

Jurisdiction and State Court Reporting Practices

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FIGURE A: Reporting Periods for All State Courts, 2006

State	Reporting periods			
	January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006	July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006	September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006	October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006
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			
Hawaii		X		
Idaho	X			
Illinois	X			
Indiana	X	X Supreme Court		
Iowa	X			
Kansas		X		
Kentucky		X		
Louisiana	X			
Maine		X		
Maryland		X		
Massachusetts		X	X Supreme Judicial Court	
Michigan	X			
Minnesota	X			
Mississippi	X Supreme Court Court of Appeals	X		
Missouri		X		
Montana	X			
Nebraska	X	X Workers' Compensation Court		
Nevada	X Supreme Court	X		
New Hampshire	X			
New Jersey		X	X Supreme Court	
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			

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South Carolina		X		
South Dakota		X		
Tennessee	X Juvenile Court	X		
Texas			X	
Utah	X Juvenile Court	X		
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, 2006

State/Court name:	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
	Court type	Notice of appeal	The trial record	Other point					
ALABAMA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
ALASKA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
ARIZONA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X-CR	O	X-CV*	X	X*	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X-CR	X*	X-CV*	X	X*	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
ARKANSAS:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	X	O	O	X	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	X	O	O	X	O
CALIFORNIA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X*	X	O	X	X*	X	O	O
Courts of Appeal	IAC	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O
COLORADO:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
CONNECTICUT:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	X (if motion to open)	O	O
Appellate Court	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	X (if motion to open or if remand)	O	O
DELAWARE:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:									
Court of Appeals	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
FLORIDA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	X	O	O	X	X*	X	O	O
GEORGIA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	X	O	O	X	O	O	X (if new appeal)
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	X	X	X	O	O
HAWAII:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	X*	X	O	O	X
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	X	O	O	O	O	X
IDAHO:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	X*	O	X	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	X*	O	O	O	X	O
ILLINOIS:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Appellate Court	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O

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INDIANA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	X*	X	X*	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	X*	X	O	O	O	X
Tax Court	IAC	O	O	X*	O	O	O	O	X
IOWA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	X*	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	X*	X	O	X	O	O
KANSAS:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	X*	X	O	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	X*	X	O	O	O	X
KENTUCKY:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	X*	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
LOUISIANA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	O	X	X	O	O
MAINE:									
Supreme Judicial Court Sitting as Law Court	COLR	X	O	O		X	X (if remanded)	O	X (if new appeal)
MARYLAND:									
Court of Appeals	COLR	O	X	O	X*	X*	O	O	X
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X
MASSACHUSETTS:									
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	O	X	O	X	O	X	O	O
Appeals Court	IAC	O	X	O	X	O	O	X (if originally dismissed as premature)	O
MICHIGAN:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X (if remanded with jurisdiction retained)	O X	X (if new appeal)
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	X
MINNESOTA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
MISSISSIPPI:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	X*	O	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
MISSOURI:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
MONTANA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O

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NEBRASKA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
NEVADA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
NEW HAMPSHIRE:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	X	X (if remanded with jurisdiction retained)	O	O
NEW JERSEY:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Appellate Division of Superior Court	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
NEW MEXICO:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	X*	X	O	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	X*	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
NEW YORK:									
Court of Appeals	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	O	O	X
Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court	IAC	O	X	O	X	O	X (if remitted for specific issues)	O	X (if remanded, new trial)
Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	IAC	O	X	O	X	O	X	O	O
NORTH CAROLINA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	X	X*	X (if petition to rehear)	X	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	X	O	X	O	X (if re-considering dismissal)	X	O
NORTH DAKOTA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	O	O	X
OHIO:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	IAC	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X*	O	X	O	O
OKLAHOMA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X*	O	O	X	O	X (if reinstated case)	O	X (if additional appeal)
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	X	X	O	X	O	X (if reinstated case)	O	X (if additional appeal)
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	O	O	X*	O	COLR	X (if reinstated case)	O	X (if additional appeal)
OREGON:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		

