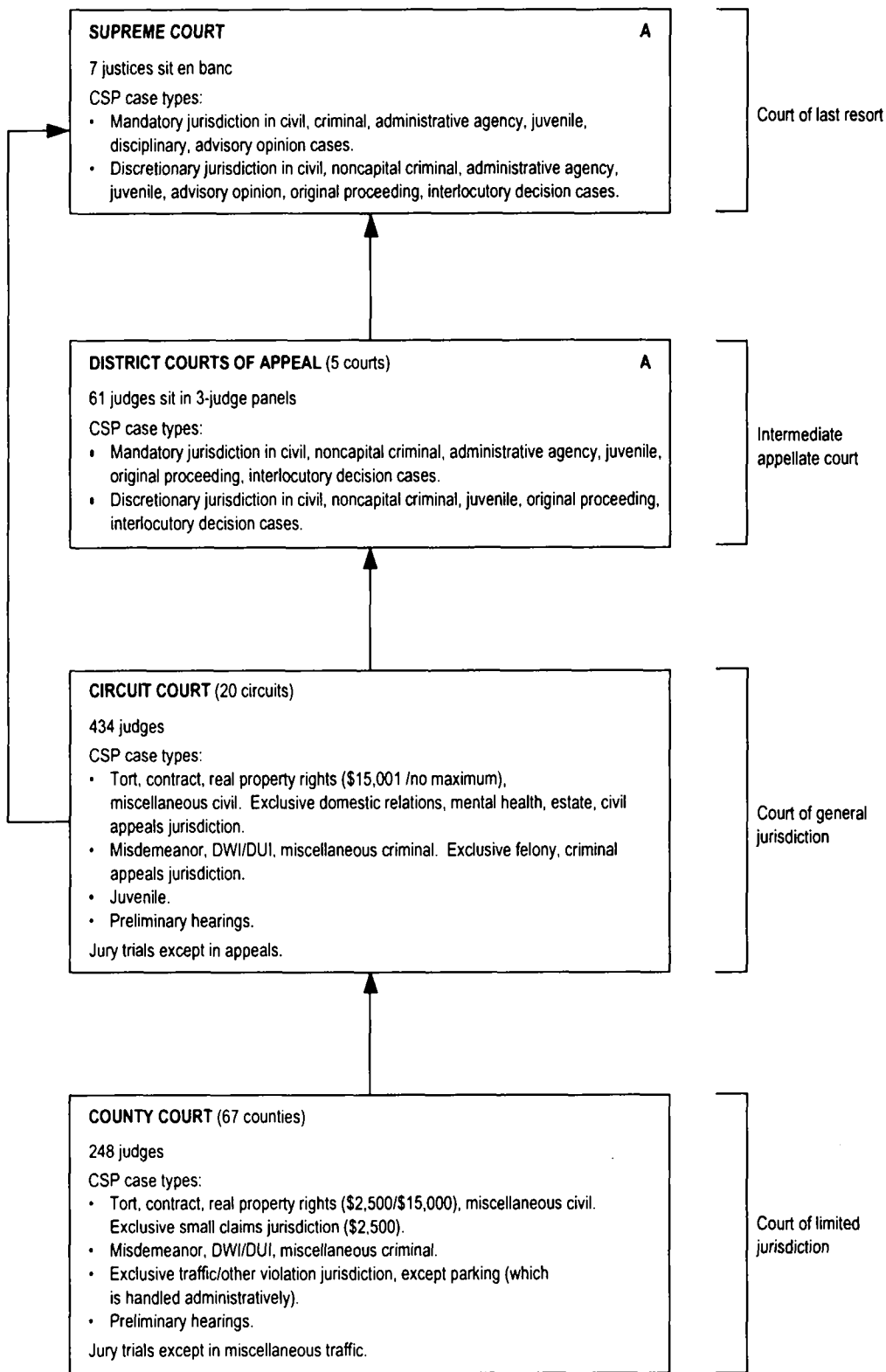
DELAWARE COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



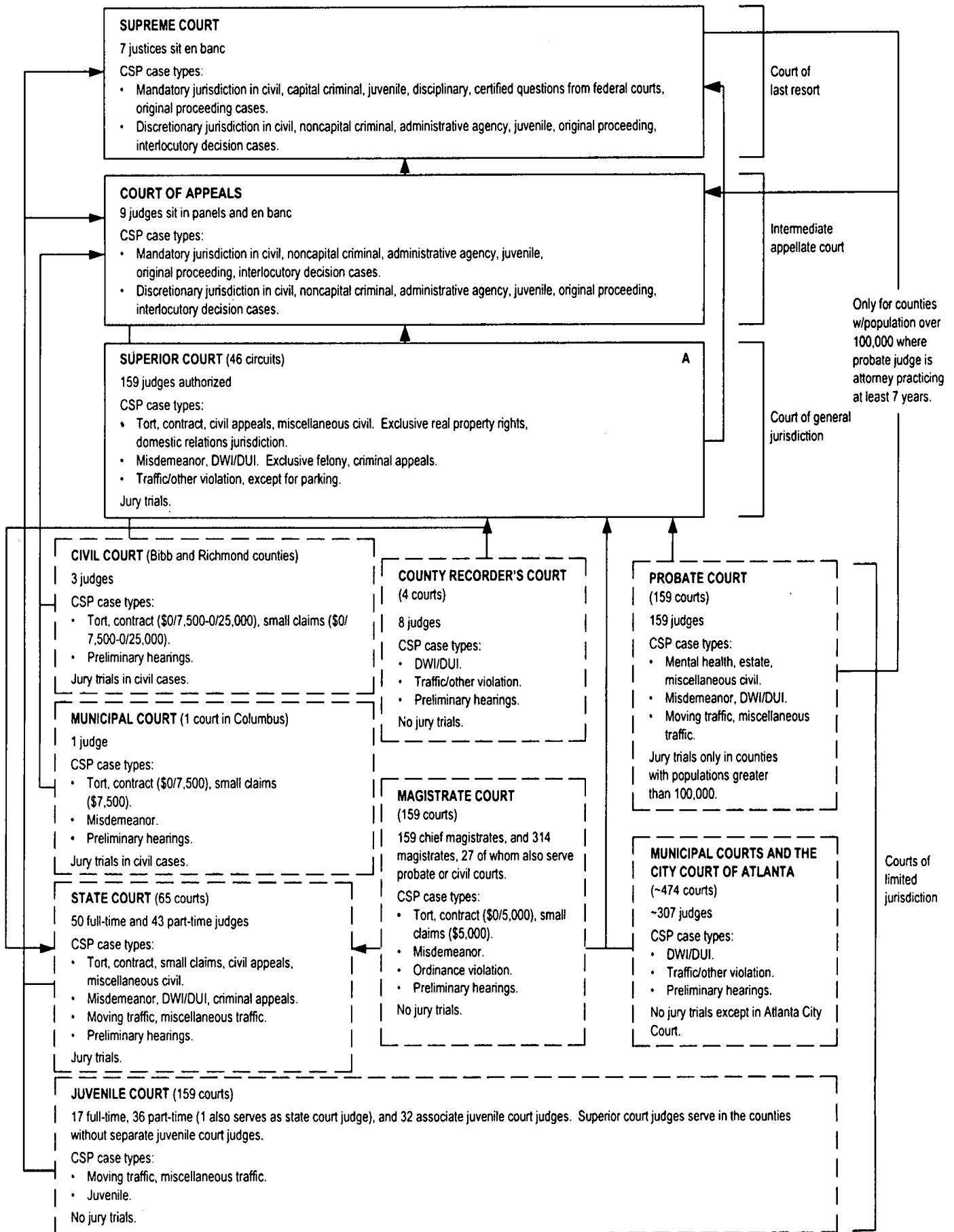
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



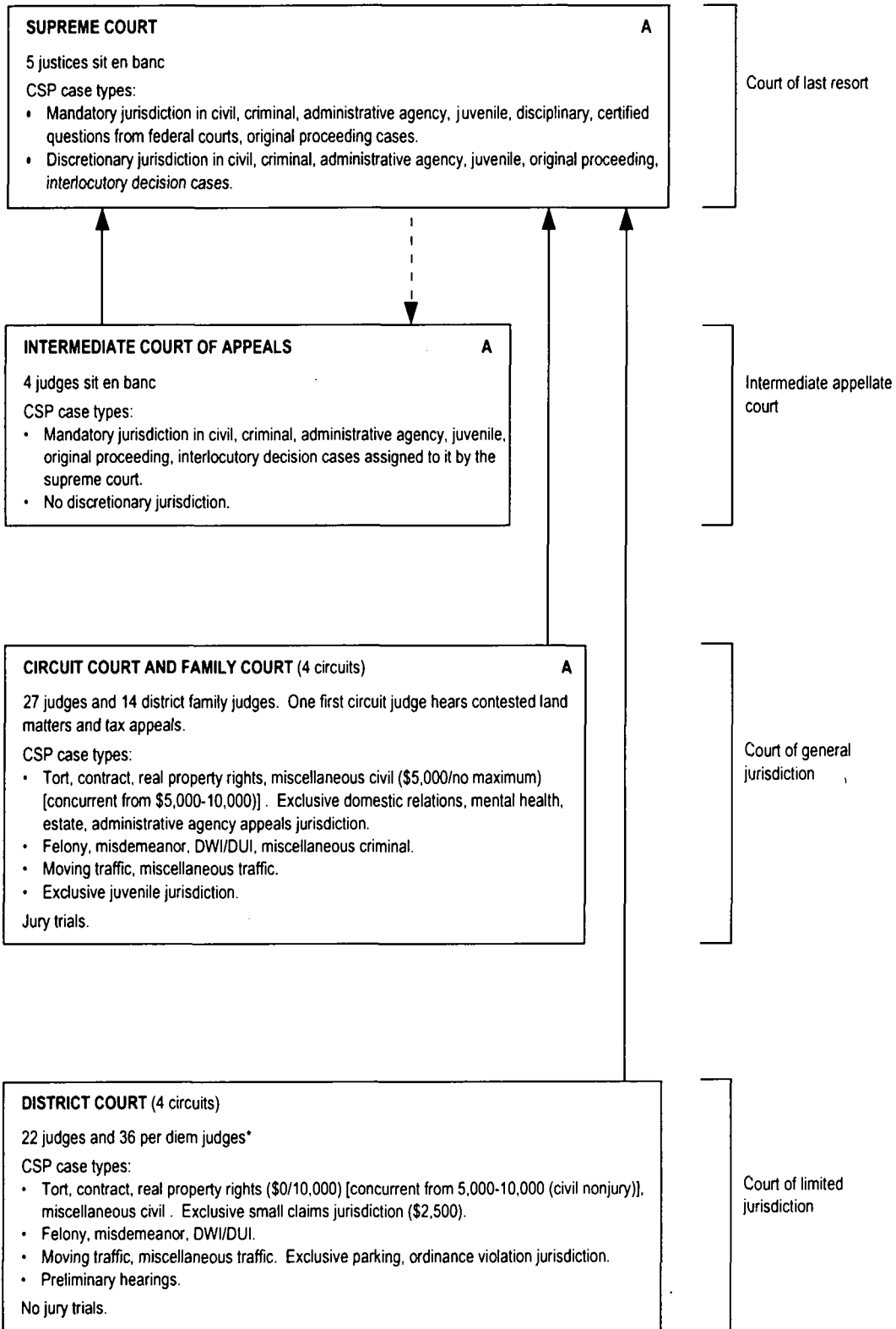
FLORIDA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



GEORGIA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



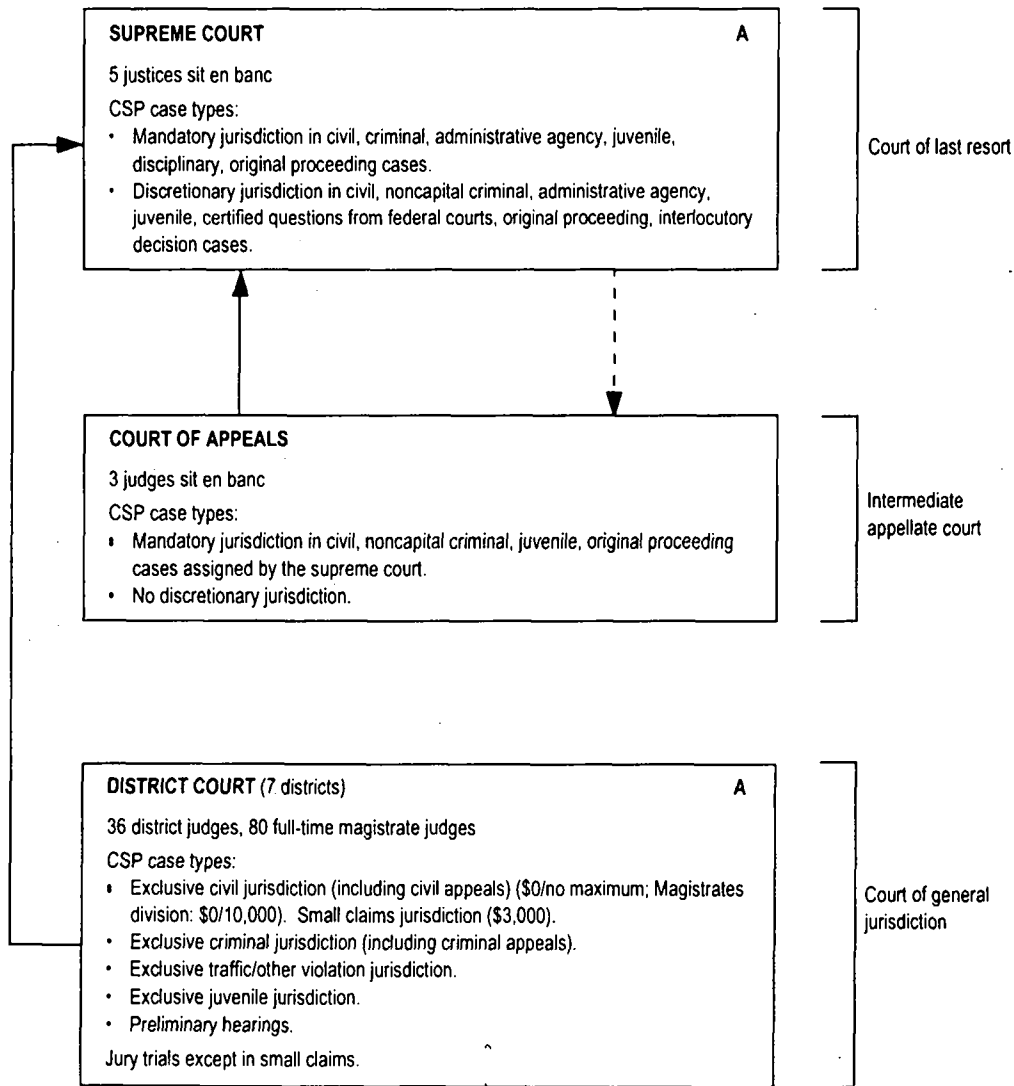
HAWAII COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



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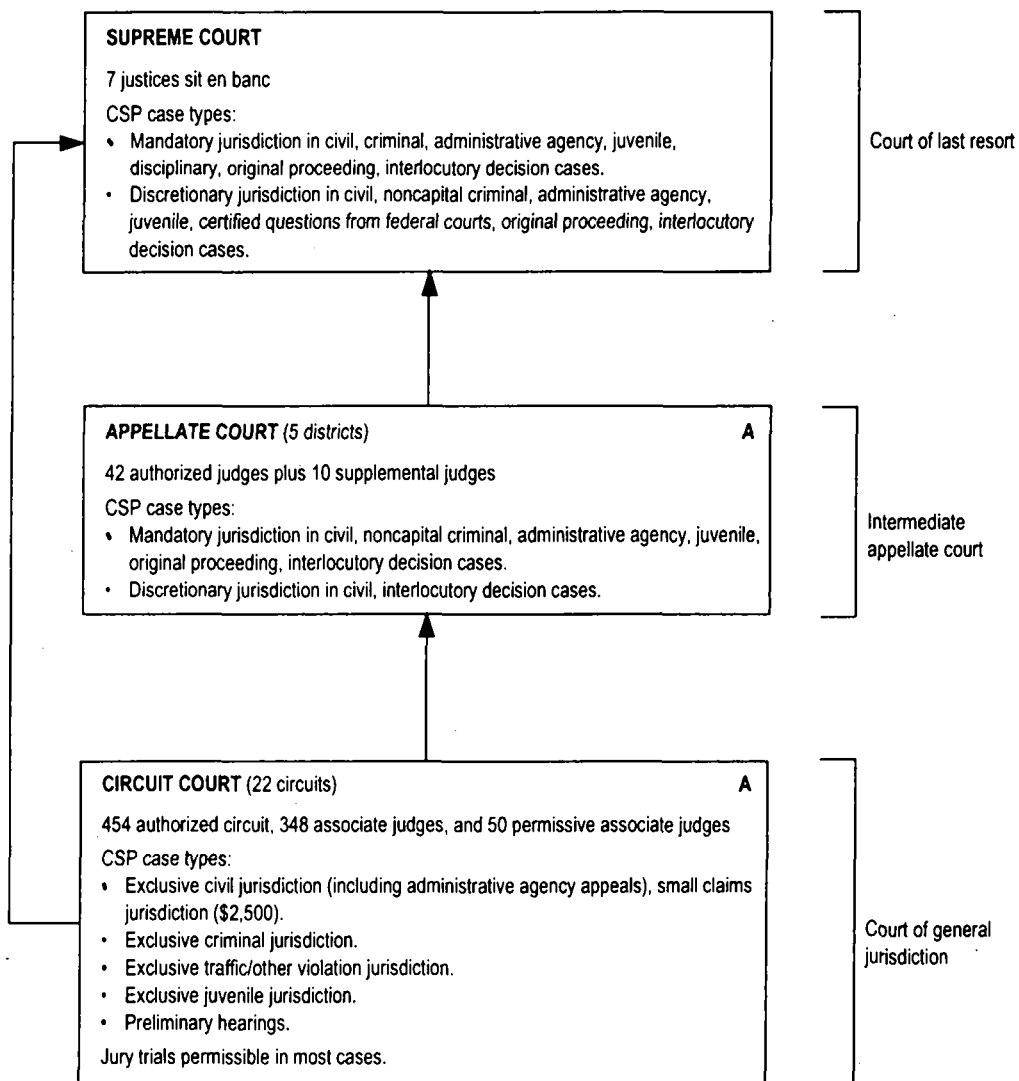
* Some per diem judges are assigned to serve as per diem district and family court judges in the first circuit.

IDAHO COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

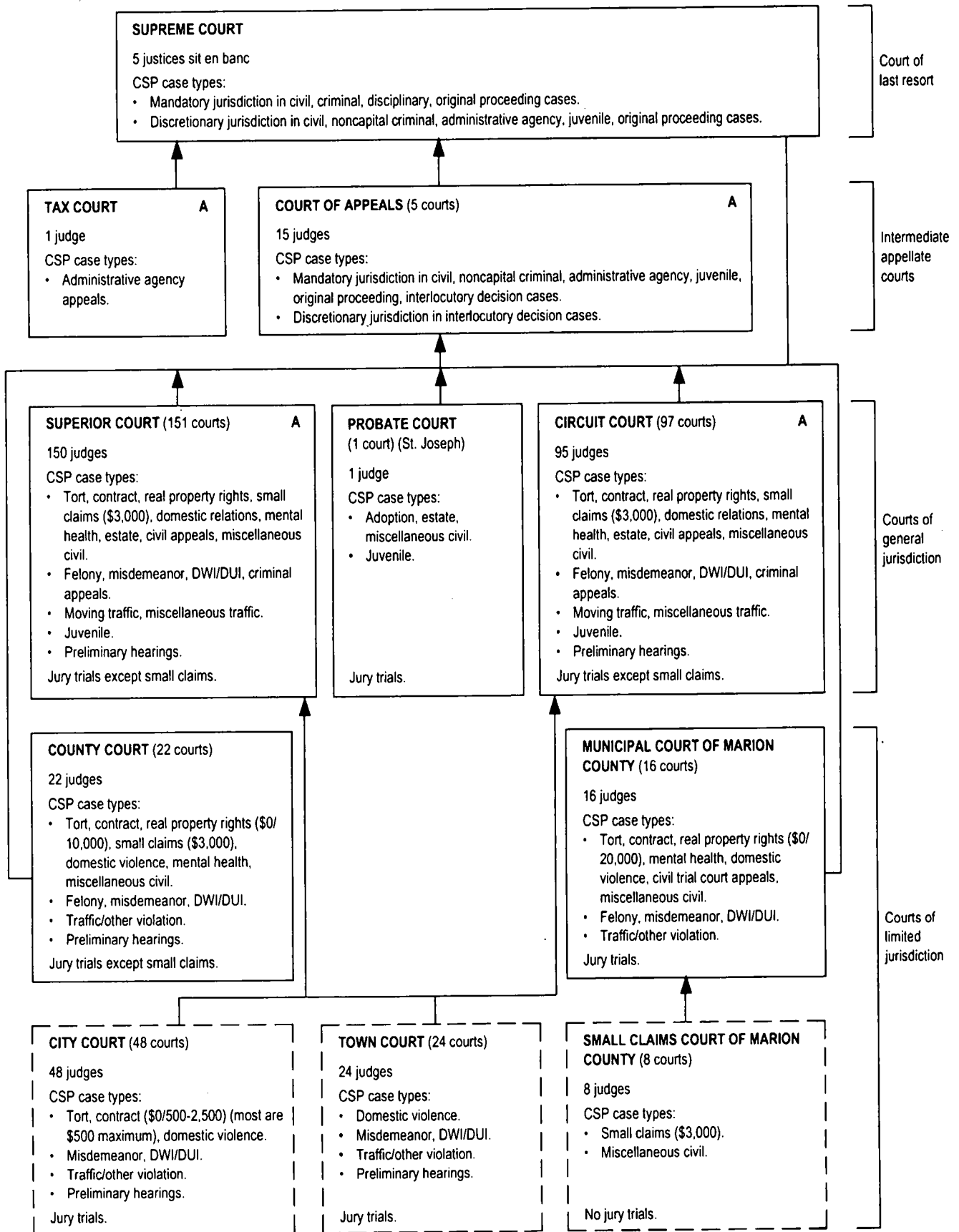


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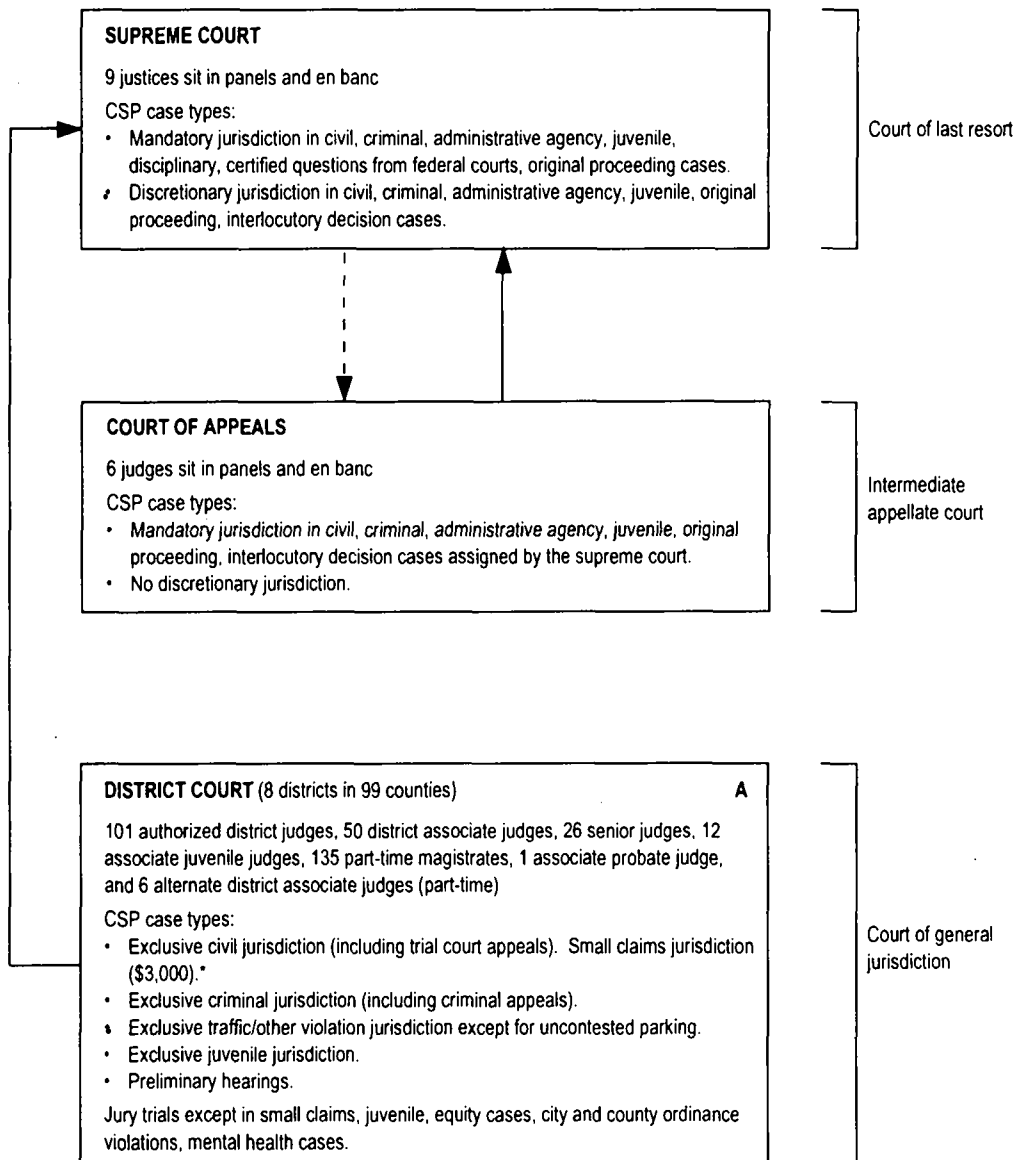
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INDIANA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



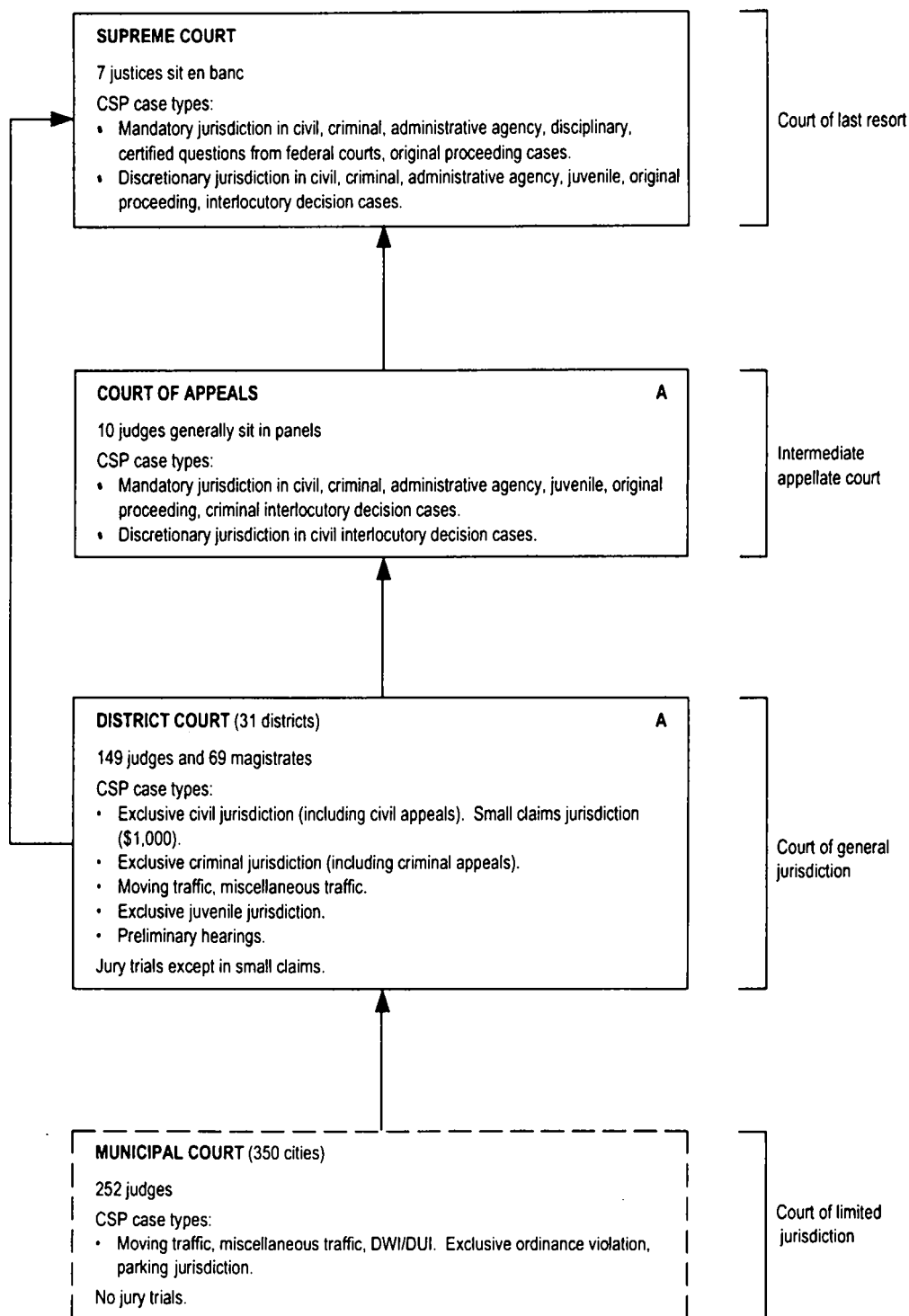
IOWA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



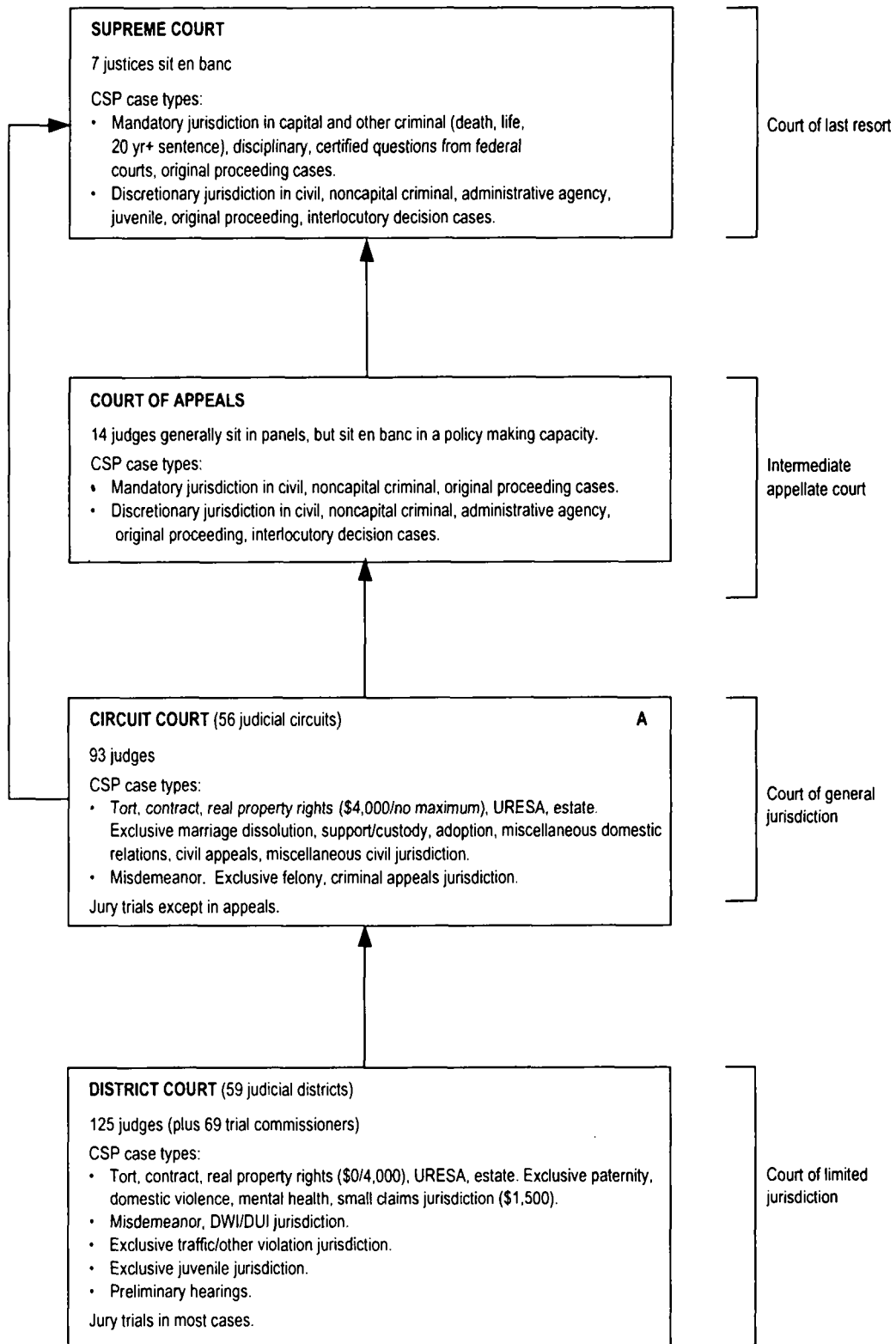
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* Effective July 1, 1994, small claims jurisdiction increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

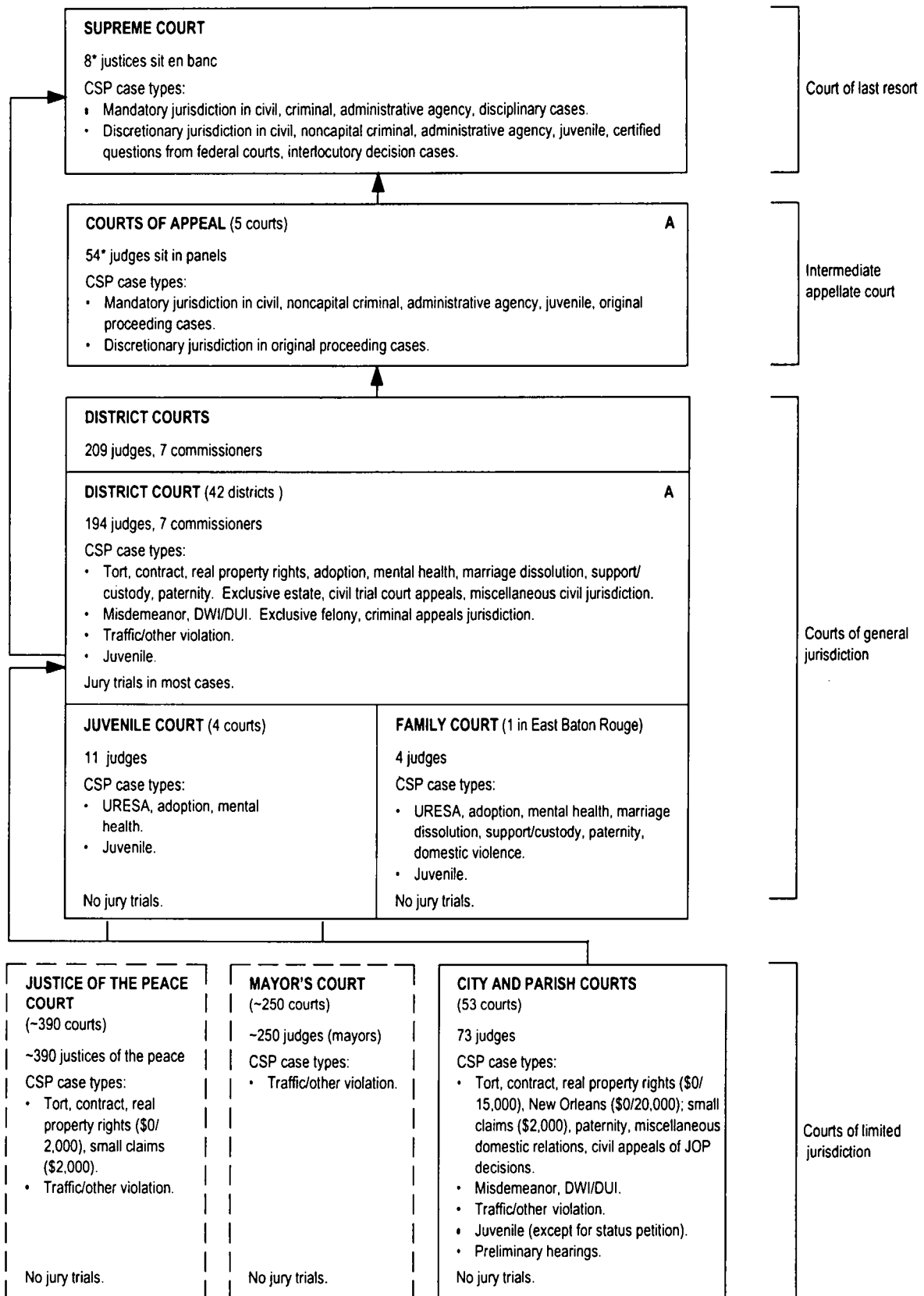
KANSAS COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



KENTUCKY COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

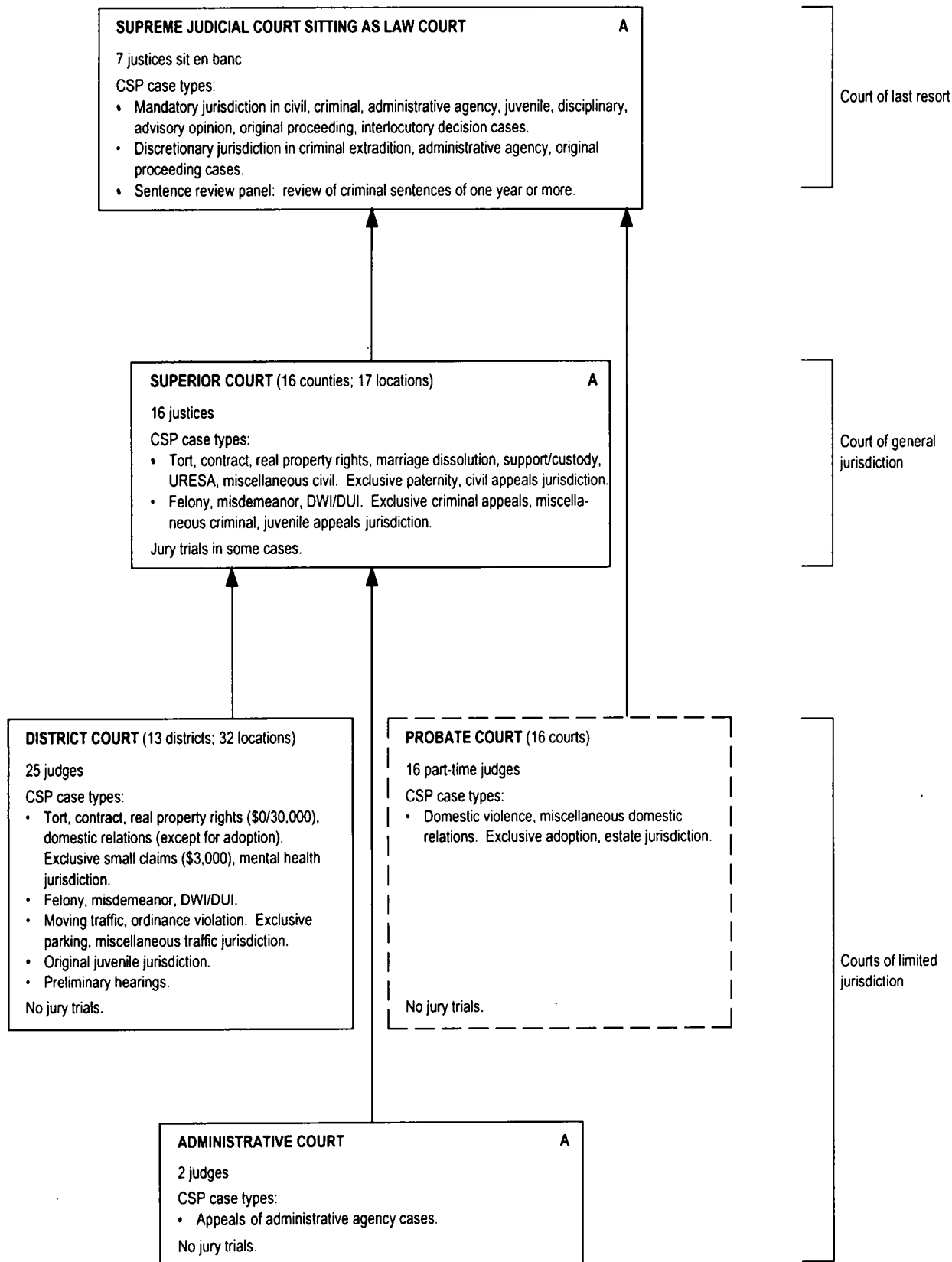


LOUISIANA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

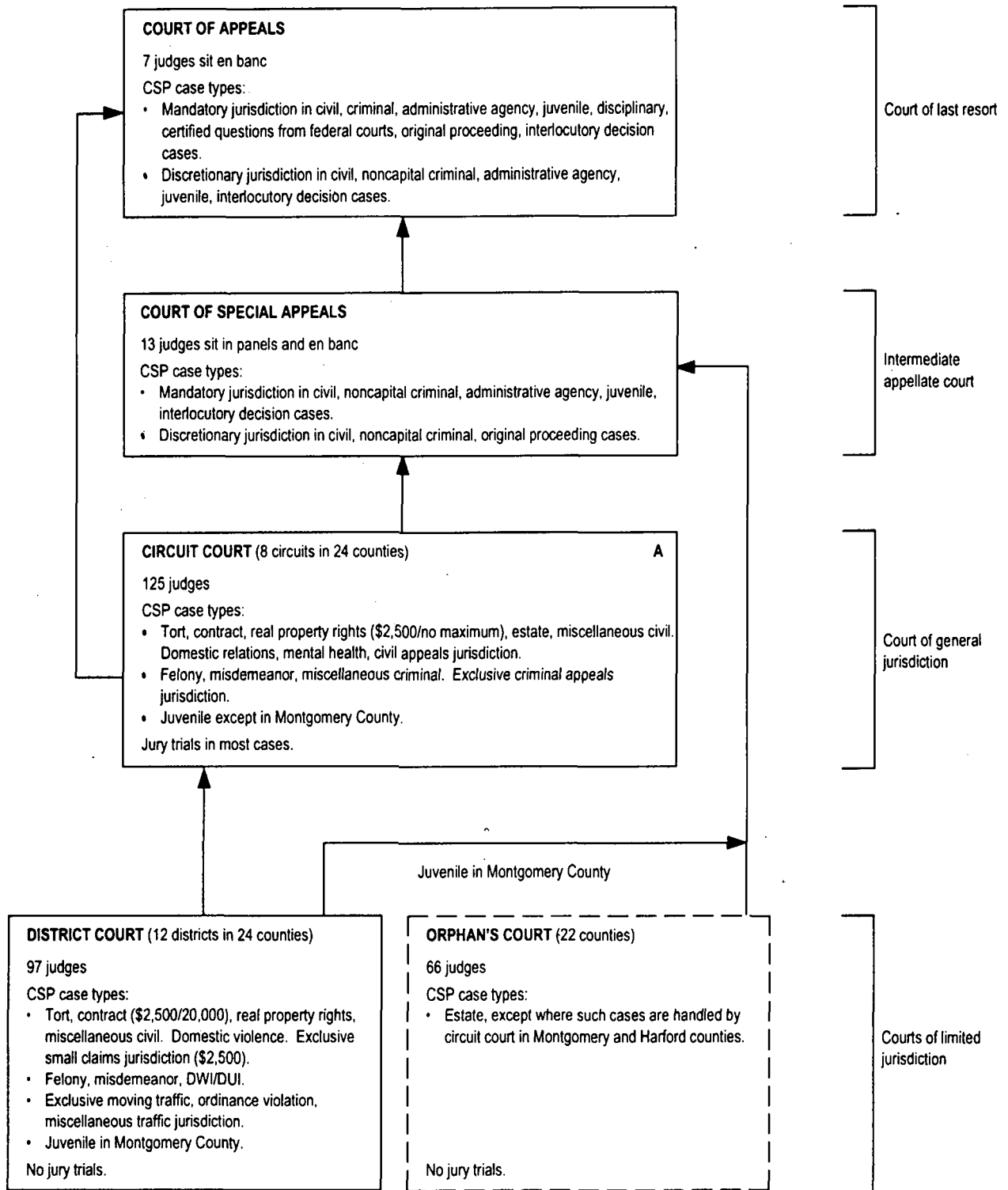


* Supreme court has 7 elected justices and 1 justice assigned from the courts of appeal. The assigned judge would bring the number of courts of appeal judges to 55. (This assignment is by state statute.)

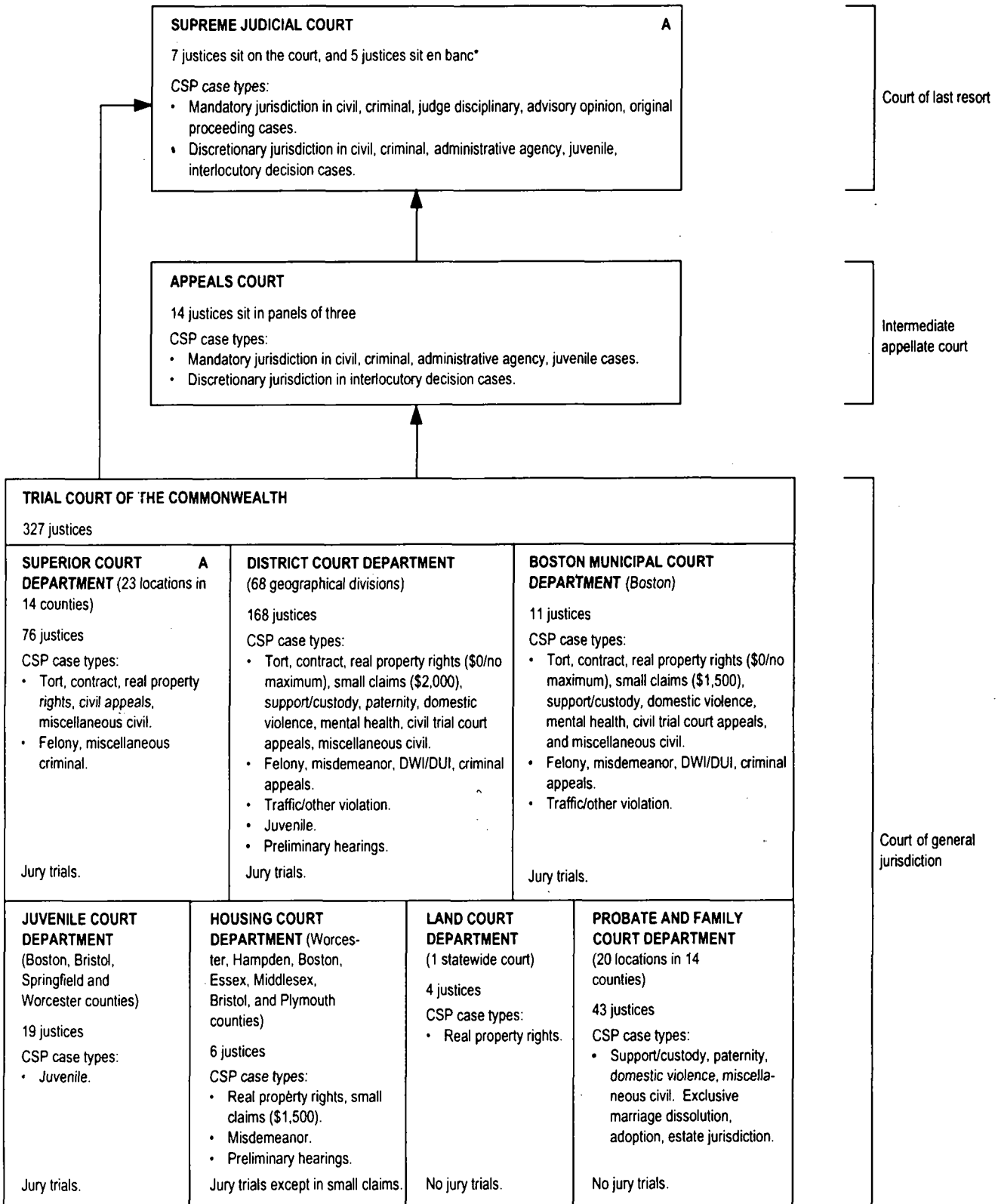
MAINE COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



MARYLAND COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

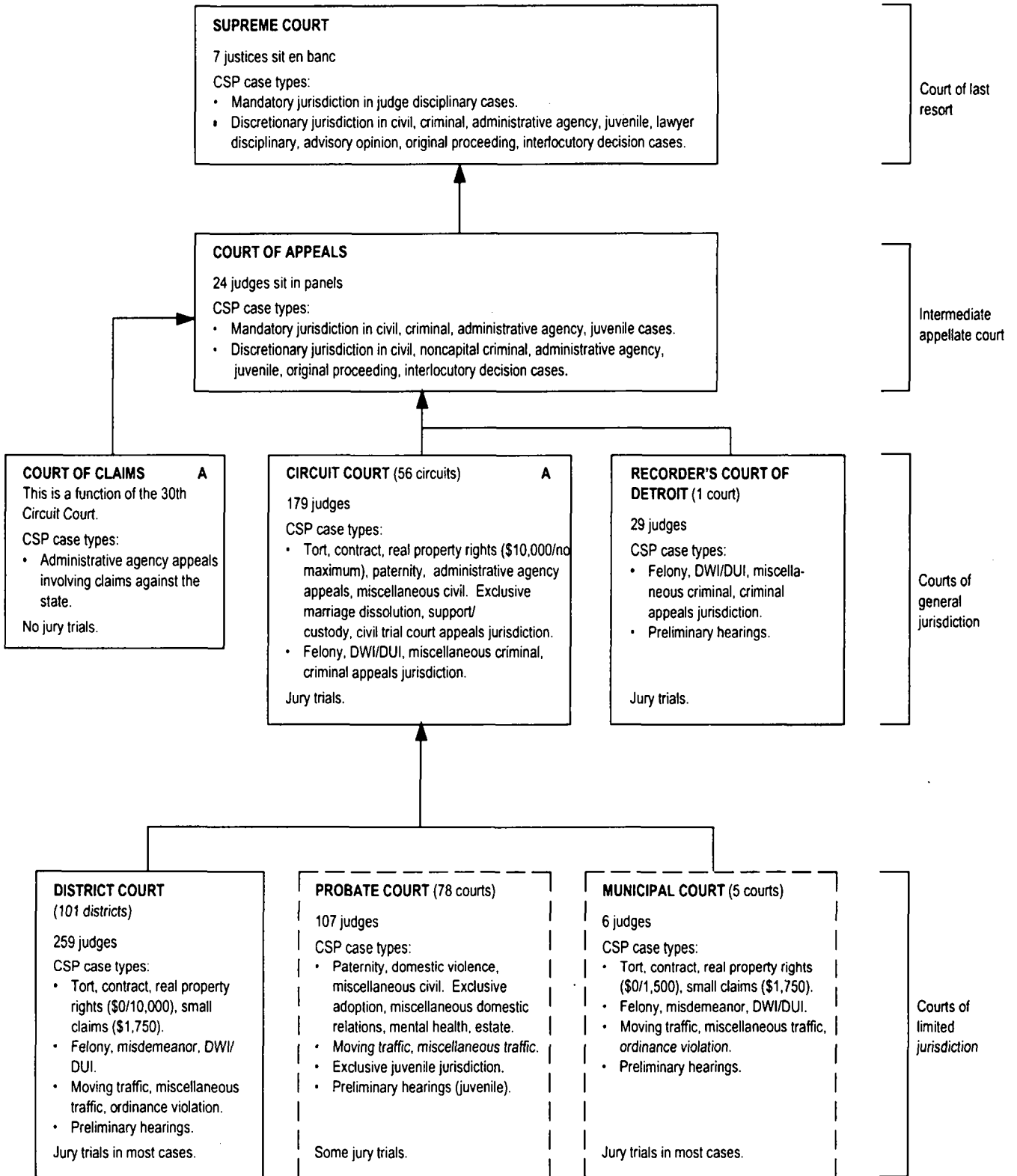


MASSACHUSETTS COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

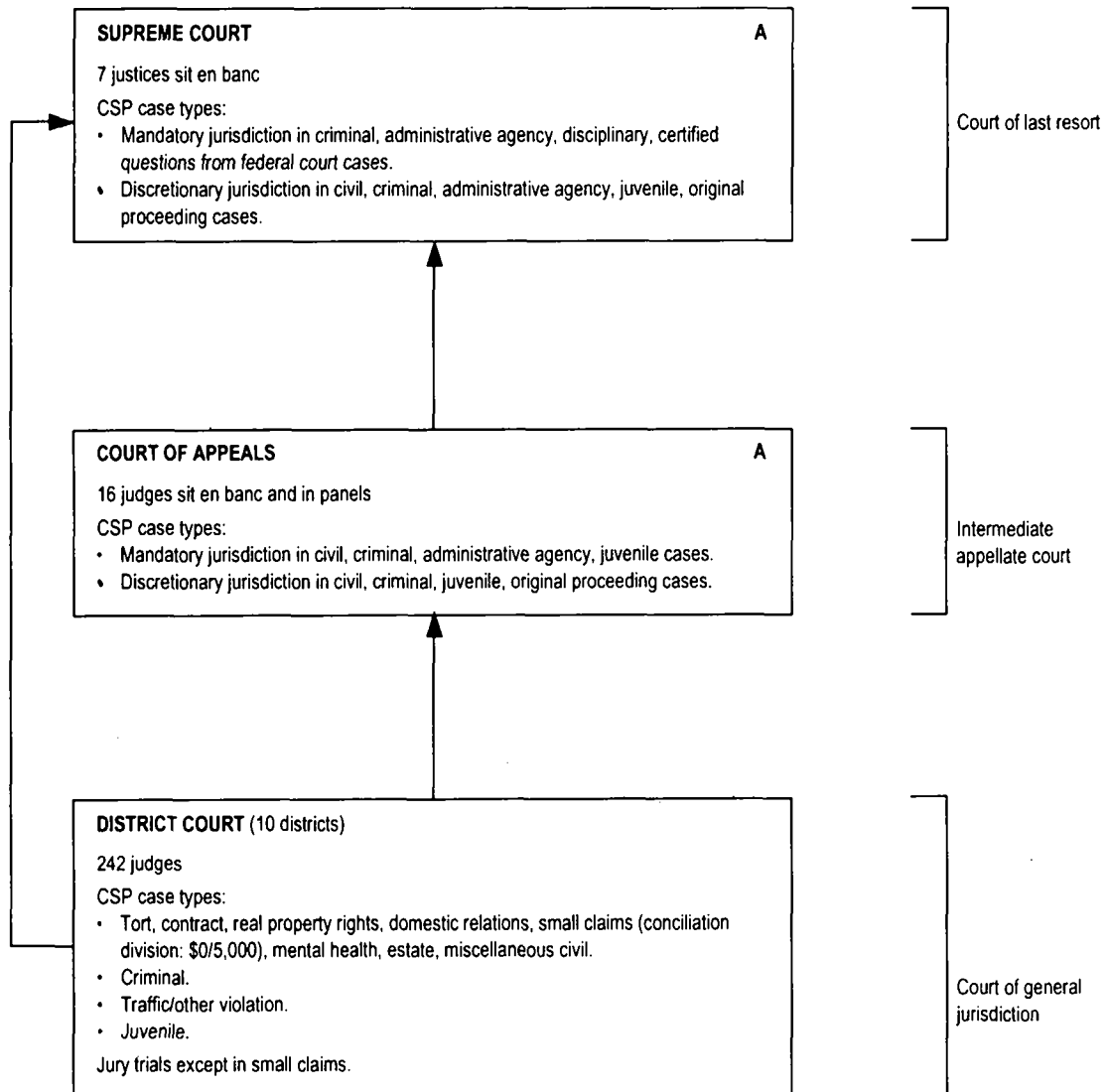


* The justices also sit individually in the "single justice" side of the court, on a rotating basis.

