



Federal Courts' National Educational Outreach that Involves, Informs, Inspires, and Ignites

JUDGES IN THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM



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1 SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Supreme Court Justices

- 1 Chief Justice of the United States—Considered and Equal Among Equals
- 8 Associate Justices



13 U.S. CIRCUIT COURTS OF APPEALS

Appellate Court Judges

- 3 - Number of Judges Typically on an Appellate Court Panel
- >3 - En Banc Panel: All Appellate Judges in a Circuit



94 U.S. DISTRICT COURTS

District/Trial Court Judges

U.S. District Court Judges

- President Nominates, Senate Confirms
- Hear Criminal and Civil Cases
- Lifetime Tenure

U.S. Magistrate Judges

- Each District Court Appoints
- Handle Pre-Trial Matters and Some Trials
- Renewable 8-Year Term

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judges

- Each Circuit Court of Appeals Appoints
- Hear Only Bankruptcy Cases
- Renewable 14-Year Term

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