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	Filing of:				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	
	Court type	Notice of appeal	The trial record	Other point					
PENNSYLVANIA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X*	O	X*	X	X	X (if reinstated to enforce order)	X (if new appeal)	O
Superior Court	IAC	O	O	X*	X	O	X	O	O
Commonwealth Court	IAC	X	O	O	X	X	X (if ADM. AGY.)	O	X
PUERTO RICO:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
RHODE ISLAND:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	O	O	X
SOUTH CAROLINA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	X	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	O	O	X*	O	O	X	O	O
SOUTH DAKOTA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
TENNESSEE:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
TEXAS:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	O	O	X*	X	X	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY		
UTAH:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	X*	O	X	O
VERMONT:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	X (if dismissed and reinstated)	O	X (if after final decision or if statistical period has ended)
VIRGINIA:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
WASHINGTON:									
Supreme Court	COLR	X	O	O	X	X	X	O	O
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
WEST VIRGINIA:									
Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O
WISCONSIN:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	O	X*	O	X	O	O	X
Court of Appeals	IAC	X	O	O	X	O	O	O	X

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	Filing of:				Trial court	Appellate court	No	Rarely	Yes, or frequently as new case
	Court type	Notice of appeal	The trial record	Other point					
WYOMING:									
Supreme Court	COLR	O	X	O	O	X	X	O	O

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

FOOTNOTES*

Arizona-Supreme Court: Civil cases are counted when the fee is paid within 30 days after trial record is filed. Industrial cases and civil petitions for special action are filed with the COLR.
 -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. Industrial cases and civil petitions for special action are filed with the IAC.

California-Supreme Court: Discretionary review cases from the IAC are filed with the COLR and are counted at the notice of appeal.

Florida-District Courts of Appeal: Administrative agency and worker's compensation cases are filed with the IAC.

Hawaii-Supreme Court: Original proceeding cases are filed with the trial court.

Idaho-Supreme Court: Appeals from the IAC are filed with the COLR.
 -Court of Appeals: Cases are counted when assigned by the COLR.

Indiana-Supreme Court: Cases are counted at any first filing. Petitions for transfer from the IAC are filed with the COLR.
 -Court of Appeals: Cases are counted at any first filing.
 -Tax Court: Cases are counted at any first filing.

Iowa-Supreme Court: Appeals from the IAC are filed with the COLR.
 -Court of Appeals: Cases are counted when transferred to the IAC.

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

Kentucky-Supreme Court: Cases are filed with the COLR if review is sought from the IAC.

Maryland-Court of Appeals: Direct appeals are filed with the trial court while appeals from the IAC are filed with the IAC.

Mississippi-Court of Appeals: Cases are counted when assigned from the COLR.

New Mexico-Supreme Court: Cases are counted within 30 days of notice.
 -Court of Appeals: Cases are counted within 30 days of notice.

North Carolina-Supreme Court: Appeals from the IAC are filed with the COLR.

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

Oklahoma-Supreme Court: The notice of appeal refers to the petition in error.
 -Court of Civil Appeals: Cases are counted when assigned by the COLR.

Pennsylvania-Supreme Court: Direct appeals are counted at the notice of appeal while discretionary cases are counted when certiorari is granted.
 -Superior Court: Cases are counted when the notice of appeal is filed in the IAC.

South Carolina-Court of Appeals: Cases are counted at the time of transfer.

Texas-Court of Criminal Appeals: Cases are counted at any first filing.

Utah-Court of Appeals: Administrative agency cases are filed with the IAC.

Wisconsin-Supreme Court: Cases are counted when accepted by the COLR.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 2006

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Limited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Small Claims		
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum		Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
ALABAMA:							
Circuit Court	G	\$3,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	\$3,000/\$10,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Optional
ALASKA:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$100,000	\$10,000	No	Yes	Yes
ARIZONA:							
Superior Court	G	\$5,000-\$10,000/ No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace	L	-	0/ \$5,000-\$10,000	\$2,500	No	Yes	No
ARKANSAS:							
Circuit Court	G	\$100/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$5,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	No
City Court	L	-	0/\$5,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
CALIFORNIA:							
Superior Court	G	\$25,000/No maximum	0/\$25,000 (limited jurisdiction division)	\$5,000	No	Yes	No
COLORADO:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Water Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$7,500	No	Yes	No
CONNECTICUT:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
DELAWARE:							
Court of Chancery	L	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Court of Common Pleas	L	-	0/\$50,000	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace	L	-	0/\$15,000	-	-	-	-
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	-	\$5,001/ \$15,000	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
GEORGIA:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
State Court	L	0/No maximum (No real property)	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Court Bibb County Richmond County	L	-	0/\$25,000 0/\$45,000	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	-	\$15,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court (Columbus)	L	-	-	\$15,000	Yes	Yes	Yes