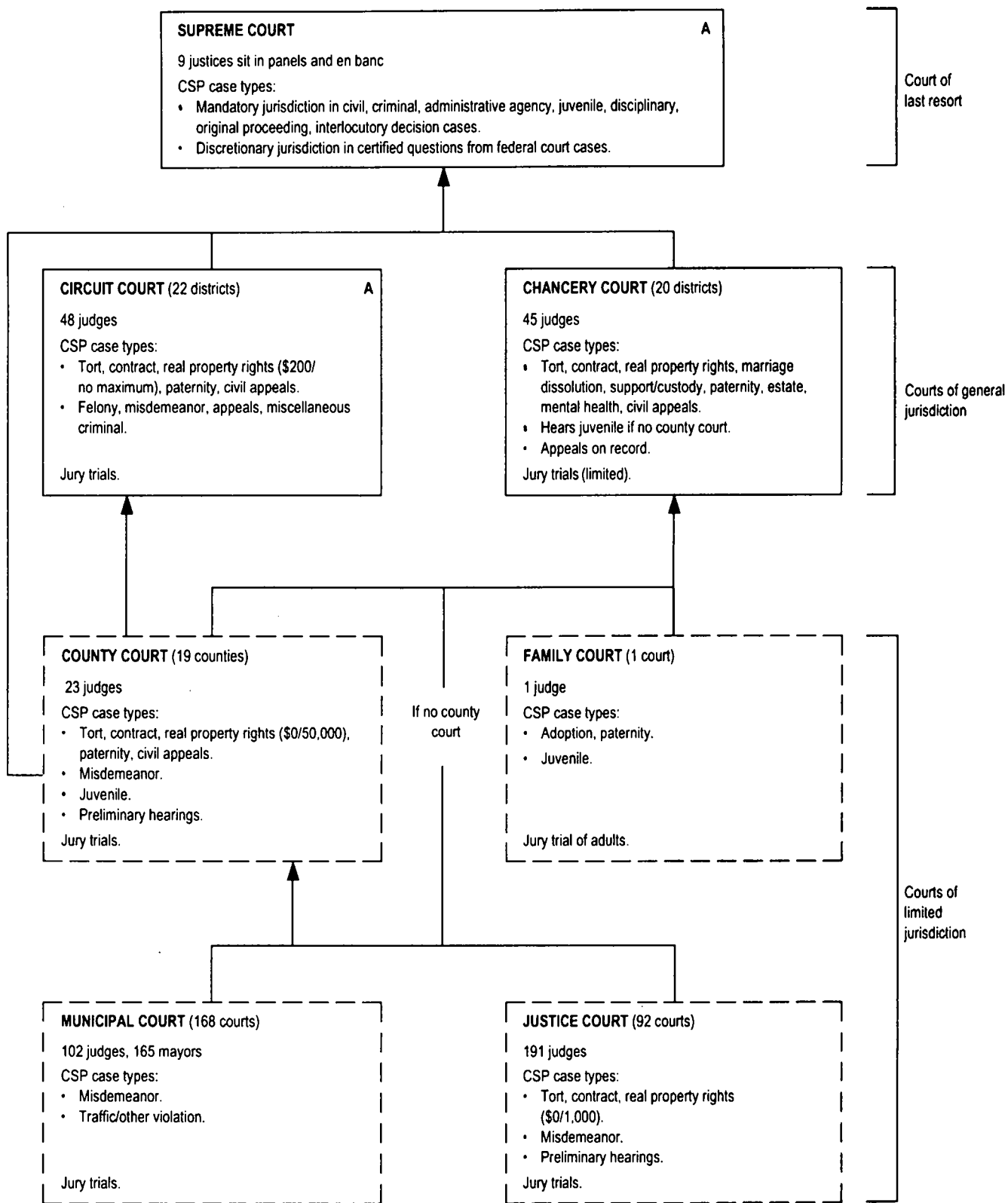
MICHIGAN COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



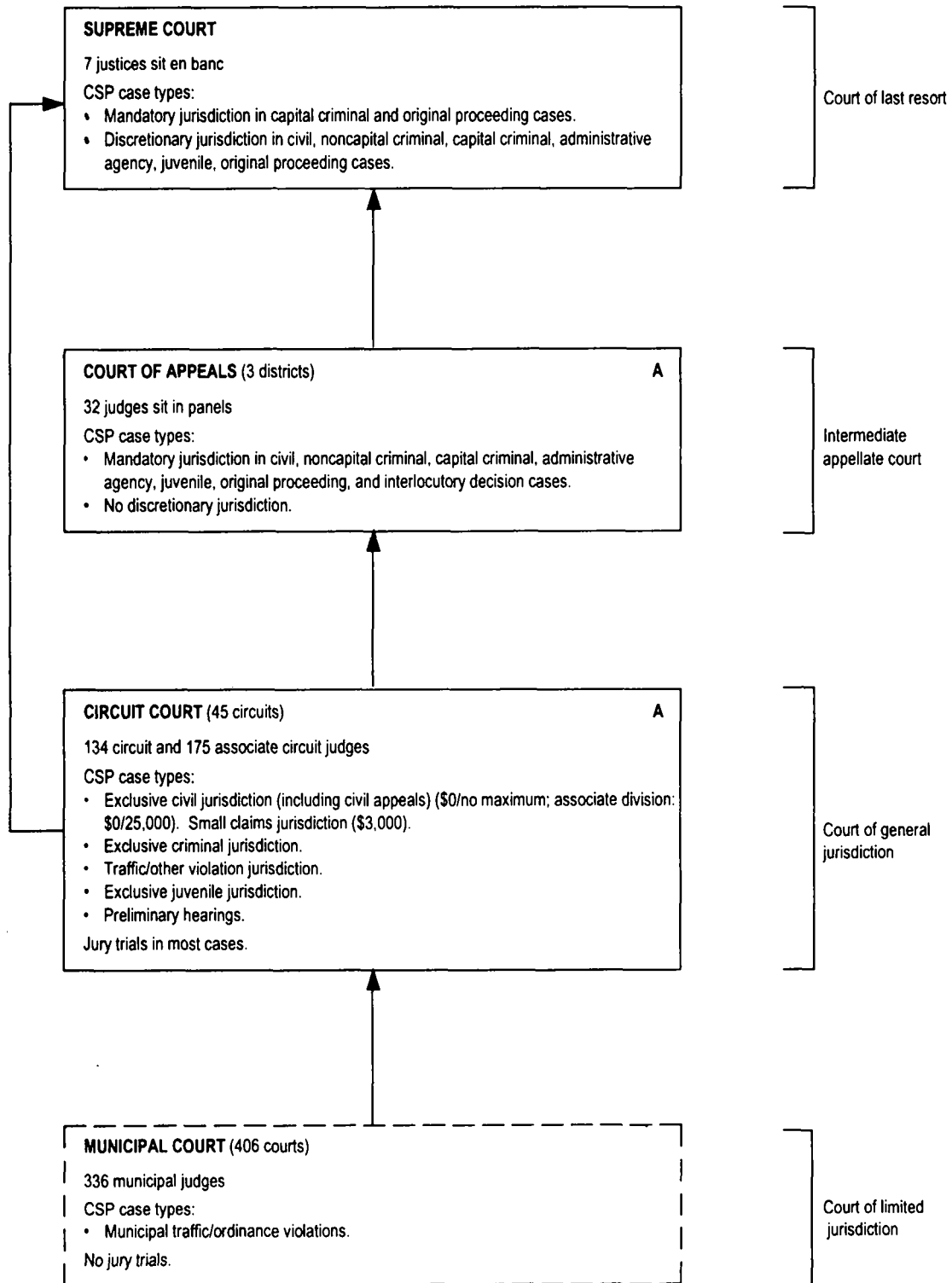
MINNESOTA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



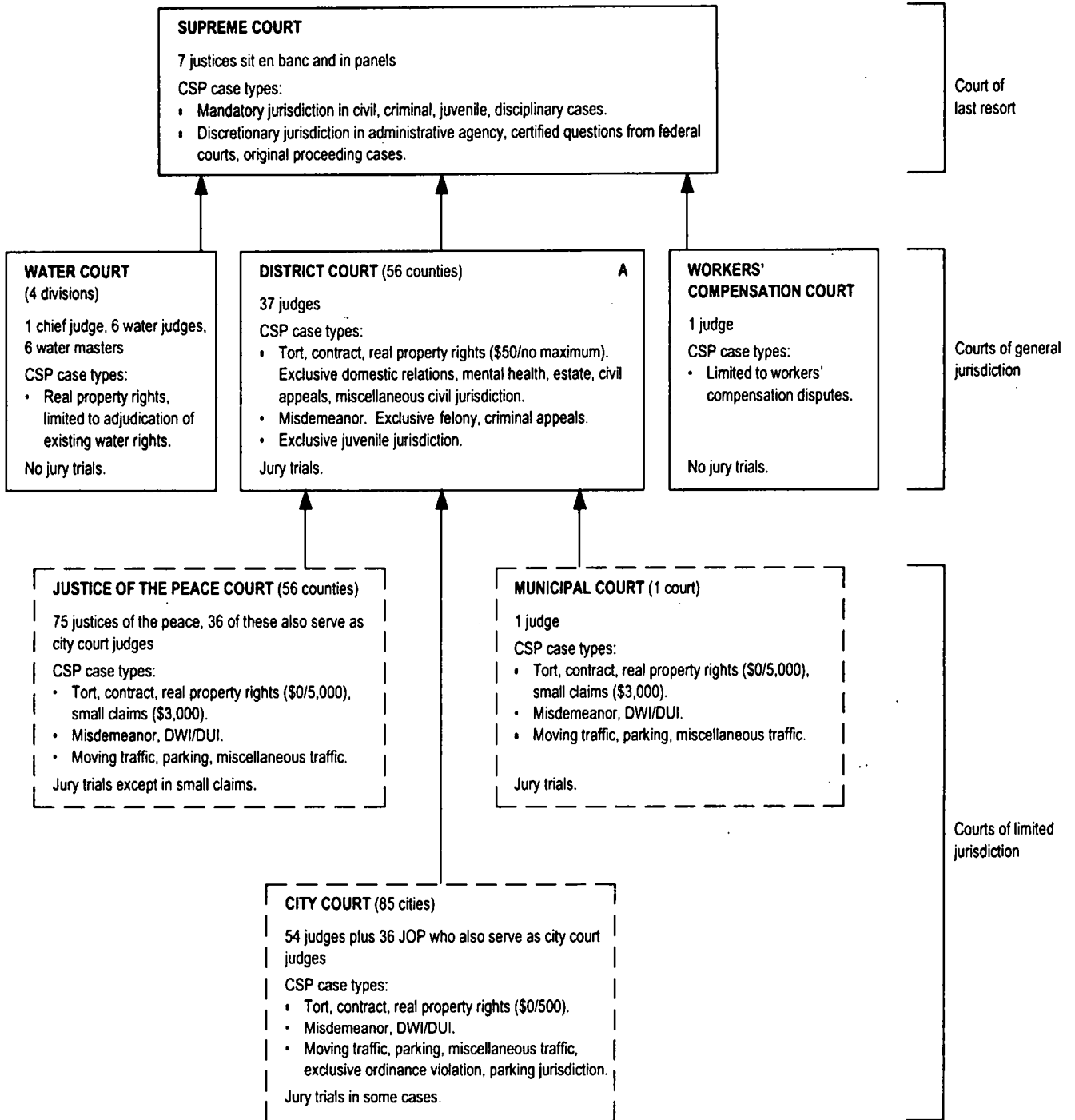
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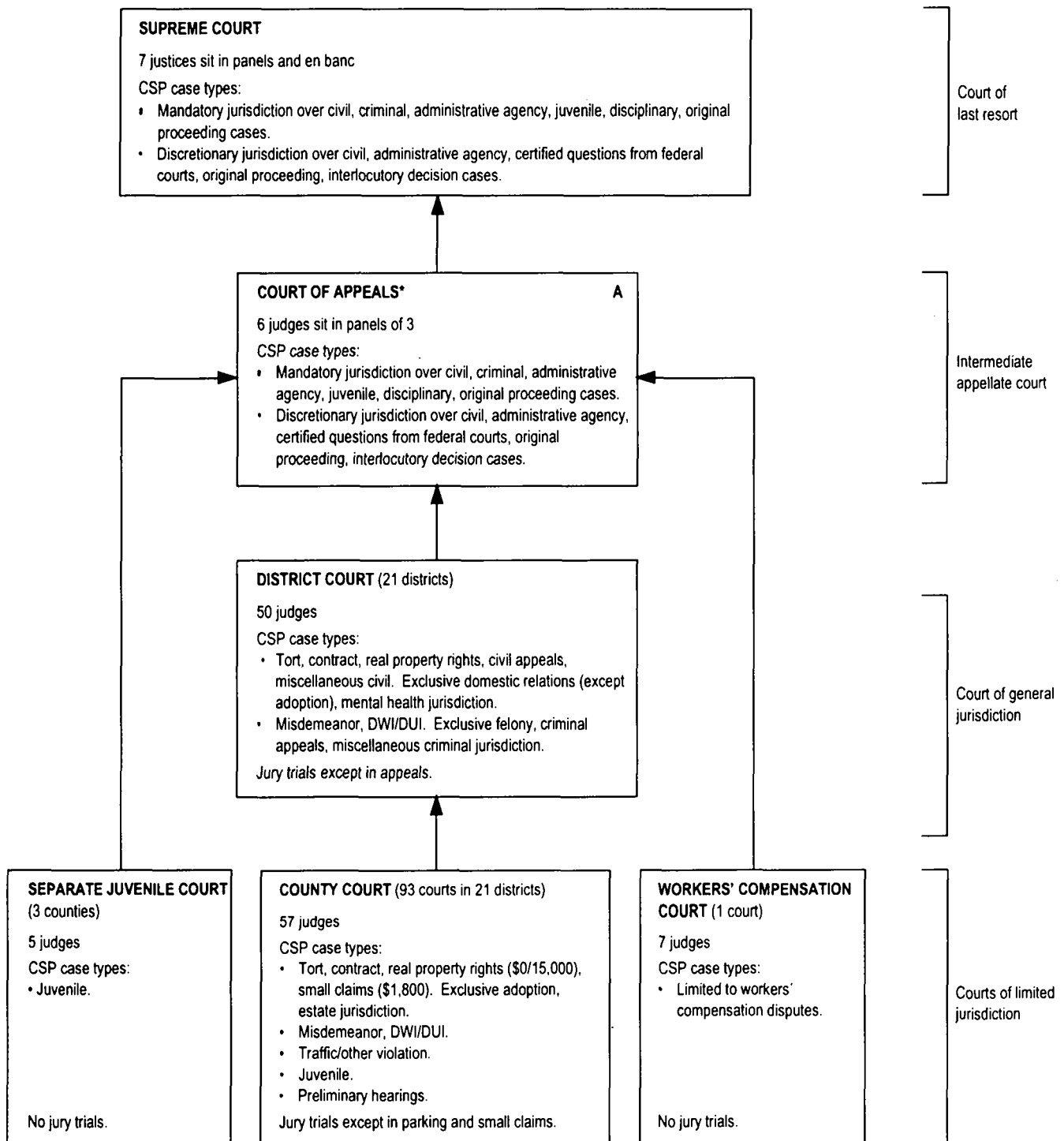
MISSOURI COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



MONTANA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

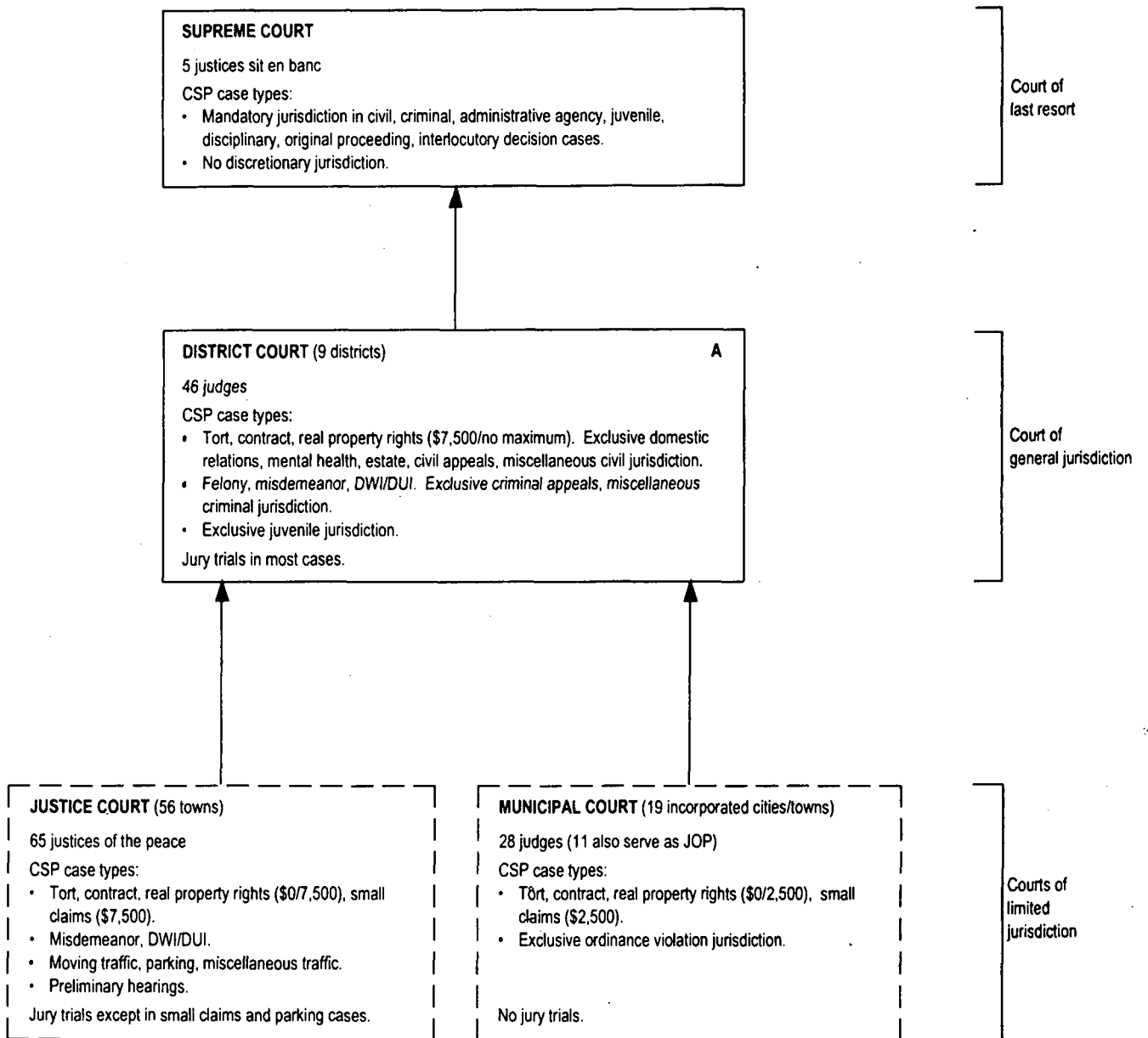


NEBRASKA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

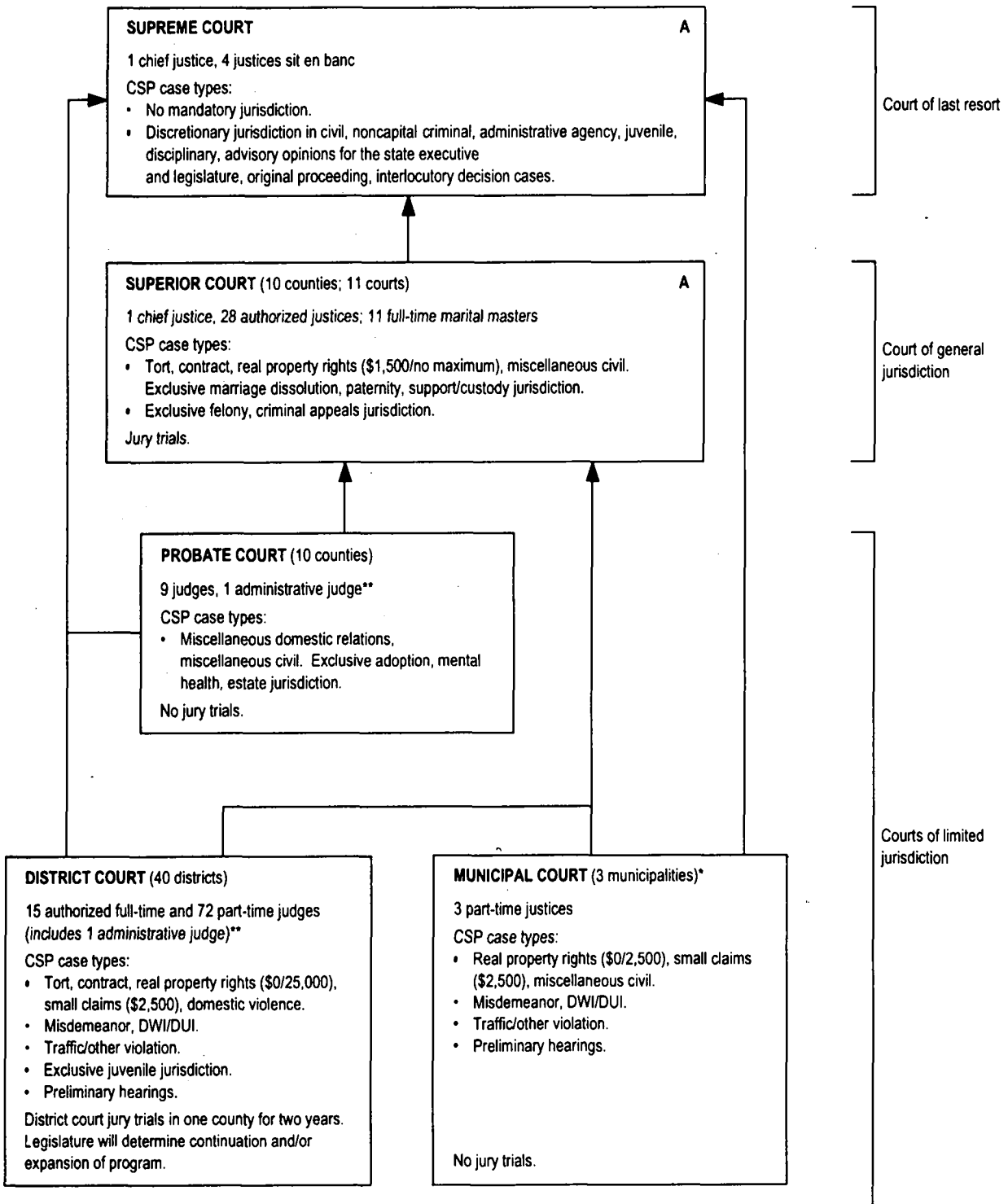


* The Nebraska Court of Appeals was established September 6, 1991.

NEVADA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



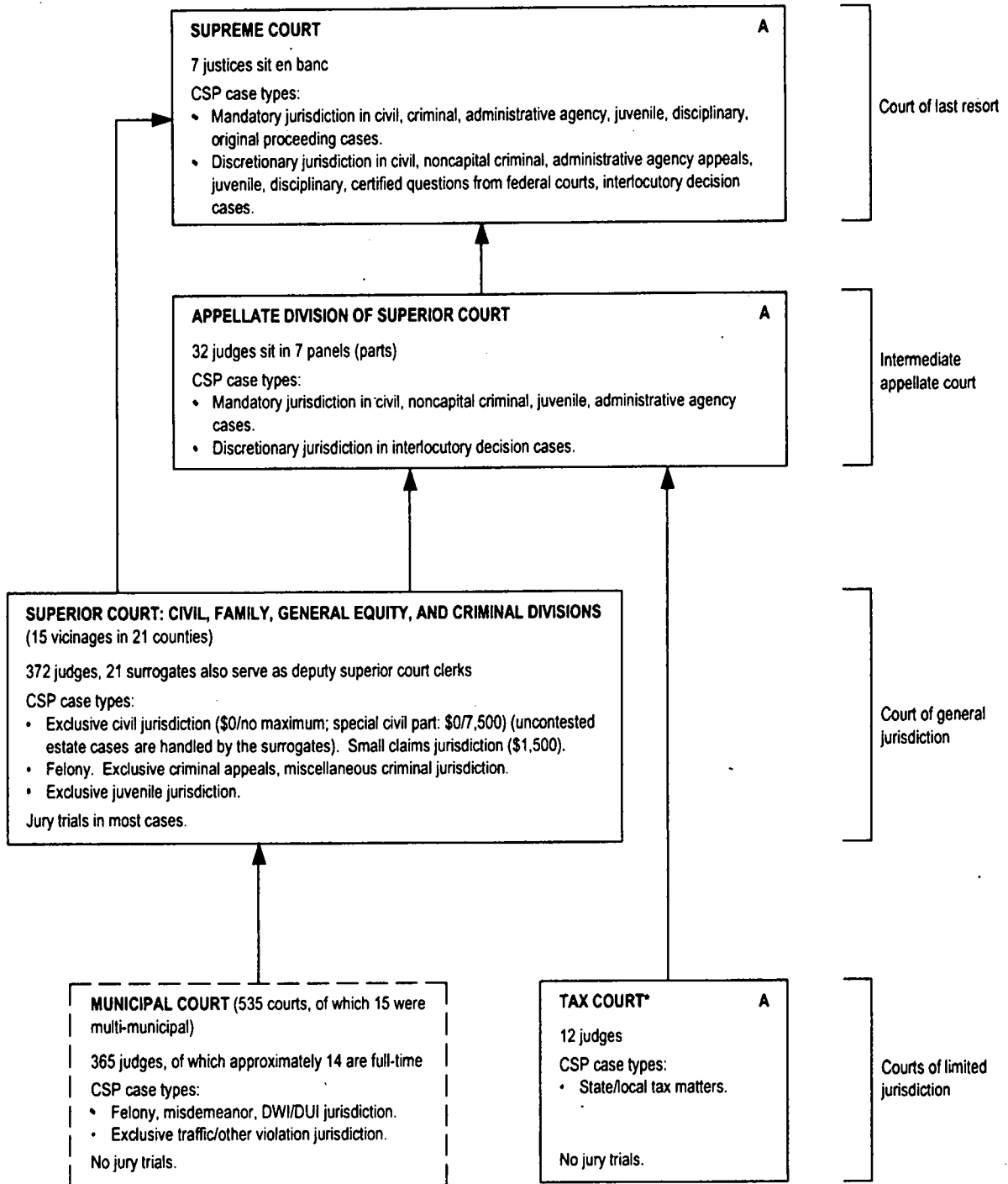
NEW HAMPSHIRE COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



* The municipal court is being phased out (by statute) upon retirement and/or resignation of sitting justices.

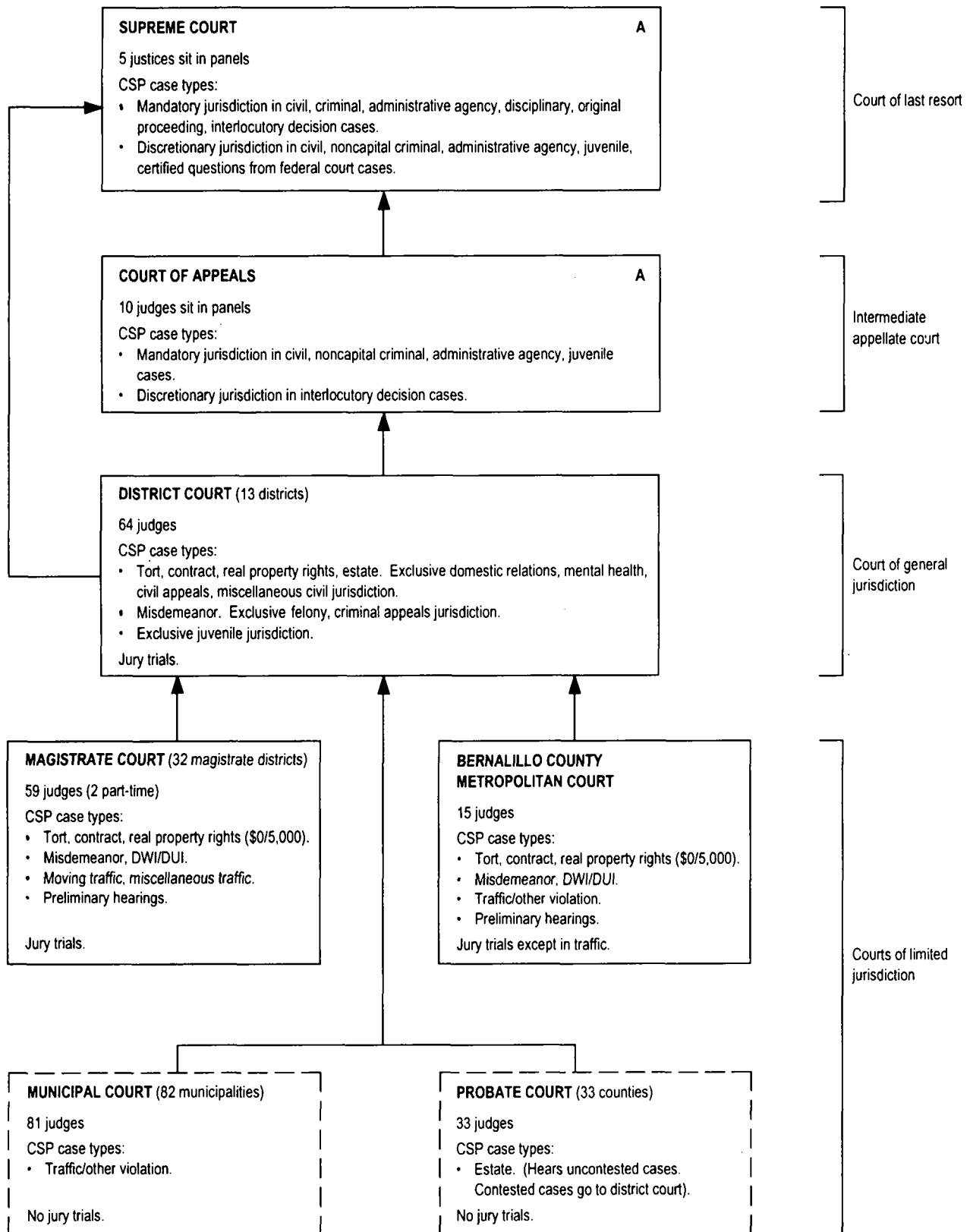
** Administrative judges also sit on the bench.

NEW JERSEY COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

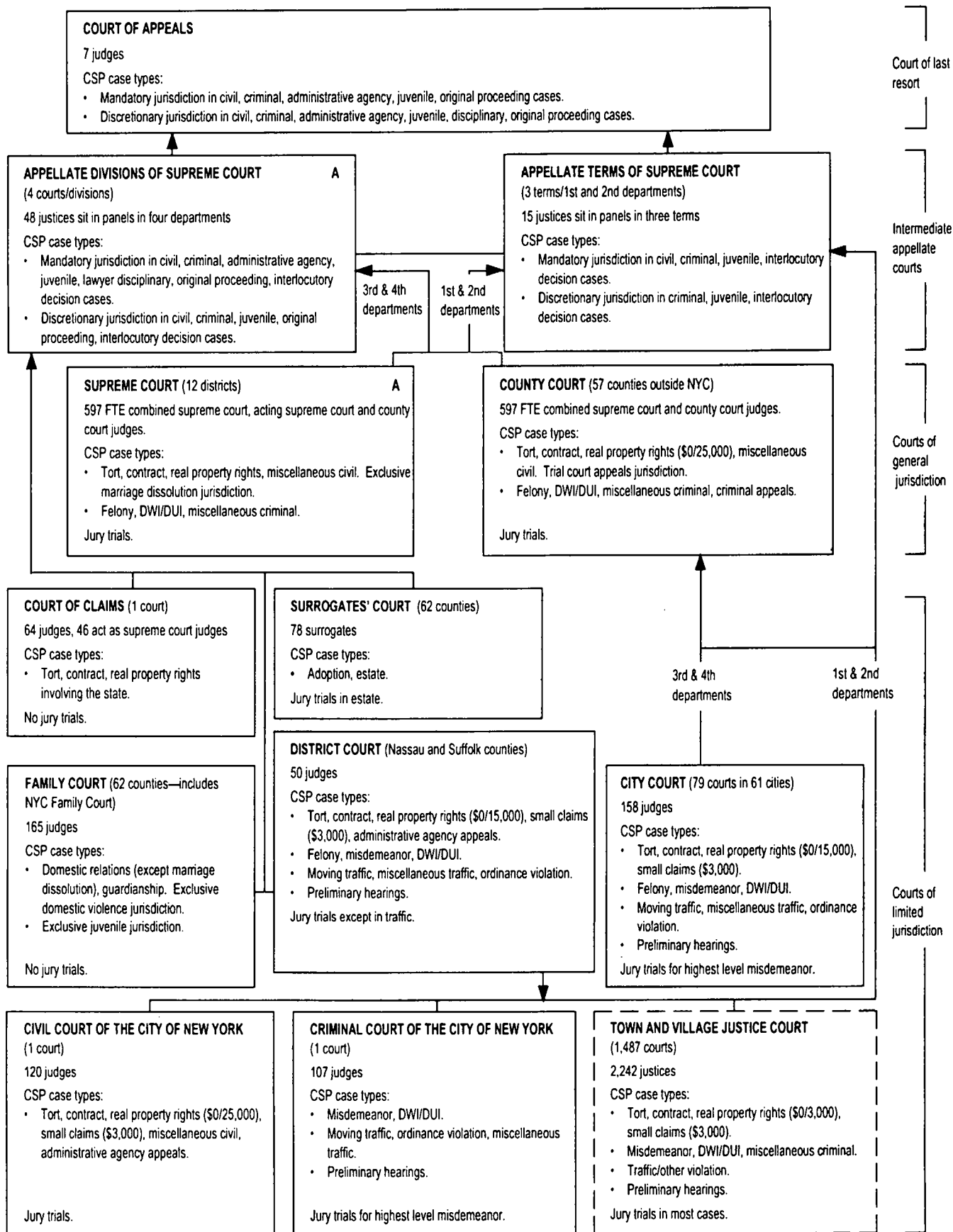


- * Tax court is considered a limited jurisdiction court because of its specialized subject matter. Nevertheless, it receives appeals from administrative bodies and its cases are appealed to the intermediate appellate court. Tax court judges have the same general qualifications and terms of service as superior court judges and can be cross assigned.

NEW MEXICO COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

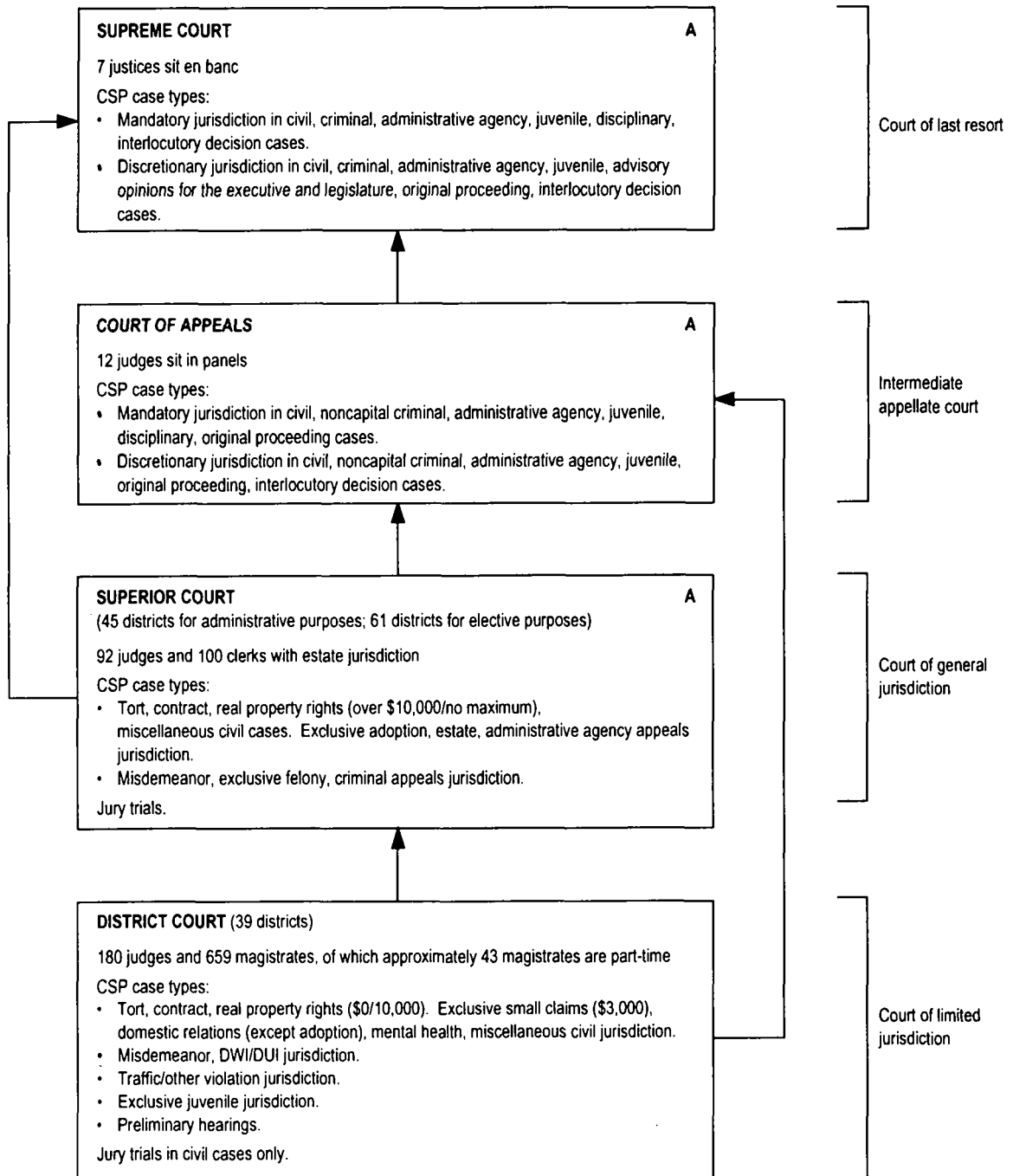


NEW YORK COURT STRUCTURE, 1994*

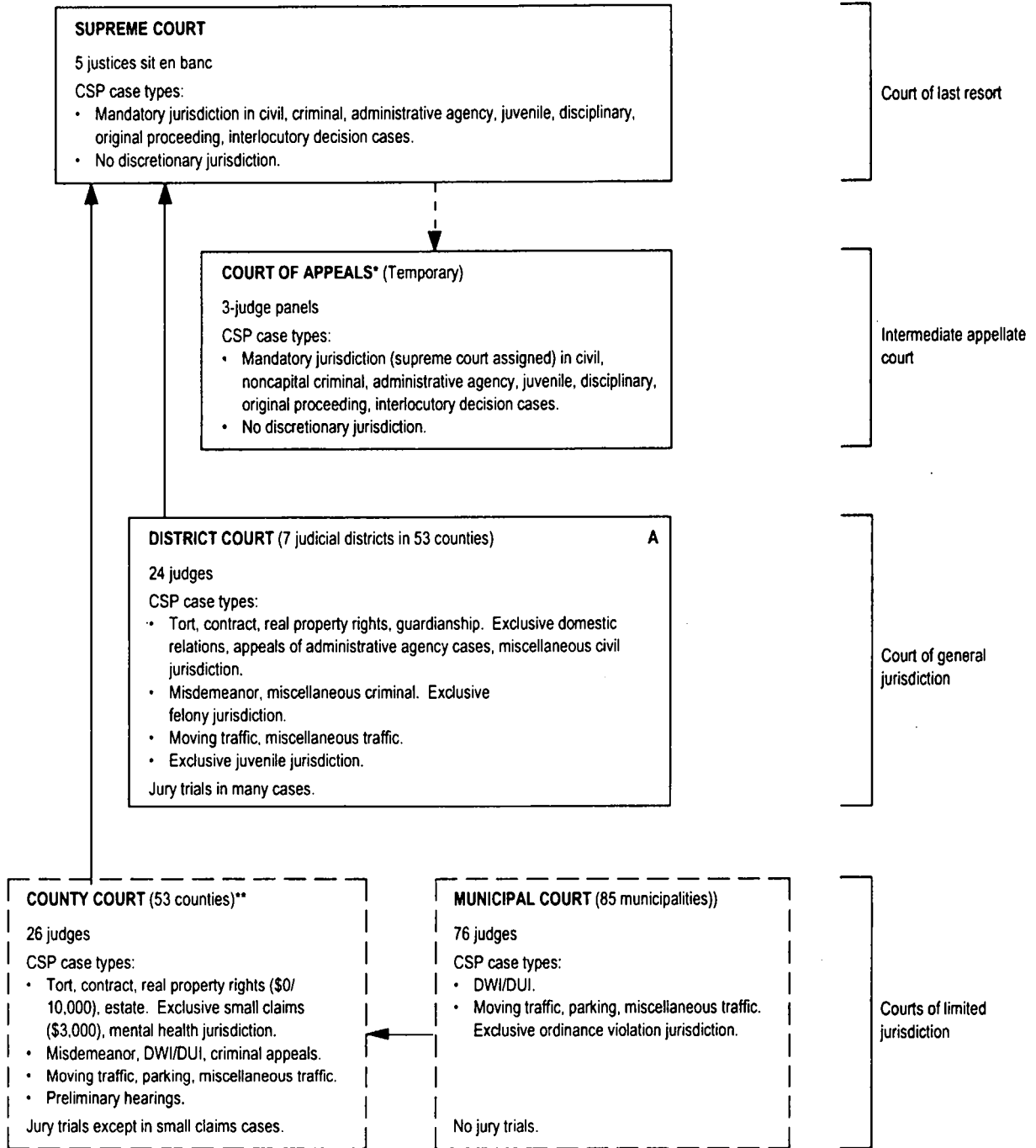


* Unless otherwise noted numbers reflect statutory authorization. Many judges sit in more than one court so the number of judgeships indicated in this chart does not reflect the actual number of judges in the system.

NORTH CAROLINA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



NORTH DAKOTA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

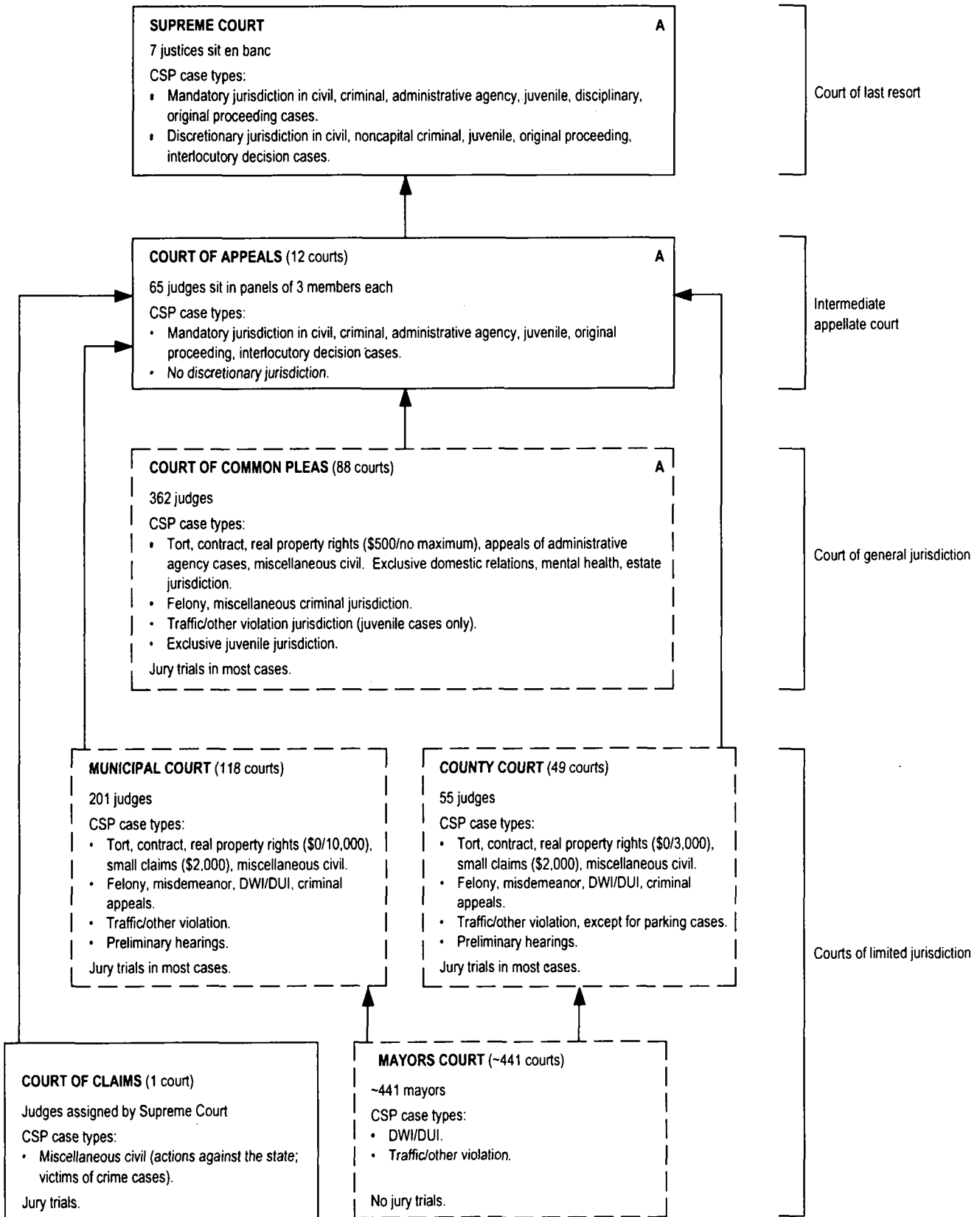


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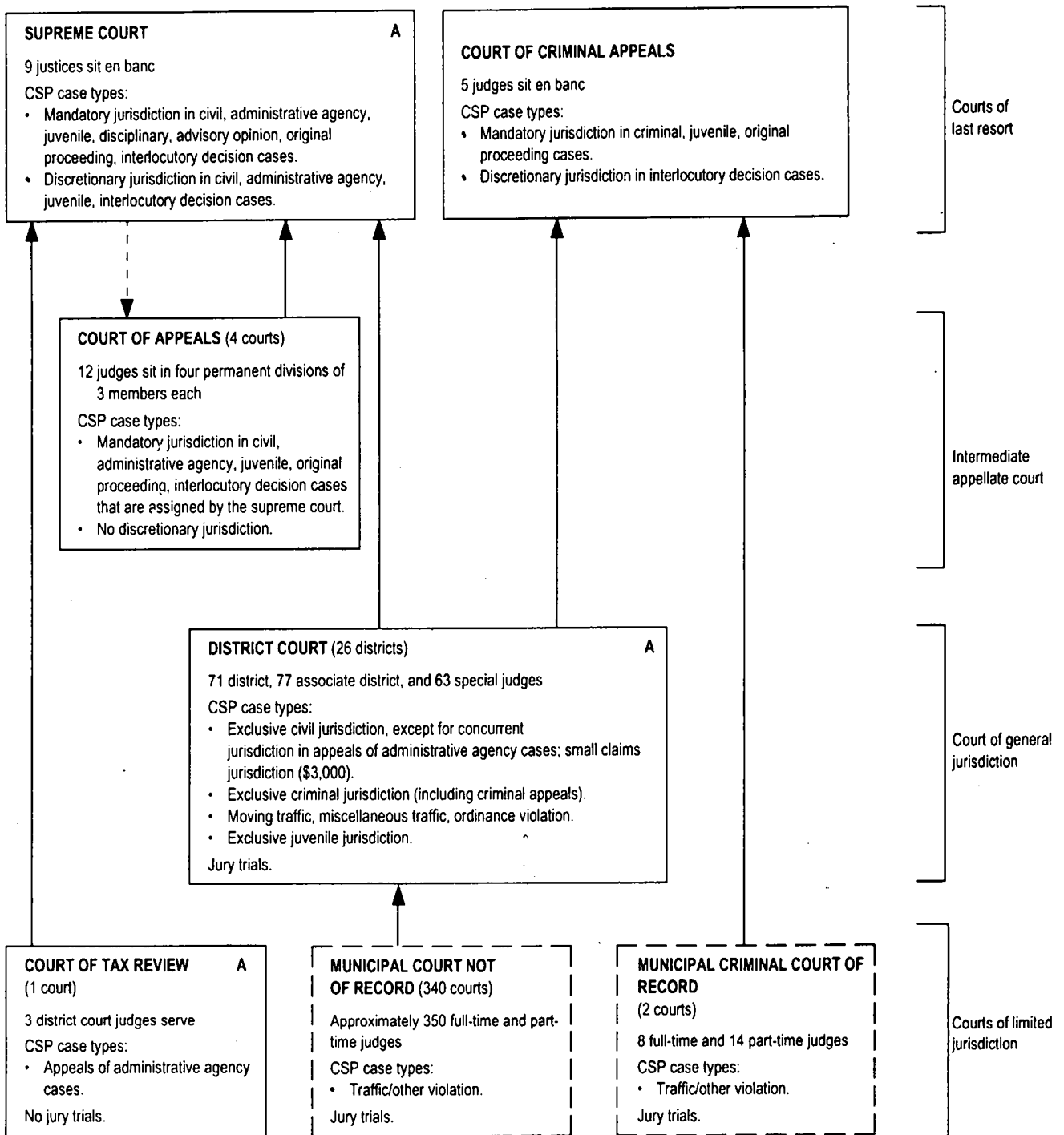
• Effective July 1, 1987 through January 1, 1996, a temporary court of appeals is established to exercise appellate and original jurisdiction as delegated by the supreme court.

** County Courts were abolished January 1, 1995 with the workload and positions absorbed into the District Court structure.

OHIO COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



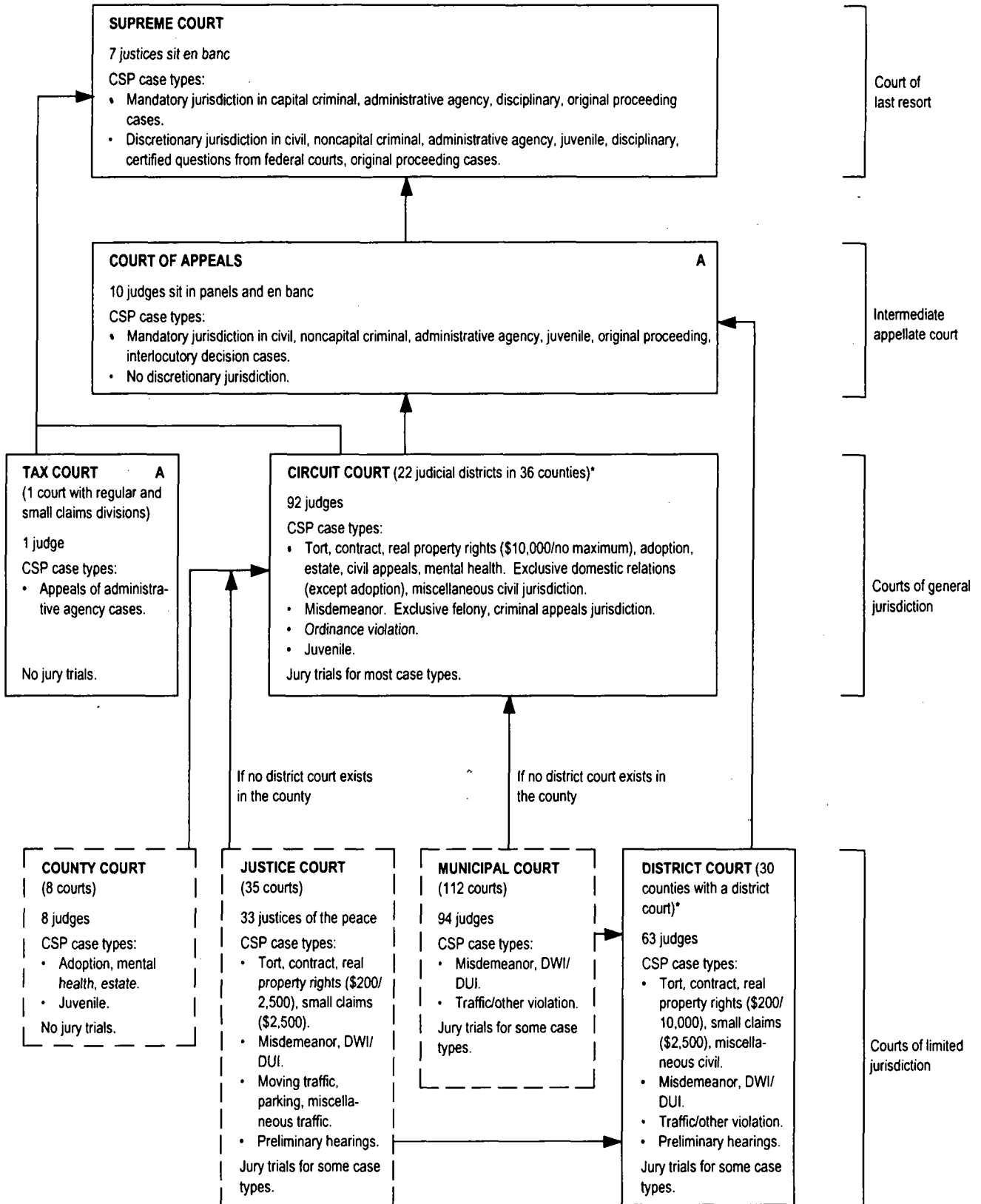
OKLAHOMA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



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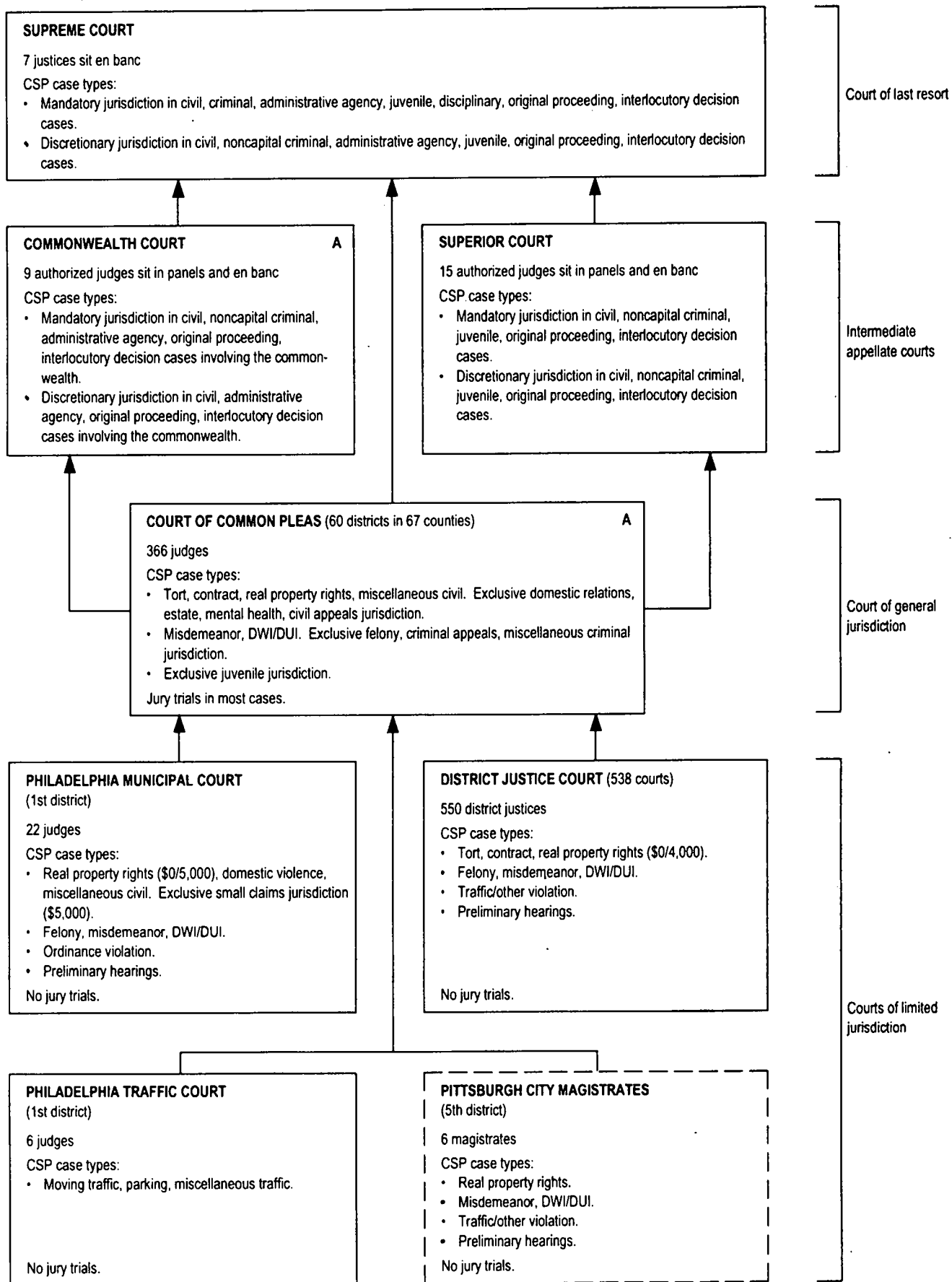
Oklahoma has a workers' compensation court, which hears complaints that are handled exclusively by administrative agencies in other states.

OREGON COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

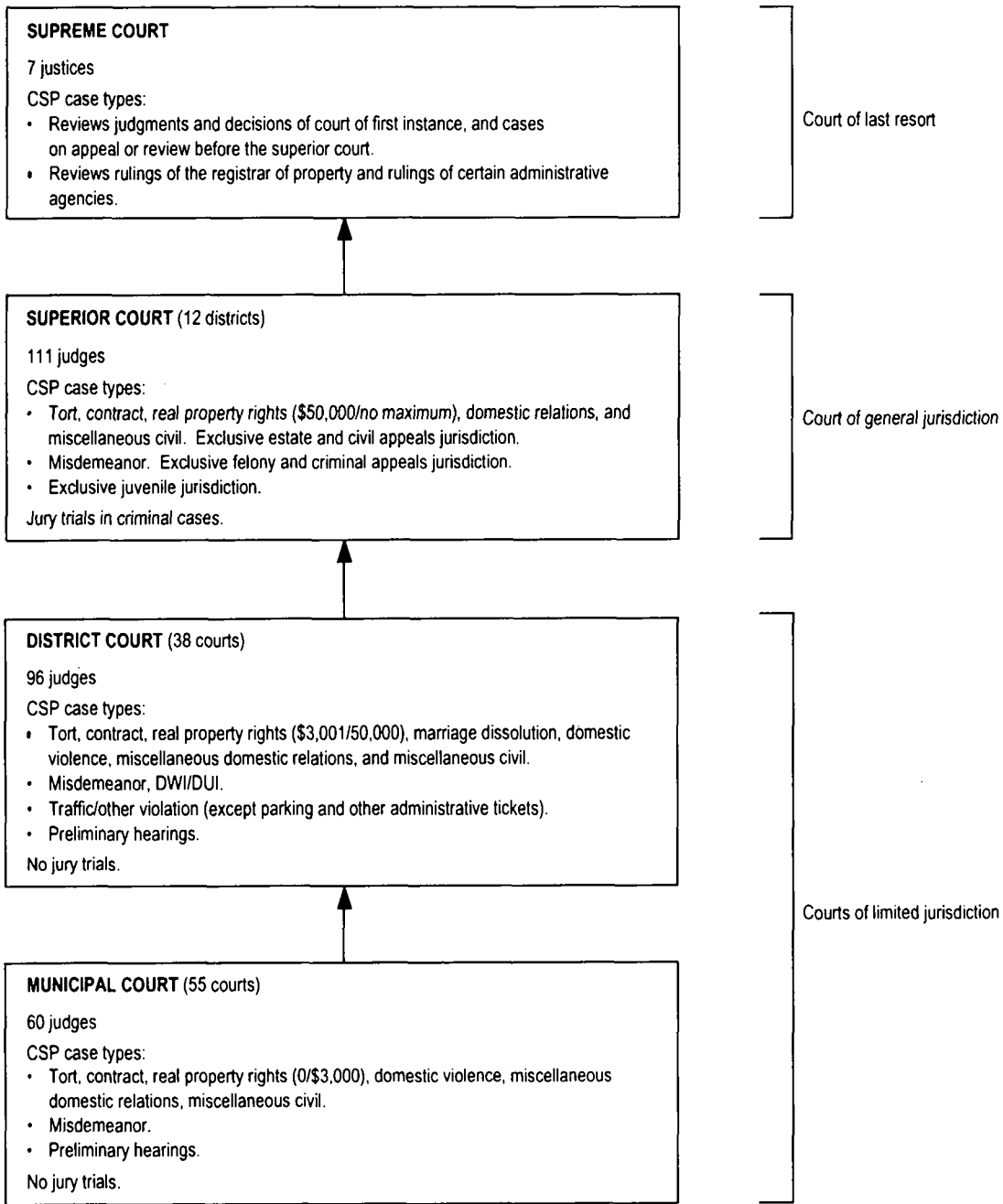


* District Court jurisdiction resides in the Circuit Court for those six counties that do not have a District Court.

PENNSYLVANIA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



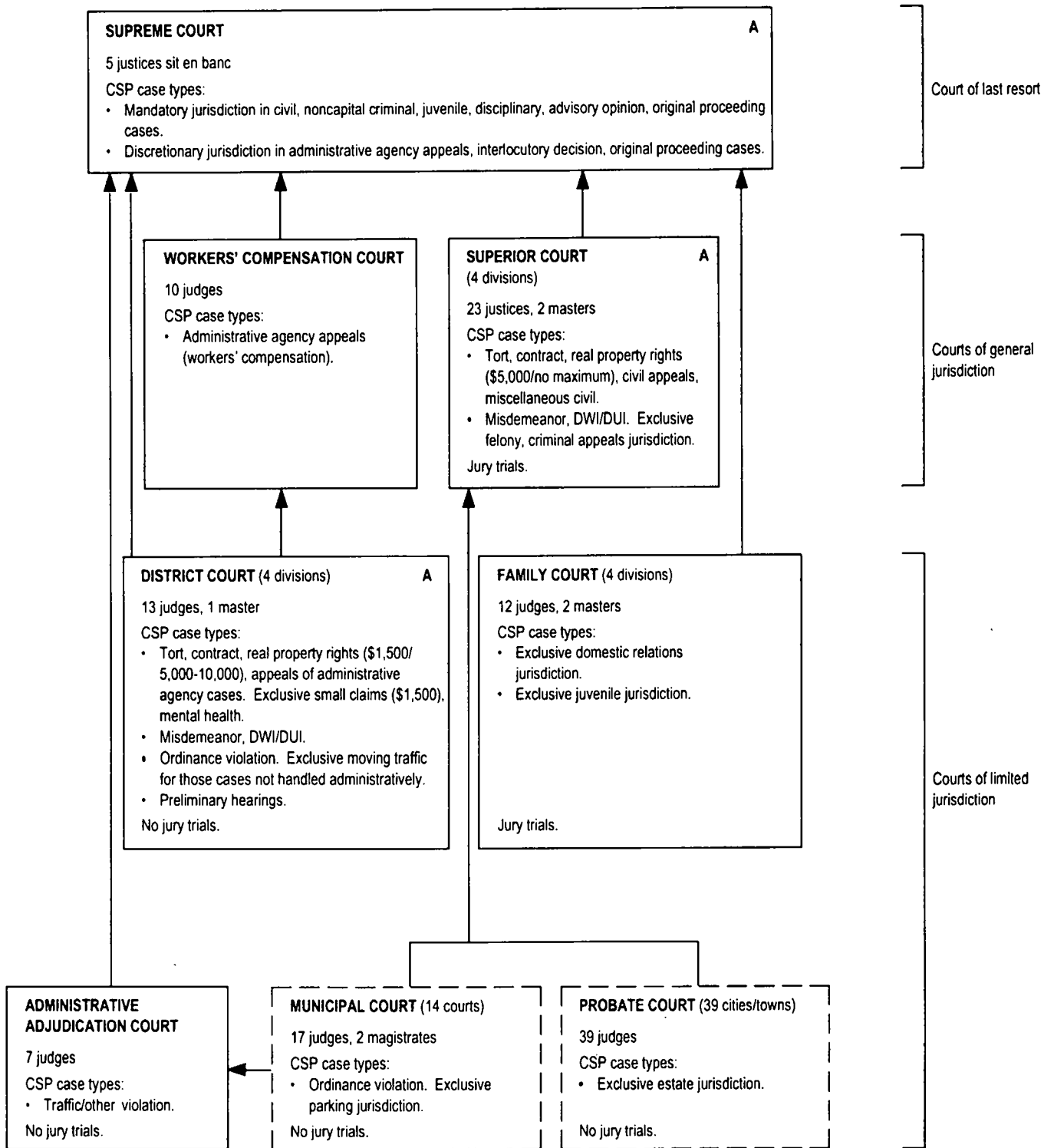
PUERTO RICO COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



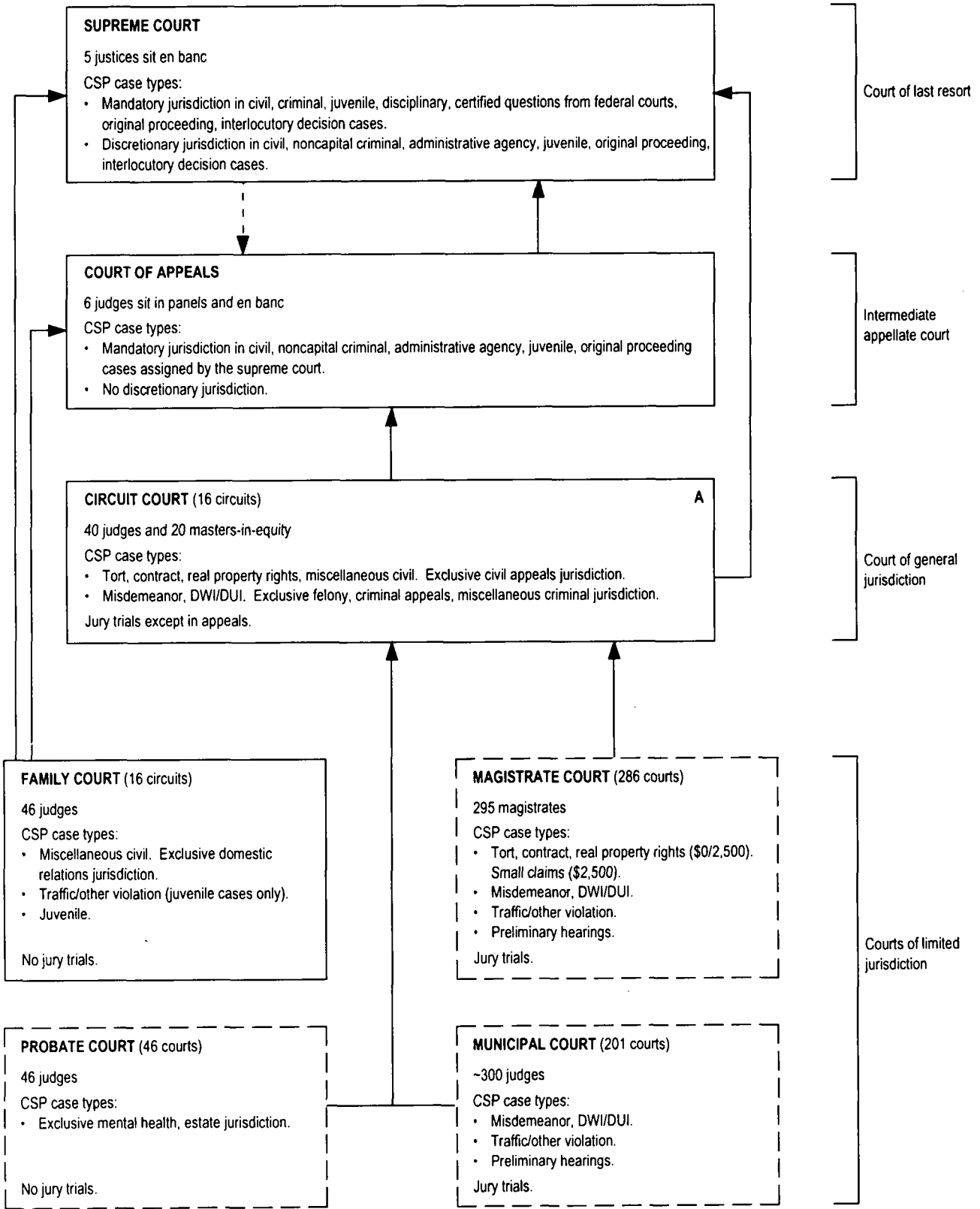
Note: Since June 30, 1991, the justice of the peace court was eliminated according to Law #17 of July 21, 1990. This jurisdiction is now with the municipal court.

The District and Municipal Courts operate as courts of limited jurisdiction, even though due to the unification of Puerto Rico's judicial system any judge may hear any type of case as long as the parties agree and the judge gives his consent.

RHODE ISLAND COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

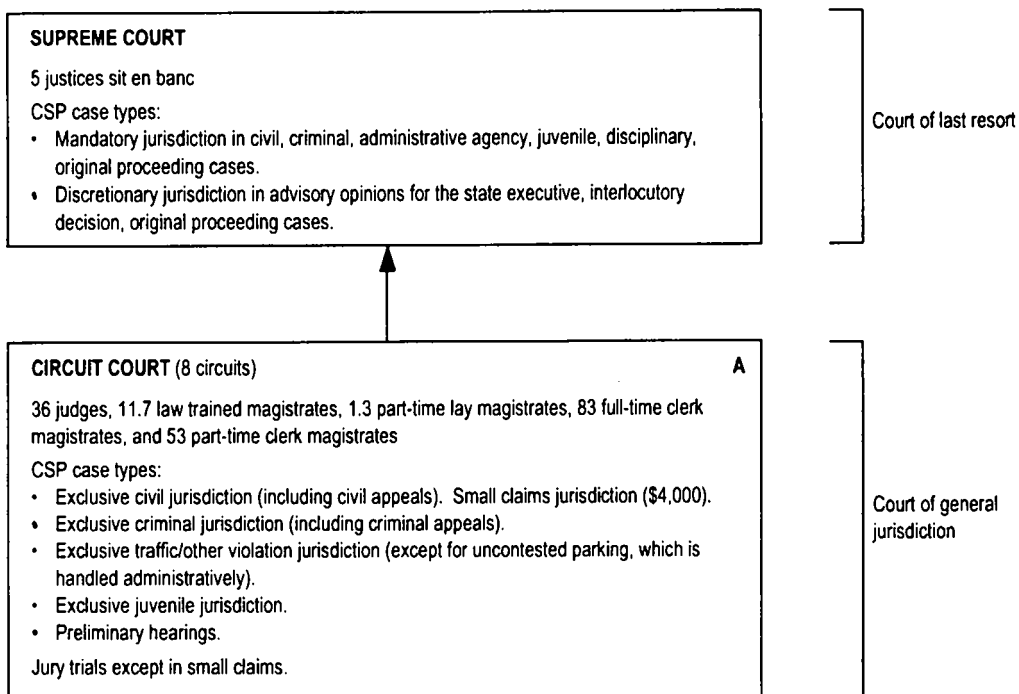


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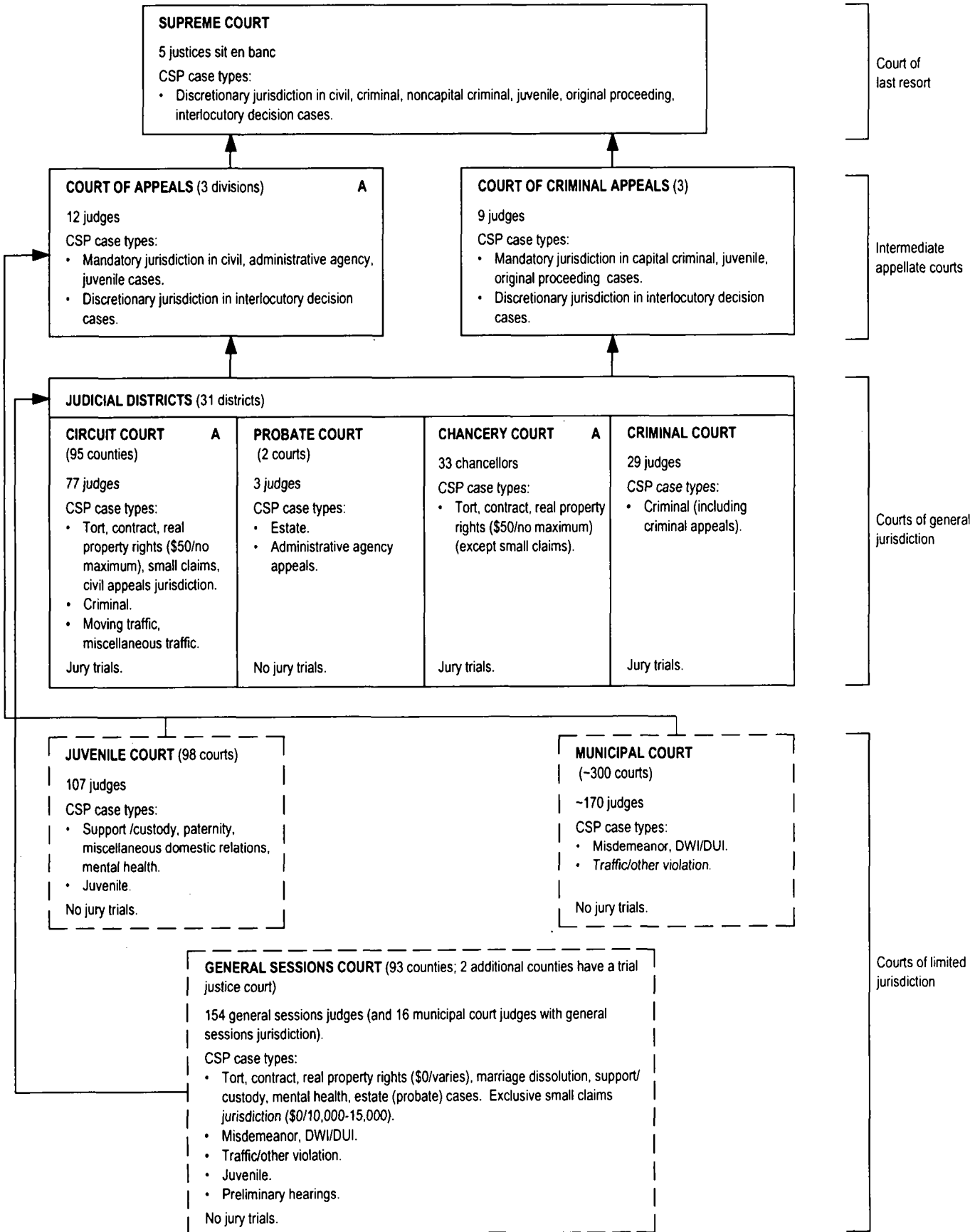


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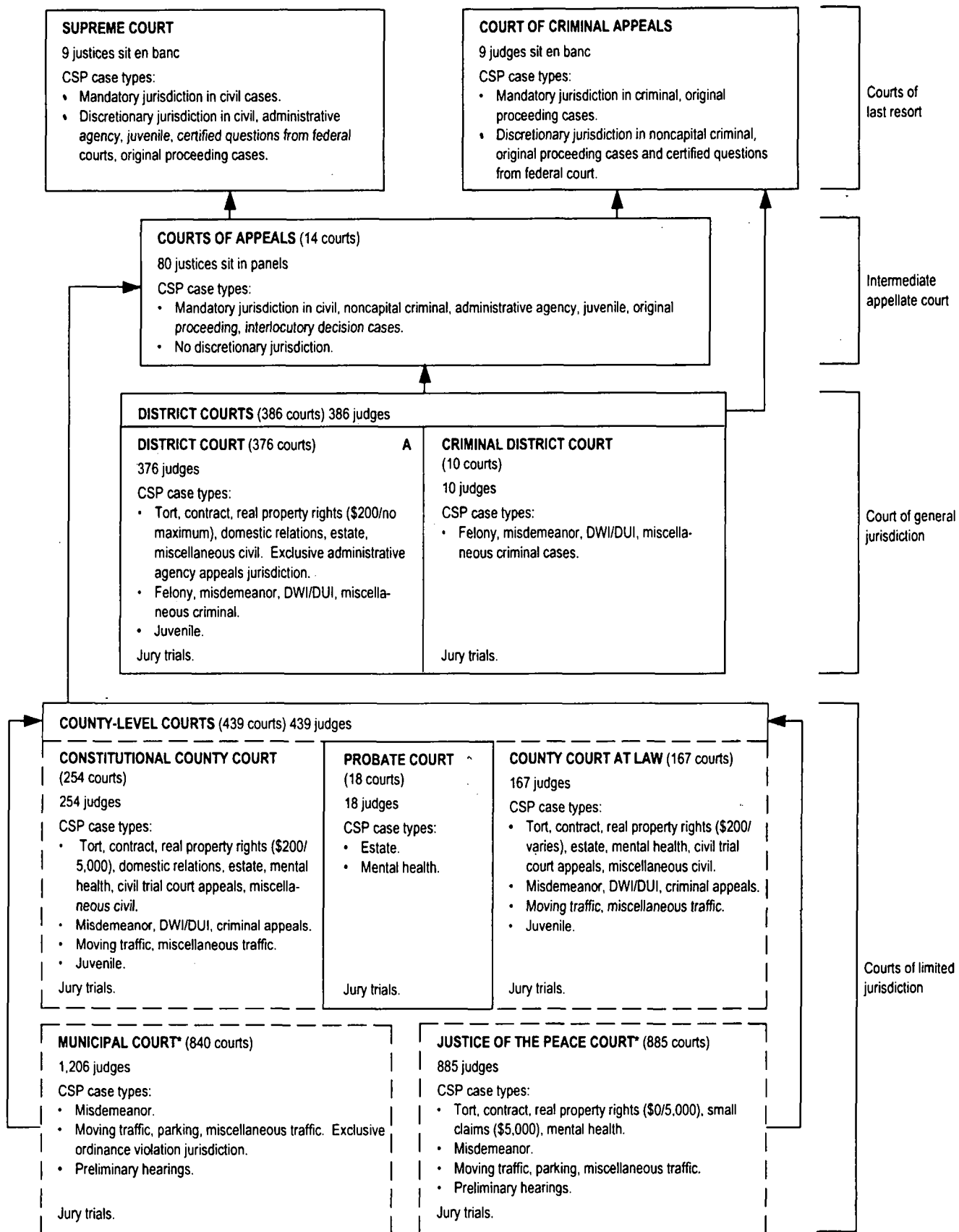
SOUTH DAKOTA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



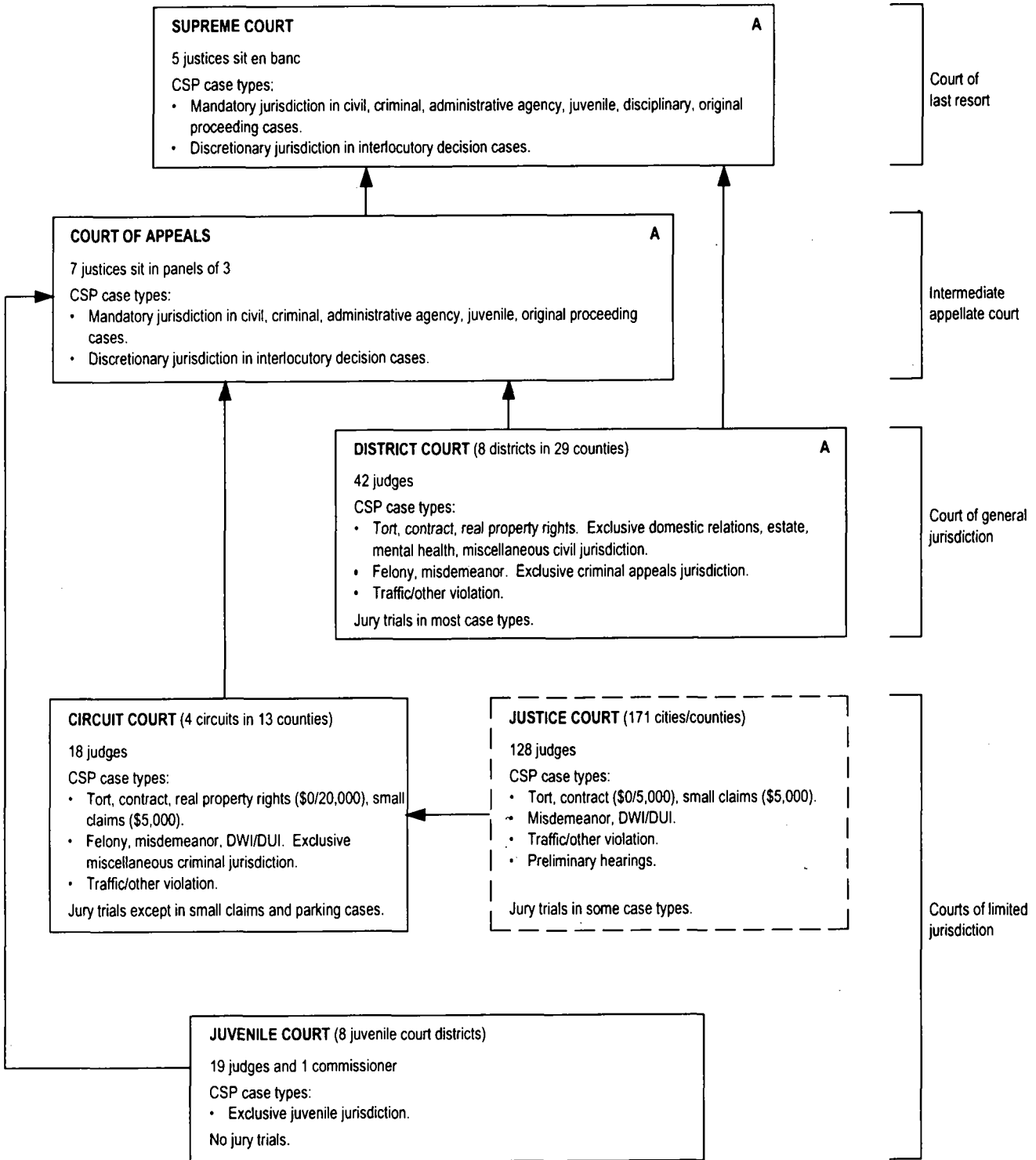
TENNESSEE COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



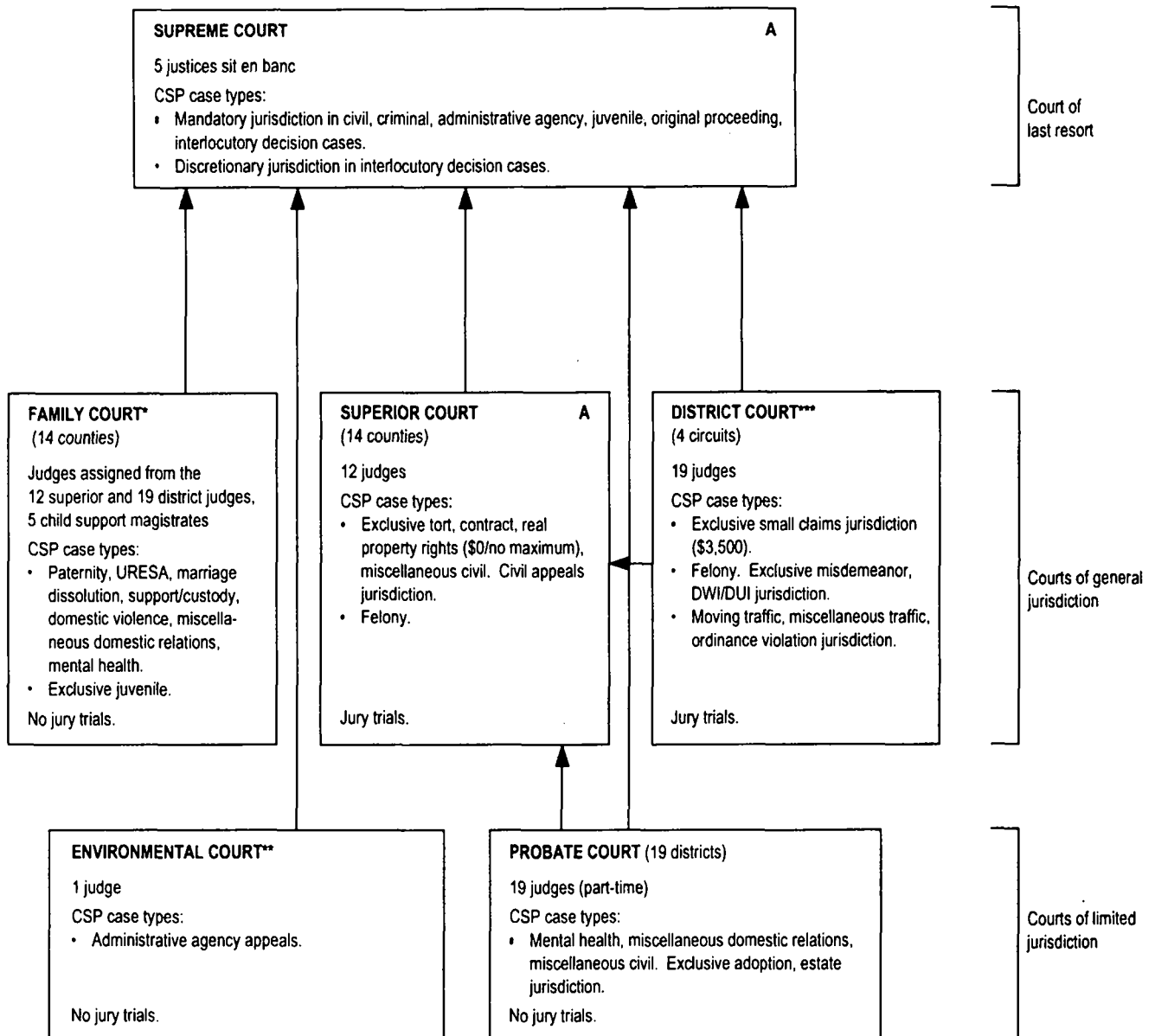
TEXAS COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



UTAH COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



VERMONT COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

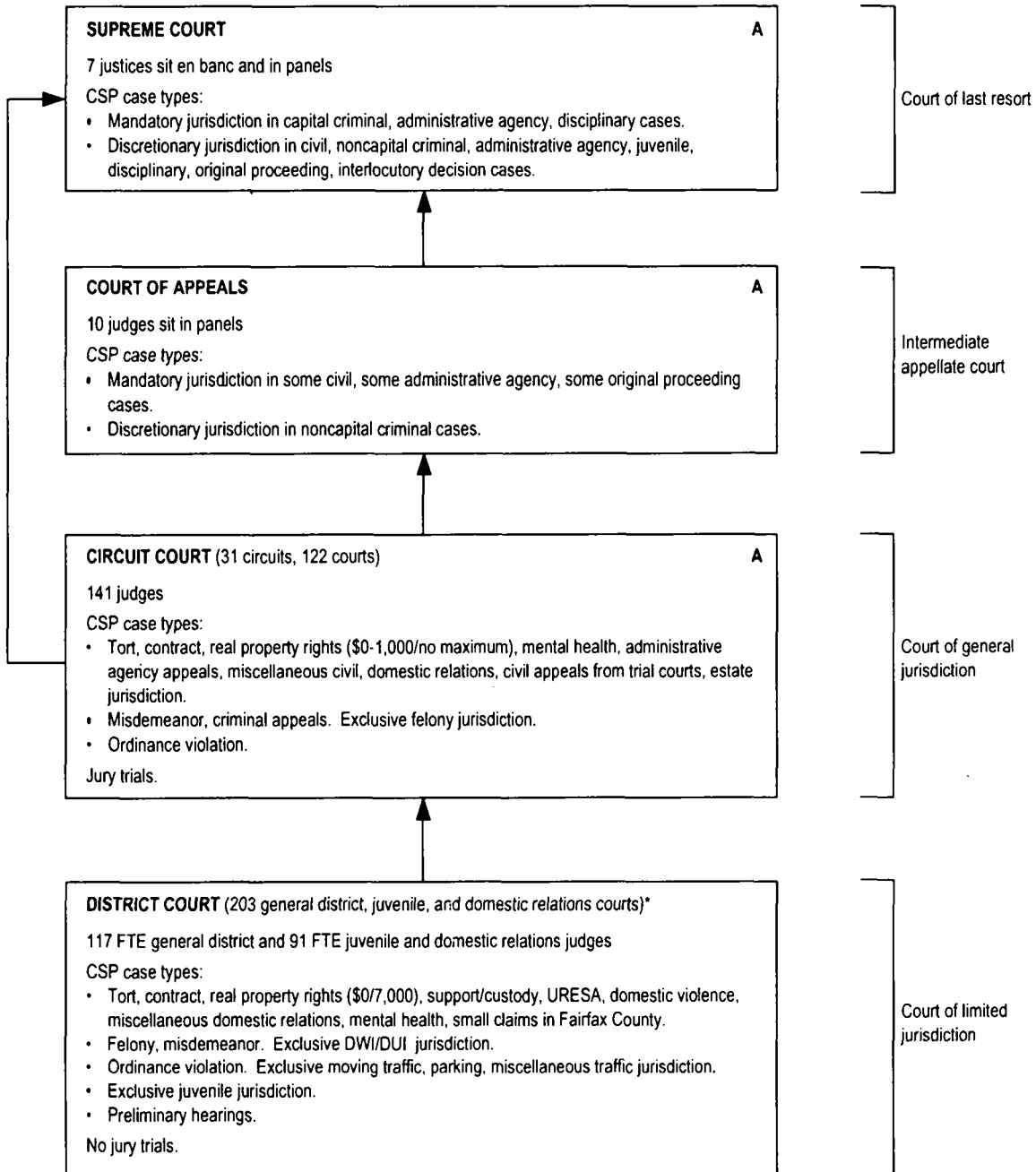


* Vermont established a family court in 1990.

** Vermont established an environmental court in 1990.

*** The district court, although created as a court of limited jurisdiction, has steadily increased its scope to include almost all criminal matters. In 1983, the district court was granted jurisdiction over all criminal cases, and has become the court of general jurisdiction for most criminal matters. A small number of appeals go to the superior court. Effective July 1, 1990, most traffic offenses became civil violations and were placed in the jurisdiction of the Vermont Traffic Bureau.

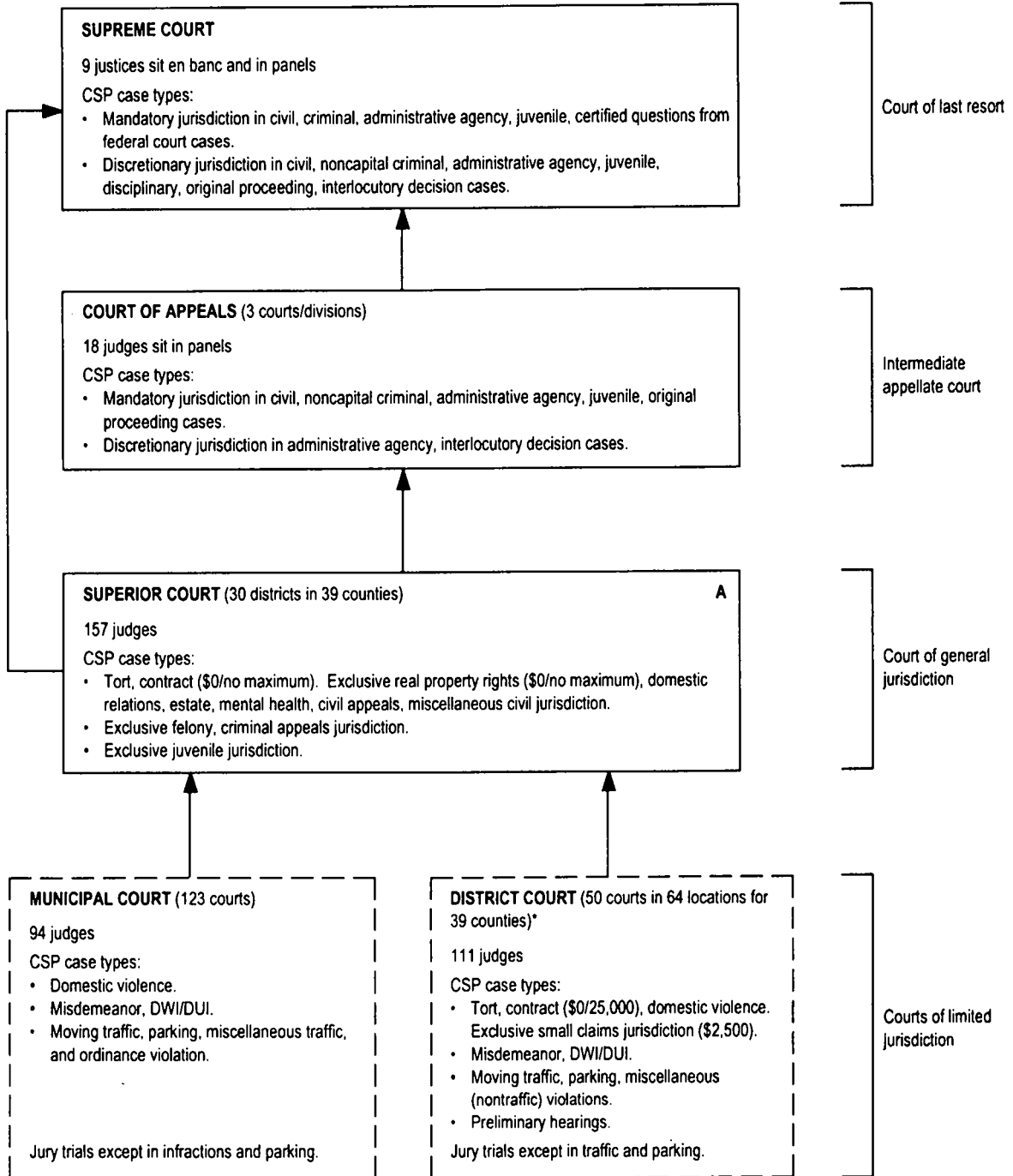
VIRGINIA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



* The district court is referred to as the juvenile and domestic relations court when hearing juvenile and domestic relations cases, and as the general district court for the balance of the cases.

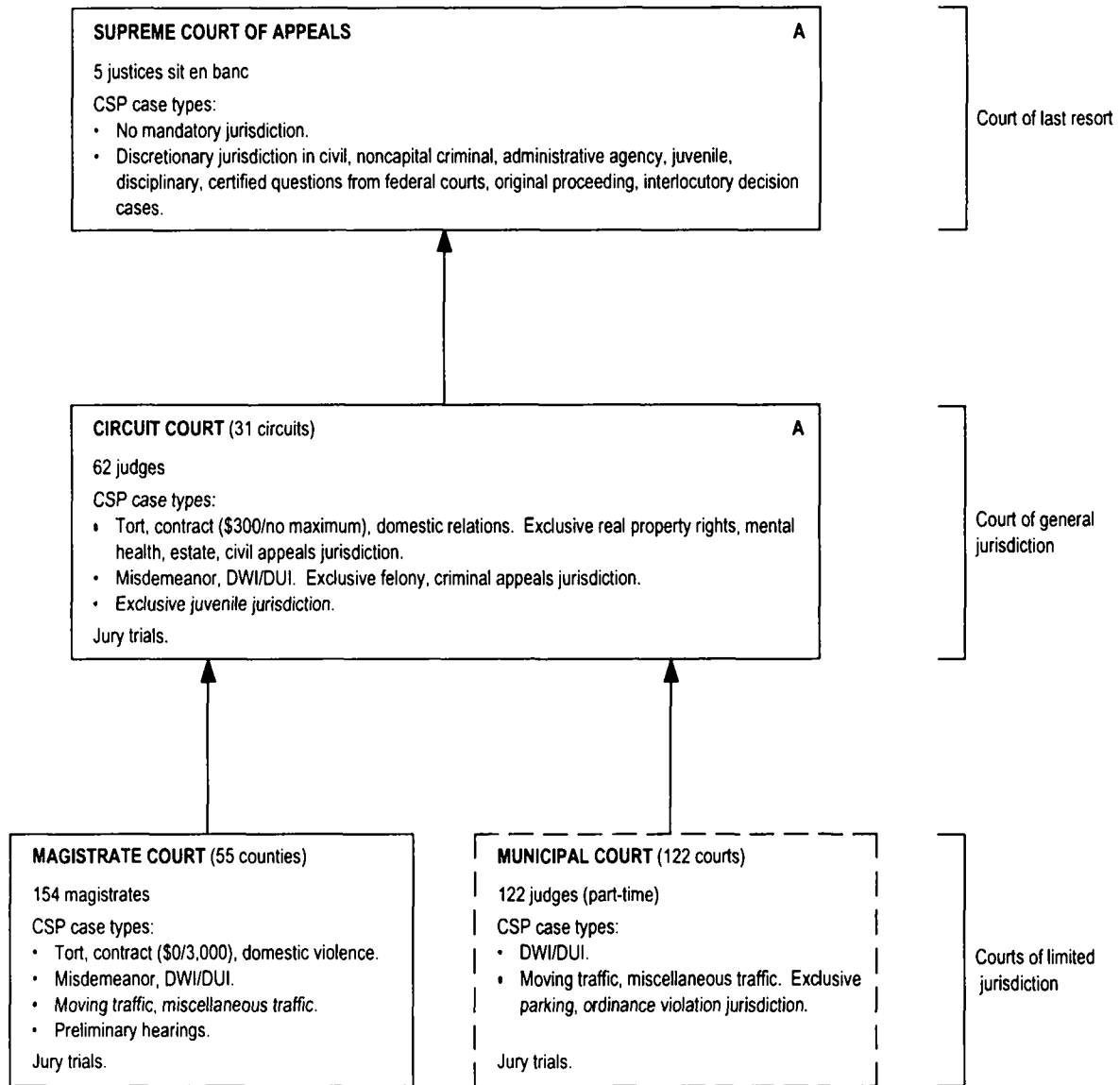
NOTE: A family court pilot project authorized by legislation passed in the 1989 session of the general assembly became operational on January 2, 1990, and concluded its two-year pilot operation on December 31, 1991.

WASHINGTON COURT STRUCTURE, 1994

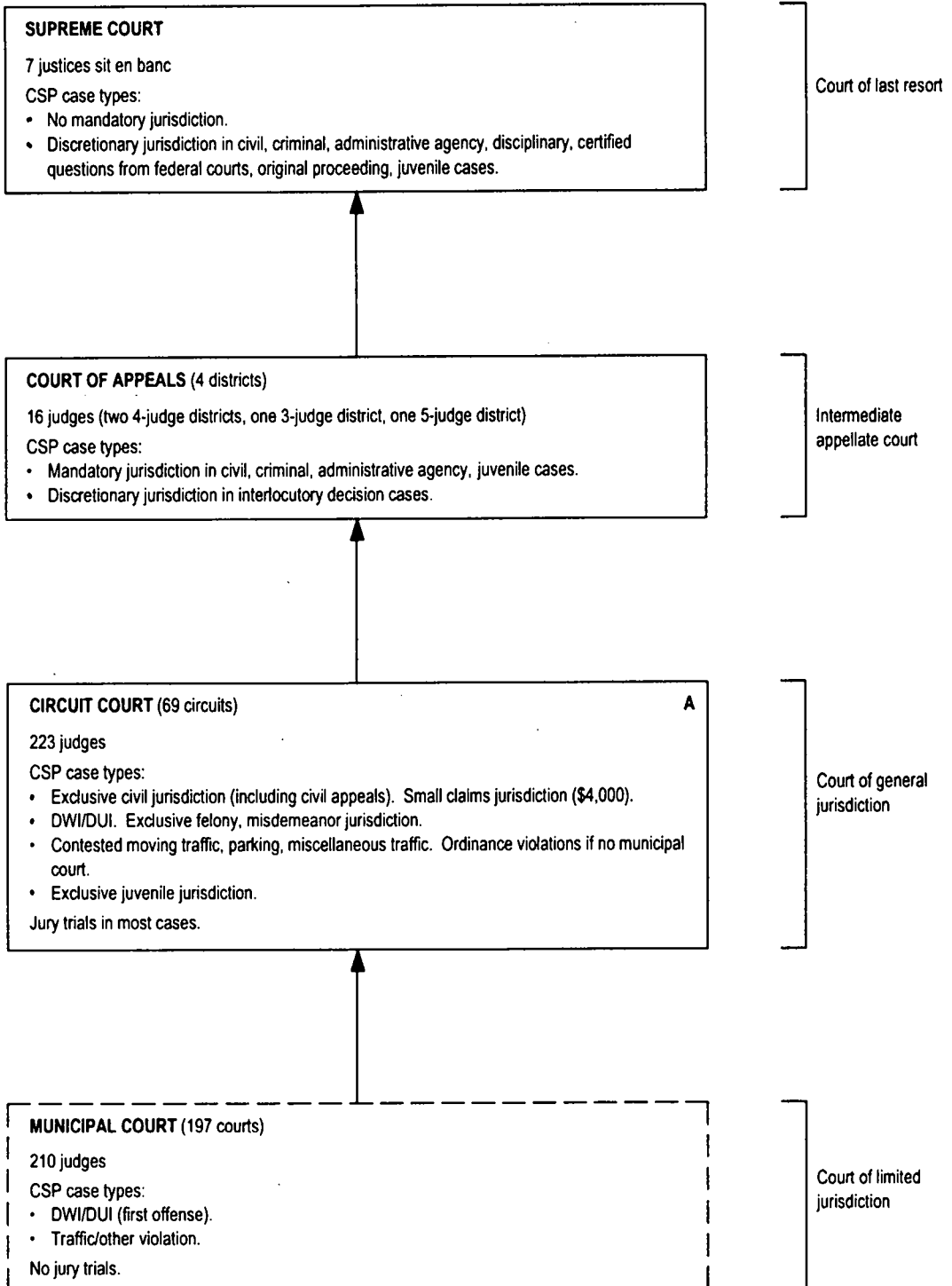


* District court provides services to municipalities that do not have a municipal court.