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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Limited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Small Claims		
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum		Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
HAWAII:							
Circuit Court	G	\$10,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$20,000 (No maximum in summary possession or ejection)	\$3,500 (Except in residential security deposit cases)	No	Yes	Yes
IDAHO:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrates Division	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	No
ILLINOIS:							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$10,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
INDIANA:							
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$6,000	No	Yes	Yes
County Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$6,000	No	Yes	Yes
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	-	-	\$6,000	No	Yes	Yes
City Court	L	-	0/\$500-\$3,000 (No real property)	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
IOWA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
KANSAS:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$4,000	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/\$10,000-\$20,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
(Alexandria City Court)	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
Justice of the Peace Court	L	-	0/\$35,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
	L	-	0/\$3,000	\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
MAINE:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$4,500	No	Yes	Yes
MARYLAND:							
Circuit Court	G	\$5,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	0/No maximum	\$5,000/\$25,000 (only real property)	\$5,000 (tort, contract)	No	Yes	Yes
MASSACHUSETTS:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Housing Court	L	0/No maximum	-	\$2,000	No	No	Yes
District Court	L	0/No maximum	-	\$2,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boston Municipal Court	L	0/No maximum	-	\$2,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Land Court	L	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-

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		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum		Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
MICHIGAN:							
Circuit Court	G	\$25,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$1,500*	\$100*	No	Yes	No
MINNESOTA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$7,500	No	Yes	Yes
MISSISSIPPI:							
Circuit Court	G	\$200/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Chancery Court	L	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$200,000	-	-	-	-
Justice Court	L	-	-	\$2,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
MISSOURI:							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
(Associate Division)	L	-	0/\$25,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
MONTANA:							
District Court	G	\$0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace	L	-	0/\$7,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$7,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	No
City Court	L	-	0/\$7,000	-	-	-	-
NEBRASKA:							
District Court	G	\$51,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$51,000	\$2,700	No	Yes	No
NEVADA:							
District Court	G	\$10,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Justice Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court	L	-	-	\$2,500	No	Yes	Yes
NEW HAMPSHIRE:							
Superior Court	G	\$1,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$25,000*	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
NEW JERSEY:							
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division)	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
(Law Division, Special Civil Part)	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$3,000 (\$5,000 for security deposit demand cases)	No	Yes	Yes
NEW MEXICO:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	-	\$10,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County	L	-	-	\$10,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
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

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		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum		Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
New York (continued):							
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	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
NORTH DAKOTA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
OHIO:							
Court of Common Pleas	G	\$500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$3,000	No	Yes	Yes
OKLAHOMA:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$6,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
OREGON:							
Circuit Court	G	\$751/No maximum	-	\$5,000	-	-	-
Justice Court	L	-	-	\$5,000	No	Yes	No
PENNSYLVANIA:							
Court of Common Pleas	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magisterial District Judge	L	-	-	\$8,000	No	Yes	Yes
Philadelphia Municipal Court	L	0/No maximum (landlord/tenant)	0/\$15,000 (real property)	\$10,000	No	Yes	Yes
PUERTO RICO:							
Court of First Instance	G						
Superior Division		0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Municipal Division		-		\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
RHODE ISLAND:							
Superior Court	G	\$5,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	\$2,500/ \$5,000-\$10,000	\$2,500	No	Yes	Yes
SOUTH CAROLINA:							
Circuit Court	G	\$7,500/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	-	0/\$7,500 (No maximum in landlord-tenant)	Yes	Yes	Yes
SOUTH DAKOTA:							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$8,000	No	Yes	Yes
Magistrate Court	L	-	0/\$10,000	\$8,000	No	Yes	Yes
TENNESSEE:							
Circuit Court, Chancery Court	G	\$50/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-