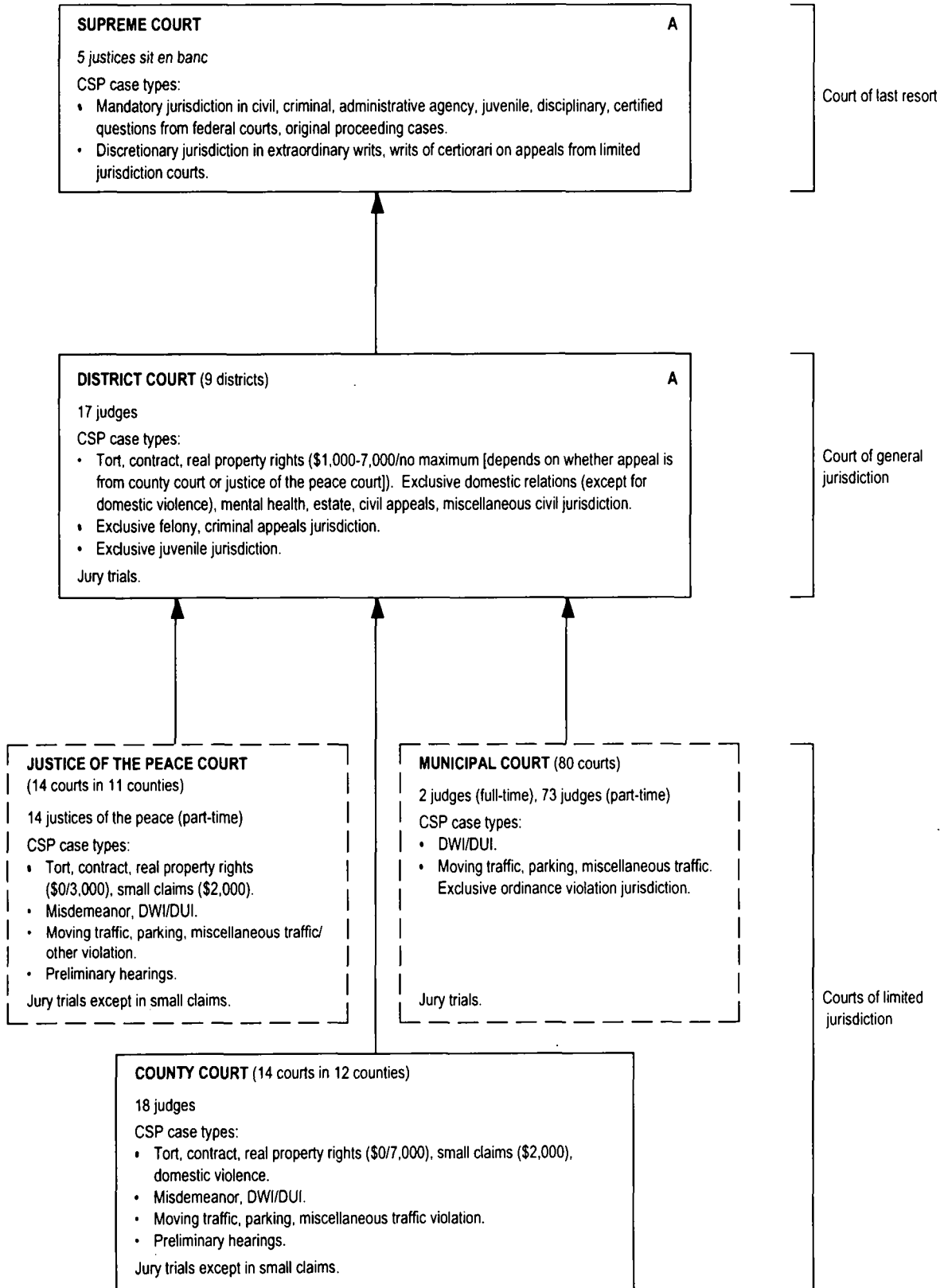
WEST VIRGINIA COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



WISCONSIN COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



WYOMING COURT STRUCTURE, 1994



Jurisdiction and State Court Reporting Practices

FIGURE A: Reporting Periods for All State Courts, 1994

State	Reporting periods			
	January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994	July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994	September 1, 1993 to August 31, 1994	October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1994
Alabama				X
Alaska		X		
Arizona		X		
Arkansas		X		
California		X		
Colorado		X		
Connecticut	X Probate Court	X		
Delaware		X		
District of Columbia	X			
Florida	X			
Georgia	X All trial courts Court of Appeals		X Supreme Court (Aug. 1, 1993- July 31, 1994)	
Hawaii		X		
Idaho	X			
Illinois	X			
Indiana	X			
Iowa	X			
Kansas		X		
Kentucky		X		
Louisiana	X			
Maine		X		
Maryland		X		
Massachusetts	X (District Court Department only)	X Appeals Court Trial Court (all but District Court Department)	X Supreme Judicial Court	
Michigan	X			
Minnesota	X			
Mississippi	X			
Missouri		X		
Montana	X Supreme Court District Court	X City Court Justice of the Peace Court Municipal Court		
Nebraska	X Supreme Court Court of Appeals District Court County Court Separate Juvenile	X Workers' Compensation Court		

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FIGURE A: Reporting Periods for All State Courts, 1994 (continued)

State	Reporting periods			
	January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994	July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994	September 1, 1993 to August 31, 1994	October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1994
Nevada	X District Court		X Supreme Court (April 1993 - March 1994)	
New Hampshire	X Supreme Court Superior Court District Court Municipal Court	X Probate Court		
New Jersey		X		
New Mexico		X		
New York	X			
North Carolina		X		
North Dakota	X			
Ohio	X			
Oklahoma		X		
Oregon	X			
Pennsylvania	X			
Puerto Rico		X		
Rhode Island	X			
South Carolina	X			
South Dakota		X		
Tennessee		X		
Texas			X	
Utah	X (Appellate Courts)	X (Trial Courts)		
Vermont		X		
Virginia	X			
Washington	X			
West Virginia	X			
Wisconsin	X			
Wyoming	X			

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, an "X" means that all of the trial and appellate courts in that state report data for the time period indicated by the column.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	the trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
ALABAMA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
ALASKA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
ARIZONA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X-CR	O	O	X*	O	O	X	COUNTED SEPARATELY	
Court of Appeals	IAC	X-CR*	X*	X*	X	O	X	X	COUNTED SEPARATELY	
						(except industrial cases & civil petition for special action)	(only industrial cases & civil petition for special action)			
ARKANSAS:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	O	O	X	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	O	X	O
CALIFORNIA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X*	X	O	O	X	COLR (if petition for review of IAC)	X	O	O
Courts of Appeal	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
COLORADO:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
CONNECTICUT:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Appellate Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
								(if motion to open)		
								(if motion to open or if remand by COLR)		
DELAWARE:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:										
Court of Appeals	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

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		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	the trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
FLORIDA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	IAC	X	O	O
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	(ADM. AGY. and Workers' Comp.)	X	O	O
GEORGIA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	X	O	X (notice of appeal)	O	O	X (if new appeal)
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	X	X	O	O
HAWAII:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	X (original proceeding)	O	O	X
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X (when assigned by COLR)	O	O	O	O	X
IDAHO:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X (appeal from trial court)	X (COLR if appeal from IAC)	X	O	X	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X (when assigned by COLR)	O	O	O	X	O
ILLINOIS:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Appellate Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
INDIANA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	O	X (any first filing, notice, record, brief, or motion)	X (only death penalty and/or sentence over 10 years)	X COLR (if petition for transfer from IAC)	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X (any first filing)	X (praecipe)	O	O	O	X
Tax Court	IAC	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	O	X

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	the trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
IOWA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X (if appeal from trial court)	X (COLR if appeal from IAC)	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	TRANSFER (if appeal from trial court)	X	O	X	O	O
KANSAS:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	O	X*	X	O	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	X*	X	O	O	O	X
KENTUCKY:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X (COLR if review is sought from IAC)	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
LOUISIANA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
MAINE:										
Supreme Judicial Court Sitting as Law Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X (if remanded)	O	X (if new appeal)
MARYLAND:										
Court of Appeals	COLR	O	X	O	O	X (if direct appeal)	X (IAC if appeal from IAC)	O	O	X
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	O	O	X
MASSACHUSETTS:										
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Appeals Court	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	O	O	X (if originally dismissed as premature)	O

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	the trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
MICHIGAN:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X (if remanded w/jurisdiction retained)	O X	X (if new appeal)
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	O	O	X
MINNESOTA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
MISSISSIPPI:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
MISSOURI:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
MONTANA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X (notice plus any other filing: fee, record, motion)	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
NEBRASKA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
NEVADA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
NEW HAMPSHIRE:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X (if remanded & jurisdiction retained)	O	X
NEW JERSEY:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Appellate Division of Superior Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	the trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
NEW MEXICO:										
Supreme Court	COLR	0	0	0	X (within 30 days of notice)	X	0	X	0	0
Court of Appeals	IAC	0	0	0	X (within 30 days of notice)	X	0	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
NEW YORK:										
Court of Appeals	COLR	X	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	X
Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court	IAC	0	X	0	0	X	0	X (if remit for specific issues)	0	X (if remand for new trial)
Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	IAC	0	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0
NORTH CAROLINA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	0	X	0	0	X (if direct appeal)	X (COLR if appeal from IAC)	X (if petition to rehear)	X	0
Court of Appeals	IAC	0	X	0	0	X	0	X (if reconsidering dismissal)	X	0
NORTH DAKOTA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	X
OHIO:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	0	0	0	0	IAC	X	0	0
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	0	0	0	X*	0	X	0	0
OKLAHOMA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X*	0	0	0	X	0	X*	0	X*
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	0	X	0	0	X	0	X*	0	X*
Court of Appeals	IAC	(notice plus transcript) 0	0	0	TRANSFER	0	COLR	X*	0	X*
OREGON:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	0	0	0	0	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	0	0	0	0	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	the trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
PENNSYLVANIA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X (direct appeal only)	O	O	X (discretionary certiorari granted)	X*	X*	X (if reinstated to enforce order)	X (if new appeal)	O
Superior Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Commonwealth Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	X	O (ADM. AGY.)	O	X
PUERTO RICO:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	CR	CV	X IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		X
RHODE ISLAND:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	X
SOUTH CAROLINA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	O	TRANSFER	O	O	X	O	O
SOUTH DAKOTA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
TENNESSEE:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X (Court of Appeals)	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	O	X (Court of Criminal Appeals)	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
TEXAS:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	O	O	O	X (any first filing)	X	X (Court of Crim. Appeals)	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X (Civil only)	O	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
UTAH:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X (ADM. AGY.)	O	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	X	O

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FIGURE B: Methods of Counting Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Case counted at:				Case filed with:		Does the court count reinstated/reopened cases in its count of new filings?		
		Filing of				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
		Notice of appeal	the trial record	Record plus briefs	Other point					
VERMONT:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	X (if dismissed & reinstated)
VIRGINIA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
WASHINGTON:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
WEST VIRGINIA:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O (counted as new filings as of 8/86)
WISCONSIN:										
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	O	X (when accepted by court)	O	X	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	X
WYOMING:										
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	O	X	O	O	X

ADM. AGY. = Administrative agency cases only.
 CR = Criminal cases only.
 CV = Civil cases only.
 DP = Death penalty cases only.
 COLR = Court of last resort.
 IAC = Intermediate appellate court.
 X = Yes
 O = No

California-Supreme Court: Cases are counted at the notice of appeal for discretionary review cases from the IAC.

Kansas: Cases are counted at the docketing, which occurs 21 days after a notice of appeal is filed in the trial court.

Ohio-Court of Appeals: The clerk of the trial court is also the clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Oklahoma: The notice of appeal refers to the petition in error. The courts do not count reinstated cases as new filings, but do count any subsequent appeal of an earlier decided case as a new filing.

Pennsylvania-Supreme Court: Mandatory cases are filed with the trial court, and discretionary cases are filed with the appellate court.

FOOTNOTES*

Arizona-Supreme Court: Civil cases are counted when the fee is paid within 30 days after trial record is filed.

Arizona-Court of Appeals: Civil cases are counted when the fee is paid within 30 days after trial record is filed. Juvenile/industrial/habeas corpus cases are counted at receipt of notice or at receipt of the trial record.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property Rights, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 1994

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Limited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Small claims			
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
ALABAMA:							
Circuit Court	G	\$1,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	\$1,500/\$5,000	\$1,500	No	Yes	Optional
ALASKA:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$50,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
ARIZONA:							
Superior Court	G	\$5,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace Court	L	-	0/ \$5,000	\$1,500	No	Yes	No
ARKANSAS:							
Circuit Court	G	\$100/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Court of Common Pleas	L	-	\$500/\$1,000 (contract only)	-	-	-	-
Municipal Court	L	-	0/ \$3,000 (contract and real property)	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
City Court, Police Court	L	-	0/\$300 (contract and real property)	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace	L	-	-	\$300	No	Yes	No
CALIFORNIA:							
Superior Court	G	\$25,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	No
Justice Court	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	No
COLORADO:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Water Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$3,500	No	Yes	No
CONNECTICUT:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
DELAWARE:							
Court of Chancery	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Court of Common Pleas	L	-	0/\$15,000	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace Court	L	-	0/ \$5,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:							
Superior Court	G	\$5,001/No maximum (no minimum for real property)	-	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
FLORIDA:							
Circuit Court	G	\$15,001/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	\$2,500/ \$15,000	\$2,500	Yes	Yes	Yes

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FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property Rights, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 1994
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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Limited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Small claims			
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
GEORGIA:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	No max	Yes	No	Yes
State Court	L	0/No maximum (No real property)	-	No max	Yes	No	Yes
Civil Court (Bibb & Richmond counties only)	L	-	0/\$7,500 - 0/\$25,000 (Bibb) - (Richmond)	\$25,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Magistrate Court	L	-	0/\$5,000 (No real property)	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court (Columbus)	L	-	0/ \$7,500	\$7,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
HAWAII:							
Circuit Court	G	\$5,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$10,000 (No maximum in summary possession or ejectment)	\$2,500 (Except in residential security de- posit cases)	No	Yes	Yes
IDAHO:							
District Court: (Magistrates Division)	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
ILLINOIS:							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$2,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
INDIANA:							
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
County Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court of Marion County	L	-	0/\$20,000	-	-	-	-
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	-	-	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
City Court	L	-	0/ \$500- \$2,500 (No real property)	-	-	-	-
IOWA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$3,000*	No	Yes	Yes
KANSAS:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$1,000	No	Yes	No
KENTUCKY:							
Circuit Court	G	\$4,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/ \$4,000	\$1,500	No	Yes	Yes
LOUISIANA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
City Court, Parish Court (New Orleans City Court)	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
	L	-	0/\$20,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
Justice of the Peace Court	L	-	0/ \$2,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes

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FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property Rights, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 1994
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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount	Limited dollar amount	Small claims			
		torts, contracts, real property	torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum				
MAINE:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$30,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
MARYLAND:							
Circuit Court	G	\$2,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	0/No maximum (real property)	\$2,500/\$20,000 (tort, contract)	\$2,500	No	Yes	Yes
MASSACHUSETTS:							
Trial Court of the Commonwealth:							
Superior Court Dept.	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Housing Court Dept.	G	0/No maximum	-	\$1,500	No	No	Yes
District Court Dept.	G	0/No maximum	-	\$2,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boston Municipal Court Dept.	G	0/No maximum	-	\$1,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
MICHIGAN:							
Circuit Court	G	\$10,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$1,750	No	Yes	No
Municipal Court	L	-	0/ \$1,500				
MINNESOTA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
MISSISSIPPI:							
Circuit Court	G	\$200/No maximum					
County Court	L	0/\$50,000					
Justice Court	L	0/\$1,000					
MISSOURI:							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
(Associate Division)	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
MONTANA:							
District Court	G	\$50/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace Court	L	-	0/\$5,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
Municipal Court	L	-	0/ \$5,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
City Court	L	-	0/ \$500	-	-	-	-
NEBRASKA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$1,800	No	Yes	No
NEVADA:							
District Court	G	\$7,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice Court	L	-	0/ \$7,500	\$7,500	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court	L	-	0/ \$2,500	\$2,500	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE:							
Superior Court	G	\$1,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$2,500	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court	L	-	0/ \$2,500	\$2,500	No	Yes	Yes
			(only landlord-tenant, and small claims)				

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FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property Rights, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 1994
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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Limited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Small claims			
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
NEW JERSEY:							
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division)	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
(Law Division, Special Civil Part)	L	-	0/ \$7,500	\$1,500	No	Yes	Yes
NEW MEXICO:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	0/ \$5,000	-	-	-	-
Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County	L	-	0/ \$5,000	-	-	-	-
NEW YORK:							
Supreme Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	G	-	0/\$25,000	-	-	-	-
Civil Court of the City of New York	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$3,000	-	Yes	Yes
City Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$3,000	-	Yes	Yes
District Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$3,000	-	Yes	Yes
Court of Claims	L	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Town Court and Village Justice Court	L	-	0/ \$3,000	\$3,000	-	Yes	Yes
NORTH CAROLINA:							
Superior Court	G	\$10,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
NORTH DAKOTA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Varies
OHIO:							
Court of Common Pleas	G	\$500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/ \$3,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
OKLAHOMA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$3,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
OREGON:							
Circuit Court	G	\$10,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	\$200/\$10,000	\$2,500	No	Yes	No
Justice Court	L	-	\$200/ \$2,500	\$2,500	No	Yes	No
PENNSYLVANIA:							
Court of Common Pleas	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Justice Court	L	-	0/ \$4,000	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia Municipal Court	L	-	0/ \$5,000 (only real property)	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
Pittsburgh City Magistrates Court	L	-	0/No maximum (only real property)	-	-	-	-
PUERTO RICO:							
Superior Court	G	\$50,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	\$3,001/\$50,000	-	-	-	-
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$3,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes

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FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property Rights, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 1994
(continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Limited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Small claims			
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
RHODE ISLAND:							
Superior Court	G	\$5,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	\$1,500/\$5,000- \$10,000	\$1,500	No	Yes	Yes
SOUTH CAROLINA:							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	0/\$2,500 (no max. in landlord-tenant)	\$2,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
SOUTH DAKOTA:							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$4,000	No	Yes	Yes
TENNESSEE:							
Circuit Court, Chancery Court	G	\$50/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
General Sessions Court	L	0/No maximum (Forcible entry, detainer, and in actions to recover personal property)	0/\$10,000(All civil actions in counties with population under 700,000); 0/\$15,000 (All civil actions in counties with popula- tion over 700,000)	\$10,000- 15,000	No	Yes	Yes
TEXAS:							
District Court	G	\$200/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court at Law, Consti- tutional County Court	L	-	\$200/varies	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace Court	L	-	0/\$5,000	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
UTAH:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Circuit Court	L	-	0/\$20,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
Justice Court	L	-	0/\$5,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
VERMONT:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	G	-	-	\$3,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
VIRGINIA:							
Circuit Court	G	0-\$1,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	0/No maximum(real property)	0/\$7,000	-	-	-	-
WASHINGTON:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$2,500	No	Yes	No
WEST VIRGINIA:							
Circuit Court	G	\$300/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	0/\$3,000 (No real property)	-	-	-	-

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FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property Rights, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 1994
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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount	Limited dollar amount	Small claims			
		torts, contracts, real property	torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum				
WISCONSIN:							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$4,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
WYOMING:							
District Court	G	\$1,000-\$7,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/ \$7,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
Justice of the Peace Court	L	-	0/ \$3,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes

JURISDICTION CODES:

- G = General jurisdiction court.
- L = Limited jurisdiction court.
- = Information not available.

FOOTNOTES*

Iowa-District Court: Small claims dollar amount jurisdiction increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 effective 7/1/94.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 1994

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
ALABAMA:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
ALASKA:								
Superior Court	G	Indictment	X		multiple charges		X	
District Court	L	Complaint	X		multiple counts		X	
ARIZONA:								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X					X
Justice of the Peace Court	L	Complaint				Varies with jurisdiction*		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint				Varies with jurisdiction*		
ARKANSAS:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X					X
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
City Court, Police Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
CALIFORNIA:								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
Justice Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
COLORADO:								
District Court	G	Complaint	X					X
County Court	L	Complaint/summons	X					X
CONNECTICUT:								
Superior Court	G	Information	X				(varies among local police departments)	
DELAWARE:								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
Family Court	L	Petition	X				X	
Justice of the Peace Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
Court of Common Pleas	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court of Wilmington	L	Complaint	X		X			
Alderman's Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:								
Superior Court	G	Complaint/information/indictment	X				X	
FLORIDA:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				(prosecutor decides)	
County Court	L	Complaint	X				X	

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
GEORGIA:								
Superior Court	G	Indictment/accusation		X			X	
State Court	L	Accusation/citation		X			X	
Magistrate Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
Probate Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	No data reported						
Civil Court	L	No data reported						
County Recorder's Court	L	No data reported						
Municipal Courts and the City Court of Atlanta	L	No data reported						
HAWAII:								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/indictment	X				X	(most serious charge)
District Court	L	First appearance/information	X		X			
IDAHO:								
District Court	G	Information	X					X
(Magistrates Division)	L	Complaint	X					X
ILLINOIS:								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/information/indictment		X			X	
INDIANA:								
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	(may not be consistent)
County Court	L	Information/complaint	X				X	(may not be consistent)
Municipal Court of Marion County	L	Information/complaint	X				X	(may not be consistent)
City Court and Town Court	L	Information/complaint	X				X	(may not be consistent)
IOWA:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
KANSAS:								
District Court	G	First appearance	X				X	
KENTUCKY:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint/citation	X				X	
LOUISIANA:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	Varies				Varies	
City and Parish Court	L	Information/complaint	X		X			
MAINE:								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	L	Information/complaint	X		X			

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
MARYLAND:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	L	Citation/information	X				X	
MASSACHUSETTS:								
Trial Court of the Commonwealth:								
Superior Court Dept.	G	Information/indictment	X					X
Housing Court Dept.	L	Complaint	X					X
District Court Dept.	L	Complaint	X					X
Boston Municipal Ct.	L	Complaint	X					X
MICHIGAN:								
Circuit Court	G	Information	X			Varies, depending on prosecutor		
District Court	L	Complaint	X			Varies, depending on prosecutor		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X			Varies, depending on prosecutor		
MINNESOTA:								
District Court	G	First appearance	X				X	
MISSISSIPPI:								
Circuit Court	G	Indictment	X				X	
County Court	L	Indictment	X				X	
Justice Court	L	Indictment	X				X	
MISSOURI:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment		X			X	
(Associate Division)	L	Complaint/Information		X			X	
MONTANA:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment			X		X	
Justice of Peace Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
City Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
NEBRASKA:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	(not consistently observed statewide)
County Court	L	Information/complaint	X				X	
NEVADA:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	Varies			Varies, depending on prosecutor		
Justice Court	L	Complaint	Varies			Varies, depending on prosecutor		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	Varies			Varies, depending on prosecutor		
NEW HAMPSHIRE:								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X		X			
District Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
NEW JERSEY:								
Superior Court (Law Division)	G	Accusation/indictment	X				X	X
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	X

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
NEW MEXICO:								
District Court	G	Indictment/information	X					X
Magistrate Court	L	Complaint	X					X
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court	L	Complaint	X					X
NEW YORK:								
Supreme Court	G	Defendant/indictment		X		Varies depending on prosecutor		
County Court	G	Defendant/indictment		X		Varies depending on prosecutor		
Criminal Court of the City of New York	L	Defendant/docket		X		Varies depending on prosecutor		
District Court and City Court	L	Defendant/docket		X		Varies depending on prosecutor		
Town Court and Village Justice Court	L	N/A				Varies depending on prosecutor		
NORTH CAROLINA:								
Superior Court	G	Transfer (from District Court) Indictment (when case originates in Superior Court)	X			Varies depending on prosecutor		
District Court	L	Warrant/summons (includes citations, Magistrates order, misdemeanor statement of charges)	X			Varies depending on prosecutor		
NORTH DAKOTA:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	(may vary)
County Court	L	Complaint/information	X				Varies	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
OHIO:								
Court of Common Pleas	G	Arraignment	X					X
County Court	L	Warrant/summons	X					X
Municipal Court	L	Warrant/summons	X					X
Mayor's Court	L	No data reported						
OKLAHOMA:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment		X				X
OREGON:								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/indictment		X		(number of charges not consistent statewide)		
District Court	L	Complaint/indictment		X		(number of charges not consistent statewide)		
Justice Court	L	Complaint		X		(number of charges not consistent statewide)		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint		X	X			
PENNSYLVANIA:								
Court of Common Pleas	G	Information/docket transcript	X					X
District Justice Court	L	Complaint	X					X
Philadelphia Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X					X
Pittsburgh City Magistrates Ct.	L	Complaint	X					X
PUERTO RICO:								
Superior Court	G	Accusation	X		X			
District Court	L	Filing of Charge	X		X			
Municipal Court	L	Filing of Charge	X		X			

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
RHODE ISLAND:								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X					X
District Court	L	Complaint	X			X		
SOUTH CAROLINA:								
Circuit Court	G	Warrant/summons	X		X			
Magistrate Court	L	Warrant/summons	X		X			
Municipal Court	L	Warrant/summons	X		X			
SOUTH DAKOTA:								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint	X				X	
TENNESSEE:								
Circuit Court and Criminal Court	G	Information/indictment	Not consistent statewide					
General Sessions Court	L	No data reported						
Municipal Court	L	No data reported						
TEXAS:								
District Court and Criminal District Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
County-level Courts	L	Complaint/information	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
Justice of the Peace Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
UTAH:								
District Court	G	Information		X				X
Circuit Court	L	Information/citation	X				X	
Justice Court	L	Citation	X				X	
VERMONT:								
District Court	G	Arraignment	X					X
VIRGINIA:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X		X			
District Court	L	Warrant/summons	X		X			
WASHINGTON:								
Superior Court	G	(Original) Information	X					X
District Court	L	Complaint/citation	X			X (2 max)		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint/citation	X			X (2 max)		
WEST VIRGINIA:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X					X
Magistrate Court	L	Complaint			X			X
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
WISCONSIN:								
Circuit Court	G	Initial appearance	X					X
Municipal Court	L	Citation*	X		X			

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FIGURE D: Criminal Case Unit of Count Used by State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of counting a criminal case	Number of defendants		Contents of charging document			
			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
WYOMING:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment		X				X
County Court	L	Citation/information		X				X
Justice of the Peace Court	L	Citation/information		X				X
Municipal Court	L	Citation/information	X			X		

JURISDICTION CODES:

G = General jurisdiction court.
L = Limited jurisdiction court.

Wisconsin-Municipal Court-The court has exclusively civil jurisdiction, but its caseload includes first offense DWI/DUI cases. The *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary* treats all DWI/DUI cases as a subcategory of criminal cases.

FOOTNOTES*

Arizona-Varies in limited jurisdiction courts. Prosecutor can file long form. Long form can involve one or more defendants and/or charges. Misdemeanors can also be included on citations.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 1994

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Filings are counted		Disposition counted		Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
		At intake or referral	At filing of petition or complaint	At adjudication of petition	At disposition of juvenile	
ALABAMA:						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
District Court	L		X	X		18
ALASKA:						
Superior Court	G		X	X		18
ARIZONA:						
Superior Court	G		X	X		18
ARKANSAS:						
Chancery Court	G		X		X	18
CALIFORNIA:						
Superior Court	G		X	X		18
COLORADO:						
District Court (includes Denver Juvenile Court)	G		X		X	18
CONNECTICUT:						
Superior Court	G	X			X	16
DELAWARE:						
Family Court	L (special)		X	X		18
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:						
Superior Court	G	X			X	18*
FLORIDA:						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
GEORGIA:						
Juvenile Court	(special)		X		X	17*
HAWAII:						
Circuit Court	G (Family Court Division)	X		X		16
IDAHO:						
District Court	G		X	X		18
ILLINOIS:						
Circuit Court	G		X		X	17 (15 for first-degree murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed robbery, robbery with a firearm, and unlawful use of weapons on school grounds)

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FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Filings are counted		Disposition counted		Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
		At intake or referral	At filing of petition or complaint	At adjudication of petition	At disposition of juvenile	
INDIANA:						
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
Probate Court	L		X	X		18
IOWA:						
District Court	G		X	Disposition data are not collected		18
KANSAS:						
District Court	G		X		X	18 14 (for traffic violation) 16 (for fish and game or charged with felony with two prior juvenile adjudications, which would be considered a felony)
KENTUCKY:						
District Court	L		X	X		18
LOUISIANA:						
District Court	G		X	X		17
Family Court and Juvenile Court	G		X	X		17 (15 for first- and second-degree murder, manslaughter, and aggravated rape)
City Court	L		X	X		16 (for armed robbery, aggravated burglary, and aggravated kidnapping)
MAINE:						
District Court	L		X		X	18
MARYLAND:						
Circuit Court	G		X		X	18
District Court	L		X		X	18
MASSACHUSETTS:						
Trial Court of the Commonwealth:	G					
District Court Dept.			X	X		17
Juvenile Court Dept.			X	X		17
MICHIGAN:						
Probate Court	L		X		X	17
MINNESOTA:						
District Court	G		X	X		18

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FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Filings are counted		Disposition counted		Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
		At intake or referral	At filing of petition or complaint	At adjudication of petition	At disposition of juvenile	
MISSISSIPPI:						
County Court	L		X	X		
Family Court	L		X	X		
MISSOURI:						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		17
MONTANA:						
District Court	G		X		X	18
NEBRASKA:						
Separate Juvenile Court	L		X		X	18
County Court	L		X		X	18
NEVADA:						
District Court	G		Varies by district		Varies by district	18*
NEW HAMPSHIRE:						
District Court	L		X		X	18 16 (for traffic violation) 15 (for some felony charges)
NEW JERSEY:*						
Superior Court	G	X		X		18 complaint
NEW MEXICO:						
District Court	G		X	X		18
NEW YORK:						
Family Court	L		X		X	16 (except for specified felonies, 13, 14, 15)
NORTH CAROLINA:						
District Court	L		X (first filing only)	X		16 (13-, 14- and 15-year olds may be transferred (after the court finds probable cause) only as follows: if the offense is first degree murder, the court must transfer jurisdiction; for other felony-level offenses, the court may exercise discretion to transfer jurisdiction.)
NORTH DAKOTA:						
District Court	G		X		X	18
OHIO:						
Court of Common Pleas	G	X (warrant)			X	18

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FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Filings are counted		Disposition counted		Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
		At intake or referral	At filing of petition or complaint	At adjudication of petition	At disposition of juvenile	
OKLAHOMA: District Court	G		X (case number)	X		18
OREGON: Circuit Court	G		X	Dispositions are not counted		18
OREGON: County Court	L		X			18
PENNSYLVANIA: Court of Common Pleas	G	X		X		18
PUERTO RICO: Superior Court	G		X	X		18
RHODE ISLAND: Family Court	L		X	X		18
SOUTH CAROLINA: Family Court	L		X	X		17
SOUTH DAKOTA: Circuit Court	G	X		X		18
TENNESSEE: General Sessions Court	L					
TENNESSEE: Juvenile Court	L	X			X	18
(Data are reported with Juvenile Court data)						
TEXAS: District Court	G		X		X	17
TEXAS: County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, Probate Court	L		X		X	17
UTAH: Juvenile Court	L		X		X	18
VERMONT: Family Court	G		X		X	16
VIRGINIA: District Court	L		X		X	18
WASHINGTON: Superior Court	G		X	X		18
WEST VIRGINIA: Circuit Court	G		X		X	18
WISCONSIN: Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
WYOMING: District Court	G		X	X		19

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FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

JURISDICTION CODES:

G = General jurisdiction court.
L = Limited jurisdiction court.

New Jersey-All signed juvenile delinquency complaints are filed with the court and are docketed upon receipt (and therefore counted). Once complaints have been docketed they are screened by Court Intake Services and decisions are made as to how complaints will be processed (e.g., diversion, court hearings, etc.)

FOOTNOTES*

District of Columbia-Depending on the severity of the offense a juvenile between the ages of 16-18 can be charged as an adult.

Nevada-Unless certified at a younger age because of felony charged.

Georgia-Age 18 for deprived juveniles.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 1994

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
ALABAMA: Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	District, Probate, Municipal Courts
ALASKA: Superior Court	G	X	O	O	de novo	
		X	X	X	on the record	District Court
ARIZONA: Superior Court	G	X	X	X	de novo (if no record)	Justice of the Peace, Municipal Court
ARKANSAS: Circuit Court	G	O	X	X	de novo	Court of Common Pleas, County, Municipal, City, and Police Courts, and Justice of the Peace
CALIFORNIA: Superior Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Justice Court, Municipal Court
COLORADO: District Court	G	X	X	O	on the record	County and Municipal Court of Record
County Court	L	O	X	X	de novo not of record	Municipal Court
CONNECTICUT: Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo or on the record	Probate Court
DELAWARE: Superior Court	G	O	X	X	de novo	Municipal Court of Wilmington, Alderman's, Justice of Peace Courts
		O	(arbitration) O	X	on the record	Family Court
		O	X (arbitration)	O		Superior Court
		O	X	X		Court of Common Pleas
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Superior Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	Office of Employee Appeals, Administrative Traffic Agency
FLORIDA: Circuit Court	G	O	X	O	de novo on the record	County Court
		O	O	X	on the record	County Court

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
GEORGIA:						
Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo or on the record	Probate Court, Magistrate Court
		O	O	X	de novo, on the record, or certiorari	Probate Court, Municipal Court, Magistrate Court, County Recorder's Court
State Court	L	O	X	O	certiorari on the record	Magistrate Court
		O	O	X		County Recorder's Court
HAWAII:						
Circuit Court	G	X	O	O	de novo	
IDAHO:						
District Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	Magistrates Division
		(small claims only) O	X	O	on the record	Magistrates Division
ILLINOIS:						
Circuit Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	
INDIANA:						
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	City and Town Courts
Municipal Court of Marion County	L	O	X	O	de novo	Small Claims Court of Marion County
IOWA:						
District Court	G	X	O	O	de novo	
		O	X	X	on the record	Magistrates Division
KANSAS:						
District Court	G	X	X	X	criminal on the record civil on the record	Criminal (from Municipal Court) Civil (from limited jurisdiction judge)
KENTUCKY:						
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	District Court
LOUISIANA:						
District Court	G	X	X	X	on the record de novo	City and Parish Justice of the Peace, Mayor's Courts
MAINE:						
Superior Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	District Court, Administrative Court
MARYLAND:						
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo, on the record	District Court

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
MASSACHUSETTS:						
Superior Court Department	G	X	X	O	de novo, on the record	Other departments
District Court Department and Boston Municipal Court	G	X	X	X	de novo, first instance	Other departments
MICHIGAN:						
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Municipal Court District, Municipal, and Probate Courts
MINNESOTA:						
District Court	G	O	X		de novo	Conciliation Division
MISSISSIPPI:						
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	County and Municipal Courts
Chancery Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	Commission
MISSOURI:						
Circuit Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	
		X	X	O	de novo	Municipal Court, Associate Divisions
MONTANA:						
District Court	G	X	X	O	de novo and on the record	Justice of Peace, Municipal, City Courts, and State Boards
		O	O	X	de novo	
NEBRASKA:						
District Court	G	X	O	O	de novo on the record	
		O	X	X	on the record	County Court
NEVADA:						
District Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	Justice Court
		O	O	X	de novo	Municipal Court
		O	O	X	on the record	If Municipal Court is designated court of record
NEW HAMPSHIRE:						
Superior Court	G	X	O	X	de novo	District, Municipal, Probate Courts
NEW JERSEY:						
Superior Court	G	O	O	X	de novo on the record	Municipal Court
NEW MEXICO:						
District Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	Magistrate, Probate, Municipal, Bernalillo County Metropolitan Courts

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
NEW YORK:						
County Court	G	O	X	X	on the record	City, Town and Village Justice Courts
NORTH CAROLINA:						
Superior Court	G	X X	O O	X O	de novo de novo on the record	District Court
District Court	L	X O	O X	O X	on the record de novo	Magistrates
NORTH DAKOTA:						
District Court	G	X	O	O	Varies	Municipal Court
County Court	L	O	X	X	de novo	
OHIO:						
Court of Common Pleas	G	X	O	O	de novo and on the record	Mayor's Court Mayor's Court
County Court	L	O	O	X	de novo	
Municipal Court	L	O	O	X	de novo	
Court of Claims	L	X	O	O	de novo	
OKLAHOMA:						
District Court	G	X	O	X	de novo on the record	Municipal Court
Court of Tax Review	L	X	O	O	de novo on the record	Not of Record
OREGON:						
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	County Court, Municipal Court (in counties with no District Court), Justice Court (in counties with no District Court)
Tax Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	
PENNSYLVANIA:						
Court of Common Pleas	G	X	X	O	on the record	Philadelphia Municipal Court, District Justice, Philadelphia Traffic, Pittsburgh City
Magistrates Court		O	O	X	de novo	
PUERTO RICO:						
Superior Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	District Court, Municipal Court
RHODE ISLAND:						
Superior Court	G	X O	O X	O X	on the record de novo	District, Municipal, Probate Courts
District Court	L	X	O	O	on the record	
SOUTH CAROLINA:						
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Magistrate, Probate, Municipal Courts

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
SOUTH DAKOTA: Circuit Court	G	X	O	O	de novo and on the record	Magistrates Division
		O	X	X	de novo	
TENNESSEE: Circuit, Criminal and Chancery Courts	G	X	X	X	de novo	General Sessions, Municipal, and Juvenile Courts
TEXAS: District Court	G	X	O	O	de novo	Municipal Court not of record, Justice of the Peace Courts Municipal Courts of record
					de novo on the record	
County-level Courts	L	O	X	X	de novo	Municipal Court not of record, Justice of the Peace Courts Municipal Courts of record
					de novo on the record	
UTAH: District Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	Justice of the Peace Courts Justice of the Peace Courts
Circuit Court	L	O	X	X	de novo	
VERMONT: Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo or on the record	Probate Court, Small Claims from District Court Probate Court, Traffic Complaint Bureau
District Court	G	O	X	O	de novo or on the record	
VIRGINIA: Circuit Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	District Court
		O	X	X	de novo	
WASHINGTON: Superior Court	G	X	X	X	de novo and de novo on the record	District, Municipal Courts
WEST VIRGINIA: Circuit Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	Municipal Court Magistrate Court
		O	X	X	de novo	
WISCONSIN: Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	Municipal Court
				(first offense DWI/DUI only)		
WYOMING: District Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Justice of the Peace, Municipal, County Courts

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FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 1994 (continued)

JURISDICTION CODES:

- G = General jurisdiction court.
- L = Limited jurisdiction court.
- = Information not available.
- X = Yes
- O = No

Definitions of types of appeal:

certiorari: An appellate court case category in which a petition is presented to an appellate court asking the court to review the judgment of a trial court or administrative agency, or the decision of an intermediate appellate court.

first instance: If dissatisfied with the de novo verdict of the judge, defendant can go before the jury.

de novo: An appeal from one trial court to another trial court that results in a totally new set of proceedings and a new trial court judgment.

de novo on the record: An appeal from one trial court to another trial court that is based on the record and results in a new trial court judgment.

on the record: An appeal from one trial court to another trial court in which procedural challenges to the original trial proceedings are claimed, and an evaluation of those challenges are made—there is not a new trial court judgment on the case.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE G: Number of Authorized Judges/Justices in State Courts, 1994

State:	Court(s) of last resort	Intermediate appellate court(s)	General jurisdiction court(s)	Limited jurisdiction court(s)
ALABAMA	9	8	127	399
ALASKA	5	3	37 (includes 5 masters)	73 (includes 57 magistrates)
ARIZONA	5	21	126	207 (includes 83 justices of the peace, 48 part-time judges)
ARKANSAS	7	6	100	324 (includes 55 justices of the peace)
CALIFORNIA	7	88	939 (includes 122 commissioners and 28 referees)	841 (includes 167 commissioners and 4 referees)
COLORADO	7	16	115 (includes 4 magistrates)	364 (includes 52 part-time judges)
CONNECTICUT	7	9	152	133
DELAWARE	5	-	22 (includes 1 chancellor and 4 vice-chancellors)	92 (includes 53 justices of the peace, 1 chief magistrate, 16 aldermen, 1 part-time judge, 1 mayor)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	9	-	59	-
FLORIDA	7	61	434	248
GEORGIA	7	9	159	1,129 (includes 79 part-time judges, 159 chief magistrates, 314 magistrates, and 32 associate juvenile court judges)
HAWAII	5	4	41 (includes 14 family court judges)	58 (includes 36 per diem judges)
IDAHO	5	3	116 (includes 80 full-time magistrate judges)	-
ILLINOIS	7	52 (includes 10 supplemental judges)	852 (includes 348 associate judges and 50 permissive associate judges)	-
INDIANA	5	16 (includes 1 tax court judge)	246	118
IOWA	9	6	331 (includes 135 part-time magistrates, 12 associate juvenile judges, 1 associate probate judge, and 6 part-time alternate district associate judges)	-
KANSAS	7	10	218 (includes 69 district magistrates)	252
KENTUCKY	7	14	93	194 (includes 69 trial commissioners)
LOUISIANA	8 (includes one assigned from courts of appeal)	54	220 (includes 7 commissioners)	713 (includes 390 justices of the peace, 250 mayors)
MAINE	7	-	16	43 (includes 16 part-time judges)
MARYLAND	7	13	125	163
MASSACHUSETTS	7	14	327	-
MICHIGAN	7	24	208	372
MINNESOTA	7	16	242 *	- *
MISSISSIPPI	9	-	93 (includes 45 chancellors)	482 (includes 165 mayors, 191 justices of the peace)
MISSOURI	7	32	309	336
MONTANA	7	-	51 (includes 6 water masters)	130 (includes 36 justices of the peace that also serve on the city court)
NEBRASKA	7	6 *	50	69
NEVADA	5	-	46	93 (includes 65 justices of the peace)

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FIGURE G: Number of Authorized Judges/Justices in State Courts, 1994 (continued)

State:	Court(s) of last resort	Intermediate appellate court(s)	General jurisdiction court(s)	Limited jurisdiction court(s)
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5	–	40 (includes 11 full-time marital masters)	100 (includes 75 part-time judges)
NEW JERSEY	7	32	393 (includes 21 surrogates)	377 (includes 351 part-time judges)
NEW MEXICO	5	10	64	188
NEW YORK	7	63	597	2,938 (includes 78 surrogates, 2,242 justices of the peace)
NORTH CAROLINA	7	12	192 (includes 100 clerks who hear uncontested probate)	839 (includes 659 magistrates of which approximately 43 are part-time)
NORTH DAKOTA	5	3 *	24	102
OHIO	7	65	362	697 (includes 441 mayors)
OKLAHOMA	14	12	211 (includes 63 special judges)	372 (includes part-time judges)
OREGON	7	10	93	198 (includes 33 justices of the peace)
PENNSYLVANIA	7	24	366	584 (includes 550 district justices and 6 magistrates)
PUERTO RICO	7	–	111	156
RHODE ISLAND	5	–	35 (includes 2 masters)	93 (includes 3 masters, 2 magistrates)
SOUTH CAROLINA	5	6	60 (includes 20 masters-in-equity)	687 (includes 295 magistrates)
SOUTH DAKOTA	5	–	185 (includes 1.3 part-time lay magistrates, 11.7 law trained magistrates, 83 full-time clerk magistrates, and 53 part-time clerk magistrates)	–
TENNESSEE	5	21	142 (includes 33 chancellors)	431
TEXAS	18	80	386	2,530 (includes 885 justices of the peace)
UTAH	5	7	42	166 (includes 128 justices of the peace and one commissioner)
VERMONT	5	–	36 (includes 5 child support magistrates)	20 (19 are part-time)
VIRGINIA	7	10	141	208 (includes 91 FTE juvenile and domestic relations judges)
WASHINGTON	9	18	157	205
WEST VIRGINIA	5	–	62	276 (includes 154 magistrates and 122 part-time judges)
WISCONSIN	7	16	223	210
WYOMING	5	–	17	107 (includes 14 part-time justices of the peace and 73 part-time judges)
Total	357	874	9,793	18,317

– = The state does not have a court at the indicated level.

NOTE: This table identifies, in parentheses, all individuals who hear cases but are not titled judges/justices. Some states may have given the title "judge" to officials who are called magistrates, justices of the peace, etc., in other states.

Minnesota—General jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts were consolidated in 1987.

Nebraska—The Nebraska Court of Appeals was established September 6, 1991.

FOOTNOTES*

North Dakota—Court of Appeals effective July 1, 1987 through January 1, 1996. A temporary court of appeals was established to exercise appellate and original jurisdiction as delegated by the supreme court.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE H: Method of Counting Civil Cases in State Trial Courts, 1994

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Are reopened cases counted as new filings, or identified separately as reopened cases?	Qualifications or Conditions	Are enforcement/ collection proceedings counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?	Are temporary injunctions counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?
ALABAMA:					
Circuit Court	G	New filings		No	No
District Court	L	New filings		No	No
ALASKA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	No
District Court	L	Reopened		No	No
ARIZONA:					
Superior Court	G	New filings		No	No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	New filings		No	No
ARKANSAS:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
Chancery and Probate Court	G	Reopened		No	No
CALIFORNIA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened	Retried cases	No	No
Municipal Court	L	Reopened	Retried cases	No	NA
Justice Court	L	Reopened	Retried cases	No	NA
COLORADO:					
District Court	G	Reopened	Post activities	No	No
Water Court	G	Reopened	Post activities	No	No
County Court	L	Reopened	Post activities	No	No
Municipal Court	L	NA		NA	NA
CONNECTICUT:					
Superior Court	G	New filings		No	No If heard separately (rarely occurs)
DELAWARE:					
Court of Chancery	G	Reopened		No	No
Superior Court	G	New filings reopened	If remanded Case rehearing	No	Yes/No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	New filings		No	Yes/No
Family Court	L	New filings are heard separately Reopened if rehearing of total case	If part of original proceeding	No	No
Court of Common Pleas	L	New filings reopened	If remanded rehearing	No	No
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
FLORIDA:					
County Court	L	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No

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FIGURE H: Method of Counting Civil Cases in State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

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GEORGIA:					
Superior Court	G	New filings		Yes	No
Civil Court	L	NC		NC	NC
State Court	L	New filings		Yes	No
Probate Court	L	New filings		NC	NC
Magistrate Court	L	New filings		Yes	No
Municipal Court	L	NC		NC	NC
HAWAII:					
Circuit Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes Special proceedings	Yes/Yes Circuit Court: Special proceedings
Family Court	G	New filings			Yes/No
District Court	L	New filings		No	Yes/No (included as new case filing)
IDAHO:					
District Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	No
ILLINOIS:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
INDIANA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened	Redocketed	No	No
Circuit Court	G	Reopened	Redocketed	No	No
County Court	L	Reopened	Redocketed	No	No
Municipal Court of Marion County	L	Reopened	Redocketed	No	No
City Court	L	NA	NA	NA	N/Applicable
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	NA	NA	NA	NA
IOWA:					
District Court	G	New filings		Contempt actions are counted as separate cases; other enforcement proceedings are not counted	No
KANSAS:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
KENTUCKY:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
District Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
LOUISIANA:					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes	Yes/No
Juvenile Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes	No
Family Court	G	New filings		No	No
City & Parish Courts	L	New filings		Yes/Yes	No
MAINE:					
Superior Court	G	New filings		No	Yes/No
District Court	L	NC		No	No
Probate Court	L	NC		No	No

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MARYLAND:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened, but included with new filings		No	NA
District Court	L	NA		NA	Yes/No
MASSACHUSETTS:					
Trial Court of the Commonwealth:					
Superior Court Dept.	G	NC		NA	Yes/No
District Court Dept.	G	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Boston Municipal Court Dept.	G	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Housing Court Dept.	G	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Land Court Dept.	G	NC		N/Applicable	NA
MICHIGAN:					
Court of Claims	G	Reopened		No	No
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
District Court	L	New filings		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	New filings		NA	NA
MINNESOTA:					
District Court	G	Identified separately	No	No	
MISSISSIPPI:					
Circuit Court	G	NA		NA	NA
Chancery Court	G	NA		NA	NA
County Court	L	NA		NA	NA
Family Court	L	NA		NA	NA
Justice Court	L	NA		NA	NA
MISSOURI:					
Circuit Court	G	New filings		Yes/No	Yes/No
MONTANA:					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes	Yes/No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	NA		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	NA		NA	NA
City Court	L	NA		NA	NA
NEBRASKA:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
County Court	L	Reopened		No	No
NEVADA:					
District Court	G	Reopened	May not be reopened but refers back to original case	Varies/Varies	Varies
NEW HAMPSHIRE:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	No
District Court	L	NC		No	No
Municipal Court	L	NC		No	No

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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Are reopened cases counted as new filings, or identified separately as reopened cases?	Qualifications or Conditions	Are enforcement/collection proceedings counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?	Are temporary injunctions counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?
NEW JERSEY:					
Superior Court: Civil, Family, General Equity, and Criminal Divisions	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No (except for domestic violence)
NEW MEXICO:					
District Court	G	Reopened		Yes/Yes	No
Magistrate Court	L	Reopened		No	No
Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County	L	Reopened		No	No
NEW YORK:					
Supreme Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
County Court	L	NC		No	No
Court of Claims	L	NC		No	No
Family Court	L	Reopened		Yes/No	No
District Court	L	NC		No	No
City Court	L	NC		No	No
Civil Court of the City of New York	L	NC		No	No
Town & Village Justice Court	L	NC		No	No
NORTH CAROLINA:					
Superior Court	G	NC		No	No
District Court	L	NC		Yes/No	No
NORTH DAKOTA:					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes (only counted if a hearing was held)	Yes/Yes
County Court	L	New filings		No	No
OHIO:					
Court of Common Pleas	G	Reopened		Yes/No (are counted separately in domestic relations cases)	Yes/No
Municipal Court	L	Reopened		Yes	Yes
County Court	L	Reopened		Yes	Yes
Court of Claims	L	NA		NA	NA
OKLAHOMA:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
OREGON:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened, not counted		Yes/No	Yes/No
Justice Court	L	NA		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	NA		NA	NA
District Court	L	Reopened, not counted		NA	NA
PENNSYLVANIA:					
Court of Common Pleas	G	Reopened		No	No
District Justice Court	L	New filings		NA	NA
PUERTO RICO:					
Superior Court	G	New filings		Yes/No	No
District Court	L	New filings		Yes/No	No
Municipal Court	L	New filings		Yes/No	No

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RHODE ISLAND:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
District Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
Family Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
Probate Court	L	NA		NA	NA
SOUTH CAROLINA:					
Circuit Court	G	New filings		No	No (Permanent
Family Court	L	New filings		No	No injunctions
Magistrate Court	L	New filings		No	No are counted
Probate Court	L	New filings		No	No as a new filing)
SOUTH DAKOTA:					
Circuit Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
TENNESSEE:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened	(varies based on local practice)		(varies based on local practice)
Chancery Court	G	Reopened	(varies based on local practice)		(varies based on local practice)
General Sessions Court	L	Reopened	(varies based on local practice)		(varies based on local practice)
TEXAS:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
Constitutional County Court	L	Reopened		No	No
County Court at Law	L	Reopened		No	No
Justice Court	L	New filings		No	No
UTAH:					
District Court	G	NC		No	Yes/Yes
Circuit Court	L	NC		No	Yes/Yes
Justice Court	L	NC		No	Yes/Yes
VERMONT:					
Superior Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
District Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Family Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
Probate Court	L	NC		No	N/Applicable
VIRGINIA:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened	Reinstated cases		
District Court	L	New filings		Yes/No	No
WASHINGTON:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Municipal Court	L	New filings		NA	NA
District Court	L	New filings		No	NA
WEST VIRGINIA:					
Circuit Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
Magistrate Court	L	NC		No	N/Applicable

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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Are reopened cases counted as new filings, or identified separately as reopened cases?	Qualifications or Conditions	Are enforcement/collection proceedings counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?	Are temporary injunctions counted? If yes, are they counted separately from new case filings?
WISCONSIN:					
Circuit Court	G	New filings	Identified with R (reopened) suffix, but included in total count	No	Yes/Yes
WYOMING:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	Reopened		No	NA
County Court	L	Reopened		No	NA

JURISDICTION CODES:

G = General Jurisdiction Court

L = Limited Jurisdiction Court

NA = Information is not available

NC = Information is not collected/counted

N/Applicable = Civil case types heard by this court are not applicable to this figure.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

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TABLE 1: Reported National Caseload for State Appellate Courts, 1994

<u>Reported Caseload</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	
Courts of last resort:			
i. Mandatory jurisdiction cases:			
A. Number of reported complete cases	23,105	20,074	
Number of courts reporting complete data	39	32	
B. Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions	3,911	5,482	
Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions	7	11	
C. Number of reported cases that are incomplete	795	540	
Number of courts reporting incomplete data	2	1	
D. Number of reported cases that are incomplete and include some discretionary petitions	1,005	994	
Number of courts reporting incomplete data that include some discretionary petitions	2	2	
II. Discretionary jurisdiction petitions:			
A. Number of reported complete petitions	50,502	42,855	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions	44	39	
B. Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	4,023	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	2	
C. Number of reported petitions that are incomplete	2,420	2,551	
Number of courts reporting incomplete petitions	3	3	
Intermediate appellate courts:			
I. Mandatory jurisdiction cases:			
A. Number of reported complete cases	121,180	120,265	
Number of courts reporting complete data	38	37	
B. Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions	35,177	40,476	
Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions	5	6	
C. Number of reported cases that are incomplete	4,380	4,267	
Number of courts reporting incomplete data	1	1	
II. Discretionary jurisdiction petitions:			
A. Number of reported complete petitions	21,218	20,609	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions	20	17	
B. Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	0	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	0	
C. Number of reported petitions that are incomplete	0	0	
Number of courts reporting incomplete petitions	0	0	
Summary section for all appellate courts:			
	Reported Filings		
	<u>COLR</u>	<u>IAC</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Number of reported complete cases/petitions	73,607	142,398	216,005
B. Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types	3,911	35,177	39,088
C. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete	3,215	4,380	7,595
D. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete and include other case types	1,005	-	1,005
Total	81,738	181,955	263,693
	Reported Dispositions		
	<u>COLR</u>	<u>IAC</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Number of reported complete cases/petitions	62,929	140,874	203,803
B. Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types	9,505	40,476	49,981
C. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete	3,091	4,267	7,358
D. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete and include other case types	994	—	994
Total	76,519	185,617	262,136

TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 1994

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
State with one of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	469	199	38	668	134	507	101
Court of Appeals	371	51	3	422	141	374	125
State Total	840	250	41	1,090	136	881	110
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	126	1,221	NA	1,347	269		
Court of Appeals	3,340	198	NA	3,538	168		
State Total	3,466	1,419		4,885	188		
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	567 C	(B)	NA	567	81		
Court of Appeals	1,091	NJ	28	1,091	182	1,119	186
State Total	1,658 *			1,658	128		
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	27	6,758	97 A	6,785	969	124	18
Courts of Appeal	14,267	7,119	NA	21,386	243		
State Total	14,294	13,877		28,171	297		
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	162 A	1,115	NA	1,277	182		
Court of Appeals	2,287	NJ	NJ	2,287	143	2,287	143
State Total	2,449 *	1,115		3,564	155		
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	38	120	68	158	23	106	15
Appellate Court	1,183	59	19	1,242	138	1,202	134
State Total	1,221	179	87	1,400	88	1,308	82
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	616	1,354	NA	1,970	281		
District Courts of Appeal	15,858	3,123	NA	18,981	311		
State Total	16,474	4,477		20,951	308		
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	708	1,246	83	1,954	279	791	113
Court of Appeals	3,300	611	132	3,911	435	3,432	381
State Total	4,008	1,857	215	5,865	367	4,223	264
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	610	38	NA	648	130		
Intermediate Court of Appeals	295	NJ	NJ	295	74	295	74
State Total	905	38		943	105		
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	438 C	127	NA	565	113		
Court of Appeals	222	NJ	NJ	222	74	222	74
State Total	660 *	127		787	98		

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
316	212	17	528	333	COLR	1
355	56	NA	411		IAC	1
671	268		939			
127	1,220	NA	1,347		COLR	6
3,813	180	NA	3,993		IAC	6
3,940	1,400		5,340			
556 C	(B)	45	556	601	COLR	2
997	NJ	NA	997		IAC	2
1,553 *			1,553			
18	6,783	134	6,801	152	COLR	6
14,481	7,290	NA	21,771		IAC	2
14,499	14,073		28,572			
(B)	1,290 B	NA	1,290		COLR	1
2,192	NJ	NJ	2,192	2,192	IAC	1
	1,290 *		3,482			
(B)	255 B	NA	255		COLR	1
1,033 B	(B)	NA	1,033		IAC	1
			1,288			
629	1,436	NA	2,065		COLR	1
16,465	2,745	NA	19,210		IAC	1
17,094	4,181		21,275			
851	992	NA	1,843		COLR	2
3,363	559	132	3,922	3,495	IAC	2
4,214	1,551		5,765			
479	42	NA	521		COLR	2
127	NJ	NJ	127	127	IAC	2
606	42		648			
438 C	112	NA	550		COLR	1
278	NJ	NJ	278	278	IAC	4
716 *	112		828			

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
ILLINOIS **							
Supreme Court	1,226	1,895	130	3,121	446	1,356	194
Appellate Court	8,889 B	(B)	NA	8,889	171		
State Total	10,115 *			12,010	204		
IOWA							
Supreme Court	1,538 B	(B)	49	1,538	171	1,587	176
Court of Appeals	616	NJ	NJ	616	103	616	103
State Total	2,154 *		49	2,154	144	2,203	147
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	334	525	35	859	123	369	53
Court of Appeals	1,797 B	(B)	NA	1,797	180		
State Total	2,131 *			2,656	156		
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	416	724	NA	1,140	163		
Court of Appeals	2,977	108	NA	3,085	220		
State Total	3,393	832		4,225	201		
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	143	3,028	517	3,171	396	660	82
Courts of Appeal	4,070	5,084	1,482	9,154	170	5,552	103
State Total	4,213	8,112	1,999	12,325	199	6,212	100
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	243	688	103	931	133	346	49
Court of Special Appeals	1,974	350	21	2,324	179	1,995	153
State Total	2,217	1,038	124	3,255	163	2,341	117
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	123	684	199	807	115	322	46
Appeals Court	2,068	1,016	NA	3,084	220		
State Total	2,191	1,700		3,891	185		
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	6	3,182	116	3,188	455	122	17
Court of Appeals	8,054	2,668	NA	10,722	447		
State Total	8,060	5,850		13,910	449		
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	208	774	139	982	140	347	50
Court of Appeals	2,380	76	NA	2,456	154		
State Total	2,588	850		3,438	149		
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	264	781	50	1,045	149	314	45
Court of Appeals	4,473	NJ	NJ	4,473	140	4,473	140
State Total	4,737	781	50	5,518	141	4,787	123

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
1,225	1,793	0	3,018	1,225	COLR	1
9,526 B	(B)	NA	9,526		IAC	1
10,751 *			12,544			
1,240 B	186 A	NA	1,426		COLR	1
658	NJ	NJ	658	658	IAC	4
1,898 *	186 *		2,084			
410 B	(B)	NA	410		COLR	5
1,591 B	(B)	NA	1,591		IAC	5
2,001 *			2,001			
408	735	NA	1,143		COLR	6
2,727	103	NA	2,830		IAC	3
3,135	838		3,973			
116	2,747	537	2,863	653	COLR	2
4,258	4,991	1,467	9,249	5,725	IAC	2
4,374	7,738	2,004	12,112	6,378		
212	676	NA	888		COLR	2
1,979	254	NA	2,233		IAC	2
2,191	930		3,121			
104	689	189	793	293	COLR	2
1,709	1,016	NA	2,725		IAC	2
1,813	1,705		3,518			
(B)	2,733 B	NA	2,733		COLR	1
12,824 B	(B)	NA	12,824		IAC	1
			15,557			
174	768	139	942	313	COLR	1
2,373	75	NA	2,448	IAC	1	
2,547	843		3,390			
259	769	70	1,028	329	COLR	1
4,302	NJ	NJ	4,302	4,302	IAC	1
4,561	769	70	5,330	4,631		

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	69 B	192	NA	261	37		
Court of Appeals	1,184 B	(B)	NA	1,184	197		
State Total	1,253 *			1,445	111		
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	410	2,953	115	3,363	480	525	75
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	7,148	0	NA	7,148	223		
State Total	7,558	2,953		10,511	270		
NEW MEXICO ***							
Supreme Court	234	629	NA	863	173		
Court of Appeals	750	56	NA	806	81		
State Total	984	685		1,669	111		
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	131	489	109	620	89	240	34
Court of Appeals	1,400	390	61	1,790	149	1,461	122
State Total	1,531	879	170	2,410	127	1,701	90
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	360	25	NA	385	77		
Court of Appeals	6	NJ	NJ	6	2	6	2
State Total	366	25		391	49		
OHIO							
Supreme Court	812	1,957	148	2,769	396	960	137
Courts of Appeals	11,032	NJ	NJ	11,032	170	11,032	170
State Total	11,844	1,957	148	13,801	192	11,992	167
OREGON							
Supreme Court	201	801	114	1,002	143	315	45
Court of Appeals	4,440	NJ	NJ	4,440	444	4,440	444
State Total	4,641	801	114	5,442	320	4,755	280
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	443	50	50	493	99	493	99
Court of Appeals	461	NJ	NJ	461	77	461	77
State Total	904	50	50	954	87	954	87
UTAH							
Supreme Court	631	136	NA	767	153		
Court of Appeals	785 B	(B)	NA	785	112		
State Total	1,416 *			1,552	129		
VIRGINIA****							
Supreme Court	71	2,169	337	2,240	320	408	58
Court of Appeals	663	1,989	360	2,652	265	1,023	102
State Total	734	4,158	697	4,892	288	1,431	84

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
315 B	(B)	NA	315		COLR	1
895 B	(B)	NA	895			1
1,210 •			1,210			
405	2,858	NA	3,263		COLR	1
6,980	0	NA	6,980		IAC	1
7,385	2,858		10,243			
194	616	NA	810		COLR	5
936 B	(B)	NA	936		IAC	5
1,130 •			1,746			
110	464	67	574	177	COLR	2
1,550	379	NA	1,929		IAC	2
1,660	843		2,503			
383	25	8	408	391	COLR	1
6	NJ	NJ	6	6	IAC	
389	25	8	414	397		
819	1,861	NA	2,680		COLR	1
11,565	NJ	NJ	11,565	11,565	IAC	1
12,384	1,861		14,245			
296 B	736	(B)	1,032	296	COLR	1
4,592	NJ	NJ	4,592	4,592	IAC	1
4,888 •	736		5,624	4,888		
503 B	(B)	NA	503		COLR	2
515	NJ	NJ	515	515	IAC	4
1,018 •			1,018			
478	106	NA	584		COLR	1
887 B	(B)	NA	887		IAC	1
1,365 •			1,471			
77	1,763	0	1,840	77	COLR	1
635	2,184	NA	2,819		IAC	1
712	3,947		4,659			

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	113 B	1,142 A	NA	1,255	139		
Court of Appeals	3,503	399	NA	3,902	217		
State Total	3,616 *	1,541 *		5,157	191		
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	NJ	1,158	0	1,158	165		
Court of Appeals	3,345 B	(B)	NA	3,345	209		
State Total	3,345 *			4,503	196		
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	488 B	0	NA	488	98		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	1,689	18	6	1,707	190	1,695	188
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	1,038 B	(B)	NA	1,038	148		
MISSISSIPPI							
Supreme Court	1,013	60	10	1,073	119	1,023	114
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	633 A	111	6	744	106	639	91
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	1,256	NJ	NJ	1,256	251	1,256	251
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	NJ	880	NA	880	176		
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	463	297	NA	760	152		
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	351 B	57 A	5	408	82	356	71
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	634	23	0	657	131	634	127
WEST VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court of Appeals	NJ	2,442	679	2,442	488	679	136
WYOMING							
Supreme Court	335	NJ	NJ	335	67	335	67

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
143 B	1,145 A	830	1,288	973	COLR	6
3,530	368	NA	3,898		IAC	6
3,673 *	1,513 *		5,186			
NJ	991	92	991	92	COLR	6
3,262 B	(B)	NA	3,262		IAC	6
3,262 *			4,253			
482 B	0	NA	482		COLR	1
1,566	21	NA	1,587		COLR	1
818 B	(B)	NA	818		COLR	1
805	60	0	865	805	COLR	2
540 A	79	NA	619		COLR	1
1,131	NJ	NJ	1,131	1,131	COLR	2
NJ	793	NA	793		COLR	1
427	260	NA	687		COLR	1
406 B	(B)	NA	406		COLR	2
610	24	NA	634		COLR	1
NJ	2,312	667	2,312	667	COLR	1
282	NJ	NJ	282	282	COLR	1

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 1993 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
States with multiple appellate courts at any level							
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	1,158	708	NA	1,866	207		
Court of Civil Appeals	906	NJ	NJ	906	302	906	302
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,260	NJ	NA	2,260	452		
State Total	4,324	708		5,032	296		
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	224	672	40	896	179	264	53
Court of Appeals	1,867	0	85	1,867	124	1,952	130
Tax Court	288	NJ	NJ	288	288	288	288
State Total	2,379	672	125	3,051	145	2,504	119
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	502	4,588	NA	5,090	727		
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	10,788 B	(B)	NA	10,788	225		
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	2,209 B	(B)	NA	2,209	147		
State Total	13,499 *			18,087	258		
OKLAHOMA							
Supreme Court	1,442	512	NA	1,954	217		
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,571	NJ	NJ	1,571	314	1,571	314
Court of Appeals	1,249	NJ	NJ	1,249	104	1,249	104
State Total	4,262	512		4,774	184		
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	365	2,695	NA	3,060	437		
Superior Court	7,554	NJ	NJ	7,554	504	7,554	504
Commonwealth Court	4,380 A	151	NA	4,531	503		
State Total	12,299 *	2,846		15,145	489		
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	314 B	828	80	1,142	228	394	79
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,167 B	174	38	1,341	149	1,205	134
Court of Appeals	1,103 B	264	62	1,367	114	1,165	97
State Total	2,584 *	1,266	180	3,850	148	2,764	106
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	13	1,394	161	1,407	156	174	19
Court of Criminal Appeal	3,590	1,477	148	5,067	563	3,738	415
Courts of Appeals	9,297	NJ	NJ	9,297	116	9,297	116

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of last resort

IAC = Intermediate appellate court

2 = At the filing of trial record

3 = At the filing of trial record and complete briefs

4 = At transfer

5 = Other

6 = Varies

POINTS AT WHICH CASES ARE COUNTED:

1 = At the notice of appeal

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
1,154	659	NA	1,813		COLR	1
823	NJ	NJ	823	823	IAC	1
2,096	NJ	NA	2,096		IAC	1
4,073	659		4,732			
220	641	0	861	220	COLR	6
1,864	87	85	1,951	1,949	IAC	6
123	NJ	NJ	123	123	IAC	6
2,207	728	85	2,935	2,292		
249	4,303	240	4,552	489	COLR	1
13,508 B	(B)	NA	13,508		IAC	2
2,091 B	(B)	NA	2,091		IAC	2
15,848 *			20,151			
1,739	545	NA	2,284		COLR	1
1,625	NJ	NJ	1,625	1,625	COLR	2
1,360	NJ	NJ	1,360	1,360	IAC	4
4,724	545		5,269			
348	3,340	NA	3,688		COLR	6
6,971	NJ	NJ	6,971	6,971	IAC	1
4,267 A	NA	NA			IAC	1
11,586 *						
391 B	760	80	1,151	471	COLR	1
937 B	128	(B)	1,065	937	IAC	1
1,021 B	194	(B)	1,215	1,021	IAC	1
2,349 *	1,082		3,431	2,429		
13	1,394	126	1,407	139	COLR	1
3,628	1,671	140	5,299	3,768	COLR	5
9,543	NJ	NJ	9,543	9,543	IAC	1

NOTE:

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

() = **Mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction** cases cannot be separately identified. Data are reported within the jurisdiction where the court has the majority of its caseload.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

** Total mandatory cases filed and disposed in the Illinois Supreme Court do not include the **miscellaneous record cases**.

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

***Total mandatory cases filed in the New Mexico Supreme Court do not include **petitions for extension of time** in criminal cases.

****Total cases filed in the Virginia Supreme Court reflect data reported by the clerk's office. See methodology for further discussion.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

California—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions granted** filed data do not include **original proceedings** and **administrative agency** cases.

Colorado—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data do not include some reopened cases, some **disciplinary matters**, and some **interlocutory decisions**.

Iowa—Supreme Court—**Discretionary petitions** disposed data do not include some **discretionary original proceedings**.

Montana—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data do not include **administrative agency, advisory opinions, and original proceedings**. Total **discretionary petitions** disposed do not include criminal appeals.

Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data do not include some **administrative agency** cases and some **original proceedings**.

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed data do not include **advisory opinions**, which are reported with mandatory jurisdiction cases.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed and disposed data do not include some **discretionary petitions**.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Colorado—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary** disposed data include all **mandatory** cases that were disposed.

—Appellate Court—Total mandatory disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

Delaware—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include some **discretionary petitions** that were granted.

Illinois—Appellate Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Iowa—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.

Kansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.

Michigan—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include mandatory cases disposed.

Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

—Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

Oregon—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were granted.

South Carolina—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary advisory opinions**.

Tennessee—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions** filed granted, and disposed.

—Court of Criminal Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions** filed granted, and disposed.

—Court of Civil Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions** filed granted, and disposed.

Utah—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include some **discretionary petitions**.

Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include a few **discretionary petitions**, but do not include **mandatory attorney disciplinary** cases and **certified questions from the federal courts**.

Idaho—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary original proceedings, interlocutory decisions** and **advisory opinions**, but do not include **mandatory interlocutory decisions**.

TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
States with one court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	469	316	67	5	94	77
Court of Appeals	IAC	371	355	96	3	124	61
State Total		840	671	80	8	105	139
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	COLR	126	127	101	5	25	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,340	3,813	114	21	159	82
State Total		3,466	3,940	114	26	133	85
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	567 C	556 C	98	7	81	23
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,091	997	91	6	182	44
State Total		1,658 *	1,553 *	94	13	128	68
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	27	18	67	7	4	1
Courts of Appeal	IAC	14,267	14,481	101	88	162	45
State Total		14,294	14,499	101	95	150	45
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	COLR	162 A	(B)		7	23	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,287	2,192	96	16	143	63
State Total		2,449 *	2,192		23	106	67
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	COLR	38	(B)		7	5	1
Appellate Court	IAC	1,183	1,033 B		9	131	36
State Total		1,221	1,033 *		16	76	37
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	COLR	616	629	102	7	88	4
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	15,858	16,465	104	61	260	114
State Total		16,474	17,094		68	242	118
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	708	851	120	7	101	10
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,300	3,363	102	9	367	47
State Total		4,008	4,214	105	16	250	57
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	COLR	610	479	79	5	122	52
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	95	127	43	4	74	25
State Total		905	606	67	9	101	77
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	COLR	438 C	438 C	100	5	88	39
Court of Appeals	IAC	222	278	125	3	74	20
State Total		660 *	716 *	108	8	82	58
ILLINOIS							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,226	1,225	100	7	175	10
Appellate Court	IAC	8,889 B	9,526 B	107	52	171	76
State Total		10,115 *	10,751 *	106	59	171	86

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Number of judges	Filed per judge	Filed per 100,000 population
IOWA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,538 B	1,240 B	81	9	171	54
Court of Appeals	IAC	616	658	107	6	103	22
State Total		2,154 *	1,898 *	88	15	144	76
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	334	410 B		7	48	13
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,797 B	1,591 B	89	10	180	70
State Total		2,131 *	2,001 *		17	125	83
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	COLR	416	408	98	7	59	11
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,977	2,727	92	14	213	78
State Total		3,393	3,135	92	21	162	89
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	143	116	81	8	18	3
Courts of Appeal	IAC	4,070	4,258	105	54	75	94
State Total		4,213	4,374	104	62	68	98
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	COLR	243	212	87	7	35	5
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	1,974	1,979	100	13	152	39
State Total		2,217	2,191	99	20	111	44
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	123	104	85	7	18	2
Appeals Court	IAC	2,068	1,709	83	14	148	34
State Total		2,191	1,813	83	21	104	36
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	COLR	6	(B)		7	1	0
Court of Appeals	IAC	8,054	12,824 B	159	24	336	85
State Total		8,060	12,824 *		31	260	85
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	208	174	84	7	30	5
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,380	2,373	100	16	149	52
State Total		2,588	2,547	98	23	113	57
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	COLR	264	259	98	7	38	5
Court of Appeals	IAC	4,473	4,302	96	32	140	85
State Total		4,737	4,561	96	39	121	90
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	69 B	315 B	457	7	10	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,184 B	895 B	76	6	197	73
State Total		1,253 *	1,210 *	97	13	96	77
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	COLR	410	405	99	7	59	5
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	7,148	6,980	98	32	223	90
State Total		7,558	7,385	98	39	194	96
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	234	194	83	5	47	14
Court of Appeals	IAC	750	936 B		10	75	45
State Total		984	1,130 *		15	66	60

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	131	110	84	7	19	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,400	1,550	111	12	117	20
State Total		1,531	1,660	108	19	81	22
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	360	383	106	5	72	56
Court of Appeals	IAC	6	6	100	3	2	1
State Total		366	389	106	8	46	57
OHIO							
Supreme Court	COLR	812	819	101	7	116	7
Courts of Appeals	IAC	11,032	11,565	105	65	170	99
State Total		11,844	12,384	105	72	164	107
OREGON							
Supreme Court	COLR	201	296 B		7	29	7
Court of Appeals	IAC	4,440	4,592	103	10	444	144
State Total		4,641	4,888 *		17	273	150
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	443	503 B		5	89	12
Court of Appeals	IAC	461	515	112	6	77	13
State Total		904	1,018 *		11	82	25
UTAH							
Supreme Court	COLR	631	478	76	5	126	33
Court of Appeals	IAC	785 B	887 B	113	7	112	41
State Total		1,416 *	1,365 *	96	12	118	74
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	71	77	108	7	10	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	66	635	96	10	66	10
State Total		734	712	97	17	43	11
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	COLR	113 B	143 B	127	9	13	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,503	3,530	101	18	195	66
State Total		3,616 *	3,673 *	102	27	134	68
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		7		
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,345 B	3,262 B	98	16	209	66
State Total		3,345 *	3,262 *	98	23	145	66
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	COLR	488 B	482 B	99	5	98	69
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	COLR	1,689	1,566	93	9	188	296
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	1,038 B	818 B	79	7	148	84
MISSISSIPPI							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,013	805	79	9	113	38

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	633 A	540 A	85	7	90	74
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,256	1,131	90	5	251	86
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	COLR	463	427	92	5	93	46
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	351 B	406 B	116	5	70	49
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	COLR	634	610	96	5	127	109
WEST VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
WYOMING							
Supreme Court	COLR	335	282	84	5	67	70
States with multiple appellate courts at any level							
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,158	1,154	100	9	129	27
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	906	823	91	3	302	21
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	2,260	2,096	93	5	452	54
State Total		4,324	4,073	94	17	254	102
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	224	220	98	5	45	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,867	1,864	10	15	124	32
Tax Court	IAC	288	123	4	1	288	5
State Total		2,379	2,207	93	21	113	41
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	COLR	502	249	50	7	72	3
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	10,788 B	13,508 B	125	48	225	59
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	2,209 B	2,091 B	95	15	147	12
State Total		13,499 *	15,848 *	117	70	193	74
OKLAHOMA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,442	1,739	121	9	160	44
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	1,571	1,625	103	5	314	48
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,249	1,360	109	12	104	38
State Total		4,262	4,724	111	26	164	131
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	365	348	95	7	52	3
Superior Court	IAC	7,554	6,971	92	15	504	63
Commonwealth Court	IAC	4,380 A	4,267 A	97	9	487	36
State Total		12,299 *	11,586 *	94	31	397	102

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Number of judges	Filed per judge	Filed per 100,000 population
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	COLR	314 B	391 B	125	5	63	6
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,103 B	1,021 B	93	12	92	21
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	1,167 B	937 B	80	9	130	23
State Total		2,584 *	2,349 *	91	26	99	50
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	13	13	100	9	1	0
Court of Criminal Appeal	COLR	3,590	3,628	101	9	399	20
Courts of Appeals	IAC	9,297	9,543	103	80	116	51
State Total		12,900	13,184	102	98	132	70

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of Last Resort

IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

NOTE:

NA = Data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

— = Inapplicable

(B) = **Mandatory jurisdiction** cases cannot be separately identified and are reported with **discretionary petitions**. (See Table 4.)

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court in the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Colorado—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data do not include some **reopened cases**, some **disciplinary matters**, and some **interlocutory decisions**.

Montana—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data do not include **administrative agency appeals**, **advisory opinions**, and **original proceedings**.

Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data do not include some **administrative agency cases** and some **original proceedings**.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Delaware—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions that were granted**.

Illinois—Appellate Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Iowa—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.

Kansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.

Michigan—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.

Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

—Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

Oregon—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include all **discretionary petitions that were granted**.

South Carolina—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary advisory opinions**.

Tennessee—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions filed granted, and disposed**.

—Court of Appeals— Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions filed granted, and disposed**.

—Court of Criminal Appeals— Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions filed granted, and disposed**.

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

Utah— Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include some **discretionary petitions**.

Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include a few **discretionary petitions**, but do not include **mandatory attorney disciplinary cases** and **certified questions from the federal courts**.

Idaho—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include **discretionary original proceedings, interlocutory decisions** and **advisory opinions**, but do not include **mandatory interlocutory decisions**.

TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1994

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
States with one court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	199	212	107	5	40	33
Court of Appeals	IAC	51	56	110	3	17	8
State Total		250	268	107	8	31	41
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,221	1,220	100	5	244	30
Court of Appeals	IAC	198	180	91	21	9	5
State Total		1,419	1,400	99	26	55	35
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	NA	NA		7		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		6		
State Total					13		
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	6,758	6,783	100	7	965	22
Courts of Appeal	IAC	7,119	7,290	102	88	81	23
State Total		13,877	14,073	101	95	146	44
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,115	1,290 B		7	159	31
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		16		
State Total		1,115	1,290 *		23	48	31
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	COLR	120	255 B		7	17	4
Appellate Court	IAC	59	NA		9	7	2
State Total		179			16	11	5
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,354	1,436	106	7	193	10
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	3,123	2,745	88	61	51	22
State Total		4,477	4,181	93	68	66	32
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,246	992	80	7	178	18
Court of Appeals	IAC	611	559	91	9	68	9
State Total		1,857	1,551	84	16	116	26
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	COLR	38	42	111	5	8	3
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ			4	
State Total		38	42	111	9	4	3
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	COLR	127	112	88	5	25	11
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		3		
State Total		127	112	88	8	16	11
ILLINOIS							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,895	1,793	95	7	271	16
Appellate Court	IAC	NA	NA		52		
State Total					59		
IOWA							
Supreme Court	COLR	NA	186 A		9		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		6		
State Total			186 *		15		

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	525	NA		7	75	21
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	NA		10		
State Total					17		
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	COLR	724	735	102	7	103	19
Court of Appeals	IAC	108	103	95	14	8	3
State Total		832	838	101	21	40	22
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	3,028	2,747	91	8	378	70
Courts of Appeal	IAC	5,084	4,991	98	54	94	118
State Total		8,112	7,738	95	62	131	188
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	COLR	688	676	98	7	98	14
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	350	254	73	13	27	7
State Total		1,038	930	90	20	52	21
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	684	689	101	7	98	11
Appeals Court	IAC	1,016	1,016	100	14	73	17
State Total		1,700	1,705	100	21	81	28
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	COLR	3,182	2,733 B		7	455	34
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,668	NA		24	111	28
State Total		5,850			31	189	62
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	774	768	99	7	111	17
Court of Appeals	IAC	76	75	99	16	5	2
State Total		850	843	99	23	37	19
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	COLR	781	769	98	7	112	15
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		32		
State Total		781	769	98	39	20	15
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	192	NA		7	27	12
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	NA		6		
State Total					13		
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,953	2,858	97	7	422	37
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	0	0		32		
State Total		2,953	2,858	97	39	76	37
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	629	616	98	5	126	38
Court of Appeals	IAC	56	0		10	6	3
State Total		685	616	90	15	46	41
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	489	464	95	7	70	7
Court of Appeals	IAC	390	379	97	12	32	6
State Total		879	843	96	19	46	12

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	25	25	100	5	5	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		3		
State Total		25	25		8	3	4
OHIO							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,957	1,861	95	7	280	18
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		65		
State Total		1,957	1,861	95	72	27	18
OREGON							
Supreme Court	COLR	801	736	92	7	114	26
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		10		
State Total		801	736	92	17	47	26
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	50	NA		5	10	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		6		
State Total		50			11	5	1
UTAH							
Supreme Court	COLR	136	106	78	5	27	7
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	NA		7		
State Total					12		
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,169	1,763	81	7	310	33
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,989	2,184	110	10	199	30
State Total		4,158	3,947	95	17	245	63
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,142 A	1,145 A	100	9	127	21
Court of Appeals	IAC	399	368	92	18	22	7
State Total		1,541 *	1,513 *	98	27	57	29
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,158	991	86	7	165	23
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	NA		16		
State Total					23		
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	COLR	0	0		5		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	COLR	18	21	117	9	2	3
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	NA	NA		7		
MISSISSIPPI							
Supreme Court	COLR	60	60	100	9	7	2
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	111	79	71	7	16	13
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
NEW HAMPSHIRE Supreme Court	COLR	880	793	90	5	176	77
RHODE ISLAND Supreme Court	COLR	297	260	88	5	59	30
SOUTH DAKOTA Supreme Court	COLR	57 A	NA		5	11	8
VERMONT Supreme Court	COLR	23	24	104	5	5	4
WEST VIRGINIA Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	2,442	2,312	95	5	488	134
WYOMING Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
States with multiple appellate courts at any level							
ALABAMA Supreme Court	COLR	708	659	93	9	79	17
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		3		
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		5		
State Total		708	659	93	17	42	17
INDIANA Supreme Court	COLR	672	641	95	5	134	12
Court of Appeals	IAC	0	87		15		
Tax Court	IAC	NJ	NJ		1		
State Total		672	728	108	21	32	12
NEW YORK Court of Appeals	COLR	4,588	4,303	94	7	655	25
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	NA	NA		48		
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	NA	NA		15		
State Total					70		
OKLAHOMA Supreme Court	COLR	512	545	106	9	57	16
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		12		
State Total		512	545	106	26	20	16
PENNSYLVANIA Supreme Court	COLR	2,695	3,340	124	7	385	22
Superior Court	IAC	NJ	NJ		15		
Commonwealth Court	IAC	151	NA		9	17	1
State Total		2,846			31	92	24
TENNESSEE Supreme Court	COLR	828	760	92	5	166	16
Court of Appeals	IAC	264	194	73	12	22	5
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	174	128	74	9	19	3
State Total		1,266	1,082	85	26	49	24

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,394	1,394	100	9	155	8
Court of Criminal Appeal	COLR	1,477	1,671	113	9	164	8
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		80		
State Total		2,871	3,065	107	98	29	16

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of Last Resort

IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

NOTE:

NA = Data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

(B) = **Discretionary petitions** cannot be separately identified and are reported with **mandatory** cases. (See Table 3).

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

- See the qualifying footnote for each court in the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Iowa—Supreme Court—**Discretionary petitions granted and disposed** do not include some **discretionary original proceedings**.

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed data do not include discretionary **advisory opinions**, which are reported with **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data do not include some **discretionary petitions** that are reported with **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary** disposed data include all **mandatory** cases disposed.

Colorado—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory disposed** cases.

Michigan—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions disposed data include all **mandatory disposed** cases.

TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 1994

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	filed granted	granted disposed				
States with one court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court								
ALASKA								
Supreme Court	COLR	199	38	17	19	45	5	8
Court of Appeals	IAC	51	3	NA	6		3	1
State Total		250	41		16			
ARIZONA								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,221	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	198	NA	NA			21	
State Total		1,419						
ARKANSAS								
Supreme Court	COLR	NA	NA	45			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	28	NA			6	5
State Total								
CALIFORNIA								
Supreme Court	COLR	6,758	97 A	134			7	14
Courts of Appeal	IAC	7,119	NA	NA			88	
State Total		13,877						
COLORADO								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,115	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			16	
State Total		1,115						
CONNECTICUT								
Supreme Court	COLR	120	68	NA	57		7	10
Appellate Court	IAC	59	19	NA	32		9	2
State Total		179	87		49			
FLORIDA								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,354	NA	NA			7	
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	3,123	NA	NA			61	
State Total		4,477						
GEORGIA								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,246	83	NA	7		7	12
Court of Appeals	IAC	611	132	132	22	100	9	15
State Total		1,857	215		12			
HAWAII								
Supreme Court	COLR	38	NA	NA			5	
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			4	
State Total		38						
IDAHO								
Supreme Court	COLR	127	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			3	
State Total		127						
ILLINOIS								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,895	130	0	7		7	19
Appellate Court	IAC	NA	NA	NA			52	
State Total								

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TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	filed granted	granted disposed				
IOWA								
Supreme Court	COLR	NA	49	NA			9	5
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			6	
State Total			49					
KANSAS								
Supreme Court	COLR	525	35	NA	7		7	5
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	NA	NA			10	
State Total								
KENTUCKY								
Supreme Court	COLR	724	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	108	NA	NA			14	
State Total		832						
LOUISIANA								
Supreme Court	COLR	3,028	517	537	17	104	8	65
Courts of Appeal	IAC	5,084	1,482	1,467	29	99	54	27
State Total		8,112	1,999	2,004	25	100	62	32
MARYLAND								
Court of Appeals	COLR	688	103	NA	15		7	15
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	350	21	NA	6		13	2
State Total		1,038	124		12			
MASSACHUSETTS								
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	684	199	189	29	95	7	28
Appeals Court	IAC	1,016	NA	NA			14	
State Total		1,700						
MICHIGAN								
Supreme Court	COLR	3,182	116	NA	4		7	17
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,668	NA	NA			24	
State Total		5,850						
MINNESOTA								
Supreme Court	COLR	774	139	139	18	100	7	20
Court of Appeals	IAC	76	NA	NA			16	
State Total		850						
MISSOURI								
Supreme Court	COLR	781	50	70	6	140	7	7
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			32	
State Total		781	50	70	6	140		
NEBRASKA								
Supreme Court	COLR	192	NA	NA			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	NA	NA			6	
State Total								
NEW JERSEY								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,953	115	NA	4		7	16
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	0	NA	NA			32	
State Total		2,953						
NEW MEXICO								
Supreme Court	COLR	629	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	56	NA	NA			10	
State Total		685						

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TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	filed granted	granted disposed				
NORTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	COLR	489	109	67	22	61	7	16
Court of Appeals	IAC	390	61	NA	16		12	5
State Total		879	170		19			
NORTH DAKOTA								
Supreme Court	COLR	25	NA	8			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			3	
State Total		25		8				
OHIO								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,957	148	NA	8		7	21
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			65	
State Total		1,957	148		8			
OREGON								
Supreme Court	COLR	801	114	NA	14		7	16
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			10	
State Total		801	114		14			
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	COLR	50	50	NA	100		5	10
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			6	
State Total		50	50		100			
UTAH								
Supreme Court	COLR	136	NA	NA			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	NA	NA			7	
State Total								
VIRGINIA								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,169	337	0	16		7	48
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,989	360	NA	18		10	36
State Total		4,158	697		17			
WASHINGTON								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,142 A	NA	830			9	
Court of Appeals	IAC	399	NA	NA			18	
State Total		1,541 *						
WISCONSIN								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,158	0	92			7	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	NA	NA			16	
State Total								
States with no intermediate appellate court								
DELAWARE								
Supreme Court	COLR	0	NA	NA			5	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA								
Court of Appeals	COLR	18	6	NA	33		9	1
MAINE								
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	NA	NA	NA			7	

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TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	filed granted	granted disposed				
MISSISSIPPI								
Supreme Court	COLR	60	10	0	17		9	1
MONTANA								
Supreme Court	COLR	111	6	NA	5		7	1
NEVADA								
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
NEW HAMPSHIRE								
Supreme Court	COLR	880	NA	NA			5	
RHODE ISLAND								
Supreme Court	COLR	297	NA	NA			5	
SOUTH DAKOTA								
Supreme Court	COLR	57 A	5	NA			5	1
VERMONT								
Supreme Court	COLR	23	0	NA			5	
WEST VIRGINIA								
Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	2,442	679	667	28	98	5	136
WYOMING								
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
States with multiple appellate courts at any level								
ALABAMA								
Supreme Court	COLR	708	NA	NA			9	
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			3	
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	NJ	NA	NA			5	
State Total		708						
INDIANA								
Supreme Court	COLR	672	40	0	6		5	8
Court of Appeals	IAC	0	85	85		100	15	6
Tax Court	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			1	
State Total		672	125	85	19	68	21	6
NEW YORK								
Court of Appeals	COLR	4,588	NA	240			7	
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	NA	NA	NA			48	
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	NA	NA	NA			15	
State Total								
OKLAHOMA								
Supreme Court	COLR	512	NA	NA			9	
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	NJ	NJ	NJ			5	
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			12	
State Total		512						
PENNSYLVANIA								
Supreme Court	COLR	2,695	NA	NA			7	
Superior Court	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ			15	
Commonwealth Court	IAC	151	NA	NA			9	
State Total		2,846						

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TABLE 5: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions Granted in State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Discretionary petitions:			Granted as a percent of filed	Disposed as a percent of granted	Number of judges	Filed granted per judge
		filed	filed granted	granted disposed				
TENNESSEE								
Supreme Court	COLR	828	80	80	10	100	5	16
Court of Appeals	IAC	264	62	NA	23		12	5
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	174	38	NA	22		9	4
State Total		1,266	180		14			
TEXAS								
Supreme Court	COLR	1,394	161	126	12	78	9	18
Court of Criminal Appeal	COLR	1,477	148	140	10	95	9	6
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ	NJ		80		
State Total		2,871	309	266	11	86		

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of Last Resort

IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

NOTE:

NA = Data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

• See the qualifying footnote for each court in the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

California—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions granted filed data do not include **original proceedings** and **administrative agency** cases.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions granted and disposed data do not include some cases reported with **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

TABLE 6: Opinions Reported by State Appellate Courts, 1994

State/Court name:	Opinion count is by:		Composition of opinion count:			Total dispositions by signed opinion	Number of authorized justices/judges	Number of lawyer support personnel
	case	written document	signed opinions	per curiam opinions	memos/orders			
States with one court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court								
ALASKA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	O	145	5	11
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	O	O	77	3	8
ARIZONA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	71	5	16
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	some	236	21	48
ARKANSAS								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	X	448	7	15
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	O	558	6	16
CALIFORNIA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	99	7	50
Courts of Appeal	X	O	X	X	some	12,090	88	206
COLORADO								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	192	7	14
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	O	some	442	16	32
CONNECTICUT								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	185	7	12
Appellate Court	X	O	X	X	some	454	9	12
FLORIDA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	187	7	15
District Courts of Appeal	X	O	X	X	O	301	61	102
GEORGIA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	401	7	17
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	O	O	2,315	9	28
HAWAII								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	167	5	14
Intermediate Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	X	111	4	8
IDAHO								
Supreme Court	O	X	X	X	X	NA	5	11
Court of Appeals	O	X	X	X	O	NA	3	6
ILLINOIS								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	138	7	24
Appellate Court	X	O	X	X	some	1,678	52	88
IOWA								
Supreme Court	O	X	X	O	O	NA	9	16
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	O	O	537	6	6
KANSAS								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	210	7	7
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	some	1,234	10	21
KENTUCKY								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	100	7	13
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	some	1,565	14	22

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TABLE 6: Opinions Reported by State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Opinion count is by:		Composition of opinion count:			Total dispositions by signed opinion	Number of authorized justices/judges	Number of lawyer support personnel
	case	written document	signed opinions	per curiam opinions	memos/orders			
LOUISIANA								
Supreme Court	O	X	X	X	some	150	8	32
Courts of Appeal	O	X	X	X	X	3,604	54	158
MARYLAND								
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	O	O	NA	7	14
Court of Special Appeals	X	O	X	O	O	216	13	29
MASSACHUSETTS								
Supreme Judicial Court	O	X	X	O	O	234	7	20
Appeals Court	O	X	X	X	X	270	14	31
MICHIGAN								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	108	7	15
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	some	6,332	24	84
MINNESOTA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	O	156	7	10
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	O	O	1,381	16	36
MISSOURI								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	NA	7	15
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	some	2,039	32	54
NEBRASKA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	X	276	7	14
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	X	459	6	9
NEW JERSEY								
Supreme Court	O	X	X	O	O	111	7	24
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	X	O	X	X	X	3,927	32	60
NEW MEXICO								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	some	90	5	10
Court of Appeals	O	X	X	O	O	747	10	20
NORTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	some	126	7	15
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	O	X	1,378	12	28
NORTH DAKOTA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	292	5	11
Court of Appeals	X	O	O	O	O	6	3	1
OHIO								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	X	NA	7	20
Courts of Appeals	X	O	X	O	X	7,462 B	65	Varies
OREGON								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	94	7	10
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	O	O	591	10	18
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	503	5	19
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	O	475	6	11

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TABLE 6: Opinions Reported by State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Opinion count is by:		Composition of opinion count:			Total dispositions by signed opinion	Number of authorized justices/judges	Number of lawyer support personnel
	case	written document	signed opinions	per curiam opinions	memos/orders			
UTAH								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	95	5	12
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	O	106	7	5
VIRGINIA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	168	7	23
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	O	712	10	15
WASHINGTON								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	151	9	23
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	some	1,628	18	32
WISCONSIN								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	88	7	10
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	O	O	944	16	25
States with no intermediate appellate court								
DELAWARE								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	O	66	5	5
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA								
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	O	294	9	27
MAINE								
Supreme Judicial Court	O	X	X	O	O	431	7	11
MISSISSIPPI								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	X	236	9	38
MONTANA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	O	368	7	14
NEVADA								
Supreme Court	O	X	X	X	O	164	5	22
NEW HAMPSHIRE								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	144	5	13
RHODE ISLAND								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	O	NA	5	17
SOUTH DAKOTA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	196	5	8
VERMONT								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	O	108	5	8
WEST VIRGINIA								
Supreme Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	some	275	5	20
WYOMING								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	167	5	12

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TABLE 6: Opinions Reported by State Appellate Courts, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Opinion count is by:		Composition of opinion count:			Total dispositions by signed opinion	Number of authorized justices/judges	Number of lawyer support personnel
	case	written document	signed opinions	per curiam opinions	memos/orders			
States with multiple appellate courts at any level								
ALABAMA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	501	9	18
Court of Civil Appeals	X	O	X	X	X	479	3	6
Court of Criminal Appeals	X	O	X	O	some	374	5	15
INDIANA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	147	5	13
Court of Appeals	X	X	X	X	X	1,933	15	10
Tax Court	X	X	X	X	X	0	1	2
NEW YORK								
Court of Appeals	O	X	X	O	O	128	7	28
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	O	X	X	X	some	NA	48	25
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	O	X	X	X	some	NA	15	171
OKLAHOMA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	O	1,543	9	16
Court of Criminal Appeals	X	O	X	X	O	NA	5	12
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	X	1,360	12	12
PENNSYLVANIA								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	O	O	165	7	NA
Superior Court	X	O	X	X	X	529	15	NA
Commonwealth Court	O	X	X	X	X	1,840	9	58
TENNESSEE								
Supreme Court	X	O	X	X	some	254	5	12
Court of Criminal Appeals	X	O	X	X	some	827	9	9
Court of Appeals	X	O	X	X	some	777	12	12
TEXAS								
Supreme Court	O	X	X	O	O	146	9	44
Court of Criminal Appeal	X	O	X	O	O	156	9	30
Courts of Appeals	X	O	X	O	O	5,634	80	217

CODES:

- X - Court follows this method when counting opinions.
- O - Court does not follow this method when counting opinions.
- NA - Data are not available.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

- B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:
Ohio—Courts of Appeals—Signed opinions include decisions.

TABLE 7: Reported National Civil and Criminal Caseloads for State Trial Courts, 1994

<u>Reported Caseload</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>
Civil Cases		
I. General jurisdiction courts:		
A. Number of reported complete civil cases	5,320,801	3,735,922
Number of courts reporting complete civil data	37	30
B. Number of reported complete civil cases that include other case types	2,580,941	2,154,242
Number of courts reporting complete civil data that include other case types	19	15
C. Number of reported civil cases that are incomplete	723,342	1,605,219
Number of courts reporting civil cases that are incomplete	6	10
D. Number of reported civil cases that are incomplete and include noncivil case types	966,353	1,089,712
Number of courts reporting civil cases that are incomplete and include noncivil case types	3	4
II. Limited jurisdiction courts:		
A. Number of reported complete civil cases	4,237,017	2,952,100
Number of courts reporting complete civil data	48	39
B. Number of reported complete civil cases that include other case types	195,158	34,963
Number of courts reporting complete civil data that include other case types	2	1
C. Number of reported civil cases that are incomplete	4,980,968	4,568,4
Number of courts reporting civil cases that are incomplete	24	27
D. Number of reported civil cases that are incomplete and include noncivil case types	0	87,820
Number of courts reporting civil cases that are incomplete and include noncivil case types	0	1
Criminal cases:		
I. General jurisdiction courts:		
A. Number of reported complete criminal cases	1,499,791	1,446,032
Number of courts reporting complete criminal data	29	27
B. Number of reported complete criminal cases that include other case types	674,030	650,070
Number of courts reporting complete criminal data that include other case types	10	10
C. Number of reported criminal cases that are incomplete	1,112,281	740,871
Number of courts reporting criminal cases that are incomplete	12	11
D. Number of reported criminal cases that are incomplete and include non-criminal case types	798,900	816,757
Number of courts reporting criminal cases that are incomplete and include noncriminal case types	3	3
II. Limited jurisdiction courts:		
A. Number of reported complete criminal cases	2,623,400	1,967,460
Number of courts reporting complete criminal data	19	16
B. Number of reported complete criminal cases that include other case types	1,981,529	1,670,584
Number of courts reporting complete criminal data that include other case types	18	16
C. Number of reported criminal cases that are incomplete	2,701,292	2,728,104
Number of courts reporting criminal cases that are incomplete	18	17
D. Number of reported criminal cases that are incomplete and include non-criminal case types	1,580,555	1,556,074
Number of courts reporting criminal cases that are incomplete and include noncriminal case types	7	8

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TABLE 7: Reported National Civil and Criminal Caseloads for State Trial Courts, 1994 (continued)

Summary section for all trial courts:

	Reported Filings					
	General Jurisdiction		Limited Jurisdiction		Total (incomplete)	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
1. Total number of reported complete cases	5,320,801	1,499,791	4,237,017	2,623,400	9,557,818	4,123,191
2. Total number of reported complete cases that include other case types	2,580,941	674,030	195,158	1,981,529	2,776,099	2,655,559
3. Total number of reported cases that are incomplete	723,342	1,112,281	4,980,968	2,701,292	5,704,310	3,813,573
4. Total number of reported cases that are incomplete and include other case types	966,353	798,900	0	1,580,555	966,353	2,379,455
Total (incomplete)	9,591,437	4,085,002	9,413,143	8,886,776	19,004,580	12,971,778

	Reported Dispositions					
	General Jurisdiction		Limited Jurisdiction		Total (incomplete)	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
1. Total number of reported complete cases	3,735,922	1,446,032	2,952,100	1,967,460	6,688,022	3,413,492
2. Total number of reported complete cases that include other case types	2,154,242	650,070	34,963	1,670,584	2,189,205	2,320,654
3. Total number of reported cases that are incomplete	1,605,219	740,871	4,568,421	2,728,104	6,173,640	3,468,975
4. Total number of reported cases that are incomplete and include other case types	1,089,712	816,757	87,820	1,556,074	1,177,532	2,372,831
Total (incomplete)	8,585,095	3,653,730	7,643,304	7,922,222	16,228,399	11,575,952

TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 1994

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/ custody	Grand total filings and qualifying footnotes	Grand total dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
ALABAMA								
Circuit	G	2	G	6	175,059 B	165,495 B	95	4,150
District	L	1	B	1	541,867	520,589	96	12,844
Municipal	L	1	M	1	1,034,121 A	593,645 A	57	24,512
Probate	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
ALASKA								
Superior	G	1	B	6	21,028 C	19,477 C	93	3,468
District	L	3	B	5	109,315	106,519	97	18,031
State Total					130,343 *	125,996 *	97	21,499
ARIZONA								
Superior	G	2	D	6	159,130	143,029	90	3,905
Tax	G	2	I	1	1,650	1,540	93	40
Justice of the Peace	L	1	Z	1	668,252	616,069	92	16,399
Municipal	L	1	Z	1	1,061,346	1,016,858	96	26,045
State Total					1,890,378	1,777,496	94	46,389
ARKANSAS								
Chancery and Probate	G	2	I	3	99,556	91,695	92	4,059
Circuit	G	1	A	1	65,717	61,305	93	2,679
City	L	1	A	1	44,959	24,870	55	1,833
County	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
Court of Common Pleas	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
Justice of the Peace	L	2	A	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	A	1	731,031	527,113	72	29,806
Police	L	1	A	1	3,223	818	25	131
State Total								
CALIFORNIA								
Superior	G	2	B	6	1,049,844 A	896,715 A	85	3,340
Justice	L	6	B	1	266,297 A	234,120 A	88	847
Municipal	L	6	B	1	9,208,762 A	8,763,577 A	95	29,299
State Total					10,524,903 *	9,894,412 *	94	33,486
COLORADO								
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate	G	2	D	3	128,326 B	110,147 B	86	3,510
Water	G	2	I	1	1,139	1,098	96	31
County	L	2	D	1	686,044 C	573,916 C	84	18,767
Municipal	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
CONNECTICUT								
Superior	G	6	E	5 **	520,296 C	541,073 C	104	15,886
Probate	L	2	I	1	63,592	NA		1,942
State Total					583,888 *			17,827
DELAWARE								
Court of Chancery	G	2	I	1	3,660	3,118	85	518
Superior	G	2	B	1	14,037 B	14,422 B	103	1,987
Alderman's	L	4	A	1	30,232	30,470	101	4,280
Court of Common Pleas	L	2	A	1	30,262	30,138	100	4,284
Family	L	2	B	3 **	48,210	48,847	101	6,825
Justice of the Peace	L	2	A	1	195,607 A	197,407 A	101	27,693
Municipal Court of Wilmington	L	5	A	1	29,096 B	30,934 B	106	4,119
State Total					351,104 *	355,336 *	101	49,707

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/custody	Grand total filings and qualifying footnotes	Grand total dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA								
Superior	G	6	B	6 **	194,854	187,788	96	34,174
FLORIDA								
Circuit	G	2	E	4	928,163	666,687 A		6,652
County	L	5	A	1	3,785,783	3,117,764	82	27,133
State Total					4,713,946	3,784,451 *		33,785
GEORGIA								
Superior*	G	2	G	3	276,937	271,144	98	3,925
Civil	L	2	M	1	NA	NA		
County Recorder's	L	1	M	1	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	2	I	1	108,518 A	93,505 A	86	1,538
Magistrate	L	2	B	1	402,402 A	258,348 A	64	5,704
Municipal	L	2	M	1	NA	NA		
Municipal and City of Atlanta	L	1	M	1	NA	NA		
Probate	L	2	B	1	180,221 A	137,655 A		2,554
State	L	2	G	1	445,946 A	367,647 A	82	6,321
State Total								
HAWAII								
Circuit	G	2	G	6	66,920 B	58,977 B	88	5,678
District	L	4	A	1	656,650	597,353	91	55,716
State Total					723,570 *	656,330 *	91	61,394
IDAHO								
District	G	3	D	6 **	411,810 A	392,719 A	95	36,346
ILLINOIS								
Circuit	G	4	G	6 **	4,144,344	3,905,539	94	35,266
INDIANA								
Probate	G	2	I	1	2,896	2,642	91	50
Superior and Circuit	G	3	B	5	766,894 A	717,927 A	94	13,332
City and Town	L	3	B	1	239,210	231,598	97	4,159
County	L	4	B	1	237,780	231,464	97	4,134
Municipal Court of Marion County	L	3	B	1	69,434 A	68,274 A	98	1,207
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	2	I	1	74,283	73,371	99	1,291
State Total					1,390,497 *	1,325,276 *	95	24,174
IOWA								
District	G	3	B	6	998,626 B	983,175 B	98	35,296
KANSAS								
District	G	4	B	6 **	448,973	436,981	97	17,579
Municipal	L	1	B	1	523,258 A	446,351 A	85	20,487
State Total					972,231 *	883,332 *	91	38,066
KENTUCKY								
Circuit	G	2	B	6	82,353	77,013	94	2,152
District	L	3	B	1	686,664 B	638,878 B	93	17,944
State Total					769,017 *	715,891 *	93	20,096

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/custody	Grand total filings and qualifying footnotes	Grand total dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
LOUISIANA								
District	G	1	Z	6	584,090	NA		13,536
Family and Juvenile	G	2	I	4 ***	25,858	20,143	78	599
City and Parish	L	1	B	1	810,125	686,468	85	18,774
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
Mayor's	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
MAINE								
Superior	G	2	E	6	17,581 B	17,944 B	102	1,418
Administrative	L	2	I	1	358	0		29
District	L	4	E	5	227,600 B	118,492 C		18,352
Probate	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
MARYLAND								
Circuit	G	2	B	6 **	264,285 B	231,638 B	88	5,279
District	L	1	B	1	1,915,851	1,008,178 A		38,269
Orphan's	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
MASSACHUSETTS								
Trial Court of the Commonwealth	G	1	D	5 **	1,456,542 A	863,919 A		24,110
MICHIGAN								
Circuit	G	2	B	6 **	237,613	231,536	97	2,502
Court of Claims	G	2	I	1	434	532	123	5
Recorder's Court of Detroit	G	1	B	1	19,419	18,182	94	204
District	L	4	B	1	2,731,115 A	2,922,498 A	107	28,760
Municipal	L	4	B	1	33,095 A	33,238 A	100	349
Probate	L	2	I	1	204,776	50,211 A		2,156
State Total					3,226,452 *	3,256,197 *		33,976
MINNESOTA								
District	G	4	B	6	1,859,613	1,842,910	99	40,716
MISSISSIPPI								
Chancery	G	1	I	5	69,092 C	NA		2,589
Circuit	G	1	B	1	33,618 B	NA		1,260
County	L	1	B	1	35,658 A	NA		1,336
Family	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
Justice	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
MISSOURI								
Circuit	G	2	G	6 **	786,890 A	793,507 A	101	14,910
Municipal	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
MONTANA								
District	G	2	G	3	29,655	26,575	90	3,464
Water	G	2	I	1	NA	NA		
Workers' Compensation	G	2	I	1	NA	NA		
City	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
Justice of the Peace	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
State Total								

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/custody	Grand total filings and qualifying footnotes	Grand total dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
NEBRASKA								
District	G	2	B	5	51,780 B	48,258 B	93	3,191
County	L	1	B	1	399,816 A	404,679 A	101	24,637
Separate Juvenile	L	2	I	1	3,709	NA		229
Workers' Compensation	L	2	I	1	192	216	112	12
State Total					455,497 *			28,068
NEVADA								
District	G	2	Z	2	55,256 A	NA		3,792
Justice	L	1	Z	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	Z	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
NEW HAMPSHIRE								
Superior	G	2	A	5	44,976	43,021 A		3,956
District	L	4	A	1	207,347	NA		18,239
Municipal	L	4	A	1	1,282	NA		113
Probate	L	2	I	1	17,267	6,844 A		1,519
State Total					270,872			23,827
NEW JERSEY								
Superior	G	2	B	6 **	1,159,017	1,165,457	101	14,664
Municipal	L	4	B	1	5,333,294	5,792,284	109	67,477
Tax	L	2	I	1	15,223	11,697	77	193
State Total					6,507,534	6,969,438	107	82,333
NEW MEXICO								
District	G	2	E	6	85,216	82,698	97	5,154
Magistrate	L	3	E	1	173,124	128,730	74	10,470
Metropolitan Ct. of Bernalillo County	L	3	E	1	345,516	198,114	57	20,896
Municipal	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
Probate	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
NEW YORK								
Supreme and County Civil Court of the City of New York	G	2	E	1	429,771 B	436,169 B	101	2,365
Court of Claims	L	2	I	1	580,680 A	437,741 A	75	3,196
Criminal Court of the City of New York	L	2	I	1	2,452	1,570	64	13
District and City	L	2	E	1	411,733 A	351,273 A	85	2,266
Family	L	4	E	1	1,287,264 A	1,254,737 A	97	7,085
Surrogates'	L	2	I	4	576,519	600,005	104	3,173
Town and Village Justice	L	2	I	1	139,720	114,114	82	769
State Total	L	1	E	1	NA	NA		
NORTH CAROLINA								
Superior	G	2	E	1	245,650 B	232,842 B	95	3,475
District	L	6	E	6 **	2,260,674 A	2,154,061 A	95	31,976
State Total					2,506,324 *	2,386,903 *	95	35,451
NORTH DAKOTA								
District	G	4	B	6 **	33,640	32,560	97	5,273
County	L	1	E	1	98,854 A	96,997 A	98	15,495
Municipal	L	1	B	1	NA	32,720 A		
State Total						162,277 *		

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/custody	Grand total filings and qualifying footnotes	Grand total dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
OHIO								
Court of Common Pleas	G	2	B	6 **	738,579 B	723,822 B	98	6,653
County	L	5	B	1	244,204	241,968	99	2,200
Court of Claims	L	2	I	1	8,648	9,733	113	78
Mayor's	L	1	B	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	5	B	1	2,325,152	2,305,852	99	20,943
State Total								
OKLAHOMA								
District	G	2	J	6	467,485	450,631	96	14,349
Court of Tax Review	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
Municipal Court Not of Record	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
Municipal Criminal Court of Record	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
OREGON								
Circuit	G	2	E	6 **	179,828	145,918 A		5,827
Tax	G	2	I	1	408	403	99	13
County	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
District	L	1	E	1	373,900 A	398,528 A	107	12,115
Justice	L	3	E	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	3	A	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
PENNSYLVANIA								
Court of Common Pleas	G	2	B	4	539,621 A	529,731 A	98	4,477
District Justice	L	4	B	1	2,063,038	1,890,486	92	17,117
Philadelphia Municipal	L	2	B	1	184,980	179,436	97	1,535
Philadelphia Traffic	L	1	I	1	239,517 A	193,032 A		1,987
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	L	4	B	1	335,403	NA		2,783
State Total					3,362,559 *			
PUERTO RICO								
Superior	G	2	J	6	118,099	115,245	98	3,204
District	L	2	J	1	177,955 A	178,448 A	100	4,828
Municipal	L	1	I	1	21,481	19,900	93	583
State Total					317,535 *	313,593 *	99	
RHODE ISLAND								
Superior	G	2	D	1	15,655 B	6,377 A		1,571
Workers' Compensation	G	2	I	1	10,590 A	10,676 A	101	1,062
District	L	2	A	1	60,465 A	58,480 A		6,066
Family	L	2	I	6	24,746 A	12,714 A		2,483
Municipal	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
Probate	L	2	I	1	NA	NA		
Administrative Adjudication	L	1	I	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Circuit	G	2	B	1	148,122 B	152,091 B	103	4,043
Family	L	2	I	6 **	100,910	97,839	97	2,754
Magistrate	L	4	B	1	1,060,000 A	1,050,239 A	99	28,930
Municipal	L	4	B	1	435,588	429,385	99	11,888
Probate	L	2	I	1	24,947 A	24,224 A	97	681
State Total					1,769,567 *	1,753,778 *	99	48,296
SOUTH DAKOTA								
Circuit	G	3	A	A	207,122	194,166 A		28,721

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Criminal unit of count	Support/custody	Grand total filings and qualifying footnotes	Grand total dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
TENNESSEE								
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	G	2	Z	6 **	194,672 A	175,705 A	90	3,762
Probate	G	2	I	1	4,288	NA		83
General Sessions	L	1	M	6 **	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	2	I	1	80,993	112,079 B		1,565
Municipal	L	1	M	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
TEXAS								
District	G	2	B	6 **	637,507	623,722	98	3,469
County-level	L	2	B	6 **	633,494	562,017 A		3,447
Justice of the Peace	L	4	A	1	2,199,861 A	2,071,901 A	94	11,970
Municipal	L	4	A	1	6,377,141 A	5,526,676 A	87	34,700
State Total					9,848,003 *	8,784,316 *		53,585
UTAH								
District	G	2	J	3	54,798 B	49,585 B	90	2,872
Circuit	L	4	B	1	282,233 B	274,243 B	97	14,793
Justice	L	4	B	1	320,779 A	296,015 A	92	16,813
Juvenile	L	2	I	1	57,016	NA		2,988
State Total					714,826 *			37,466
VERMONT								
District	G	2	D	4 ***	29,682	29,709	100	5,116
Family	G	2	D	4 ***	17,280	16,427	95	2,978
Superior	G	2	B	5	6,634	7,466	113	1,143
Environmental	L	2	I	1	51	56	110	9
Probate	L	2	I	1	4,820	4,708	98	831
State Total					58,467	58,366	100	
VIRGINIA								
Circuit	G	2	A	3	234,398	221,580	95	3,578
District	L	4	A	4	3,308,778	3,358,288	101	50,504
State Total					3,543,176	3,579,868	101	54,082
WASHINGTON								
Superior	G	2	D	6	218,398 B	200,641 C		4,087
District	L	4	C	1	932,970 A	983,874 A		17,461
Municipal	L	4	C	1	1,240,930 A	521,159 A		23,225
State Total					2,392,298 *	1,705,674 *		44,774
WEST VIRGINIA								
Circuit	G	2	J	5	62,115 B	68,732 B	111	3,409
Magistrate	L	2	J	1	310,963	290,394	93	17,067
Municipal	L	1	A	1	NA	NA		
State Total								
WISCONSIN								
Circuit	G	3	D	6 **	939,133	916,224 A		18,481
Municipal	L	3	A	1	NA	440,199 A		
State Total						1,356,423 *		
WYOMING								
District	G	2	J	5	15,390 A	14,778 A	96	3,233
County	L	1	J	4	119,252	118,889 A		25,054
Justice of the Peace	L	1	J	1	28,600 A	28,681 A	100	6,009
Municipal	L	1	A	1	60,206 A	59,550 A	99	12,649
State Total					223,448 *	221,898 *		47

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 1994 (continued)

NOTE: All state trial courts with grand total jurisdiction are listed in the table, regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "filings per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the filing rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

• Data for Georgia Superior Court are for 1993.