FIGURE C: Dollar Amount Jurisdiction for Original Tort, Contract, Real Property, and Small Claims Filings in State Trial Courts, 2006

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Unlimited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Limited dollar amount torts, contracts, real property	Maximum dollar amount	Small Claims		
		Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum		Jury trials	Summary procedures	Lawyers permitted
Tennessee (continued):							
General Sessions Court	L	0/No maximum (Forcible entry, detainer, and in actions to recover personal property)		\$25,000	No	Yes	Yes
TEXAS:							
District Court	G	\$200/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court	L	-	\$200/\$100,000*	-	-	-	-
Justice of the Peace	L	-	0/\$5,000	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
UTAH:							
District Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$7,500	-	-	-
Justice Court	L	-		\$7,500	No	Yes	Yes
VERMONT:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$3,500	Yes	Yes	Yes
VIRGINIA:							
Circuit Court	G	\$3,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$15,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes
WASHINGTON:							
Superior Court	G	0/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
District Court	L	-	0/\$50,000	\$4,000	No	Yes	No
WEST VIRGINIA:							
Circuit Court	G	\$300/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Magistrate Court	L	-	-	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
WISCONSIN:							
Circuit Court	G	0/No maximum	-	\$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
WYOMING:							
District Court	G	\$1,000-\$7,000/No maximum	-	-	-	-	-
Circuit Court	L	-	0/\$7,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	Yes

JURISDICTION CODES:

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

FOOTNOTES*

Michigan-Municipal Court: Maximum tort, contract, and real property dollar amount limit can increase to \$3,000 if approved by the local funding unit. Maximum small claims dollar amount limit can increase to \$600 if approved by the local funding unit.

New Hampshire-District Court: Maximum tort, contract, and real property dollar amount limit can increase up to \$50,000 with Supreme Court approval.

Texas-County Court: Maximum tort, contract, and real property dollar amount limit is higher in some County Courts at Law, as authorized by specific statutes for each court.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

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			One	One or more		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/ warrant	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
District Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
City Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
CALIFORNIA:								
Superior Court	G	Complaint/ indictment	X				X	
COLORADO:								
District Court	G	Information/ advisement	X					X
County Court	L	Complaint/ summons	X					X
CONNECTICUT:								
Superior Court	G	Information/ indictment	X				X	
DELAWARE:								
Superior Court	G	Information/ indictment	X					X
Family Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Justice of the Peace Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Court of Common Pleas	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/ indictments	X				(prosecutor decides)	
County Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
GEORGIA:								
Superior Court	G	Indictment/ accusation		X			X	

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GEORGIA (continued):								
State Court	L	Accusation/citation		X			X	
Magistrate Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
Probate Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
County Recorder's Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
City Court	L	Accusation/citation	X				X	
HAWAII:								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/indictment	X				X	(most serious charge)
District Court	L	Information/complaint	X		X			
IDAHO:								
District Court	G	Citation		X				X
Magistrates Division	L	Information/complaint		X				X
ILLINOIS:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment		X			X	
INDIANA:								
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	(may not be consistent)
County Court	L	Information/indictment	X				X	(may not be consistent)
City Court and Town Court	L	Information/indictment	X				X	(may not be consistent)
IOWA:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
KANSAS:								
District Court	G	First appearance	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	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		
Family and Juvenile	G	Information/complaint	X				X	
City and Parish Court	L	Information/complaint	X				X	
MAINE:								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	

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			One	One or more		Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
MAINE (continued):								
District Court	G	Information/complaint	X				X	
MARYLAND:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	L	Citation/information/docket	X				X	
MASSACHUSETTS:								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
Housing Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Boston Municipal Ct.	L	Complaint	X				X	
Juvenile Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
MICHIGAN:								
Circuit Court	G	Information	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
MINNESOTA:								
District Court	G	Complaint*	X				X*	
MISSISSIPPI:								
Circuit Court	G	Indictment	X				X	
County Court	L	Indictment	X				X	
Justice Court	L	Indictment	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Indictment	X				X	
MISSOURI:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment		Varies*			X	
(Associate Division)	L	Complaint/information		Varies*			X	
MONTANA:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment			X		X	
Justice's 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	X				X	
Justice Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	