NA = Data are not available.

JURISDICTION CODES:

G = General Jurisdiction

L = Limited Jurisdiction

SUPPORT/CUSTODY CODES:

- 1 = The court does not have jurisdiction over support/custody cases
- 2 = Support/custody caseload data are not available
- 3 = Only contested support/custody cases and all URESA cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases
- 4 = Both contested and uncontested support/custody cases and URESA cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases
- 5 = Support/custody is counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution and, thus, a marriage dissolution that involves support/custody is counted as one case
- 6 = Support/custody is counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution, but URESA cases are counted separately
- ** = Nondissolution support/custody cases are also counted separately
- *** = Court has only URESA jurisdiction

PARKING CODES:

- 1 = Parking data are unavailable
- 2 = Court does not have parking jurisdiction
- 3 = Only contested parking cases are included
- 4 = Both contested and uncontested parking cases are included
- 5 = Parking cases are handled administratively
- 6 = Uncontested parking cases are handled administratively; contested parking cases are handled by the court

CRIMINAL UNIT OF COUNT CODES:

- M = Missing data
- I = Data element is inapplicable
- A = Single defendant—single charge
- B = Single defendant—single incident (one/more charges)
- C = Single defendant—single incident/maximum number charges (usually two)

- D = Single defendant—one/more incidents
- E = Single defendant—content varies with prosecutor
- F = One/more defendants—single charge
- G = One/more defendants—single incident (one/more charges)
- H = One/more defendants—single incident/maximum number charges (usually two)
- J = One/more defendants—one/more incidents
- K = One/more defendants—content varies with prosecutor
- L = Inconsistent during reporting year
- Z = Both the defendant and charge components vary within the state

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

• See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

- A: The following courts' data are incomplete:
 - Alabama—Municipal Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include cases from 42 municipalities.
 - California—Superior Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include partial data from three courts.
 - Justice Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include partial data from six courts.
 - Municipal Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include partial data from three courts.
 - Delaware—Justice of the Peace Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include DWI/DUI cases.
 - Florida—Circuit Court—Grand total disposed data do not include **civil appeals**.
 - Georgia—Juvenile Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include cases from 15 counties.
 - Magistrate Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include any data from 18 counties, and partial data from 16 counties.
 - Probate Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include any cases from 44 of 159 counties, and partial data from 22 counties and are less than 75% complete. Disposed data also do not include any **civil** cases.
 - State Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include cases from 23 courts, and are less than 75% complete.
 - Idaho—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include **mental health** and **parking** cases.
 - Indiana—Superior and Circuit Courts—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include **civil appeals**, **criminal appeals** and some **support/custody** cases.
 - Municipal Court of Marion County—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include **appeals of trial court** cases.
 - Kansas—Municipal Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include **parking** cases.

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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 1994 (continued)

<p>Maryland—District Court—Grand total disposed data do not include ordinance violation, parking and most civil cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Massachusetts—Trial Court of the Commonwealth—Grand total filed data do not include trial court civil appeals from the Boston Municipal and District Court Departments, and criminal appeals from the District Court Department. Disposed data do not include civil cases from the Housing Court Department, criminal cases from the Boston Municipal Court and Housing Court Departments, DWI/DUI cases from the District Court and Boston Municipal Court Departments, criminal appeals cases from the District Court Department, most moving traffic violation cases from the Boston Municipal Court Department, ordinance violation and miscellaneous criminal cases, most juvenile data from the Juvenile Court Department, and some juvenile data from the District Court Department, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Michigan—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include parking cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include parking cases.</p> <p>—Probate Court—Grand total disposed data do not include domestic violence, paternity, some miscellaneous domestic relations, mental health, miscellaneous civil, adoption, traffic and juvenile cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Mississippi—County Court—Grand total filed data do not include criminal and juvenile cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Missouri—Circuit Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include those ordinance violation cases heard by municipal judges.</p> <p>Nebraska—County Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include parking cases.</p> <p>Nevada—District Court—Grand total filed data do not include felony, misdemeanor, DWI/DUI, miscellaneous criminal, and all juvenile cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>New Hampshire—Superior Court—Grand total disposed data do not include reentry data for one county for part of the first quarter.</p> <p>—Probate Court—Grand total disposed data do not include some estate and some miscellaneous civil cases.</p> <p>New York—District and City Courts—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include administrative agency appeals cases.</p> <p>—Civil Court of the City of New York—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include administrative agency appeals cases.</p> <p>—Criminal Court of the City of New York—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include moving traffic, miscellaneous traffic, and some ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>North Carolina—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include mental health cases. Disposed data also do not include miscellaneous civil cases.</p> <p>North Dakota—County Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include criminal appeals, miscellaneous criminal, ordinance violation and parking cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Grand total disposed data do not include ordinance violation and parking cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p>	<p>Oregon—Circuit Court—Grand total disposed data do not include juvenile cases.</p> <p>—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include parking cases.</p> <p>Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include some civil appeals and some criminal appeals cases.</p> <p>—Philadelphia Traffic Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation, parking, and miscellaneous traffic cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Puerto Rico—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include small claims cases.</p> <p>Rhode Island—Superior Court—Grand total disposed data do not include civil cases.</p> <p>—Workers' Compensation Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include some administrative agency appeals.</p> <p>—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include mental health cases. Disposed data also do not include domestic violence and administrative agency appeals.</p> <p>—Family Court—Grand total filed data do not include paternity cases. Disposed data do not include marriage dissolution, paternity and URESAs cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>South Carolina—Magistrate Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>—Probate Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include mental health cases.</p> <p>South Dakota—Circuit Court—Grand total disposed data do not include adoption, estate, administrative agency appeals, and juvenile data.</p> <p>Tennessee—Circuit, Criminal and Chancery Courts—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include miscellaneous criminal and traffic/other violation cases.</p> <p>Texas—County-level Court—Grand total disposed data do not include estate and mental health cases.</p> <p>—Justice of the Peace Court—Grand total filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 87%.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Grand total filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 91%.</p> <p>Utah—Justice Court—Grand total filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 93%.</p> <p>Washington—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include cases from one district that reported partial data for the period.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include any cases from several courts. Disposed data also do not include any cases from Seattle Municipal Court, which handled more than half the total filings statewide. Disposed data are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Wisconsin—Circuit Court—Grand total disposed data do not include contested small claims cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Grand total disposed data represent a reporting rate of 90%.</p>
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TABLE 8: Reported Grand Total State Trial Court Caseload, 1994 (continued)

Wyoming—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include cases from one county that did not report.
 —County Court—Grand total disposed data do not include **trial court civil appeals** and **criminal appeals** cases.
 —Justice of the Peace Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include cases from two courts that did not report.
 —Municipal Court—Grand total filed and disposed data do not include cases from 16 courts that did not report.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Alabama—Circuit Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings** and some **extraordinary writs**.
 Colorado—District, Denver Juvenile, and Denver Probate Courts—Grand total filed and disposed data include **extraditions, revocations, parole, and release from commitment hearings**.
 Delaware—Superior Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings** and **extraordinary writs**.
 —Municipal Court of Wilmington—Grand total filed and disposed data include **preliminary hearing proceedings**.
 Hawaii—Circuit Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **criminal postconviction remedy proceedings**.
 Iowa—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.
 Kentucky—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **sentence review only proceedings**.
 Maine—Superior Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy** and **sentence review only proceedings**.
 —District Court—Grand total filed data include **preliminary hearing proceedings**.
 Maryland—Circuit Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **estate** cases from the Orphan's Court, and some **postconviction remedy** and **sentence review only proceedings**.
 Mississippi—Circuit Court—Grand total filed data include **extraordinary writs**.
 Nebraska—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.
 New York—Supreme and County Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.
 North Carolina—Superior Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **mental health** cases from District Court.

Ohio—Court of Common Pleas—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.
 Rhode Island—Superior Court—Grand total filed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.
 South Carolina—Circuit Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.
 Tennessee—Juvenile Court—Grand total disposed data are somewhat inflated. Disposed data are counted by number of actions rather than number of referrals.
 Utah—District Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy** and **sentence review only proceedings**.
 —Circuit Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.
 Washington—Superior Court—Grand total filed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings** and **extraordinary writs**.
 West Virginia—Circuit Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings** and **extraordinary writs**.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

Alaska—Superior Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **extraordinary writs**, orders to show cause, unfair trade practices, and **postconviction remedy proceedings**, but do not include **criminal appeals** cases.
 Colorado—County Court—Grand total filed data include some **preliminary hearing proceedings**, but do not include **miscellaneous civil** (name change) cases from counties other than Denver. Disposed data include some **preliminary hearing proceedings**, but do not include any **miscellaneous civil** cases and Denver County Court civil caseload.
 Connecticut—Superior Court—Grand total filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**, but do not include most **URESAs** cases.
 Maine—District Court—Grand total disposed data include **preliminary hearing proceedings**, but do not include **parking, miscellaneous traffic, some moving traffic, and some ordinance violation** cases.
 Mississippi—Chancery Court—Grand total filed data include **extraordinary writs**, but do not include **juvenile** cases.
 Washington—Superior Court—Grand total disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings** and **extraordinary writs**, but do not include **criminal-type juvenile petitions** from two counties, **status offense cases** from one county, and **child-victim cases** from one county.

TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 1994

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total civil filings and qualifying footnotes	Total civil dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
ALABAMA							
Circuit	G	6	NF	104,533 B	98,959 B	95	2,478
District	L	1		171,717	167,260	97	4,070
Probate	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
ALASKA							
Superior	G	6	R	16,331 B	15,651 B	96	2,694
District	L	5		17,787	15,157	85	2,934
State Total				34,118 *	30,808 *	90	5,627
ARIZONA							
Superior	G	6	NF	113,480	101,114	89	2,785
Tax	G	1		1,650	1,540	93	40
Justice of the Peace	L	1		127,396	125,586	99	3,126
Municipal	L	1		15,328	15,221	99	376
State Total				257,854	243,461	94	6,328
ARKANSAS							
Chancery and Probate	G	3	R	81,730	75,430	92	3,332
Circuit	G	1		21,621	21,121	98	882
City	L	1		318	203	64	13
Justice of the Peace	L	1		NA	NA		
County	L	1		NA	NA		
Court of Common Pleas	L	1		NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1		62,985	29,626	47	2,568
Police	L	1		0	0		
State Total							
CALIFORNIA							
Superior	G	6	NC	748,991 A	626,515 A	84	2,383
Justice	L	1		17,969 A	16,246 A	90	57
Municipal	L	1		972,788 A	1,018,035 A	105	3,095
State Total				1,739,748 *	1,660,796 *	95	5,535
COLORADO							
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate	G	3	R	80,129	70,072	87	2,192
Water	G	1		1,139	1,098	96	31
County	L	1		163,587 A	119,575 A	73	4,475
State Total				244,855 *	190,745 *	78	6,698
CONNECTICUT							
Superior	G	5 **	NC	172,478 C	179,305 C	104	5,266
Probate	L	1		63,592	NA		1,942
State Total				236,070 *			7,208
DELAWARE							
Court of Chancery	G	1		3,660	3,118	85	518
Superior	G	1		6,797 B	7,515 B	111	962
Court of Common Pleas	L	1		4,125	4,463	108	584
Family	L	3 **	R	32,774 B	34,963 B		4,640
Justice of the Peace	L	1		31,088	30,394	98	4,401
State Total				78,444 *	80,453 *		11,106
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Superior	G	6 **	R	130,734	123,298	94	22,929

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total civil filings and qualifying footnotes	Total civil dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
FLORIDA							
Circuit	G	4	R	613,090	432,418 A		4,394
County	L	1		346,337	279,104	81	2,482
State Total				959,427	711,522 *		6,876
GEORGIA							
Superior*	G	3	NF	188,083	184,212	98	2,666
Civil	L	1		NA	NA		
Magistrate	L	1		299,408 A	176,668 A	59	4,244
Municipal	L	1		NA	NA		
Probate	L	1		33,805 A	NA		479
State	L	1		135,403 A	99,529 A	74	1,919
State Total							
HAWAII							
Circuit	G	6	R	31,514 B	28,654 B	91	2,674
District	L	1		23,392	22,202	95	1,985
State Total				54,906 *	50,856 *	93	4,659
IDAHO							
District	G	6 **	R	75,224 A	71,450 A	95	6,639
ILLINOIS							
Circuit	G	6 **	R	615,003	599,409	97	5,233
INDIANA							
Probate	G	1		1,891 A	1,637 A	87	33
Superior and Circuit	G	5	R	308,999 A	288,041 A	93	5,372
City and Town	L	1		15,686	15,667	100	273
County	L	1		45,102	41,908	93	784
Municipal Court of Marion County	L	1		11,112 A	11,392 A	103	193
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	1		74,283	73,371	99	1,291
State Total				457,073 *	432,016 *	95	7,946
IOWA							
District	G	6	NF	167,474 B	165,505 B	99	5,919
KANSAS							
District	G	6 **	NC	181,486	176,970	98	7,106
KENTUCKY							
Circuit	G	6	R	64,085	59,231	92	1,675
District	L	1		174,248 A	158,522 A	91	4,553
State Total				238,333 *	217,753 *	91	6,228
LOUISIANA							
District	G	6	NF	169,628	NA		3,931
Family and Juvenile	G	4 ***	NF	10,982	7,873	72	255
City and Parish	L	1		76,991	64,231	83	1,784
Justice of the Peace	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
MAINE							
Superior	G	6	NC	5,487	5,979	109	442
Administrative	L	1		358	0		29
District	L	5	NC	43,407	43,887	101	3,500
Probate	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total civil filings and qualifying footnotes	Total civil dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
MARYLAND							
Circuit	G	6 **	NF	157,123 B	132,287 B	84	3,139
District	L	1		835,508	12,495 A		16,689
Orphan's	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
MASSACHUSETTS							
Trial Court of the Commonwealth	G	5 **	R	584,517	398,687 A		9,676
MICHIGAN							
Circuit	G	6 **	NC	189,152	183,791	97	1,992
Court of Claims	G	1		434	532	123	5
District	L	1		394,993	394,357	100	4,160
Municipal	L	1		825	787	95	9
Probate	L	1		110,072	50,211 A		1,159
State Total				695,476	629,678 *		7,324
MINNESOTA							
District	G	6	NF	225,971	219,588	97	4,948
MISSISSIPPI							
Chancery	G	5	NF	69,092 B	NA		2,589
Circuit	G	1	I	21,415 B	NA		802
County	L	1	I	35,658	NA		1,336
Family	L	1	I	NA	NA		
Justice	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
MISSOURI							
Circuit	G	6 **	NF	253,117	270,516	107	4,796
MONTANA							
District	G	3	R	23,708	21,700	92	2,769
Water	G	1		NA	NA		
Workers' Compensation	G	1		NA	NA		
City	L	1		NA	NA		
Justice of the Peace	L	1		NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
NEBRASKA							
District	G	5	R	44,884 C	41,385 C	92	2,766
County	L	1		66,863	63,578	95	4,120
Workers' Compensation	L	1		192	216	112	12
State Total				111,939 *	105,179 *	94	6,898
NEVADA							
District	G	2	R	55,252	NA		3,792
Justice	L	1		NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Superior	G	5	R	30,753	27,474 A		2,705
District	L	1		35,847	NA		3,153
Municipal	L	1		62	NA		5
Probate	L	1		17,267	6,844 A		1,519
State Total				83,929			7,383

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total civil filings and qualifying footnotes	Total civil dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
NEW JERSEY							
Superior	G	6 **	R	1,008,654	1,014,872	101	12,761
Tax	L	1		15,223	11,697	77	193
State Total				1,023,877	1,026,569	100	12,954
NEW MEXICO							
District	G	6	R	60,579	59,049	97	3,664
Magistrate	L	1		13,941 A	9,436 A	68	843
Metropolitan Ct. of Bernalillo County	L	1		14,025	14,920	106	848
Probate	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
NEW YORK							
Supreme and County	G	1		358,352 B	361,561 B	101	1,972
Civil Court of the City of New York	L	1		580,680 A	437,741 A	75	3,196
Court of Claims	L	1		2,452	1,570	64	13
District and City	L	1		234,642 A	228,077 A	97	1,291
Family	L	4	R	521,723	541,288	104	2,871
Surrogates'	L	1		139,720	114,114	82	769
Town and Village Justice	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
NORTH CAROLINA							
Superior	G	1		121,594 B	115,287 B	95	1,720
District	L	6 **	R	456,326 A	387,919 A	85	6,455
State Total				577,920 *	503,206 *	87	8,174
NORTH DAKOTA							
District	G	6 **	NF	20,770	19,622	94	3,256
County	L	1		14,739	14,017	95	2,310
State Total				35,509	33,639	95	5,566
OHIO							
Court of Common Pleas	G	6 **	R	412,384 B	405,981 B	98	3,714
County	L	1		17,767	17,720	100	160
Court of Claims	L	1		8,648	9,733	113	78
Municipal	L	1		325,489	316,549	97	2,932
State Total				764,288 *	749,983 *	98	6,884
OKLAHOMA							
District	G	6	R	200,760	206,943	103	6,162
Court of Tax Review	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
OREGON							
Circuit	G	6 **	R	107,226 B	105,740 B	99	3,474
Tax	G	1		408	403	99	13
County	L	1		NA	NA		
District	L	1		98,684	95,301	97	3,198
Justice	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
PENNSYLVANIA							
Court of Common Pleas	G	4	NF	334,516 A	327,911 A	98	2,776
District Justice	L	1		209,204	194,048	93	1,736
Philadelphia Municipal	L	1		121,955 A	118,742 A	97	1,012
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	L	1		5,235	NA		43
State Total				670,910 *			

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total civil filings and qualifying footnotes	Total civil dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
PUERTO RICO							
Superior	G	6	NF	54,513	53,937	99	1,479
District	L	1		62,658 A	61,645 A	98	1,700
State Total				117,171 *	115,582 *	99	3,179
RHODE ISLAND							
Superior	G	1		9,452 B	NA		948
Workers' Compensation	G	1		10,590 A	10,676 A	101	1,062
District	L	1		31,975 A	31,537 A		3,208
Family	L	6	R	15,507 A	4,049 A		1,556
Probate	L	1		NA	NA		
State Total							
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Circuit	G	1		45,293 B	45,218 B	100	1,236
Family	L	6 **	NF	77,714	75,153	97	2,121
Magistrate	L	1		159,000	157,076	99	4,340
Probate	L	1		24,947 A	24,224 A	97	681
State Total				306,954 *	301,671 *	98	8,378
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Circuit	G	A	B	48,377	46,321 A		6,708
TENNESSEE							
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	G	6 **	R	125,982	115,462	92	2,434
Probate	G	1		4,288	NA		83
General Sessions	L	6 **	R	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	1		8,525	7,279	85	165
State Total							
TEXAS							
District	G	6 **	R	448,075 B	438,727 B	98	2,438
County-level	L	6 **	R	162,384 B	87,820 C		884
Justice of the Peace	L	1		236,179 A	196,781 A	83	1,285
Municipal	L	1		570 A	570 A	100	3
State Total				847,208 *	723,898 *		4,610
UTAH							
District	G	3 R		40,193 B	35,588 B	89	2,107
Circuit	L	1		113,570	110,917	98	5,953
Justice	L	1		3,503 A	2,579 A	74	184
State Total				157,266 *	149,084 *	95	8,243
VERMONT							
District	G	4 ***	NC	11,181	11,376	102	1,927
Family	G	4 ***	NC	15,155	14,294	94	2,612
Superior	G	5	NC	6,633	7,465	113	1,143
Environmental	L	1		51	56	110	9
Probate	L	1		4,820	4,708	98	831
State Total				37,840	37,899	100	
VIRGINIA							
Circuit	G	3 R		118,610	105,907	89	1,810
District	L	4 R		1,252,900 A	1,275,656 A	102	19,124
State Total				1,371,510 *	1,381,563 *	101	20,934

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total civil filings and qualifying footnotes	Total civil dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
WASHINGTON							
Superior	G	6	R	156,955 B	145,453 B	93	2,938
District	L	1		139,417 A	102,942 A		2,609
Municipal	L	1		443 A	610 A		8
State Total				296,815 *	249,005 *		5,555
WEST VIRGINIA							
Circuit	G	5	R	46,287 B	52,116 B	113	2,540
Magistrate	L	1		53,965	52,884	98	2,962
State Total				100,252 *	105,000 *	105	5,502
WISCONSIN							
Circuit	G	6 **	NF	260,851 B	242,507 C		5,133
WYOMING							
District	G	5	R	11,811 A	11,525 A		2,481
County	L	4	R	15,832	15,455 A		3,326
Justice of the Peace	L	1		2,927 A	3,060 A	105	615

NOTE: All state trial courts with civil jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "filings per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the filing rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

6 = Support/custody is counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution, but URESA cases are counted separately

** Nondissolution support/custody cases are also counted separately

*** Court has only URESA jurisdiction

* Data for Georgia Superior Court are for 1993.

(b) Decree change counted as:

NC = Not counted/collected

NF = New filing

R = Reopened case

NA = Data are not available

JURISDICTION CODES:

G = General Jurisdiction

L = Limited Jurisdiction

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

SUPPORT/CUSTODY CODES:

(a) Method of count codes:

1 = The court does not have jurisdiction over support/custody cases

2 = Support/custody caseload data are not available

3 = Only contested support/custody cases and all URESA cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases

4 = Both contested and uncontested support/custody cases and URESA cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases

5 = Support/custody is counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution and, thus, a marriage dissolution that involves support/custody is counted as one case

* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

California—Superior Court—Total civil filed and disposed data do not include partial data from three courts.

—Justice Court—Total civil filed and disposed data do not include partial data from six courts.

—Municipal Court—Total civil filed and disposed data do not include partial data from three courts.

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 1994 (continued)

Colorado—County Court—Total **civil** filed data do not include most **miscellaneous civil** cases. Disposed data do not include any **miscellaneous civil** cases and Denver County Court Caseload.

Florida—Circuit Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **civil appeals**.

Georgia—Magistrate Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include any cases from 18 counties, and partial data from 16 counties.

—Probate Court—Total **civil** filed data do not include any cases from 44 of 159 counties, and partial data from 22 counties, and are less than 75% complete.

—State Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include any cases from 23 of 65 courts, and are less than 75% complete. Data for this court are for 1991.

Idaho—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **mental health** cases.

Indiana—Probate Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **miscellaneous domestic relations** cases.

—Superior and Circuit Courts—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **civil appeals** and **support/custody** cases.

—Municipal Court of Marion County—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **appeals of trial court** cases.

Kentucky—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **paternity** cases.

Maryland—District Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **tort, contract, real property rights, small claims, and miscellaneous civil** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

Massachusetts—Trial Court of the Commonwealth—Total **civil** disposed data do not include some **real property rights, some small claims, and most domestic relations** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

Michigan—Probate Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **adoption, paternity, domestic violence, some miscellaneous domestic relations, mental health, and miscellaneous civil** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

New Hampshire—Superior Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include reentry data for one county for part of the first quarter.

—Probate Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include some **estate** and some **miscellaneous civil** cases.

New Mexico—Magistrate Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **domestic violence** cases.

New York—District and City Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **administrative agency appeals** cases.

—Civil Court of the City of New York—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **administrative agency appeals** cases.

North Carolina—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **mental health** cases. Disposed data also do not include **miscellaneous civil** cases.

Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include some **civil appeals** cases.

—Philadelphia Municipal Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **domestic violence** cases.

Puerto Rico—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **small claims** cases.

Rhode Island—Workers' Compensation Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include some **administrative agency appeals**.

—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **mental health** cases. Disposed data also do not include **domestic violence and administrative agency appeals**.

—Family Court—Total **civil** filed data do not include **paternity** cases. Disposed data do not include **marriage dissolution, URESA and paternity** cases.

South Carolina—Probate Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **mental health** cases.

South Dakota—Circuit Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **adoption, estate, and administrative agency appeals** cases.

Texas—Justice of the Peace Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 87%.

—Municipal Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 91%.

Utah—Justice Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 93%.

Virginia—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include some **domestic relations** cases.

Washington—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include cases from one district that reported partial data for the period.

—Municipal Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include cases from several courts.

Wyoming—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include cases from one county that did not report.

—County Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **trial court civil appeals** cases.

—Justice of the Peace Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include cases from two courts that did not report.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Alabama—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include some **postconviction remedy proceedings** and some **extraordinary writs**.

Alaska—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **extraordinary writs, orders to show cause, unfair trade practices, and postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Delaware—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **extraordinary writs**.

—Family Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **status offense petition** cases. Disposed data also include **child victim** cases.

Hawaii—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **criminal postconviction remedy proceedings**.

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TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 1994 (continued)

Iowa—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Maryland—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **estate** cases from the Orphan's Court.

Mississippi—Chancery Court—Total **civil** filed data include **extraordinary writs**.

—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed data include **extraordinary writs**.

New York—Supreme and County Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

North Carolina—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **mental health cases** from District Court.

Ohio—Court of Common Pleas—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Oregon—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **criminal appeals** cases.

Rhode Island—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

South Carolina—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Texas—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **child-victim petition** cases.

—County-level Court—Total **civil** filed data include **child-victim petition** cases.

Utah—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include some **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Washington—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings** and **extraordinary writs**.

West Virginia—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings** and **extraordinary writs**.

Wisconsin—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed data include **criminal appeals** cases.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

Connecticut—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**, but do not include most **URESAs** cases.

Nebraska—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**, but do not include **civil appeals** cases.

Texas—County-level Court—Total **civil** disposed data include **child-victim petition** cases, but do not include **probate/wills/intestate, guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship**, and **mental health** cases, and are less than 75% complete. The court conducted 78,619 probate hearings and 24,401 mental health hearings during the year.

Wisconsin—Circuit Court—Total **civil** disposed data include **criminal appeals**, but do not include contested small claims cases.

TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 1994

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Unit of count</u>	<u>Point of filing</u>	<u>Total criminal filings and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Total criminal dispositions and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Dispositions as a percentage of filings</u>	<u>Filings per 100,000 adult population</u>
ALABAMA							
Circuit	G	G	A	52,611 B	49,958 B	95	1,676
District	L	B	B	106,982 A	105,521 A	99	3,408
Municipal	L	M	B	144,858 C	133,696 C		4,615
State Total				304,451 *	289,175 *		9,699
ALASKA							
Superior	G	B	A	2,696 A	2,386 A	89	650
District	L	B	B	30,219 B	30,328 B	100	7,283
State Total				32,915 *	32,714 *	99	7,932
ARIZONA							
Superior	G	D	A	30,838	27,891	90	1,050
Justice of the Peace	L	Z	B	84,772	67,147	79	2,887
Municipal	L	Z	B	250,945	213,715	85	8,547
State Total				366,555	308,753	84	12,484
ARKANSAS							
Circuit	G	A	A	44,096	40,184	91	2,433
City	L	A	B	10,149 B	6,508 B	64	560
Justice of the Peace	L	A	B	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	A	B	277,288 B	220,085 B	79	15,301
Police	L	A	B	738 B	309 B	42	41
State Total							
CALIFORNIA							
Superior	G	B	A	158,614 A	152,211 A	96	697
Justice	L	B	B	25,727 C	22,938 C	89	113
Municipal	L	B	B	772,117 C	681,572 C	88	3,393
State Total				956,458 *	856,721 *	90	4,204
COLORADO							
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate	G	D	B	24,636 B	23,099 B	94	917
County	L	D	B	126,433 B	98,610 C		4,708
State Total				151,069 *	121,709 *		5,625
CONNECTICUT							
Superior	G	E	A	134,962 C	149,215		5,426
DELAWARE							
Superior	G	B	A	7,240 B	6,907 B	95	1,362
Alderman's	L	A	B	4,592 B	4,840 B	105	864
Court of Common Pleas	L	A	B	NA	NA		
Family	L	B	B	4,279	4,226	99	805
Justice of the Peace	L	A	B	75,832 A	71,802 A	95	14,266
Municipal Court of Wilmington	L	A	B	11,700 C	11,800 C	101	2,201
State Total							
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Superior	G	B	G	39,822 A	40,027 A	101	8,816
FLORIDA							
Circuit	G	E	A	178,350	152,385	85	1,668
County	L	A	B	414,071	359,887	87	3,873
State Total				592,421	512,272	86	5,542

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total criminal filings and qualifying footnotes	Total criminal dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 adult population
GEORGIA							
Superior*	G	G	A	88,854 B	86,932 B	98	1,721
Civil	L	M	M	NA	NA		
County Recorder's	L	M	M	NA	NA		
Magistrate	L	B	B	55,466 A	40,807 A	74	1,074
Municipal	L	M	M	NA	NA		
Municipal and City of Atlanta	L	M	M	NA	NA		
Probate	L	B	A	3,266 A	3,063 A	94	63
State	L	G	A	143,009 A	118,992 A		2,770
State Total							
HAWAII							
Circuit	G	G	B	9,543	6,893	72	1,091
District	L	A	C	36,754 A	32,960 A	90	4,203
State Total				46,297 *	39,853 *	86	5,294
IDAHO							
District	G	D	F	80,095	71,855	90	10,091
ILLINOIS							
Circuit	G	G	A	654,505 C	541,650 C	83	7,550
INDIANA							
Superior and Circuit	G	B	A	123,245 A	116,158 A	94	2,880
City and Town	L	B	F	44,407 B	39,302 B	89	1,038
County	L	B	F	25,001	22,627	91	584
Municipal Court of Marion County	L	B	F	38,116	35,280	93	891
State Total				230,769 *	213,367 *	92	5,393
IOWA							
District	G	B	A	79,764 A	79,506 A	100	3,798
KANSAS							
District	G	B	C	43,047	43,587	101	2,310
Municipal	L	B	C	15,550	14,960	96	835
State Total				58,597	58,547	100	3,145
KENTUCKY							
Circuit	G	B	A	18,268	17,782	97	639
District	L	B	F	184,559 B	169,832 B	92	6,459
State Total				202,827 *	187,614 *	92	7,099
LOUISIANA							
District	G	Z	A	112,268	NA		3,645
City and Parish	L	B	F	168,861	136,538	81	5,483
State Total				281,129			9,128
MAINE							
Superior	G	E	A	9,433 C	9,246 C	98	1,009
District	L	E	F	36,225 C	34,191 C	94	3,876
State Total				45,658 *	43,437 *	95	4,886
MARYLAND							
Circuit	G	B	A	68,515 B	63,681 B	93	1,830
District	L	B	A	203,874	209,145	103	5,446
State Total				272,389 *	272,826 *	100	7,277

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total criminal filings and qualifying footnotes	Total criminal dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 adult population
MASSACHUSETTS							
Trial Court of the Commonwealth	G	D	B	348,015 A	265,861 C		7,537
MICHIGAN							
Circuit	G	B	A	48,461	47,745	99	695
Recorder's Court of Detroit	G	B	A	19,419	18,182	94	279
District	L	B	B	303,909 B	303,462 B	100	4,359
Municipal	L	B	B	2,597 B	2,653 B	102	37
State Total				374,386 *	372,042 *	99	5,370
MINNESOTA							
District	G	B	B	213,394 B	214,164 B	100	6,414
MISSISSIPPI							
Circuit	G	B	B	12,203	NA		638
County	L	B	B	NA	NA		
Justice	L	B	B	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	B	B	NA	NA		
State Total							
MISSOURI							
Circuit	G	G	G	144,170	135,836	94	3,698
MONTANA							
District	G	G	A	4,186	3,530	84	677
City	L	B	B	NA	NA		
Justice of the Peace	L	B	B	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	B	B	NA	NA		
State Total							
NEBRASKA							
District	G	B	A	6,896 B	6,873 B	100	584
County	L	B	F	91,132 B	90,947 B	100	7,715
State Total				98,028 *	97,820 *	100	8,299
NEVADA							
District	G	Z	A	4 A	NA		0
Justice	L	Z	B	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	Z	B	NA	NA		
State Total							
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Superior	G	A	A	14,223	15,547 A		1,683
District	L	A	B	35,493	NA		4,199
Municipal	L	A	B	144	NA		17
State Total				49,860			5,899
NEW JERSEY							
Superior	G	B	A	49,664	51,011	103	831
Municipal	L	B	B	357,158	349,153	98	5,979
State Total				406,822	400,164	98	6,811
NEW MEXICO							
District	G	E	A	14,030	13,298	95	1,213
Magistrate	L	E	B	33,580 B	24,813 B	74	2,904
Metropolitan Ct. of Bernalillo County	L	E	B	100,856 B	41,809 B	41	8,723
State Total				148,466 *	79,920 *	54	

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total criminal filings and qualifying footnotes	Total criminal dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 adult population
NEW YORK							
Supreme and County	G	E	A	71,419	74,608	104	523
Criminal Court of the City of New York	L	E	D	285,649	257,208	90	2,091
District and City	L	E	D	233,302 B	207,340 B	89	1,708
Town and Village Justice	L	E	B	NA	NA		
State Total							
NORTH CAROLINA							
Superior	G	E	A	124,056	117,555	95	2,335
District	L	E	G	548,669 C	535,290 C	98	10,325
State Total				672,725 *	652,845 *	97	12,660
NORTH DAKOTA							
District	G	B	A	1,917	1,985	104	411
County	L	E	F	25,148 A	24,013 A	95	5,392
Municipal	L	B	B	NA	NA		
State Total							
OHIO							
Court of Common Pleas	G	B	C	64,766	63,461	98	785
County	L	B	E	38,110 B	37,737 B	99	462
Mayor's	L	B	E	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	B	E	463,128 B	463,676 B	100	5,615
State Total							
OKLAHOMA							
District	G	J	A	86,566 B	73,771 B	85	3,640
OREGON							
Circuit	G	E	G	53,866 A	39,977 A	74	2,338
District	L	E	G	38,653	47,176	122	1,678
Justice	L	E	B	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	A	B	NA	NA		
State Total							
PENNSYLVANIA							
Court of Common Pleas	G	B	A	139,985 A	139,254 A	99	1,529
District Justice	L	B	B	155,317	135,318	87	1,697
Philadelphia Municipal	L	B	B	36,144 A	33,674 A	93	395
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	L	B	B	5,106 B	NA		56
State Total				336,552 *			
PUERTO RICO							
Superior	G	J	B	52,354	51,992	99	2,117
District	L	J	B	49,412	51,005	103	1,998
State Total				101,766	102,997	101	4,114
RHODE ISLAND							
Superior	G	D	A	6,203	6,377	103	819
District	L	A	B	28,490 B	26,943 B	95	3,764
State Total				34,693 *	33,320 *	96	4,583
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Circuit	G	B	A	102,829	106,873	104	3,792
Magistrate	L	B	E	206,700 A	204,973 A	99	7,623
Municipal	L	B	E	90,042	88,883	99	3,320
State Total				399,571 *	400,729 *	100	14,735

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unit of count	Point of filing	Total criminal filings and qualifying footnotes	Total criminal dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 adult population
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Circuit	G	A	B	30,155	24,992	83	5.881
TENNESSEE							
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	G	Z	A	68,690 A	60,243 A	88	1,771
General Sessions	L	M	M	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	M	M	NA	NA		
State Total							
TEXAS							
District	G	B	A	168,298	165,050	98	1,287
County-level	L	B	F	443,153	382,503 A		3,389
Justice of the Peace	L	A	B	518,283 A	414,284 A	80	3,963
Municipal	L	A	B	823,638 A	638,927 A	78	6,298
State Total				1,953,372 *	1,600,764 *		14,938
UTAH							
District	G	J	A	9,530 B	9,012 B	95	771
Circuit	L	B	A	41,259 C	37,977 C	92	3,338
Justice	L	B	B	40,505 A	34,104 A	84	3,277
State Total				91,294 *	81,093 *	89	7,386
VERMONT							
District	G	D	C	15,759	15,571	99	3,626
Superior	G	B	A	1	1	100	0
State Total				15,760	15,572	99	3,626
VIRGINIA							
Circuit	G	A	A	115,788 B	115,673 B	100	2,340
District	L	A	E	410,360 A	428,507 A	104	8,293
State Total				526,148 *	544,180 *	103	10,632
WASHINGTON							
Superior	G	D	F	30,395	29,145	96	772
District	L	C	B	122,557 A	123,712 A	101	3,114
Municipal	L	C	B	82,378 A	52,770 A		2,093
State Total				235,330 *	205,627 *		5,980
WEST VIRGINIA							
Circuit	G	J	A	8,778	9,028	103	630
Magistrate	L	J	E	118,227	110,510	93	8,490
Municipal	L	A	B	NA	NA		
State Total							
WISCONSIN							
Circuit	G	D	C	95,959 A	94,309 A	98	2,569
Municipal	L	A	B	NA	15,191 A		
State Total					109,500 *		
WYOMING							
District	G	J	A	1,934 A	1,829 A	95	571
County	L	J	B	11,775 A	NA		3,478
Justice of the Peace	L	J	B	3,082 A	NA		910
Municipal	L	A	B	2,041 A	NA		603
State Total				18,832 *			6

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 1994 (continued)

NOTE: All state trial courts with criminal jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "filings per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the filing rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

* Data for Georgia Superior Court are for 1993.

NA = Data are not available.

JURISDICTION CODES:

- G = General Jurisdiction
- L = Limited Jurisdiction

UNIT OF COUNT CODES:

- M = Missing data
- I = Data element is inapplicable
- A = Single defendant—single charge
- B = Single defendant—single incident (one/more charges)
- C = Single defendant—single incident/maximum number charges (usually two)
- D = Single defendant—one/more incidents
- E = Single defendant—content varies with prosecutor
- F = One/more defendants—single charge
- G = One/more defendants—single incident (one/more charges)
- H = One/more defendants—single incident/maximum number charges (usually two)
- J = One/more defendants—one/more incidents
- K = One/more defendants—content varies with prosecutor
- L = Inconsistent during reporting year
- Z = Both the defendant and charge components vary within the state

POINT OF FILING CODES:

- M = Missing data
- I = Data element is inapplicable
- A = At the filing of the information/indictment
- B = At the filing of the complaint
- C = When defendant enters plea/initial appearance
- D = When docketed
- E = At issuing of warrant
- F = At filing of information/complaint
- G = Varies (at filing of the complaint, information, indictment)

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

- Alabama—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.
- Alaska—Superior Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **criminal appeals** cases.
- California—Superior Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include partial data from three courts.
- Delaware—Justice of the Peace Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.
- District of Columbia—Superior Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.
- Georgia—Magistrate Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include any cases from 18 counties, and partial data from 16 counties.
 - Probate Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include any cases from 44 of 159 counties, partial data from 22 counties, and do not include **DWI/DUI** cases which are reported with **traffic/other violation** data, and are less than 75% complete.
- Hawaii—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include some **misdemeanor** cases.
- Indiana—Superior and Circuit Courts—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **criminal appeals** cases.
- Iowa—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include some **misdemeanor** cases.
- Massachusetts—Trial Court of the Commonwealth—Total **criminal** filed data do not include some **misdemeanor** cases, and **appeals** from the District Court Department.
- Nevada—District Court—Total **criminal** filed data do not include **felony, misdemeanor, DWI/DUI, and miscellaneous criminal** cases and are less than 75% complete.
- New Hampshire—Superior Court—Total **criminal** disposed data do not include reentry data for one county for part of the first quarter.
- North Dakota—County Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **criminal appeals** and **miscellaneous criminal** cases.
- Oregon—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **criminal appeals** cases.
- Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include some **criminal appeals** cases.
 - Philadelphia Municipal Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include some **misdemeanor** cases.
- South Carolina—Magistrate Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **DWI/DUI** cases. (Filed data are based on estimates provided by the AOC.)
- Tennessee—Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery Courts— Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **miscellaneous criminal** cases.
- Texas—County-level Court—Total **criminal** disposed data do not include some **criminal appeals** cases.
 - Justice of the Peace Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 87%.

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 1994 (continued)

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 91%.

Utah—Justice Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 93%.

Virginia—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Washington—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include cases from one district that reported partial data for the period.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include cases from several courts. Disposed data also do not include cases from Seattle Municipal Court (which handled more than half the filings statewide) and are less than 75% complete.

Wisconsin—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include **criminal appeals** cases.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** disposed data represent a reporting rate of 90%.

Wyoming—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include cases from one county that did not report.

—County Court—Total **criminal** filed data do not include reopened **misdemeanor** and reopened **DWI/DUI** cases.

—Justice of the Peace Court—Total **criminal** filed data do not include cases from two courts that did not report.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** filed data do not include **misdemeanors** and cases from 16 courts that did not report.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Alabama—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Alaska—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **moving traffic violation** cases and all **ordinance violation** cases.

Arkansas—City Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

—Police Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Colorado—District, Denver Juvenile, and Denver Probate Courts—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include extraditions, revocations, parole, and release from commitment hearings.

—County Court—Total **criminal** filed data include some **preliminary hearing proceedings**.

Delaware—Superior Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

—Alderman's Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Georgia—Superior Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include all **traffic/other violation** cases. (These data are for 1993.)

—State Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data do not include some **DWI/DUI** cases, and data from 23 courts, and are less than 75% complete.

Indiana—City and Town Courts—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **ordinance violation** and some unclassified **traffic** cases.

Kentucky—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases and **sentence review only proceedings**.

Maryland—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **postconviction remedy** and **sentence review only proceedings**.

Michigan—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Minnesota—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Nebraska—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **civil appeals** cases.

—County Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

New Mexico—Magistrate Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **domestic violence** cases.

—Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

New York—District and City Courts—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Ohio—County Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Oklahoma—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Pennsylvania—Pittsburgh City Magistrates Court—Total **criminal** filed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

Rhode Island—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **moving traffic violation** and **ordinance violation** cases.

Utah—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **postconviction remedy** and **sentence review only proceedings**.

Virginia—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

Alabama—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include data that were unavailable from 42 municipalities. Filed data also do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

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TABLE 10: Reported Total State Trial Court Criminal Caseload, 1994 (continued)

California—Justice Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include **DWI/DUI** cases and partial data from six courts.

—Municipal Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include **DWI/DUI** cases, and partial data from three courts.

Colorado—County Court—Total **criminal** disposed data include some **preliminary hearing proceedings**, but do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Connecticut—Superior Court—Total **criminal** filed data include **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Delaware—Municipal Court of Wilmington—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases and preliminary hearings, but do not include most **DWI/DUI** cases.

Illinois—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **ordinance violation** cases. Filed data do not include **DWI/DUI** cases for courts downstate; disposed data do not include any **DWI/DUI** cases.

Maine—Superior Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **ordinance violation** cases, and **postconviction**

remedy and sentence review only proceedings, but do not include **DWI/DUI** and some **criminal appeals** cases.

—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **preliminary hearing proceedings** and some **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include **DWI/DUI** and some **misdemeanor** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

Massachusetts—Trial Court of the Commonwealth—Total **criminal** disposed data include some **moving traffic violation** cases, but do not include some cases from the Boston Municipal, District, and Housing Court Departments.

New Mexico—Magistrate Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **traffic** cases, but do not include some cases due to incomplete reporting by several counties.

North Carolina—District Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include some **ordinance violation** cases, but do not include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Utah—Circuit Court—Total **criminal** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**, but do not include some **miscellaneous criminal** cases.

TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 1994

<u>State/court name:</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Parking</u>	<u>Total traffic filings and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Total traffic dispositions and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Dispositions as a percentage of filings</u>	<u>Filings per 100,000 total population</u>
ALABAMA						
District	L	1	233,359 B	220,861 B	95	5,531
Municipal	L	1	889,263 C	459,949 A		21,079
State Total			1,122,622 *	680,810 *		26,610
ALASKA						
District	L	3	61,226 A	60,968 A	100	10,099
ARIZONA						
Justice of the Peace	L	1	456,084	423,336	93	11,192
Municipal	L	1	795,073	787,922	99	19,511
State Total			1,251,157	1,211,258	97	
ARKANSAS						
City	L	1	34,492 A	18,159 A	53	1,406
Municipal	L	1	390,758 A	277,402 A	71	15,932
Police	L	1	2,485 A	509 A	20	101
State Total			427,735 *	296,070 *	69	
CALIFORNIA						
Justice	L	6	222,601 C	194,936 C	88	708
Municipal	L	6	7,463,857 C	7,063,970 C	95	23,747
State Total			7,686,458 *	7,258,906 *	94	
COLORADO						
County	L	2	396,024	355,731 B		10,833
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
CONNECTICUT						
Superior	G	6	197,171 C	197,295		6,020
DELAWARE						
Alderman's	L	4	25,640 A	25,630 A	100	3,630
Court of Common Pleas	L	2	26,137 B	25,675 B		3,700
Family	L	2	380	401	106	54
Justice of the Peace	L	2	88,687	95,211	107	12,556
Municipal Court of Wilmington	L	5	17,396 C	19,134 C	110	2,463
State Total			158,240 *	166,051 *	105	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA						
Superior	G	6	16,978 B	17,614 B	104	2,978
FLORIDA						
County	L	5	3,025,375	2,478,773	82	21,683
GEORGIA						
Superior	G	2	NA	NA		
County Recorder's	L	1	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	2	15,459 A	13,063 A	85	219
Magistrate	L	2	47,528 A	40,873 A	86	674
Municipal and City of Atlanta	L	1	NA	NA		
Probate	L	2	143,150 C	134,592 C	94	2,029
State	L	2	167,534 C	149,126 C		2,375
State Total						

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 1994 (continued)

<u>State/court name:</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Parking</u>	<u>Total traffic filings and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Total traffic dispositions and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Dispositions as a percentage of filings</u>	<u>Filings per 100,000 total population</u>
HAWAII						
Circuit	G	2	528	499	95	45
District	L	4	596,504 B	542,191 B	91	50,613
State Total			597,032 *	542,690 *	91	
IDAHO						
District	G	3	240,856 A	235,033 A	98	21,258
ILLINOIS						
Circuit	G	4	2,819,742 C	2,727,256 C	97	23,994
INDIANA						
Superior and Circuit	G	3	295,212	277,571	94	5,132
City and Town	L	3	179,117 A	176,629 A	99	3,114
County	L	4	167,677	166,929	100	2,915
Municipal Court of Marion County	L	3	20,206	21,602	107	351
State Total			662,212 *	642,731 *	97	
IOWA						
District	G	3	742,344 B	731,826 B	99	26,238
KANSAS						
District	G	4	206,072 A	200,057 A	97	8,068
Municipal	L	1	507,708 A	431,391 A	85	19,879
State Total			713,780 *	631,448 *	88	
KENTUCKY						
District	L	3	274,408 A	272,140 A	99	7,171
LOUISIANA						
District	G	1	296,340	NA		6,868
City and Parish	L	1	552,778	477,180	86	12,810
Justice of the Peace	L	1	NA	NA		
Mayor's	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
MAINE						
Superior	G	2	2,661 C	2,719 C	102	215
District	L	4	142,277 C	35,129 C		11,472
State Total			144,938 *	37,848 *	26	
MARYLAND						
District	L	1	869,904	780,559 A		17,376
MASSACHUSETTS						
Trial Court of the Commonwealth	G	1	476,120 B	182,390 C		7,881
MICHIGAN						
District	L	4	2,032,213 A	2,224,679 A	109	21,400
Municipal	L	4	29,673 A	29,798 A	100	312
Probate	L	2	15,757	NA		166
State Total			2,077,643 *			
MINNESOTA						
District	G	4	1,367,665 A	1,359,112 A	99	29,945

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 1994 (continued)

<u>State/court name:</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Parking</u>	<u>Total traffic filings and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Total traffic dispositions and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Dispositions as a percentage of filings</u>	<u>Filings per 100,000 total population</u>
MISSISSIPPI						
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
MISSOURI						
Circuit	G	2	367,023 A	364,239 A	99	6,954
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
MONTANA						
City	L	1	NA	NA		
Justice of the Peace	L	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
NEBRASKA						
County	L	1	236,118 A	244,669 A	104	14,550
NEVADA						
Justice	L	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
NEW HAMPSHIRE						
District	L	4	126,109	NA		11,093
Municipal	L	4	1,076	NA		95
State Total			127,185			
NEW JERSEY						
Municipal	L	4	4,976,136	5,443,131	109	62,958
NEW MEXICO						
Magistrate	L	3	125,603	94,481	75	7,596
Metropolitan Ct. of Bernalillo County	L	3	230,635 A	141,385 A	61	13,948
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
NEW YORK						
Criminal Court of the City of New York	L	2	126,084 A	94,065 A	75	694
District and City	L	4	819,320 A	819,320 A	100	4,509
Town and Village Justice	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
NORTH CAROLINA						
District	L	6	1,219,416 C	1,193,563 C	98	17,248
NORTH DAKOTA						
District	G	4	453	NA		71
County	L	1	58,967 A	58,967 A	100	9,243
Municipal	L	1	NA	32,720 C		
State Total						
OHIO						
Court of Common Pleas	G	2	115,981	113,200	98	1,045
County	L	5	188,327 A	186,511 A	99	1,696
Mayor's	L	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	5	1,536,535 A	1,525,627 A	99	13,840
State Total						

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/court name:	Jurisdiction	Parking	Total traffic filings and qualifying footnotes	Total traffic dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
OKLAHOMA						
District	G	2	168,811 A	159,701 A	95	5,181
Municipal Court Not of Record	L	1	NA	NA		
Municipal Criminal Court of Record	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
OREGON						
District	L	1	236,563 A	256,051 A	108	7,665
Justice	L	3	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	3	NA	NA		
State Total						
PENNSYLVANIA						
District Justice	L	4	1,698,517	1,561,120	92	14,093
Philadelphia Municipal	L	2	26,881 B	27,020 B	101	223
Philadelphia Traffic	L	1	239,517 A	193,032 A		1,987
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	L	4	325,062 A	NA		2,697
State Total			2,289,977 *			19
PUERTO RICO						
District	L	2	65,885	65,798	100	1,788
Municipal	L	1	NJ	NJ		
State Total			65,885	65,798	100	
RHODE ISLAND						
District	L	2	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
Administrative Adjudication	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
SOUTH CAROLINA						
Family	L	2	NA	NA		
Magistrate	L	4	694,300 C	688,190 C	99	18,949
Municipal	L	4	345,546	340,502	99	9,431
State Total						
SOUTH DAKOTA						
Circuit	G	3	122,853	122,853	100	17,035
TENNESSEE						
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	G	2	NA	NA		
General Sessions	L	1	NA	NA		
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
TEXAS						
County-level	L	2	23,092	87,129 B		126
Justice of the Peace	L	4	1,445,399 A	1,460,836 A	101	7,865
Municipal	L	4	5,552,933 A	4,887,179 A	88	30,215
State Total			7,021,424 *	6,435,144 *		
UTAH						
Circuit	L	4	127,404 B	125,349 B	98	6,678
Justice	L	4	276,771 A	259,332 A	94	14,506
Juvenile	L	2	1,430	NA		75
State Total			405,605 *			

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 1994 (continued)

<u>State/court name:</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Parking</u>	<u>Total traffic filings and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Total traffic dispositions and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Dispositions as a percentage of filings</u>	<u>Filings per 100,000 total population</u>
VERMONT						
District	G	2	2,742	2,762	101	473
VIRGINIA						
Circuit	G	2	NA	NA		
District	L	4	1,505,705 B	1,521,273 B	101	22,983
State Total						
WASHINGTON						
District	L	4	670,996 A	757,220 A	113	12,558
Municipal	L	4	1,158,109 A	467,779 A		21,675
State Total			1,829,105 *	1,224,999 *		
WEST VIRGINIA						
Magistrate	L	2	138,771	127,000	92	7,616
Municipal	L	1	NA	NA		
State Total						
WISCONSIN						
Circuit	G	3	548,647	547,041	100	10,797
Municipal	L	3	NA	425,008 A		
State Total				972,049 *		
WYOMING						
County	L	1	91,645 B	103,434 B	113	4,746
Justice of the Peace	L	1	22,591 A	25,621 A	113	12,220
Municipal	L	1	58,165 C	59,550 C		36
State Total			172,401 *	188,605 *	109	

NOTE: Parking violations are defined as part of the traffic/other violation caseload. However, states and courts within a state differ to the extent in which parking violations are processed through the courts. A code opposite the name of each court indicates the manner in which parking cases are reported by the court. Qualifying footnotes in Table 11 do not repeat the information provided by the code, and, thus, refer only to the status of the statistics on moving traffic, miscellaneous traffic, and ordinance violations. All state trial courts with traffic/other violation jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "filings per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the filing rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

NA = Data are not available.

JURISDICTION CODES:

- G = General Jurisdiction
- L = Limited Jurisdiction

PARKING CODES:

- 1 = Parking data are unavailable
- 2 = Court does not have parking jurisdiction
- 3 = Only contested parking cases are included
- 4 = Both contested and uncontested parking cases are included
- 5 = Parking cases are handled administratively
- 6 = Uncontested parking cases are handled administratively; contested parking cases are handled by the court

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

- * See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 1994 (continued)

<p>A: The following courts' data are incomplete:</p> <p>Alabama—Municipal Court—Total traffic/other violation disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases and data from 42 municipalities.</p> <p>Alaska—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include some moving traffic violation cases and all ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>Arkansas—City Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>—Police Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>Delaware—Alderman's Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>Georgia—Juvenile Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include cases from 15 counties.</p> <p>—Magistrate Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include any cases from 18 counties, and partial data from 16 counties.</p> <p>Idaho—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include parking cases.</p> <p>Indiana—City and Town Courts—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include some ordinance violation and some unclassified traffic cases.</p> <p>Kansas—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include juvenile traffic cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include parking cases.</p> <p>Kentucky—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>Maryland—District Court—Total traffic/other violation disposed data do not include parking and ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>Michigan—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation and parking cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation and parking cases.</p> <p>Minnesota—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>Missouri—Circuit Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include those ordinance violation cases heard by municipal judges, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Nebraska—County Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation and parking cases.</p> <p>New Mexico—Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County-- Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>New York—Criminal Court of the City of New York—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include moving traffic, miscellaneous traffic, and some ordinance violation cases and are less than 75% complete.</p>	<p>—District and City Courts—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>North Dakota—County Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation and parking cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Ohio—County Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>Oklahoma—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>Oregon—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include parking cases.</p> <p>Pennsylvania—Philadelphia Traffic Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include ordinance violation, parking, and miscellaneous traffic cases, and are less than 75% complete.</p> <p>—Pittsburgh City Magistrates Court—Total traffic/other violation filed data do not include ordinance violation cases.</p> <p>Texas—Justice of the Peace Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 87%.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 91%.</p> <p>Utah—Justice Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data represent a reporting rate of 93%.</p> <p>Washington—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include cases from one district that reported partial data for the period.</p> <p>—Municipal Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include cases from several courts. Disposed data also do not include cases from Seattle Municipal Court, which handled more than one-half of the total case filings for the municipal courts statewide. Disposed data are therefore less than 75% complete.</p> <p>Wisconsin—Municipal Court—Total traffic/other violation disposed data represent a reporting rate of 90%.</p> <p>Wyoming—Justice of the Peace Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data do not include cases from two counties that did not report.</p>
<p>B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:</p> <p>Alabama—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data include DWI/DUI cases.</p> <p>Colorado—County Court—Total traffic/other violation disposed data include DWI/DUI cases.</p> <p>Delaware—Court of Common Pleas—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data include all felony and misdemeanor cases.</p> <p>District of Columbia—Superior Court—Total traffic/other violation disposed data include DWI/DUI cases.</p> <p>Hawaii—District Court—Total traffic/other violation filed and disposed data include some misdemeanor cases.</p>	

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TABLE 11: Reported Total State Trial Court Traffic/Other Violation Caseload, 1994 (continued)

Iowa—District Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include some **misdemeanor** cases.

Massachusetts—Trial Court of the Commonwealth—Total **traffic/other violation** filed data include some **misdemeanor** cases.

Pennsylvania—Philadelphia Municipal Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **domestic violence** and some **misdemeanor** cases.

Texas—County-level Court—Total **traffic/other violation** disposed data include some **criminal appeals** cases.

Utah—Circuit Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include some **miscellaneous criminal** cases.

Virginia—District Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Wyoming—County Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed data include reopened **misdemeanor** and reopened **DWI/DUI** cases. Disposed data include all **misdemeanor** and all **DWI/DUI** cases.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

Alabama—Municipal Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed data include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include **ordinance violation** cases, and data from 42 municipal courts.

California—Justice Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include some **ordinance violation** cases and partial data from six courts.

—Municipal Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include some **ordinance violation** cases, and partial data from three courts.

Connecticut—Superior Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed data include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include **ordinance violation** cases.

Delaware—Municipal Court of Wilmington—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include most **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include **ordinance violation** cases.

Georgia—Probate Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include data from 44 of 159 counties, partial data from 22 counties, and are less than 75% complete.

—State Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include some **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include cases from 23 of 65 courts, and are less than 75% complete.

Illinois—Circuit Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed data include some **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include some **ordinance violation** cases. Disposed data include all **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include some **ordinance violation** cases.

Maine—Superior Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **DWI/DUI** and some **criminal appeals** cases, but do not include **ordinance violation** cases.

—District Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **DWI/DUI** and some **misdemeanor** cases, but do not include some **ordinance violation** cases. Disposed data also do not include **parking, miscellaneous traffic, and some moving traffic** cases.

Massachusetts—Trial Court of the Commonwealth—Total **traffic/other violation** disposed data include some **misdemeanor** cases, but do not include **ordinance violation** and most **moving traffic** cases.

North Carolina—District Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include some **ordinance violation** cases.

North Dakota—Municipal Court—Total **traffic/other violation** disposed data include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include **ordinance violation** and **parking** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

South Carolina—Magistrate Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include **ordinance violation** cases.

Wyoming—Municipal Court—Total **traffic/other violation** filed and disposed data include **misdemeanor** cases, but do not include cases from 16 courts that did not report. Disposed data also include **DWI/DUI** cases.

TABLE 12: Reported Total State Trial Court Juvenile Caseload, 1994

<u>State/court name:</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Point of filing</u>	<u>Total juvenile filings and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Total juvenile dispositions and qualifying footnotes</u>	<u>Dispositions as a percentage of filings</u>	<u>Filings per 100,000 juvenile population</u>
ALABAMA						
Circuit	G	A	17,915	16,578	93	1,659
District	L	A	29,809	26,947	90	2,761
State Total			47,724	43,525	91	
ALASKA						
Superior	G	C	2,001	1,440	72	1,046
District	L	I	83	66	80	43
State Total			2,084	1,506	72	
ARIZONA						
Superior	G	C	14,812	14,024	95	1,301
ARKANSAS						
Chancery and Probate	G	C	17,826	16,265	91	2,784
CALIFORNIA						
Superior	G	C	142,239 A	117,989 A	83	1,639
COLORADO						
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate	G	A	23,561	16,976	72	2,429
CONNECTICUT						
Superior	G	F	15,685	15,258	97	1,990
DELAWARE						
Family	L	C	10,777 A	9,257 A		6,165
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA						
Superior	G	B	7,320	6,849	94	6,178
FLORIDA						
Circuit	G	A	136,723	81,884	60	4,190
GEORGIA						
Juvenile	L	A	93,059 A	80,442 A	86	4,918
HAWAII						
Circuit	G	F	25,335	22,931	91	8,331
IDAHO						
District	G	C	15,635	14,381	92	4,608
ILLINOIS						
Circuit	G	C	55,094	37,224	68	1,787
INDIANA						
Probate	G	C	1,005 B	1,005 B	100	68
Superior and Circuit	G	C	39,438 B	36,157 B	92	2,677
State Total			40,443 *	37,162 *	92	
IOWA						
District	G	A	9,044	6,338	70	1,241
KANSAS						
District	G	C	18,368 B	16,367 B	89	2,659

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TABLE 12: Reported Total State Trial Court Juvenile Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of filing	Total juvenile filings and qualifying footnotes	Total juvenile dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 juvenile population
KENTUCKY						
District	L	C	53,449 B	38,384 B	72	5,513
LOUISIANA						
District	G	C	5,854	NA		474
Family and Juvenile	G	C	14,876	12,270	82	1,204
City and Parish	L	C	11,495	8,519	74	931
State Total			32,225			
MAINE						
District	L	C	5,691	5,285	93	1,862
MARYLAND						
Circuit	G	C	38,647	35,670	92	3,060
District	L	C	6,565	5,979	91	520
State Total			45,212	41,649	92	
MASSACHUSETTS						
Trial Court of the Commonwealth	G	C	47,890	16,981 C		3,364
MICHIGAN						
Probate	L	C	78,947	NA		3,127
MINNESOTA						
District	G	C	52,583	50,046	95	4,239
MISSISSIPPI						
Chancery	G	C	NA	NA		
County	L	C	NA	NA		
Family	L	C	NA	NA		
State Total						
MISSOURI						
Circuit	G	C	22,580	22,916	101	1,637
MONTANA						
District	G	C	1,761	1,345	76	742
NEBRASKA						
County	L	C	5,703	5,485	96	1,291
Separate Juvenile	L	C	3,709	NA		840
State Total			9,412			
NEVADA						
District	G	C	NA	NA		
NEW HAMPSHIRE						
District	L	C	9,898	NA		3,395
NEW JERSEY						
Superior	G	F	100,699	99,574	99	5,216
NEW MEXICO						
District	G	C	10,607	10,351	98	2,133

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TABLE 12: Reported Total State Trial Court Juvenile Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of filing	Total juvenile filings and qualifying footnotes	Total juvenile dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 juvenile population
NEW YORK Family	L	C	54,796	58,717	107	1,215
NORTH CAROLINA District	L	C	36,263	37,289	103	2,065
NORTH DAKOTA District	G	C	10,500	10,953 B		6,120
OHIO Court of Common Pleas	G	E	145,448	141,180	97	5,096
OKLAHOMA District	G	G	11,348	10,216	90	1,290
OREGON Circuit	G	C	18,480	NA		2,362
PENNSYLVANIA Court of Common Pleas	G	F	65,120	62,566	96	2,247
PUERTO RICO Superior	G	C	11,232	9,316	83	
RHODE ISLAND Family	L	C	9,239	8,665	94	3,853
SOUTH CAROLINA Family	L	C	23,196 B	22,686 B	98	2,436
SOUTH DAKOTA Circuit	G	B	5,737	NA		2,753
TENNESSEE General Sessions	L	B	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	B	72,468	104,800 B		5,590
State Total						
TEXAS District	G	C	21,134 A	19,945 A	94	399
County-level	L	C	4,865 A	4,565 A	94	92
State Total			25,999 *	24,510 *	94	
UTAH Juvenile	L	C	55,586	NA		8,272
VERMONT Family	G	C	2,125	2,133	100	1,460
VIRGINIA District	L	C	139,813 B	132,852 B	95	8,722
WASHINGTON Superior	G	A	31,048	26,043 A		2,206

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TABLE 12: Reported Total State Trial Court Juvenile Caseload, 1994 (continued)

State/court name:	Jurisdiction	Point of filing	Total juvenile filings and qualifying footnotes	Total juvenile dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 juvenile population
WEST VIRGINIA Circuit	G	C	7,050	7,588	108	1,642
WISCONSIN Circuit	G	C	33,676	32,367	96	2,501
WYOMING District	G	C	1,645 A	1,424 A	87	1,197

NOTE: All state trial courts with juvenile jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "filings per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the filing rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

NA = Data are not available.

JURISDICTION CODES:

- G = General Jurisdiction
- L = Limited Jurisdiction

POINT OF FILING CODES:

- M = Missing data
- I = Data element is inapplicable
- A = Filing of complaint
- B = At initial hearing (intake)
- C = Filing of petition
- E = Issuance of warrant
- F = At referral
- G = Varies

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

- See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

- California—Superior Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data do not include partial data from three courts.
- Delaware—Family Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data do not include status offense cases. Disposed data also do not include child-victim cases.

Georgia—Juvenile Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data do not include cases from 15 counties.

Texas—District Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data do not include child-victim petition cases.

—County-level Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data do not include child-victim petition cases and are less than 75% complete.

Washington—Superior Court—Total juvenile disposed data do not include criminal-type petitions from two counties, status offense cases from one county, and child-victim cases from one county.

Wyoming—District Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data do not include cases from one county that did not report.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Indiana—Probate Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data include miscellaneous domestic relations cases.

—Superior and Circuit Courts—Total juvenile filed and disposed data include some support/custody cases.

Kansas—District Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data include juvenile traffic/other violation cases.

Kentucky—District Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data include paternity cases.

North Dakota—District Court—Total juvenile disposed data include traffic/other violation cases.

South Carolina—Family Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data include traffic/other violation cases.

Tennessee—Juvenile Court—Total juvenile disposed data are somewhat inflated. Disposed data are counted by number of actions rather than number of referrals.

Virginia—District Court—Total juvenile filed and disposed data include some domestic relations cases.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

Massachusetts—Trial Court of the Commonwealth—Total juvenile disposed data include juvenile traffic cases from the District Court Department, but do not include most cases from the Juvenile Court Department and some cases from the District Court Department, and are less than 75% complete.

TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
State with one court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court											
ALASKA											
Supreme Court	320	334	318	368	363	342	347	356	315	365	469
Court of Appeals	467	446	505	469	435	404	429	454	383	411	371
ARIZONA											
Supreme Court	105 A	81 A	118 A	116 A	112 A	159 A	92	100	83	94	125
Court of Appeals	2,753	2,843	3,352	3,451	3,902	3,858	4,491	4,746	4,603	3,722	3,340
ARKANSAS											
Supreme Court	479 C	439 C	411 C	459 C	400 C	443 C	482 C	534 C	512 C	514 C	567 C
Court of Appeals	855	846	951	949	899	1,079	1,096	1,200	1,021	1,129	1,091
CALIFORNIA											
Supreme Court	222 A	284 A	236 A	315 A	319 A	380 A	522	31	36	38	27
Courts of Appeal	10,118	10,252	10,035	9,985	10,954	11,542	13,012	13,024	14,763	14,308	14,267
COLORADO											
Supreme Court	256	200	205	214	197	205	228	202	198	170	162 A
Court of Appeals	1,580	1,626	1,862	1,930	1,946	2,012	2,269	2,147	2,201	2,209	2,287
CONNECTICUT											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	58	86	274	281	302	254	158	38 *
Appellate Court	1,362 B	934 B	953 B	945	995	985	1,107	1,091	1,127	1,164	NA
FLORIDA											
Supreme Court	587	597	629	581	510	642	617	662	649	706	616
District Cts. of Appeal	11,770	12,262	13,502	13,861	14,195	13,924	14,386	15,670	16,492	15,799	15,858
GEORGIA											
Supreme Court	663 B	692 B	616 B	640 B	639 B	674 B	690	696	706	613	708
Court of Appeals	2,070 B	1,946 B	2,666 B	2,071 B	2306 B	2,361 B	2,384	2,265	2,455	2,601	3,300
HAWAII											
Supreme Court	471 B	496 B	604 B	616 B	715 B	650 B	486	688	541	605	610
Intermediate Ct. of App.	101	132	132	134	120	140	138	123	257	311	295
IDAHO											
Supreme Court	349 B	348 B	288 B	289 B	382 B	366 B	349 B	398 B	400 B	398 B	438 C
Court of Appeals	146	149	174	181	227	221	215	224	308	239	222
ILLINOIS											
Supreme Court	118	167	218	176	275	153	199	182	860	881	1,226
Appellate Court	7,134 B	7,611 B	7,550 B	7,954 B	8,119 B	8,139 B	8,191 B	8,785 B	9,126 B	9,116 B	8,889 B
IOWA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	1,528	877 B	801 B	1,303	1,211	1,355	1,398	1,324	1,538 B
Court of Appeals	569	730	552	618	728	678	743	654	684	673	616
KANSAS											
Supreme Court	169	177	189	214	347	179	165	147	184	201	334
Court of Appeals	1,041 B	1,087 B	1,131 B	1,127 B	1,176 B	1,154 B	1,201 B	1,297 B	1,389 B	1,488 B	1,797 B
KENTUCKY											
Supreme Court	221	282	251	261	258	304	281	357	316	289	416
Court of Appeals	2,725	3,156	2,769	2,691	2,665	2,712	2,569	2,882	3,040	2,924	2,977

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
347	287	355	291	394	298	349	306	405	303	316
449	406	589	429	403	431	387	389	457	440	355
111 A	87 A	70 A	86 A	79 A	133 A	162	122	97	88	127
2,598	2,953	3,445	3,372	3,240	3,478	3,659	4,095	4,026	4,815	3,813
448 C	451 C	404 C	416 C	457 C	421 C	448 C	508 C	512 C	506 C	556 C
827	895	840	983	827	978	1,016	1,199	1,126	1,064	997
NA	NA	NA	73A	101A	46 A	20 A	28	26	25	18
NA	NA	NA	10,669	10,577	13,886	14,584	12,880	16,688	14,574	14,481
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,411	1,396	1,590	1,602	2,028	2,193	2,105	2,192	2,335	2,269	2,192
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	296	285	301	230	255	NA
568 B	877 B	1,055 B	893 B	1,026 B	1,135 B	1,107 B	1,067 B	1,017 B	1,034 B	1,033 B
530	639	644	548	534	580	595	655	655	681	NA
11,941	12,540	12,847	13,591	13,559	14,073	14,503	15,994	15,766	15,766	16,465
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	502	649	776	679	851
2,090 B	NA	NA	1,961 B	1,986 B	1,918 B	1,535	1,886	2,498	2,695	3,363
454 B	516 B	691 B	579 B	609 B	749 B	571	614	519	318	610
125	105	132	142	129	138	120	126	171	132	295
352 B	333 B	359 B	295 B	332 B	347 B	369 B	397 B	399 B	416 B	438 C
175	282	174	174	162	231	204	260	277	268	222
309	152	207	152	292	191	185	137	879	839	1,226
6,891 B	6,961 B	7,007 B	7,451 B	7,648 B	7,722 B	7,951 B	8,387 B	8,481 B	8,746 B	8,889 B
846 B	868 B	933 B	944 B	899 B	970 B	947 B	1,110	1,145	1,207	1,240 B
532	637	589	578	669	799	662	682	696	660	658
343	344	331	333	459	290	267	291	272	298	410 B
1,045 B	989 B	1,106 B	1,143 B	1,174 B	1,218 B	1,152 B	1,165 B	1,291 B	1,353 B	1,591 B
280	259	253	271	302	305	278	324	316	297	408
2,696	2,757	2,661	2,304	2,243	2,438	2,463	2,347	2,836	2,841	2,727

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
LOUISIANA											
Supreme Court	147 B	79 B	112	135	124	108	82	106	157	175	143
Courts of Appeal	3,870 B	3,578 B	3,695	3,846	3,967	3,562	3,835	3,782	4,008	4,007	4,070
MARYLAND											
Court of Appeals	220 B	218 B	238 B	233 B	242 B	205 B	261	259	222	253	243
Court of Spec. Appeals	1,777	1,642	1,644	1,714	1,754	1,841	2,006	2,035	1,956	2,031	1,974
MASSACHUSETTS											
Supreme Judicial Court	141	129	86 A	72 A	96 A	75 A	86 A	81 A	90 A	93 A	123 A
Appeals Court	1,375 B	1,301 B	1,352 B	1,434 B	1,394 B	1,451 B	1,568	1,527	1,871	1,814	2,068
MICHIGAN											
Supreme Court	5	3	4	5	4	4	2	2	5	2	6
Court of Appeals	4,796	5,187	NA	8,186 B	8,559 B	10,951 B	12,340 B	11,825 B	10,159 B	9,270 B	8,054 B
MINNESOTA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	175	241	271	248	282	269	229	222	208
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	1,767	1,924	2,065	1,772	2,157	1,828	2,314	2,337	2,380
MISSOURI											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	219	227	247	371	257	291	264
Court of Appeals	2,852	3,166	3,147	3,055	3,315	3,659	3,565	3,706	3,826	4,032	4,473
NEBRASKA											
Supreme Court	1,002 B	997 B	1,014 B	1,196 B	1,103 B	1,497 B	1,207 B	834 B	40 B	32 B	69B
Court of Appeals	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	2,041 B	1,103 B	1,184B
NEW JERSEY											
Supreme Court	368	227	236	349	357	413	387	501	407	389	410
Appel. Div. of Superior	6,224 B	6,037 B	6,106 B	6,277 B	6,458 B	6,492 B	7,007	6,569	6,871	6,712	7,148
NEW MEXICO											
Supreme Court	322	303	325	320	296	368	297	310	232	236	234
Court of Appeals	572	662	671	604	648	777	797	768	756	778	750
NORTH CAROLINA											
Supreme Court	230	222	249	182	147	109	116	137	112	120	131
Court of Appeals	1,314 B	1,375 B	1,381 B	1,265 B	1,351 B	1,378 B	1,408	1,325	1,304	1,329	1,400
NORTH DAKOTA											
Supreme Court	370	338	377	382	367	397	429	456	377	403	360
Court of Appeals	NC	NC	NC	NC	9	0	13	0	14	6	6
OHIO											
Supreme Court	338	442	491	422	500	535	685	592	581	705	812
Court of Appeals	9,383	9,522	9,683	9,983	10,005	10,771	10,721	11,031	11,377	11,010	11,032
OREGON											
Supreme Court	205	180	145	176	192	217	194	197	230	172	201
Court of Appeals	3,828	3,981	4,146	4,305	3,739	3,795	4,584	5,123	5,102	4,410	4,440
SOUTH CAROLINA											
Supreme Court	479	451	519	511	624	463	602	339	587	417	443
Court of Appeals	404	391	351	440	307	448	370	425	383	585	461

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
NA	NA	71	123	134	105	95	101	157	152	116
NA	NA	3,944	3,380	3,429	3,646	3,517	3,745	4,361	4,297	4,258
230 B	232 B	188 B	222 B	183 B	221 B	244	243	240	222	212
1,877	1,807	1,552	1,777	1,762	1,811	1,808	1,824	2,019	2,047	1,979
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	104 A
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,171	1,450	1,214	1,763	1,709
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	7,502 B	8,497 B	8,983 B	10,503 B	10,237 B	11,662 B	13,037 B	12,824 B
NA	NA	157	204	250	242	260	219	238	231	174
NA	NA	1,848	1,916	1,949	1,872	2,042	1,818	2,252	2,409	2,373
NA	NA	NA	NA	222	227	267	376	258	283	259
3,159	3,177	3,206	3,259	3,145	3,331	3,568	3,440	3,641	3,786	4,302
NA	NA	NA	964 B	1,094 B	1,277 B	1,022 B	1,420 B	634 B	429 B	315 B
NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	886 B	1,159 B	895 B
408	251	237	381	349	383	401	556	425	391	405
6,262 B	6,056 B	6,611 B	6,400 B	6,494 B	6,531 B	6,284	6,770	6,445	6,601	6,980
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	365 A	313	386	NA	196	194
NA	NA	NA	853 B	690 B	741 B	763 B	771 B	751 B	NA	936 B
219	183	245	192	213	95	102	119	128	89	110
1,412 B	1,464 B	1,626 B	1,310 B	1,272 B	1,188 B	1,366	1,414	1,099	1,158	1,550
331	335	357	357	405	381	439	408	414	382	383
NC NC	NC NC	13 0	7 6	8 7	6					
320	383	414	380	462	457	531	648	627	594	819
9,124	9,491	9,296	9,393	9,668	9,871	10,928	11,569	11,944	11,325	11,565
390 B	296 B	262 B	313 B	322 B	301 B	271 B	257 B	403 B	290 B	296 B
3,759	3,784	4,014	4,232	3,985	3,601	3,725	4,558	5,060	5,625	4,592
NA	NA	NA	596 B	385 B	537 B	537 B	560 B	544 B	572 B	503 B
441	398	374	368	367	377	367	374	420	602	515

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
UTAH											
Supreme Court	640	628	623	474	443	498	566	553	553	592	631
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	560 A	721 B	764 B	629 B	755 B	865 B	830 B	785 B
VIRGINIA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	13	20	63	82	71
Court of Appeals	NC	538	419	422	455	443	464	490	678	600	663
WASHINGTON											
Supreme Court	228 B	194 B	162 B	135 B	123 B	101 B	148 B	137 B	126 B	146 B	113 B
Court of Appeals	2,866	3,270	3,535	3,238	3,157	3,222	3,653	3,789	3,693	3,396	3,503
WISCONSIN											
Supreme Court	98	91	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Appeals	2,239	2,358	2,053	2,185	2,147	2,355	2,853 B	2,970 B	3,187 B	3,290 B	3,345 B
States with no intermediate appellate court											
DELAWARE											
Supreme Court	331 B	406 B	417 B	397 B	473 B	517 B	483 B	473 B	530 B	542 B	488 B
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA											
Court of Appeals	1,810 B	1,770 B	1,556 B	1,500	1,624	1,515	1,650	1,567	1,643	1,724	1,689
MAINE											
Supreme Judicial Court	61 A	NA	59 A	631 C	528 C	540 C	622 C	646 C	569 C	654 C	494 A
MISSISSIPPI											
Supreme Court	838	815	1,010	891	919	773	961	912	1,025	1,113	1,013
MONTANA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	566 A	546 A	597 A	627 A	633 A	636 A	533 A	521 A	633 A
NEVADA											
Supreme Court	799 B	777	853	856	991	997	1,089	1,080	1,129	1,138	1,256
NEW HAMPSHIRE											
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
RHODE ISLAND											
Supreme Court	409	403	389	323	410	455	465	445	413	449	463
SOUTH DAKOTA											
Supreme Court	NA	358 B	363 B	422 B	428 B	387 B	403 B	366 B	354 B	386 B	351 B
VERMONT											
Supreme Court	623	575	550	538	620	619	590	542	610	622	634
WEST VIRGINIA											
Supreme Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
WYOMING											
Supreme Court	331	306	342	320	357	321	314	301	302	306	335

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
NA	NA	NA	521 B	617 B	642 B	556 B	560 B	675 B	718 B	478 B
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	785 B	691 B	725 B	799 B	847 B	887 B
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	13	13	58	66	77
NC	216	476	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	635
176 B	184 B	209 B	148 B	154 B	127 B	139 B	159 B	136 B	131 B	143 B
2,724	2,994	3,238	3,870	3,289	2,902	3,086	2,991	3,493	3,350	3,530
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
2,223	2,501	2,178	2,206	2,368	2,414	2,612 B	2,955 B	2,942 B	3,226 B	3,262 B
354 B	373 B	415 B	419 B	407 B	480 B	553 B	439 B	549 B	552 B	482 B
1,510 B	1,568 B	1,568 B	1,595	1,602	1,598	1,798	1,727	1,474	1,655	1,566
494 A	506 A	521 A	495 A	507 C	517 C	618 C	590 C	571C	544 C	818 B
637	853	912	831	793	840	944	922	872	718	805
NA	NA	355 A	NA	NA	618 A	624 A	578 A	437 A	441 A	540 A
788	867	854	1,013	922	1,047	1,057	1,035	987	943	1,131
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
447	393	478	402	403	396	476	472	421	400	427
NA	NA	NA	NA	463 B	484 B	434 B	428 B	341 B	425 B	406 B
532	506	535	527	593	624	685	656	612	673	610
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
250	347	327	302	334	363	287	300	331	306	282

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
States with multiple appellate courts at any level											
ALABAMA											
Supreme Court	712	606	763	713	765	806	867	1,028	741	737	1,158
Court of Civil Appeals	532	548	530	584	529	556	651	770	738	830	906
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,400	1,520	1,537	1,695	1,784	2,132	2,042	1,953	2,027	2,094	2,260
INDIANA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	409	NA	336	199	210	154	231	224
Court of Appeals	1,150 B	1,037 B	1,073 B	1,149 B	1,222 B	1,516	1,966	1,779	1,752	1,872	1,867
Tax Court	NC	NC	48	65	72	71	63	69	110	101	288
NEW YORK											
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	680	409	324	330	302	289	280	NA	502
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	NA	NA	NA	9,205 B	10,740 B	11,338 B	10,577 B	10,339 B	11,187 B	10,236 B	10,788 B
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	NA	NA	NA	2,208 B	2,192 B	2,461 B	2,245 B	2,201 B	2,092 B	2,502 B	2,209 B
OKLAHOMA											
Supreme Court	789	1,128	788	1,105	809	862	1,033	732	1,509	1,458	1,442
Court of Appeals	788	635	971	931	1,362	1,373	1,323	1,184	1,143	1,495	1,249
Court of Criminal Appeals	502	NA	NA	980 B	1,046 B	1,192 B	1,445 B	1,244 B	1,268	1,268	1,571
PENNSYLVANIA											
Supreme Court	268	142	92	80	121	94	225	97	270	289	365
Commonwealth Court	4,012	3,554	3,737 A	3,030 A	3,164 A	3,115 A	3,491 A	3,774 A	3,571 A	4,208 A	4,380 A
Superior Court	5,793 B	5,878 B	5,989 B	6,137 B	6,439 B	6,040 B	6,291	6,743	7,121	6,964	7,554
TENNESSEE											
Supreme Court	216	139	146	170	161	161	107	192	239	271	314 B
Court of Appeals	951	999	1,173	1,003	889	889	980	961	1,046	1,050	1,103 B
Court of Criminal Appeals	868 B	850 B	885 B	811 B	994	994	1,002	899	1,007	1,007	1,167 B
TEXAS											
Supreme Court	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	7	2	13
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,959	1,998	2,221	2,450	3,578	3,504	2,281	2,189	2,751	2,870	3,590
Courts of Appeals	7,386	7,954	7,832	7,857	8,250	8,813	8,062	8,563	10,722	9,420	9,297

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
NA	588	582	654	603	1,104	1,248	1,248	782	757	1,154
536	516	548	518	576	528	641	673	691	761	823
1,480	1,424	1,745	1,819	1,774	1,927	1,904	2,243	2,127	2,110	2,096
357	359	470	384	380	418	259	245	160	228	220
1,137 B	1,062 B	1,116 B	1,130 B	1,137 B	1,334	1,657	2,162	1,744	1,592	1,864
NC	NC	4	61	64	70	85	43	76	77	123
391	401	350	369	369	295	287	293	306	296	249
NA	NA	NA	13,392 B	13,225 B	14,534 B	12,540 B	12,885 B	11,854 B	12,475 B	13,508 B
NA	NA	NA	2,133 B	2,124 B	2,034 B	2,179 B	2,235 B	2,157 B	1,998 B	2,091 B
229 A	149 A	174 A	813 B	852 B	NA	NA	NA	1,841	1,700	1,739
801	693	856	728	1,215	1,337	1,038	1,123	1,399	1,260	1,360
645	404	536	626	693	773	774	814	1,320	1,388	1,625
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	441	304	348
NA	NA	NA	4,053 B	4,392 B	3,973 B	3,519 B	3,551 B	3,558 B	3,837 B	4,267 B
5,908 B	8,355 B	7,410 B	6,253 B	6,416 B	6,218 B	6,079	6,514	6,428	7,417	6,791
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	391 B
1,010	1,010	1,330	1,033	1,015 B	1,015 B	924	932	954	1,069	1,021 B
851 B	891 B	946 B	747 B	794 B	794 B	843 B	923 B	1,101	863	937 B
0	1	2	3	3	1	3	2	6	3	13
2,237	2,084	2,027	2,448	3,546	3,806	2,487	2,273	2,482	2,723	3,628
8,274	7,981	8,161	7,824	7,984	8,416	8,134	8,091	9,281	9,654	9,543

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of last resort

IAC = Intermediate appellate court

NOTE:

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable.

NC = Indicates that the court did not exist during that year.

NJ = Indicates that the court does not have jurisdiction.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Arizona—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1989 do not include **mandatory judge disciplinary cases**.

California—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1989 do not include **judge disciplinary cases**.

Colorado—Supreme Court—Filed data for 1994 do not include some **mandatory disciplinary cases** and some **mandatory interlocutory decisions**.

Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Filed data for 1984-1986 and 1984-1987 disposed data do not include **mandatory disciplinary and advisory opinion cases**.

Montana—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1989 do not include **advisory opinions** and some **original proceedings**. Data for 1991-1994 do not include **administrative agency, advisory opinions, and original proceedings disposed**.

New Mexico—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1989 do not include **criminal or administrative agency cases**.

Oklahoma—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1984-1986 do not include **mandatory appeals of final judgments, mandatory disciplinary cases and mandatory interlocutory decisions**.

Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Filed data for 1986-1989 do not include transfers from the Superior Court and Court of Common Pleas. Filed data for 1990-1994 also do not include some **original proceedings** and some **administrative agency appeals**.

Utah—Court of Appeals—Filed data for 1987 represent an 11-month reporting period.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Connecticut—Appellate Court—Data for 1984-1986 include some **discretionary petitions that were granted review**. Disposed data for 1987-1994 include **discretionary dispositions**.

Delaware—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1994 include some **discretionary petitions** and filed data for 1984-1994 include **discretionary petitions that were granted**.

District of Columbia—Court of Appeals—Data for 1984-1986 include **discretionary petitions that were granted and refiled as appeals**.

Georgia—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data for 1984-1989 include some **discretionary petitions that were granted and refiled as appeals**.

—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** data for 1984-1989 include all **discretionary petitions that were granted and refiled as appeals**.

Hawaii—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1989 include some **discretionary petitions granted**.

Idaho—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1994 include **discretionary petitions that were granted**.

Illinois—Appellate Court—Data for 1984-1994 include all **discretionary petitions**.

Indiana—Court of Appeals—Data for 1984-1988 include all **discretionary petitions**.

Iowa—Supreme Court—Filed data for 1987-1988 include some **discretionary petitions that were dismissed by the court**. Disposed data for 1984-1990 include some **discretionary petitions that were dismissed by the court**. Data for 1994 include **discretionary original proceedings and discretionary administrative agency cases granted review and disposed**.

Kansas—Court of Appeals—Filed data for 1984-1994 include a few **discretionary petitions that were granted**. Disposed data for 1984-1994 include all **discretionary petitions**.

Louisiana—Supreme Court—Filed data for 1984 and 1985 include a few **discretionary appeals**.

—Courts of Appeal—Filed data for 1984 and 1985 include refiled **discretionary petitions that were granted review**.

Maine—Supreme Judicial Court—Data for 1994 include **discretionary petitions**.

Maryland—Court of Appeals—Data for 1984-1989 include **discretionary petitions that were granted, and refiled as appeals**.

Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court—Data for 1986-1994 do not include **attorney discipline** and other cases filed in the "Single Justice" side of the court. In the 1994 court year, 68 such **attorney discipline** and 591 **other non-discretionary cases** were filed in the "Single Justice" side of the court.

—Appeals Court—Appellate filings data for 1984-1989 include all **discretionary petitions**.

Michigan—Court of Appeals—Data for 1987-1994 include **discretionary petitions**.

Nebraska—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1994 include **discretionary petitions**.

—Court of Appeals—Data for 1992-1994 include **discretionary petitions**.

New Jersey—Appellate Division of Superior Court-- Data for 1984-1989 include all **discretionary petitions that were granted**.

New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Disposed data for 1987-1994 include **interlocutory decisions**.

New York—Appellate Divisions and Terms of Supreme Court—Data for 1987-1994 include all **discretionary petitions**.

North Carolina—Court of Appeals—**Mandatory** data for 1984-1989 include some **discretionary petitions that were granted and refiled as appeals**. Data include some cases where relief, not review, were granted.

Oklahoma—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1987 and 1988 includes **granted discretionary petitions that were disposed**.

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TABLE 13: Mandatory Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

- Court of Criminal Appeals—Data for 1987-1991 include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Oregon—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1984-1994 include all **discretionary petitions that were granted**.
- Pennsylvania—Superior Court—Data for 1984-1989 include all **discretionary petitions disposed that were granted**.
- Commonwealth Court—Disposed data for 1987-1994 include some **discretionary petitions**.
- South Carolina—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1982-1994 include **discretionary petitions**.
- South Dakota—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1994 include **discretionary advisory opinions**.
- Tennessee—Supreme Court—Data for 1994 include **discretionary petitions that were granted**.
- Court of Appeals—Disposed data for 1988-1989 include **discretionary petitions**. Data for 1994 include **discretionary petitions that were granted**.
- Court of Criminal Appeals—Filed data for 1984-1987 and disposed data for 1984-1991 include all **discretionary petitions**. Data for 1994 include **discretionary petitions that were granted**.
- Utah—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1987-1994 include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Court of Appeals—Disposed data for 1988-1994 include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Washington—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1994 include some **discretionary petitions**.
- Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Data for 1990-1994 include **discretionary interlocutory decisions**.
- C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:
- Arkansas—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1994 include some **discretionary petitions**, but do not include **mandatory attorney disciplinary cases** and **mandatory advisory opinions**.
- Idaho—Supreme Court—Data for 1994 include discretionary petitions that were granted, but do not include **interlocutory decisions** or **advisory opinions**.
- Maine—Supreme Judicial Court Sitting as Law Court—1987-1993 data include **discretionary petitions**, but do not include **mandatory disciplinary and advisory opinion cases**.
- Connecticut—Supreme Court—**Mandatory filings** were counted differently in 1994

TABLE 14: Discretionary Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
States with one court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court											
ALASKA											
Supreme Court	221	194	313	219	244	251	231	256	253	226	199
Court of Appeals	63	64	83	54	62	62	61	60	63	50	51
ARIZONA											
Supreme Court	1,016 B	1,161 B	1,156 B	995 B	1,018 B	1,004 B	1,044 B	1,082	1,123	1,309	1,221
Court of Appeals	50	40	49	51	60	52	83	113	185	205	198
ARKANSAS											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
CALIFORNIA											
Supreme Court	3,991	4,346	4,808	4,558	4,351	4,214	4,622	4,992	5,367	5,810	6,758
Courts of Appeal	5,838	5,938	6,234	6,732	7,005	6,966	7,236	7,025	6,865	7,163	7,119
COLORADO											
Supreme Court	813	767	783	756	825	993	1,072	1,063	1,115	1,081	1,115
Appellate Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
CONNECTICUT											
Supreme Court	344	286	204	NA	162	204	196	207	218	NA	120
Appellate Court	49	50	47	NA	98	105	109	95	80	NA	59
FLORIDA											
Supreme Court	1,056	1,175	1,097	1,270	1,316	1,111	1,303	1,324	1,195	1,247	1,354
District Courts of Appeal	1,970	1,975	2,294	2,282	2,285	2,259	2,457	2,591	2,644	2,883	3,123
GEORGIA											
Supreme Court	941	975	980	1,006	998	1,101	1,079	1,085	1,078	1,179	1,246
Court of Appeals	623	641	647	733	717	809	794	450	957	925	611
HAWAII											
Supreme Court	32	41	43	57	45	42	43	32	55	48	38
Intermediate Ct. of Ap.	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
IDAHO											
Supreme Court	60	92	77	82	76	91	77	93	92	101	127
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
ILLINOIS											
Supreme Court	1,675	1,579	1,637	1,673	1,558	1,558	1,582	1,673	1,887	1,572	1,895
Appellate Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
IOWA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	352	327	371	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
KANSAS											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	526	461	500	495	508	525
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
KENTUCKY											
Supreme Court	986	813	847	693 A	686 A	748 A	753 A	788 A	664	771	724
Court of Appeals	79	96	94	90	92	89	59	314	81	114	108

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
220	197	290	231	255	243	235	241	271	241	212
77	54	99	54	66	56	64	66	60	52	56
1,048 B	1,078 B	1,156 B	1,054 B	905 B	995 B	1,006 B	1,061	1,074	1,237	1,220
59	45	48	45	63	53	56	99	156	177	180
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NA	NA	NA	4,004	4,052	4,442	4,442	4,907	5,440	5,775	6,783
NA	NA	NA	6,776	7,334	7,070	7,438	7,266	5,727	7,216	7,290
NA	NA	NA	1,036 B	1,001 B	1,215 B	1,261 B	1,326 B	1,286 B	1,261 B	1,290 B
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NA	NJ
716	373	338	NA	278	NA	155	NA	NA	NA	255
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	46	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,060	1,123	1,260	1,223	1,426	965	1,251	1,361	1,235	1,250	NA
1,669	1,683	1,751	1,887	1,839	1,893	2,297	2,421	2,404	2,703	2,745
NA	NA	NA	1,524 B	1,615 B	1,885 B	1,559 B	986 B	854	983	992
629	NA	NA	701	683	706	794	386	957	919	559
35	39	45	58	42	45	43	32	50	49	42
NJ	NJ	MJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
55	99	71	76	84	88	86	79	107	94	112
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
1,715	1,673	1,622	1,633	1,482	1,484	1,498	1,551	1,808	1,499	1,793
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
479 A	497 A	520 A	317 A	291 A	303 A	311 A	501 A	184 A	159 A	186 A
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
793	1,044	898	706 A	678 A	640 A	718 A	702 A	731	725	735
73	87	107	71	77	89	76	315	62	118	103

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TABLE 14: Discretionary Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
LOUISIANA											
Supreme Court	2,126 A	2,313 A	2,455	2,673	2,657	2,776	2,684	2,298	3,181	3,021	3,028
Courts of Appeal	1,842	2,538	3,016	3,541	3,877	4,189	3,980	4,844	4,926	4,773	5,084
MARYLAND											
Court of Appeals	761	713	607	655	682	598	626	646	658	765	688
Court of Special Appeals	308	192	240	294	220	230	204	254	193	332	350
MASSACHUSETTS											
Supreme Judicial Court	1,246	1,336	1,473	336	563	592	444	501	563	670	684
Appeals Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	886	959	916	950	969	996	1,016
MICHIGAN											
Supreme Court	2,347	2,069	2,042	2,082	2,662	2,805	2,507	2,233	2,422	2,747	3,182
Court of Appeals	1,756	2,249	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,801	2,845	2,668
MINNESOTA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	589	NA	651	711	662	703	767	733	774
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	240	NA	331	295	312	482	68	66	76
MISSOURI											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	900	857	809	710	771	734	781
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEBRASKA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	192
Court of Appeals	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NA	NA
NEW JERSEY											
Supreme Court	1,142 A	1,053 A	1,382 A	1,382 A	1,354 A	1,482 A	1,217 A	2,907	2,881	2,770	2,953
Appellate Div. of Super.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
NEW MEXICO											
Supreme Court	174	155	202	350	295	366	414	364	504	453	629
Court of Appeals	57	68	52	57	64	44	46	49	53	33	56
NORTH CAROLINA											
Supreme Court	541	620	735	676	636	447	626	492	388	341	489
Court of Appeals	471	484	546	483	446	385	451	415	356	361	390
NORTH DAKOTA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	6	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	25
Court of Appeals	NC	NC	NC	NC	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OHIO											
Supreme Court	1,704	1,644	1,733	1,846	1,770	1,686	1,872	1,984	2,065	1,932	1,957
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
OREGON											
Supreme Court	870	903	990	1,086	857	709	791	845	882	873	801
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
SOUTH CAROLINA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	24 A	32 A	26 A	43 A	61	95	62	74	50
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
NA	NA	2,230	2,660	2,404	2,633	2,870	3,084	3,003	2,832	2,747
NA	NA	2,935	3,460	3,802	4,138	3,945	4,440	4,842	4,659	4,991
785	678	700	562	776	543	608	659	640	767	676
308	192	185	294	220	230	204	254	193	332	254
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	689
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	916	950	969	996	1,016
2,495 B	2,314 B	2,397 B	2,168 B	2,254 B	2,453 B	2,755	2,444	2,665	2,516	2,733
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	622	NA	586	683	679	627	773	628	768
NA	NA	261	NA	330	283	306	395	67	53	75
NA	NA	NA	NA	902	871	823	703	773	712	769
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
1,075	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NA	NA	NA
NA	1,025 A	1,378 A	1,411 A	1,398 A	1,472 A	1,200 A	2,941	2,982	2,806	2,858
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	344	402	334	NA	436	616
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9	5	0	0
465	665	748	637	727	397	601	498	396	317	464
423	462	560	483	446	385	431	415	356	307	379
NA	NA	NA	NA	5	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	25
NC	NC	NC	NC	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NJ
1,293	1,428	1,532	1,598	1,621	1,372	1,413	1,956	1,859	1,700	1,861
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NA	873	1,013	1,042	871	733	707	773	726	797	736
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

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TABLE 14: Discretionary Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
UTAH											
Supreme Court	72	42	51	30	61	36	48	33	60	45	136
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	10	20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
VIRGINIA											
Supreme Court	1,915	1,043	1,193	1,441	1,439	1,573	1,775	1,936	1,908	1,854	2,169
Court of Appeals	NC	1,103	1,113	1,201	1,291	1,523	1,570	1,853	1,933	1,990	1,989
WASHINGTON											
Supreme Court	881 C	906 C	897 C	1,151 C	947 A	821 A	891 A	881 A	1,020 A	1,054 A	1,142
Court of Appeals	263	320	371	346	372	318	351	355	400	358	399
WISCONSIN											
Supreme Court	718	761	836	869	915	896	842	992	972	1,156	1,158
Court of Appeals	245	228	241	221	228	191	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
States with no intermediate appellate court											
DELAWARE											
Supreme Court	5 A	3 A	3 A	4 A	4 A	6 A	1 A	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA											
Court of Appeals	85	81	76	96	61	49	45	36	44	21	18
MAINE											
Supreme Judicial Court	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MISSISSIPPI											
Supreme Court	2	4	3	2	0	43	64	80	65	69	60
MONTANA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	36	25	31	6	NA	NA	94	138	111
NEW HAMPSHIRE											
Supreme Court	603 A	574 A	534 A	516 A	504	567	627	597	774	864	880
RHODE ISLAND											
Supreme Court	202	288	168	219	189	179	177	201	268	288	297
SOUTH DAKOTA											
Supreme Court	27 A	17 A	32 A	27 A	35 A	39 A	49 A	31 A	28 A	40 A	57
VERMONT											
Supreme Court	25	19	24	31	32	34	32	36	26	27	23
WEST VIRGINIA											
Supreme Court of Appeals	1,282	1,372	1,585	2,037	1,621	1,644	1,623	3,180	2,357	2,113	2,442
WYOMING											
Supreme Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	106
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1,919	1,321	1,095	1,169	1,655	1,800	1,610	1,295	1,530	1,446	1,763
NC	637	881	1,743	1,454	1,777	2,140	2,308	2,380	2,491	2,184
905 C	907 C	786 C	1,093 C	1,060 A	829 A	883 A	862 A	943 A	1,058 A	1,145 A
270	283	317	388	388	305	354	270	361	374	368
721 B	699	765	725	866	802	728	905	720	888	991
209	228	241	188	162	148	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5 A	2 A	3 A	4 A	3 A	5 A	5 A	0	0	0	0
NA	77	72	87	65	49	45	36	44	46	21
52	68	67	40	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2	4	3	2	0	32	59	76	69	38	60
NA	NA	19	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	84	117	79
550 A	602 A	415 A	451 A	543	532	567	543	515	662	793
218	219	199	241	178	169	197	188	255	292	260
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
26	20	21	26	32	35	36	33	27	26	24
1,124	1,268	1,396	1,909	1,775	1,735	1,586	2,675	2,598	2,100	2,312
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

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TABLE 14: Discretionary Caseload in State Appellate Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
States with multiple appellate courts at any level											
ALABAMA											
Supreme Court	712	606	763	713	765	806	867	1,028	741	737	708
Court of Civil Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Criminal Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
INDIANA											
Supreme Court	NA	NA	NA	404	NA	565	690	822	731	604	672
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	81	112	93	124	NA	0
Tax Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NEW YORK											
Court of Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,280	4,411	4,499	4,420	4,260	4,489	4,588
Appellate Div.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Appellate Terms	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
OKLAHOMA											
Supreme Court	388	295	340	293	295	443	446	388	570	507	512
Court of Appeals	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
Court of Criminal Appeals	284	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PENNSYLVANIA											
Supreme Court	1,537	2,579	2,242	1,936	2,207	2,227	3,645	3,456	3,412	2,734	2,695
Commonwealth Court	82	81	NA	115	45	29	36	128	31	29	151
Superior Court	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
TENNESSEE											
Supreme Court	842	772	765	758	758	820	731	775	834	782	828
Court of Appeals	57	82	74	77	77	103	109	131	149	259	264
Court of Criminal Appeals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	67	55	71	90	165	174
TEXAS											
Supreme Court	1,130	1,169	1,228	1,176	1,243	1,126	1,206	1,283	1,462	1,441	1,394
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,281	1,360	1,360	1,339	1,416	1,792	1,380	1,340	1,691	1,610	1,477
Courts of Appeal	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of last resort

IAC = Intermediate appellate court

NOTE:

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable.

NC = Indicates that the court did not exist during that year.

NJ = Indicates that the court does not have jurisdiction.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Delaware—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1990 do not include some **discretionary interlocutory decision** cases.

Iowa—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1984-1994 do not include some **discretionary original proceedings**.

Kentucky—Supreme Court—Data for 1987-1991 do not include some **unclassified discretionary petitions**.

Louisiana—Supreme Court—Filed data for 1984 and 1985 do not include some **discretionary petitions**.

New Hampshire—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1987 do not include **discretionary judge disciplinary cases**.

Number of dispositions and qualifying footnotes

1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
NA	588	582	654	603	1,104	1,248	1,248	782	757	659
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
356	325	355	437	494	599	629	770	898	592	641
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	76	116	106	104	74	87
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
3,477	3,505	3,549	3,478	3,392	3,621	3,808	3,907	4,176	4,792	4,303
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	237	231	NA	NA	NA	442	652	545
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ
256	267	264	283	291	312	412	412	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,683	2,459	3,340
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NJ	NJ
NA	NA	NA	1,087	1,087	1,057	772	708	885	739	760
57	82	74	77	77	97	74	115	130	103	194
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	35	36	37	55	109	128
1,034	1,187	1,166	1,261	1,168	1,096	1,166	1,301	1,472	1,574	1,394
1,081	1,046	1,100	1,672	1,437	2,107	1,352	1,387	1,526	1,666	1,671
NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ	NJ

New Jersey—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1990 do not include **discretionary interlocutory decisions**.

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Filed data for 1984-1994 do not include **advisory opinions**.

South Carolina—Supreme Court—Filed data for 1986-1989 do not include **discretionary petitions** that were denied or otherwise dismissed/withdrawn or settled.

Washington—Supreme Court—Data for 1988-1994 do not include some **discretionary cases**.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Arizona—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1990 include **mandatory judge disciplinary cases**.

Colorado—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1987-1994 include **mandatory jurisdiction cases**.

Georgia—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1987-1991 represent some double counting because they include all **mandatory appeals and discretionary appeals that were granted** and refiled as appeals.

Michigan—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1984-1989 include a few **mandatory jurisdiction cases**.

Wisconsin—Supreme Court—Disposed data for 1984 include all disposed **mandatory jurisdiction cases**.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

Washington—Supreme Court—Data for 1984-1987 include **mandatory certified questions from the federal courts**, but do not include some **discretionary petitions**.

* Connecticut—Supreme Court—**Discretionary** filings were counted differently in 1994.

TABLE 15: Felony Caseload in State Trial Courts, 1984-1994

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
General jurisdiction courts											
ALABAMA Circuit	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	31,807	35,066	39,814	38,773	37,695
ALASKA Superior	NA	NA	2,658	2,661	2,526	2,757	2,718	2,442	2,763	2,660	2,696
ARIZONA Superior	15,360	17,295	20,653	21,444	22,176	23,981	26,057 B	26,140 B	27,677 B	26,471 B	28,522 B
ARKANSAS Circuit	NA	21,425 B	21,944 B	24,805 B	22,110 B	24,842 B	25,755 B	27,742 B	31,776 B	33,192 B	35,432 B
CALIFORNIA Superior	74,412	82,372 B	94,779 B	104,906 B	115,595 B	132,486 C	150,975 C	161,871 C	164,583 C	155,971 C	154,666 C
COLORADO District	14,783	15,804	16,087	16,223	17,391	19,284	20,212	20,655	22,565	22,068	23,478
CONNECTICUT Superior*	NA	4,179	4,512	4,985	6,204	6,194	5,268	4,684	4,102	3,610	3,848
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Superior	10,583	12,399	16,207	19,986	21,472	21,332	20,138	21,774	17,521	17,940	17,203
FLORIDA Circuit	173,420	NA	146,449 B	159,701 B	184,532 B	199,111 B	192,976 B	186,732 B	177,186 B	168,066 B	177,457 B
GEORGIA Superior	33,725	36,182	37,146	45,104	53,984	63,977	66,275	70,339	68,761 B	63,696 B	63,696 B
HAWAII Circuit*	2,969	2,878 C	2,842 C	2,766 C	2,909 C	3,115 C	3,025 C	3,174 C	4,675 B	4,049 B	4,085 B
IDAHO District	3,649	4,006	NA	NA	4,747	5,260	5,725	6,535	7,107	7,324	8,297
ILLINOIS Circuit	46,107	45,925 B	47,075 B	46,342 B	58,289 B	69,114 B	74,541 C	77,849 B	78,778 B	80,554 B	81,647
INDIANA Superior and Circuit	13,619	14,894 B	18,436 B	19,804 B	21,313 B	26,358 B	27,681 B	29,098 B	28,958 B	32,166 B	33,268 B
IOWA District	NA	7,970 B	7,692 B	8,230 B	8,666 B	10,481 B	10,884 B	12,867 B	14,004 B	13,451	13,599
KANSAS District	NA	10,470	11,106	11,500	12,188	12,631	12,197	11,436	13,412	13,229	14,423
KENTUCKY Circuit	13,961	13,439 B	13,380 B	13,500 B	12,518 B	14,411 B	14,881 B	15,078 B	17,032 B	19,478 B	17,844 B
LOUISIANA District	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	23,621	29,138	27,251	31,694	31,907
MAINE Superior	3,189	3,656	3,583	3,612	3,657	4,142	4,745	4,571	4,342	3,842	3,629

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TABLE 15: Felony Caseload in State Trial Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
MARYLAND Circuit	NA	NA	44,656 C	50,939 C	53,229 C	56,775 C	55,755 C	62,935 C	67,828 C	63,824 C	62,822 C
MASSACHUSETTS Trial Court of the Commonwealth	NA	NA	NA	6,790 A	6,075 A	5,583 A	6,271 A	5,796 A	5,782 A	7,546 A	8,089 A
MINNESOTA District	11,777	12,208	12,366	13,008	13,637	13,607	14,747	16,277	16,273	17,385	18,183
MISSOURI Circuit	30,305	30,494 B	32,796 B	34,971 B	36,965 B	39,952 B	40,968 B	44,208 B	47,431 B	44,727 B	48,525 B
MONTANA District	NA	2,574 C	2,591 C	2,443 C	2,726 C	2,710 C	2,966 C	3,140 C	NA	NA	NA
NEBRASKA District	NA	NA	NA	3,445 B	4,024 B	4,823 B	5,105 B	5,348 B	5,738 B	5,139 B	5,376 B
NEW HAMPSHIRE Superior	3,813	4,198	4,857	5,527	6,079	6,599	6,678	7,345	7,604	7,442	6,114
NEW JERSEY Superior	37,135	37,784	38,443	41,198	43,837	53,215	57,223	54,703	51,054	47,958	47,228
NEW MEXICO District	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9,017	9,971
NEW YORK Supreme and County*	49,191	51,034 B	56,356 B	62,940 B	67,177 B	79,025 B	79,322 B	78,354 B	76,814 B	71,824 B	71,419 B
NORTH CAROLINA Superior	42,160	40,915	44,980	51,210	55,284	62,752	69,810	73,908	85,748	83,939	83,823
NORTH DAKOTA District	NA	1,312 B	1,390 B	1,487 B	1,497 B	1,444 B	1,637 B	1,837 B	1,951	2,155	1,840
OHIO Court of Common Pleas	37,073	36,249	38,374	39,376	43,613	51,959	55,949	61,836	65,361	63,744	64,766
OKLAHOMA District	24,178 B	24,673 B	25,782 B	26,438 B	25,997 B	26,482 B	27,541 B	28,325 B	29,868 B	30,676 B	32,866 B
OREGON Circuit	19,913	20,682	22,533	24,591	26,859	27,248	28,523	26,050	27,159	27,333	30,725
PENNSYLVANIA Court of Common Pleas	NA	NA	98,880 B	106,972 B	113,605 B	128,478 B	139,699 B	137,046 B	140,416 B	139,672 B	139,985 B
PUERTO RICO Superior	14,511 B	15,516 B	20,073 B	20,314 B	21,532 B	21,548 B	23,328 B	28,340 B	28,591 B	33,002	37,779
RHODE ISLAND Superior	4,232	4,780	4,360	4,278	6,685	6,740	6,011	5,665	5,764	5,772	5,682
SOUTH DAKOTA Circuit	2,606	3,088	3,182	3,275	3,257	3,388	4,072	3,675	4,441	4,435	4,573

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TABLE 15: Felony Caseload in State Trial Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
TENNESSEE											
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	NA	NA	38,656 B	41,533 B	NA	50,412 B	55,622 B	55,587 B	58,771 B	57,778 B	61,147 B
TEXAS											
District	87,249	93,968	111,331	119,395	122,903	139,611	147,230	144,408	153,853	148,960	144,092
UTAH											
District	NA	NA	5,055 B	4,320 B	4,182 B	4,215 B	4,608 B	4,316 B	4,833 B	7,504 B	6,112 B
VERMONT											
District Superior	1,837	1,897	2,177	2,111	2,115	1,993	2,202	2,319	2,810	2,716	2,842
	NA	6	1	85	112	138	53	6	6	0	1
VIRGINIA											
Circuit	42,642	43,096	45,646	49,481	53,445	63,304	64,053	70,145	73,889	75,867	77,104
WASHINGTON											
Superior	NA	17,885	19,693	21,071	25,476	28,121	26,914	27,503	28,529	28,032	28,728
WEST VIRGINIA											
Circuit	NA	4,707 B	4,546 B	4,885 B	4,291 B	4,121 B	4,071 B	4,217 B	4,446 B	4,308 B	4,604 B
WISCONSIN											
Circuit	13,607	14,549	14,470	13,802	14,484	17,625	18,738	19,523	20,399 A	18,613 A	18,777 A
WYOMING											
District	NA	1,468	1,466	1,353	1,480	1,591	1,503	1,365	1,282 A	1,638 A	1,733 A

NOTE: The footnoting scheme has been consolidated. Footnotes for 1984-1987 have been translated into the footnote scheme for 1988 through 1994.

NA = Data were unavailable or not comparable.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

Massachusetts—Trial Court of the Commonwealth—Felony data include only those cases handled by the Superior Court Department. Those felonies handled by the District Court and Boston Municipal Court Departments could not be separated from the misdemeanor caseload, therefore reported felonies are less than 75% complete.

Wisconsin—Circuit Court—Felony data for 1992-1994 do not include some cases reported with unclassified criminal.

Wyoming—District Court—Felony data for 1992 do not include cases from two counties. For 1993 and 1994, one county did not report.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Arizona—Superior Court—Felony data for 1990-1994 include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Arkansas—Circuit Court—Felony data include **DWI/DUI** cases.

California—Superior Court—Felony data for 1985-1988 include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Florida—Circuit Court—Felony data include **misdemeanor, DWI/DUI, and miscellaneous criminal** cases.

Georgia—Superior Court—Felony data for 1992-1994 include **criminal appeals**. (1993 data were repeated for 1994 due to unavailability of 1994 data.)

Hawaii—Circuit Court—Felony data for 1992-1994 include **misdemeanor** cases.

Illinois—Circuit Court—Felony data for 1985-1989 and 1991-1993 include **preliminary hearings** for courts "downstate."

Indiana—Superior and Circuit Courts—Felony data include **DWI/DUI** cases.

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TABLE 15: Felony Caseload in State Trial Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

Iowa—District Court—Felony data for 1985-1992 include third-offense **DWI/DUI** cases.

Kentucky—Circuit Court—All felony data include **misdemeanor** cases. 1985-1990 data also include **sentence review only** and **postconviction remedy proceedings**. 1993 and 1994 data also include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Missouri—Circuit Court—Felony data include some **DWI/DUI** cases.

Nebraska—District Court—Felony data include **misdemeanor**, **DWI/DUI**, and **miscellaneous criminal** cases.

New York—Supreme and County Courts—Felony data include **DWI/DUI** cases.

North Dakota—District Court—Felony data for 1985-1991 include **sentence review only** and **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Oklahoma—District Court—Felony data include some **miscellaneous criminal** cases.

Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Felony data include **misdemeanor**, **DWI/DUI**, and some **criminal appeals** cases.

Puerto Rico—Superior Court—Felony data for 1984-1992 include **appeals**.

Tennessee—Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery Court—Felony data include **misdemeanor** and some **criminal appeals** cases.

Utah—District Court—Felony data for 1986-1993 include **misdemeanor** and **criminal appeals** cases, and some **postconviction remedy** and **sentence review only proceedings**. 1994 data include **criminal appeals** and some **postconviction remedy** and **sentence review only proceedings**.

West Virginia—Circuit Court—Felony data include **DWI/DUI** cases.

Data for 1990 include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include partial year data from one court. Data for 1991 include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include data from one court. Data for 1992 include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include partial year data from one court. Data for 1993 include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include partial data from 14 courts. Data for 1994 include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include partial data from three courts.

Hawaii—Circuit Court—Felony data for 1985-1991 include **misdemeanor** cases, but do not include reopened prior cases.

Illinois—Circuit Court—Felony data for 1990 include **preliminary hearings** for courts downstate, but do not include some reinstated and transferred cases.

Maryland—Circuit Court—Felony data include some **misdemeanor** cases, but do not include some cases.

Montana—District Court—Felony data include some **trial court civil appeals**, but do not include some cases reported with unclassified criminal data.

• Additional court information:

Connecticut—Superior Court—Figures for felony filings do not match those reported in the 1985 and 1986 *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Reports*. Felony filings have been adjusted to include only triable felonies so as to be comparable to 1987 through 1994 data.

Hawaii—Circuit Court—Figures for felony filings do not match those reported in the 1985 and 1986 *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Reports*. Misdemeanor cases have been included to allow comparability with 1987 through 1994 data.

New York—Supreme and County Courts—These courts experienced a significant increase in the number of filings due to the change to an individual calendaring system in 1986.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

California—Superior Court—Felony data for 1989 include **DWI/DUI** cases, but do not include partial year data from several courts.

TABLE 16: Tort Caseload in State Trial Courts, 1984-1994

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
General jurisdiction courts											
ALABAMA Circuit	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11,498 B	11,512 B	10,893 B
ALASKA Superior	1,305	2,096	2,344	1,664	937	851	826	838	815	935	875
ARIZONA* Superior	9,173	10,748	11,888	12,260	20,490	12,559	15,418	15,442	13,842	12,940	22,815
ARKANSAS Circuit	NA	5,382	5,541	5,606	5,132	5,000	5,045	5,099	5,098	5,228	5,298
CALIFORNIA Superior	97,068	112,049 A	130,206 A	137,455 A	132,378 A	131,900 A	121,960 A	114,298 A	109,219 A	88,346 A	83,721 A
COLORADO District*	4,199	4,537	6,145	3,666	4,506	5,490	5,886	6,295	6,151	5,001	4,977
CONNECTICUT Superior	NA	12,742	13,754	15,385	15,741	16,955	16,477	16,266	16,250	15,947	15,642
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Superior	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3,605	5,424	NA	NA
FLORIDA Circuit*	26,815	NA	35,535	35,453	35,986	38,415	40,748	44,257	43,458	43,536	43,045
HAWAII Circuit	1,611	1,676 A	1,749 A	1,785 A	1,736 A	1,793 A	2,065 A	2,365 A	2,689 A	2,941 A	2,517 A
IDAHO District	1,729	2,010 A	2,118 A	1,757 A	1,453 A	1,478 A	1,417 A	1,257 A	1,325 A	1,292 A	1,387
INDIANA Superior and Circuit	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,697	6,719	7,910	8,043	9,452	12,066
KANSAS District	4,033	4,061	4,273	4,380	4,595	4,513	4,010	4,076	4,338	4,395	4,282
MAINE Superior	2,083	2,072	2,044	1,786	1,776	1,950	1,878	1,686	1,643	1,615	1,740
MARYLAND Circuit	10,826	10,120 A	12,373 A	12,938 A	14,170 A	14,274 A	14,908 A	16,270 A	15,612 A	14,989 A	14,485 A
MASSACHUSETTS Trial Court of the Commonwealth	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	76,806 C	74,641 C	68,341 C	42,704 C	54,559 C
MICHIGAN Circuit	23,186	22,811	32,612	29,756	30,966	32,663	38,784	31,869	34,497	35,450	39,538
MINNESOTA District	NA	NA	10,356	10,739	10,125	9,658	7,135	7,252	7,460	6,861	6,751

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TABLE 16: Tort Caseload in State Trial Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

State/Court name:	Number of filings and qualifying footnotes										
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
MISSOURI Circuit	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	21,680	21,245	19,999	17,883	16,960
MONTANA District	NA	1,870	1,836	1,792	1,541	1,613	1,651	1,518	NA	NA	NA
NEVADA District	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,329	4,799	5,295	5,871	6,185	6,788	7,486
NEW JERSEY Superior*	41,722	NA	NA	NA	NA	71,367 A	72,463 A	73,614 A	67,380 A	63,776 A	63,538 A
NEW MEXICO District	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,578	5,759	4,842
NEW YORK Supreme and County*	37,847	NA	NA	NA	53,104	62,189	65,026	65,767	72,189	71,113	75,298
NORTH CAROLINA Superior	NA	8,062	8,897	8,981	7,639	7,879	8,175	8,656	9,361	9,754	9,739
NORTH DAKOTA District	550	512	561	551	552	602	744	531	411	525	535
OHIO Court of Common Pleas	22,149	25,518	28,225	29,375	28,614	29,039	34,488	34,422	33,196	31,229	31,181
OREGON Circuit	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,999	5,568	5,636	6,176
PUERTO RICO Superior	3,968	4,388 B	4,558 B	4,811 B	4,077 B	5,579 B	6,095 B	6,569 B	5,610 B	4,910 B	5,646 B
TENNESSEE Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	11,775	12,565	13,167	13,597	NA	13,501	13,453	13,223	13,100	12,106	12,221
TEXAS District	34,224	37,596	38,238	40,764	36,597	36,710	39,648	44,088	46,762	47,586	48,631
UTAH District	1,433	1,245 B	2,527 B	1,335 B	1,404 B	1,233 B	1,631 B	1,729 B	1,979 B	1,804 B	1,928 B
WASHINGTON Superior	8,997	9,747	19,515	8,007	8,746	10,146	10,147	11,375	11,142	11,856	11,950
WISCONSIN Circuit	NA	NA	NA	9,545	9,534	9,152	9,669	8,865	8,835	9,043	9,583
WYOMING District	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	504 A	553 A	530 A

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TABLE 16: Tort Caseload in State Trial Courts, 1984-1994 (continued)

NOTE: The footnoting scheme has been consolidated. Footnotes for 1984-1987 have been translated into the footnote scheme for 1988 through 1994.

NA = Data were unavailable or not comparable.

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

California—Superior Court—Tort data do not include **medical malpractice** and **product liability** cases. Tort data for 1989 also do not include partial data from several courts. Data for 1990 and 1992 also do not include partial data from one court. Data for 1991 also do not include data from one court. Data for 1993 also do not include partial data from fourteen courts. Data for 1994 do not include **medical malpractice**, **product liability** and partial data from three courts.

Hawaii—Circuit Court—Tort data do not include a small number of District Court transfers reported with other civil cases.

Idaho—District Court—Tort data for 1985 through 1992 do not include some cases reported with unclassified civil cases.

Maryland—Circuit Court—Tort data do not include some cases reported with unclassified civil cases.

New Jersey—Superior Court—Tort data do not include some cases reported with unclassified civil cases.

Wyoming—District Court—Tort data for 1992 do not include cases from two counties. For 1993 and 1994 one county did not report tort data.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Alabama—Circuit Court—Tort data include some **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Puerto Rico—Superior Court—Tort data include **appeals**.

Utah—District Court—Tort data include de novo **appeals** from the Justice Court.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

Massachusetts—Trial Court of the Commonwealth—Tort data for 1990 through 1992 and 1994 include **contract** cases from the District Court Department, but do not include cases from the Boston Municipal Court Department. 1993 data include **contracts** from the District Court Department, but do not include tort cases from Boston Municipal Court Department and Superior Court Department.

• Additional court information:

Arizona—Superior Court—Tort reform legislation caused the tort caseload to increase dramatically in 1994.

Colorado—District and Denver Superior Courts—The Denver Superior Court was abolished 11/14/86 and the caseload absorbed by the District Court.

Florida—Circuit Court—The large increase in tort filings for 1991 is due in part to the filing of 1,113 asbestos cases in Miami in July of 1991.

New Jersey—Superior Court—The unit of count changed in 1989, so data from previous years are not comparable.

New York—Supreme and County Court—The unit of count changed in 1988, so data from previous years are not comparable.

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Methodology

Court Statistics Project: Goals and Organization

The Court Statistics Project of the National Center for State Courts compiles and reports comparable court caseload data from the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Project publications and technical assistance encourage greater uniformity in how individual state courts and state court administrative offices collect and publish caseload information. Progress toward these goals should result in more meaningful and useful caseload information for judges, court managers and court administrators.

The *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report* series is a cooperative effort of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Responsibility for project management and staffing is assumed by the NCSC's Court Statistics Project. COSCA, through its Court Statistics Committee, provides policy guidance and review. The Court Statistics Committee includes members of COSCA and representatives of state court administrative office senior staff, the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks, the National Association for Court Management, and the academic community. Preparation of the 1994 caseload report was funded by an on-going grant from the State Justice Institute (SJI-07X-C-B-007-P94-1) to the NCSC.

In addition to preparing publications, the Court Statistics Project responds to over 700 requests for information and assistance each year. These requests come from a variety of sources, including state court administrative offices, local courts, individual judges, federal and state agencies, legislators, the media, academic researchers, students and NCSC staff.

Evolution of the Court Statistics Project

During the Court Statistics Project's original data compilation efforts, the *State of the Art* and *State Court Caseload Statistics: 1975 Annual Report*, classification problems arose from the multitude of categories and terms used by the states to report their caseloads. This suggested the need for a model annual report and a statistical dictionary of terms for court usage.

The *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary* provides common terminology, definitions, and usage for reporting appellate and trial court caseloads. Terms for reporting data on case disposition methods are provided in the *Dictionary* and in other project publications. The classification scheme and associated definitions serve as a model framework for developing comparable and useful data. A new edition of the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary* was published in 1989, consolidating and revising the original 1980 version and the 1984 *Supplement*.

Once a set of recommended terms was adopted, the project's focus shifted to assessing the comparability of caseload data reported by the courts to those terms. It became particularly important to detail the subject matter jurisdiction and methods of counting cases in each state court. Problems related to the categorizing and counting of cases in the trial and appellate courts were resolved through the development of the *1984 State Trial Court Jurisdiction Guide for Statistical Reporting* and the *1984 State Appellate Court Jurisdiction Guide for Statistical Reporting*. Key information from both guides is updated annually as part of the preparation for a new caseload *Report*. The introduction to the 1981 *Report* details the impact of the *Trial Court Jurisdiction Guide* on the Court Statistics Project data collection and the introduction to the 1984 *Report* describes the effect of the *Appellate Court Jurisdiction Guide*.

The *State Court Organization* series, recently updated for 1993, serves as a valuable complement to the *Report* series. *State Court Organization 1993* is a reference book that describes in great depth the structure, organization, and management of the state trial and appellate courts.

Sources of Data

Information for the national caseload databases comes from published and unpublished sources supplied by state court administrators and appellate court clerks. Published data are typically official state court annual reports, which vary widely in form and detail. Although constituting the most reliable and valid data available at the state level, they arrive from statistical data filed monthly, quarterly, or annually by numerous local jurisdictions and, in most states, several trial and appellate court systems. Moreover, these caseload statistics are primarily collected to assist states in managing their own systems and are not prepared specifically for inclusion in the COSCA/NCSC caseload statistics report series.

Some states either do not publish an annual report or publish only limited caseload statistics for either trial or appellate courts. The Court Statistics Project receives unpublished data from those states in a wide range of forms, including internal management memos, computer-generated output, and the project's statistical and jurisdictional profiles, which are updated by state court administrative office staff.

Extensive telephone contact and follow-up correspondence are used to collect missing data, confirm the accuracy of available data, and determine the legal jurisdiction of each court. Information is also collected concerning the number of judges per court or court system (from annual reports, offices of state court administrators, and appellate court clerks); the state

population (based on Bureau of the Census revised estimates); and special characteristics regarding subject matter jurisdiction and court structure. Appendix 2 lists the source of each state's 1994 caseload statistics.

Data Collection Procedures

The following outline summarizes the major tasks involved in compiling the 1994 caseload data reported in this volume:

A. The 1994 state reports were evaluated to note changes in the categories and terminology used for data reporting, changes in the range of available data, and changes in the state's court organization or jurisdiction. This entailed a direct comparison of the 1994 material with the contents of individual states' 1993 annual reports. Project staff used a copy of each state's 1993 trial and appellate court statistical spreadsheets, trial and appellate court jurisdiction guides and the state court structure chart as worksheets for gathering the 1994 data. Use of the previous year's spreadsheets provides the data collector with a reference point to identify and replicate the logic used in the data collection and ensure consistency over time in the report series. The caseload data were entered onto the 1994 spreadsheets. Caseload terminology is defined by the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary, 1989*. Prototypes of appellate and trial court statistical spreadsheets can be found in Appendix D.

B. Caseload numbers were screened for significant changes from the previous year. A record that documents and, where possible, explains such changes is maintained. This process serves as another reliability check by identifying statutory, organizational, or procedural changes that potentially had an effect on the size of the reported court caseload.

C. The data were then transferred from the handwritten copy to computer databases that are created as EXCEL spreadsheets. Mathematical formulas are embedded in each spreadsheet to compute the caseload totals. The reliability of the data collection and data entry process was verified through an independent review by another project staff member of all decisions made by the original data collector. Linked spreadsheets contain the information on the number of judges, court jurisdiction, and state population needed to generate caseload tables for the 1994 *Report*.

D. After the data were entered and checked for entry errors and internal consistency, individual spreadsheets were generated for the appellate and trial courts using EXCEL software. The spreadsheet relates the total for each model reporting category to the category or categories the state used to report its caseload numbers.

E. Trial and appellate court spreadsheets for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are sent directly to the states' administrative offices of the courts and/or the appellate court clerks' offices for verification. This fairly recent step in the data collection process (which began with the 1989 *Report*) provides further assurance of data accuracy and often yields the bonus of additional caseload data or improved information on the content and accuracy of the data.

F. The final databases are stored in SPSS and Excel at the NCSC. The annual CSP databases are also archived with the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan.

On-going Data Collection

Four basic types of data elements are collected by the Court Statistics Project: (1) trial court caseload statistics, (2) trial court jurisdictional/organizational information, (3) appellate court caseload, and (4) appellate court jurisdictional/organizational information.

For trial courts, emphasis is placed on reporting the total number of civil, criminal, juvenile, and traffic/other violation cases according to the model reporting format. Each of these major case types can be reduced to more specific caseload categories. For example, civil cases consist of tort, contract, real property rights, small claims, mental health, estate, domestic relations cases, trial court civil appeals, and appeals of administrative agency cases. In some instances, these case types can be further refined; for example, domestic relations cases can be divided into marriage dissolution, support/custody, URESA, adoption, paternity, and domestic violence cases.

Currently, only filing and disposition numbers are entered into the database for each case type. Data on pending cases were routinely collected by the project staff until serious comparability problems were identified when compiling the 1984 *Report*. Some courts provide data that include active cases only; others include active and inactive cases. The COSCA Court Statistics Committee recommended that the collection of pending caseload be deferred until a study determines whether and how data can be made comparable across states.

The trial court jurisdictional profile collects an assortment of information relevant to the organization and jurisdiction of each trial court system. Before the use of EXCEL spreadsheets for reporting statistical data, the main purpose of the profile was to translate the terminology used by the states when reporting statistical information into generic terms recommended by the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*. Each court's

spreadsheet captures the state's terminology, and the jurisdiction guide format has been streamlined. The jurisdictional profile currently collects information on number of courts, number of judges, methods of counting cases, availability of jury trials, dollar amount jurisdiction of the court, and time standards for case processing.

There are also statistical spreadsheets and jurisdiction guides for each state appellate court. Two major case types are used on the statistical spreadsheet: mandatory cases that the court must hear on the merits as appeals of right and discretionary petition cases that the court decides whether to accept and then reach a decision on the merits. The statistical spreadsheet also contains the number of petitions granted where it can be determined. Mandatory and discretionary petitions are further differentiated by whether the case is a review of a final trial court judgment or some other matter, such as a request for interlocutory or postconviction relief. Where possible, the statistics are classified according to subject matter, chiefly civil, criminal, juvenile, disciplinary, or administrative agency.

The appellate court jurisdiction guide contains information about each court, including number of court locations, number of justices/judges, number of legal support personnel, point at which appeals are counted as cases, procedures used to review discretionary petitions, and use of panels.

Periodic Data Collection

Periodically, the Court Statistics Project supplements its on-going, general data collection efforts by collecting manner of disposition data from the states' general jurisdiction courts. All of the states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico were contacted and asked to make an effort to supply manner of disposition data to the project. Thirty-five states provided comprehensive criminal disposition data, and this year civil disposition data were taken from the Trial Court Network Project. Disposition statistics from these courts present a picture of the way cases are disposed in state trial courts nationally. They are useful in comparing court backlogs; case management systems; and the impact of specialized programs such as arbitration and mediation.

Several obstacles hinder the achievement of comprehensive national statistics on manner of disposition for court cases. First, some states do not collect any disposition data. There were 16 such states in 1994. Second, other states define disposition categories differently, so information may not be comparable. For example, many states have a different definition of bench trial and what is considered a hearing before a judge. States with a very high bench trial rate are using a more liberal definition of what constitutes a bench trial. Third, the mix of cases included in disposition totals may vary. For example, some states report contested

and uncontested divorce cases together, while others do not. Also differences in subject matter jurisdiction, court structure, and units for counting cases will affect the use of manner of disposition statistics.

Each of the states that could provide manner of disposition data for 1994 was sent a copy of how their data was to be reported. Twenty-seven of the states verified these and returned them to the Court Statistics Project.

Completeness

States vary in the comprehensiveness and completeness with which they are able to report manner of disposition data. For criminal cases, Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, and Oregon reported trial dispositions only, with no other disposition categories. Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, New York, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Washington reported total criminal trials, but did not separate these into jury and bench trials. Louisiana provided the number of criminal cases disposed by jury trials only.

Comparability

Comparability is possible where states count trials similarly, use similar methods for counting what is a case, and report information for a similar range of case types. The point at which a state counts a jury trial varies widely. The table below shows the relative use of alternative trial definitions.

Definitions	Number of states which use definition for criminal	Number of states which use definition for civil
A) A jury trial is counted at jury selection, empaneling, or when jury is sworn. A nonjury trial is counted when evidence is first introduced or first witness is sworn.	34	32
B) A jury trial is counted at introduction or swearing of first witness. A nonjury trial is counted when evidence is first introduced or swearing of first witness.	2	3
C) A jury trial is counted at verdict or decision. A nonjury trial is counted at the decision.	16	17

The definitional differences for trials explain some of the variation in trial rates. Generally, most states providing data define a trial in a way that inflates the number of cases disposed at trial.

On the criminal side, courts also vary at the point in which they count a case as initially filed. Most states count a criminal case as filed at the

information or indictment, although some use the arraignment. Since a number of cases will drop out of the system between these two points (usually by a plea or a dismissal), those courts that use an early count will have a higher rate of nontrial dispositions. Courts also differ in case unit of count. As shown below, states differ on whether they count charges, defendants, or indictments.

Definitions for unit of count—Criminal	Number of states
Single Defendant/Single Charge	4
Single Defendant/Single Incident	21
Single Defendant/Single Incident (maximum number of charges)	0
Single Defendant/One or More Incidents	10
Single Defendant/Varies with Prosecutor	5
One or More Defendants/Single Incidents	4
One or More Defendants/One or More Incidents	3
One or More Defendants/Varies with Prosecutor	2
Varies with Prosecutor/Varies with Prosecutor	3

Definition of point of count—Criminal	Number of states
At the filing of the Information or Indictment	37
At the filing of the Information or Complaint	5
At filing of Complaint (Warrant/Accusation)	5
At the Arraignment (First Appearance)	5

Footnotes

Footnotes indicate the degree to which a court's statistics conform to the Court Statistics Project's reporting categories defined in the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*. Footnoted caseload statistics are either overinclusive in that they contain case types other than those defined for the term in the *Dictionary*, or are underinclusive in that some case types defined for the term in the *Dictionary* are not included. It is possible for a caseload statistic to contain inapplicable case types while also omitting those which are applicable, making the total or subtotal simultaneously overinclusive and underinclusive.

The 1994 *Report* uses a simplified system of footnotes. An "A" footnote indicates that the caseload statistic for a statewide court system does not include some of the recommended case types; a "B" footnote indicates that the statistic includes some extraneous case types; a "C" footnote

indicates that the data are both incomplete and overinclusive. The text of the footnote explains for each court system how the caseload data differ from the reporting category recommended in the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*. Caseload statistics that are not qualified by a footnote conform to the *Dictionary's* definition.

Case filings and dispositions are also affected by the unit and method of count used by the states, differing subject matter and dollar amount jurisdiction, and different court system structures. Most of these differences are described in the figures found in this volume and summarized in the court structure chart for each state. The most important differences are reported in summary form in the main caseload tables.

Variations in Reporting Periods

As indicated in Figure A, most states report data by fiscal year, others by calendar year, and a few appellate courts report data by court term. Therefore, the 12-month period covered in this report is not the same for all courts.

This report reflects court organization and jurisdiction in 1994. Since 1975, new courts have been created at both the appellate and trial level, additional courts report data to the Court Statistics Project, courts may have merged and/or changed counting or reporting methods. The dollar amount limits of civil jurisdiction in many trial courts also vary. Care is therefore required when comparing 1994 data to previous years. The trend analysis used in this report offers a model for undertaking such comparisons.

Final Note

Comments, corrections, and suggestions are a vital part of the work of the Court Statistics Project. Users of the *Report* are encouraged to write to the Director, Court Statistics Project, National Center for State Courts, 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23187-8798.

Appendix 2: *Sources of 1994*
State Court Caseload Statistics

Sources of 1993 State Court Caseload Statistics

State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
Alabama	Alabama Judicial System Annual Report, 1994	Alabama Judicial System Annual Report, 1994	Alabama Judicial System Annual Report, 1994	Alabama Judicial System Annual Report, 1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Municipal Court.
Alaska	Alaska Court System 1994 Annual Report	Alaska Court System 1994 Annual Report	Alaska Court System 1994 Annual Report	Alaska Court System 1994 Annual Report
Arizona	The Arizona Courts Data Book, 1994	The Arizona Courts Data Book, 1994	The Arizona Courts Data Book, 1994	The Arizona Courts Data Reports, Limited Jurisdiction, 1994
Arkansas	Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary FY 1993 -1994	Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary FY 1993 -1994	Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary FY 1993 -1994	Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary FY 1993 -1994
California	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Judicial Council of California Annual Data Reference, 1993-1994 Caseload Data	Judicial Council of California Annual Data Reference, 1993-1994 Caseload Data
Colorado	Colorado Judicial Department Annual Report FY 1994 Statistical Supplement	Colorado Judicial Department Annual Report FY 1994 Statistical Supplement	Colorado Judicial Branch FY 1994 Annual Report Statistical Supplement	Colorado Judicial Branch FY 1994 Annual Report Statistical Supplement
Connecticut	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court..	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Court..	Unpublished data were provided by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator.
Delaware	1994 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary	.....	1994 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary	1994 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary
District of Columbia	District of Columbia Courts Annual Report, 1994. Unpublished data were provided from the Office of the Clerk.	.....	District of Columbia Courts Annual Report, 1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Executive Officer.	.....
Florida	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator and the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator and the Department of Highways, Safety, and Motor Vehicles.
Georgia	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.
Hawaii	The Judiciary State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1994 and Statistical Supplement 1993-1994	The Judiciary State of Hawaii : Annual Report 1994 and Statistical Supplement 1993-1994	The Judiciary State of Hawaii: Annual Report July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994	The Judiciary State of Hawaii: Annual Report July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994
Idaho	The Idaho Courts Annual Report Appendix, 1994	The Idaho Courts Annual Report Appendix, 1994	The Idaho Courts Annual Report Appendix, 1994	.....
Illinois	Unpublished data were provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of the Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of the Courts.	.....
Indiana	1994 Indiana Judicial Report	1994 Indiana Judicial Report	1994 Indiana Judicial Report	1994 Indiana Judicial Report

Sources of 1994 State Court Caseload Statistics

State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
Iowa	1994 Annual Statistical Report of the Iowa Judicial Department. Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk.	1994 Annual Statistical Report of the Iowa Judicial Department. Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk.	1994 Annual Statistical Report of the Iowa Judicial Department. Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	.....
Kansas	Annual Report of the Courts of Kansas: 1993-1994 FY	Annual Report of the Courts of Kansas: 1993-1994 FY	FY 1993-1994 Annual Report of the Courts of Kansas:	Kansas Municipal Courts Caseload Reports, FY 1994
Kentucky	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.
Louisiana	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the Judicial Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the Judicial Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the Judicial Administrator.
Maine	State of Maine Judicial Branch Annual Report, FY 1994	.....	State of Maine Judicial Branch Annual Report, FY 1994	State of Maine Judicial Branch Annual Report, FY 1994
Maryland	Annual Report of the Maryland Judiciary 1993-1994	Annual Report of the Maryland Judiciary 1993-1994	Annual Report of the Maryland Judiciary 1993-1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Annual Report of the Maryland Judiciary 1993-1994
Massachusetts	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Appeals Court. Annual Statistical Report of the Trial Court, 1994.	FY Annual Report on the State of the Massachusetts Court System	.....
Michigan	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	The Michigan State Courts Annual Report Statistical Supplement.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.
Minnesota	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	.....
Mississippi	Supreme Court of Mississippi 1994 Annual Report	.....	Supreme Court of Mississippi 1994 Annual Report	Supreme Court of Mississippi 1994 Annual Report
Missouri	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Data were not available.
Montana	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	.....	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Data were not available.
Nebraska	Nebraska Supreme Court 1994 Annual Report. Additional unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Nebraska Supreme Court 1994 Annual Report	The Courts Nebraska 1994 Annual Caseload Report. Additional unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	The Courts Nebraska 1994 Annual Caseload Report. Additional unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
Nevada	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	.....	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.	Data were not available.
New Hampshire	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	.....	Unpublished data were provided by the Director, Administrative Office of the Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Director, Administrative Office of the Courts.

State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
New Jersey	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Court.	NJ Judiciary: Superior Court Caseload Reference Guide, 1990-1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.
New Mexico	New Mexico State Courts, 1994 Annual Report	New Mexico State Courts, 1994 Annual Report	New Mexico State Courts, 1994 Annual Report	New Mexico State Courts, 1994 Annual Report
New York	1994 Annual Report of the Clerk of Court, Court of Appeals of the State of New York. Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk.	Unpublished data were provided by the clerks of these Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Chief Administrator of Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Chief Administrator of Courts.
North Carolina	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.
North Dakota	North Dakota Courts Annual Report, 1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk.	North Dakota Courts Annual Report, 1994	North Dakota Courts Annual Report, 1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	North Dakota Courts Annual Report, 1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
Ohio	Unpublished data were provided by the clerks of the Supreme Court.	Ohio Courts Summary, 1994	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative provided by the clerks of the
Oklahoma	State of Oklahoma, The Judiciary: Annual Report FY 94	State of Oklahoma, The Judiciary: Annual Report FY 94	State of Oklahoma, The Judiciary: Annual Report FY 1994 and Statistical Appendix	Data were not available.
Oregon	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.
Pennsylvania	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the clerks of these courts. Superior Court of Pennsylvania Annual Report, 1994.	1994 data were unavailable. 1993 data were used for this report.	1994 data were unavailable. 1993 data were used for this report.
Puerto Rico	Not available.	.....	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Director of Courts.
Rhode Island	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	.....	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
South Carolina	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	SC Judicial Department Annual Report, 1994. Additional unpublished data were provided.	SC Judicial Department Annual Report, 1994
South Dakota	SD Courts, The State of the Judiciary, 1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk.	SD Courts, The State of the Judiciary and 1994 Annual Report of SD Unified Judicial System

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State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
Tennessee	Tennessee Judicial Council Annual Report and Statistical Supplement, 1993-1994.	Tennessee Judicial Council Annual Report and Statistical Supplement, 1993-1994.	Annual Report of the Tennessee Judiciary, FY 1993-1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Clerks of Probate Court.	State of Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges 1993 & 1994 Annual Statistical Report.
Texas	Texas Judicial System Annual Report, FY 1994	Texas Judicial System Annual Report, FY 1994	Texas Judicial System Annual Report, FY 1994	Texas Judicial System Annual Report, FY 1994
Utah	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	Utah State Courts 1995 Annual Report. Additional unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.	Utah State Courts 1995 Annual Report. Additional unpublished data were provided by the State Court Administrator.
Vermont	Judicial Statistics, State of Vermont for Year Ending June 30, 1994. Unpublished data were provided by the Office of the Court Administrator.	.....	Judicial Statistics, State of Vermont for Year Ending June 30, 1994	Judicial Statistics, State of Vermont for Year Ending June 30, 1994
Virginia	Unpublished data were provided by the Office of Court Administration.	Unpublished data were provided by the Office of Court Administration.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
Washington	The Report of the Courts of Washington, 1994	The Report of the Courts of Washington, 1994	The Report of the Courts of Washington, 1994	The Report of the Courts of Washington, 1994
West Virginia	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk.	.....	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
Wisconsin	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.	Unpublished data were provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.	Unpublished data were provided by the Director of the State Courts.	Unpublished data were provided by the Director of State Courts.
Wyoming	Unpublished data were provided by the State Court Coordinator.	.....	Unpublished data were provided by the Court Coordinator.	Unpublished data were provided by the Court Coordinator.

Appendix 3: Prototypes of State Appellate Court
and Trial Court Statistical Spreadsheets

Prototype of State Appellate Court Statistical Spreadsheet

State Name, Court Name
 Court of last resort or intermediate appellate court
 Number of divisions/departments, number of authorized justices/judges
 Total population

	<u>Beginning pending</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>End pending</u>
MANDATORY JURISDICTION:				
Appeals of final judgments:				
Civil				
Criminal:				
Capital criminal				
Other criminal				
Total criminal				
Juvenile				
Administrative agency				
Unclassified				
Total final judgments				
Other mandatory cases:				
Disciplinary matters				
Original proceedings				
Interlocutory decisions				
Advisory opinions				
Total other mandatory				
Total mandatory cases				
	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Filed Petitions Granted</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Filed Petitions Granted Disposed</u>
DISCRETIONARY JURISDICTION:				
Petitions of final judgment:				
Civil				
Criminal				
Juvenile				
Administrative agency				
Unclassified				
Total final judgments				
Other discretionary petitions:				
Disciplinary matters				
Original proceedings				
Interlocutory decisions				
Advisory opinions				
Total other discretionary				
Total discretionary cases				
GRAND TOTAL				
OTHER PROCEEDINGS:				
Rehearing/reconsideration requests				
Motions				
Other matters				
Number of supplemental judges/justices				
Number of independent appellate courts at this level				

MANNER OF DISPOSITION

	Predecision disposition (dismissed/ withdrawn/settled)	Opinions		Decision without opinion (memo/order)	Transferred	Other
		Signed opinion	Per curiam opinion			
MANDATORY JURISDICTION:						
Appeals of final judgment						
Civil						
Criminal						
Juvenile						
Administrative agency						
Unclassified						
Other mandatory cases:						
Disciplinary matters						
Original proceedings						
Interlocutory decisions						
Total mandatory jurisdiction cases						
DISCRETIONARY JURISDICTION:						
Petitions of final judgments:						
Civil						
Criminal						
Juvenile						
Administrative agency						
Unclassified						
Other discretionary petitions						
Disciplinary matters						
Original proceedings						
Total discretionary cases						
GRAND TOTAL						

TYPE OF DECISION IN MANDATORY CASES/GRANTED PETITIONS OF FINAL JUDGMENT

	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile	Administrative agency	Other mandatory cases	Total
Opinions:						
Affirmed						
Modified						
Reversed						
Remanded						
Mixed						
Dismissed						
Other						
Total decisions:						
Affirmed						
Modified						
Reversed						
Remanded						
Mixed						
Dismissed						
Other						

TYPE OF DECISION IN OTHER DISCRETIONARY PETITIONS

	Petition granted	Petition denied	Other
Other discretionary petitions:			
Disciplinary matters			
Original proceedings			
Total discretionary jurisdiction cases			

TIME INTERVAL DATA (MONTH/DAYS)

	Notice of appeal or ready for hearing			Ready for hearing or under advisement (submitted or oral argument completed)			Under advisement (submitted or oral argument completed) to decision			Notice of appeal to decision		
	Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median
MANDATORY JURISDICTION:												
Appeals of final judgment												
Civil												
Criminal												
Juvenile												
Administrative agency												
Unclassified												
Other mandatory cases												
Disciplinary matters												
Original proceedings												
Interlocutory decisions												
Total mandatory jurisdiction cases												
DISCRETIONARY JURISDICTION:												
Petitions of final judgments												
Civil												
Criminal												
Juvenile												
Administrative agency												
Unclassified												
Other discretionary petitions												
Disciplinary matters												
Original proceedings												
Interlocutory decisions												
Advisory opinions												
Total discretionary jurisdiction cases												
GRAND TOTAL												

AGE OF PENDING CASELOAD (DAYS)

	Not ready for hearing									Ready for hearing			Submitted or oral argument completed	Average age of pending caseload
	Awaiting court reporter's transcript			Awaiting appellant's brief			Awaiting respondent's brief			Ready for hearing				
	0-60 days	61-120 days	over 120 days	0-60 days	61-120 days	over 120 days	0-60 days	61-120 days	over 120 days	0-60 days	61-120 days	over 120 days		
MANDATORY JURISDICTION:														
Appeals of final judgment														
Civil														
Criminal														
Juvenile														
Administrative agency														
Unclassified														
Other mandatory cases														
Disciplinary matters														
Original proceedings														
Interlocutory decisions														
Total mandatory jurisdiction cases														
DISCRETIONARY JURISDICTION:														
Petitions of final judgments														
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Criminal														
Juvenile														
Administrative agency														
Unclassified														
Other discretionary petitions														
Disciplinary matters														
Original proceedings														
Interlocutory decisions														
Advisory opinions														
Total discretionary jurisdiction cases														
GRAND TOTAL														

Prototype of State Trial Court Statistical Spreadsheet

State Name, Court Name
 Court of general jurisdiction or court of limited jurisdiction
 Number of circuits or districts, number of judges
 Total population

	Beginning Pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending
CIVIL:				
Tort:				
Auto tort				
Product liability				
Medical malpractice				
Unclassified tort				
Miscellaneous tort				
Total Tort				
Contract				
Real property rights				
Small claims				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution				
Support/custody				
URES				
Adoption				
Paternity				
Domestic violence				
Miscellaneous				
Unclassified				
Total domestic relations				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship				
Miscellaneous estate				
Unclassified estate				
Total estate				
Mental health				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case				
Appeal of trial court case				
Total civil appeals				
Miscellaneous civil				
Unclassified civil				
Total civil				
CRIMINAL:				
Felony				
Misdemeanor				
DWI/DUI				
Appeal				
Miscellaneous criminal				
Unclassified criminal				
Total Criminal				
TRAFFIC/OTHER VIOLATION:				
Moving traffic violation				
Ordinance violation				
Parking violation				
Miscellaneous traffic				
Unclassified traffic				
Total traffic/other violation				

	<u>Beginning Pending</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>End Pending</u>
JUVENILE:				
Criminal-type petition				
Status offense				
Child-victim petition				
Miscellaneous juvenile				
Unclassified juvenile				
Total juvenile				

GRAND TOTAL

Drug cases

OTHER PROCEEDINGS:

 Postconviction remedy
 Preliminary hearings
 Sentence review only
 Extraordinary writs
Total other proceedings

MANNER OF CIVIL DISPOSITIONS

	<u>Uncontested/ Default</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Transferred</u>	<u>Arbitration</u>	<u>Total</u>
CIVIL:							
Tort:							
Auto tort							
Product liability							
Medical malpractice							
Unclassified tort							
Miscellaneous tort							
Total Tort							
Contract							
Real property rights							
Small claims							
Domestic relations:							
Marriage dissolution							
Support/custody							
URESAs							
Adoption							
Paternity							
Domestic violence							
Miscellaneous							
Unclassified							
Total domestic relations							
Estate:							
Probate/wills/intestate							
Guardianship/conservatorship							
/trusteeship							
Miscellaneous estate							
Unclassified estate							
Total estate							
Mental health							
Appeal:							
Appeal of administrative agency case							
Appeal of trial court case							
Total civil appeals							
Miscellaneous civil							
Unclassified civil							
Total civil							

MANNER OF CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS AND TYPE OF DECISION

	<u>Felony</u>	<u>Misdemeanor</u>	<u>DWI/DUI</u>	<u>Appeal</u>	<u>Miscellaneous criminal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jury trial:						
Conviction						
Guilty plea						
Acquittal						
Dismissed						
Nonjury trial:						
Conviction						
Guilty plea						
Acquittal						
Dismissed						
Dismissed/nolle prosequi						
Bail forfeiture						
Bound over						
Transferred						
Other						
Total dispositions						

MANNER OF TRAFFIC/OTHER VIOLATION DISPOSITIONS AND TYPE OF DECISION

	<u>Moving traffic violation</u>	<u>Ordinance violation</u>	<u>Parking violation</u>	<u>Miscellaneous traffic violation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jury trial:					
Conviction					
Guilty plea					
Acquittal					
Dismissed					
Nonjury trial:					
Conviction					
Guilty plea					
Acquittal					
Dismissed					
Dismissed/nolle prosequi					
Bail forfeiture					
Parking fines					
Transferred					
Other					
Total dispositions					

MANNER OF DISPOSITION: TRIALS

	Trial		Total
	Jury	Nonjury	
CIVIL:			
Tort:			
Auto tort			
Product liability			
Medical malpractice			
Unclassified tort			
Miscellaneous tort			
Total Tort			
Contract			
Real property rights			
Small claims			
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution			
Support/custody			
URESAs			
Adoption			
Paternity			
Domestic violence			
Miscellaneous			
Unclassified			
Total domestic relations			
Estate:			
Probate/wills/intestate			
Guardianship/conservatorship			
/trusteeship			
Miscellaneous estate			
Unclassified estate			
Total estate			
Mental health			
Appeal:			
Appeal of administrative agency case			
Appeal of trial court case			
Total civil appeals			
Miscellaneous civil			
Unclassified civil			
Total civil			

	Trial		Total
	Jury	Nonjury	
CRIMINAL:			
Felony			
Misdemeanor			
DWI/DUI			
Appeal			
Miscellaneous criminal			
Unclassified criminal			
Total criminal			
TRAFFIC/OTHER VIOLATION:			
Moving traffic violation			
Ordinance violation			
Parking violation			
Miscellaneous traffic			
Unclassified traffic			
Total traffic/other violation			
JUVENILE:			
Criminal-type petition			
Status offense			
Child-victim petition			
Miscellaneous juvenile			
Unclassified juvenile			
Total juvenile			
GRAND TOTAL			

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	AGE OF PENDING CASELOAD (DAYS)							Average age of pending cases
	<u>0-30</u> <u>days</u>	<u>31-60</u> <u>days</u>	<u>61-90</u> <u>days</u>	<u>91-180</u> <u>days</u>	<u>181-360</u> <u>days</u>	<u>361-720</u> <u>days</u>	<u>over 720</u> <u>days</u>	
CIVIL:								
Tort:								
Auto tort								
Product liability								
Medical malpractice								
Unclassified tort								
Miscellaneous tort								
Total Tort								
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CRIMINAL:								
Felony								
Misdemeanor								
DWI/DUI								
Appeal								
Miscellaneous criminal								
Unclassified criminal								
Total criminal								
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Moving traffic violation								
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Miscellaneous traffic								
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JUVENILE:								
Criminal-type petition								
Status offense								
Child-victim petition								
Miscellaneous juvenile								
Unclassified juvenile								
Total juvenile								
GRAND TOTAL								
Drug cases								
OTHER PROCEEDINGS:								
Postconviction remedy								
Preliminary hearings								
Sentence review only								
Extraordinary writs								
Total other proceedings								

Appendix 4: State Populations

State Populations

Resident Population, 1994

State or territory	Population (in thousands)		
	1994 Juvenile	1994 Adult	1994 Total
Alabama	1,080	3,139	4,219
Alaska	191	415	606
Arizona	1,139	2,936	4,075
Arkansas	640	1,812	2,453
California	8,677	22,753	31,431
Colorado	970	2,686	3,656
Connecticut	788	2,487	3,275
Delaware	175	532	707
District of Columbia	118	452	570
Florida	3,263	10,690	13,953
Georgia	1,892	5,163	7,055
Hawaii	304	874	1,178
Idaho	339	794	1,133
Illinois	3,083	8,668	11,751
Indiana	1,473	4,279	5,752
Iowa	729	2,100	2,829
Kansas	691	1,863	2,554
Kentucky	970	2,857	3,827
Louisiana	1,235	3,080	4,315
Maine	306	935	1,241
Maryland	1,263	3,743	5,006
Massachusetts	1,424	4,617	6,041
Michigan	2,525	6,971	9,496
Minnesota	1,240	3,327	4,567
Mississippi	756	1,913	2,669
Missouri	1,379	3,899	5,278
Montana	237	619	856
Nebraska	442	1,181	1,623
Nevada	376	1,081	1,457
New Hampshire	292	845	1,137
New Jersey	1,930	5,973	7,903
New Mexico	497	1,156	1,653
New York	4,511	13,658	18,169
North Carolina	1,756	5,314	7,070
North Dakota	172	466	638
Ohio	2,854	8,248	11,102
Oklahoma	880	2,378	3,258
Oregon	782	2,304	3,086
Pennsylvania	2,898	9,155	12,053
Puerto Rico	1,212	2,474	3,686

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State Populations

State Populations (continued)

State or territory	Population (in thousands)		
	1994 Juvenile	1994 Adult	1994 Total
Rhode Island	240	757	997
South Carolina	952	2,712	3,664
South Dakota	208	513	721
Tennessee	1,296	3,879	5,175
Texas	5,301	13,077	18,378
Utah	672	1,236	1,908
Vermont	146	435	581
Virginia	1,603	4,949	6,552
Washington	1,408	3,935	5,343
West Virginia	429	1,393	1,822
Wisconsin	1,346	3,735	5,081
Wyoming	137	339	476

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1995.

Total State Population for Trend Tables, 1986-94

State or territory	Population (in thousands)								
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Alabama	4,053	4,083	4,103	4,119	4,041	4,089	4,136	4,187	4,219
Alaska	533	525	523	527	550	570	587	599	606
Arizona	3,319	3,386	3,489	3,557	3,665	3,750	3,832	3,936	4,075
Arkansas	2,372	2,388	2,394	2,407	2,351	2,372	2,399	2,424	2,453
California	26,981	27,663	28,315	29,064	29,760	30,380	30,867	31,211	31,431
Colorado	3,267	3,296	3,301	3,316	3,294	3,377	3,470	3,566	3,656
Connecticut	3,189	3,211	3,235	3,239	3,287	3,291	3,281	3,277	3,275
Delaware	633	644	660	672	666	680	689	700	707
District of Columbia	625	622	618	604	607	598	589	578	570
Florida	11,675	12,023	12,335	12,671	12,938	13,277	13,488	13,679	13,953
Georgia	6,104	6,222	6,342	6,436	6,478	6,623	6,751	6,917	7,055
Hawaii	1,063	1,083	1,099	1,112	1,108	1,135	1,160	1,172	1,178
Idaho	1,002	998	1,003	1,014	1,007	1,039	1,067	1,099	1,133
Illinois	11,551	11,582	11,612	11,658	11,431	11,543	11,631	11,697	11,751
Indiana	5,503	5,531	5,555	5,593	5,544	5,610	5,622	5,713	5,752
Iowa	2,850	2,834	2,834	2,838	2,777	2,795	2,812	2,814	2,829
Kansas	2,460	2,476	2,495	2,513	2,478	2,495	2,523	2,531	2,554
Kentucky	3,729	3,727	3,726	3,727	3,685	3,713	3,755	3,789	3,827
Louisiana	4,502	4,461	4,407	4,383	4,220	4,252	4,287	4,295	4,315
Maine	1,173	1,187	1,205	1,222	1,228	1,235	1,235	1,239	1,241
Maryland	4,463	4,535	4,624	4,694	4,781	4,860	4,908	4,965	5,006
Massachusetts	5,832	5,855	5,888	5,912	6,016	5,996	5,988	6,012	6,041
Michigan	9,144	9,200	9,239	9,274	9,295	9,368	9,437	9,478	9,496
Minnesota	4,214	4,246	4,307	4,352	4,375	4,432	4,480	4,517	4,567
Mississippi	2,625	2,625	2,620	2,621	2,573	2,592	2,614	2,643	2,669
Missouri	5,066	5,103	5,142	5,160	5,117	5,158	5,193	5,234	5,278
Montana	819	809	805	805	799	808	824	839	856
Nebraska	1,597	1,594	1,602	1,611	1,578	1,593	1,606	1,607	1,623
Nevada	964	1,007	1,054	1,109	1,202	1,284	1,327	1,389	1,457
New Hampshire	1,027	1,057	1,086	1,106	1,109	1,105	1,111	1,125	1,137
New Jersey	7,620	7,672	7,720	7,736	7,730	7,760	7,789	7,879	7,903
New Mexico	1,479	1,500	1,506	1,528	1,515	1,548	1,581	1,616	1,653
New York	17,772	17,825	17,910	17,950	17,990	18,058	18,119	18,197	18,169
North Carolina	6,334	6,413	6,490	6,570	6,629	6,737	6,843	6,945	7,070
North Dakota	679	672	667	661	639	635	636	635	638
Ohio	10,753	10,784	10,855	10,908	10,847	10,939	11,016	11,091	11,102
Oklahoma	3,305	3,272	3,241	3,223	3,146	3,175	3,212	3,231	3,258
Oregon	2,698	2,724	2,766	2,820	2,842	2,922	2,977	3,032	3,086
Pennsylvania	11,888	11,936	12,001	12,039	11,882	11,961	12,009	12,048	12,053
Puerto Rico	3,267	3,274	3,294	3,291	3,521	3,522	3,522	3,686	
Rhode Island	975	986	993	996	1,003	1,004	1,005	1,000	997
South Carolina	3,376	3,425	3,471	3,512	3,487	3,560	3,603	3,643	3,664
South Dakota	708	709	713	716	696	703	711	715	721
Tennessee	4,803	4,855	4,896	4,939	4,877	4,953	5,024	5,099	5,175
Texas	16,685	16,789	16,840	16,991	16,987	17,349	17,656	18,031	18,378
Utah	1,665	1,680	1,688	1,707	1,723	1,770	1,813	1,860	1,908
Vermont	541	548	557	566	563	567	570	576	581
Virginia	5,787	5,904	6,016	6,097	6,187	6,286	6,377	6,491	6,552
Washington	4,463	4,538	4,648	4,760	4,867	5,018	5,136	5,255	5,343
West Virginia	1,919	1,897	1,876	1,857	1,793	1,801	1,812	1,820	1,822
Wisconsin	4,785	4,807	4,854	4,867	4,892	4,955	5,007	5,038	5,081
Wyoming	507	490	479	474	454	460	466	470	476
TOTAL	244,344	246,673	249,099	251,524	252,230	255,703	258,553	257,904	264,026

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1995.

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