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			One	One or more	Single charge	Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
NEW HAMPSHIRE:								
Superior Court	G	Information/ indictment	X				X	
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
NEW JERSEY:								
Superior Court (Law Division)	G	Indictment/ accusation	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
NEW MEXICO:								
District Court	G	Complaint	X				X	
Magistrate Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
NEW YORK:								
Supreme Court	G	Indictment	X				Varies depending on prosecutor	
County Court	G	Indictment	X				Varies depending on prosecutor	
Criminal Court of the City of New York	L	Docket	X				Varies depending on prosecutor	
District Court and City Court	L	Docket	X				Varies depending on prosecutor	
Town Court and Village Justice Court	L	Docket	X				Varies depending on prosecutor	
NORTH CAROLINA:								
Superior Court	G	Indictment/ transfer	X				Varies depending on prosecutor	
District Court	L	Warrant/ summons	X				Varies depending on prosecutor	
NORTH DAKOTA:								
District Court	G	Information	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Information	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	Warrant/ summons	X				X	
OKLAHOMA:								
District Court	G	Information/ indictment		X				X
OREGON:								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/ indictment	X				X	
Justice Court	L	Complaint	X			(number of charges not consistent statewide)		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
PENNSYLVANIA:								
Court of Common Pleas	G	Information	X				X	

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			One	One or more		Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
PENNSYLVANIA								
(continued):								
Magisterial District Judge	L	Complaint	X				X	
Philadelphia Municipal	L	Complaint	X				X	
PUERTO RICO:								
Court of First Instance	G	Accusation	X		X			
RHODE ISLAND:								
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X					X
District Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
SOUTH CAROLINA:								
Circuit Court	G	Warrant/summons/direct indictment	X				X	
Magistrate Court	L	Warrant/summons	X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Warrant/summons	X				X	
SOUTH DAKOTA:								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint	X				X	
Magistrate Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
TENNESSEE:								
Circuit and Criminal Court	G	Information/indictment	X		X			
General Sessions Court	L	No data reported						
Municipal Court	L	No data reported						
TEXAS:								
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
Justice Court	L	Citation	X				X	
VERMONT:								
District Court	G	Arraignment	X					X
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
VIRGINIA:								
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X		X			
District Court	L	Warrant/summons	X		X			

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			One	One or more		Single incident (set # of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimited # of charges)	One or more incidents
WASHINGTON:								
Superior Court	G	Information	X				X (Typically no more than 2 charges)	
District Court	L	Complaint/citation	X			X		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint/citation	X			X		
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	Complaint/citation*	X		X			
WYOMING:								
District Court	G	Information/indictment		X				X
Circuit Court	L	Information/indictment		X				X
Municipal Court	L	Citation/complaint	X		X			

JURISDICTION CODES:

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

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.

Minnesota-District Court-During the transition to a new case management system (CMS), criminal cases are counted both at first appearance in those courts using the previous CMS and at the filing of the complaint in those courts using the new CMS. The unit of count for all gross misdemeanor and felony cases is single defendant-single charge, but for misdemeanor cases the unit of count is single defendant-one/more charges.

Missouri-Statewide there are very few cases with two or more defendants, most are one defendant only.

Wisconsin-Municipal Court-The disposition of the complaint/citation is the point at which a criminal case is counted.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE E: Juvenile Unit of Count Used in State Trial Courts, 2006

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
District Court	L		X	X		18
ARIZONA:						
Superior Court	G		X	X		18
ARKANSAS:						
Circuit 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
Probate Court	L	X			X	16
DELAWARE:						
Family Court (special)	L		X	X		18
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:						
Superior Court	G	X			X	18*
FLORIDA:						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
GEORGIA:						
Juvenile Court (special)	L		X		X	17*
HAWAII:						
Circuit Court	G	X		X		18*
IDAHO:						
District Court	G		X	X		18
Magistrates Division	L		X	X		18
ILLINOIS:						
Circuit Court	G		X		X	17*
INDIANA:						
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
Probate Court	L		X	X		18
IOWA:						
District Court	G		X	X		18
KANSAS:						
District Court	G		X		X	18*

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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	
KENTUCKY:						
Family Court	G		X	X		18
District Court	L		X	X		18*
LOUISIANA:						
District Court	G		X	X		17
Family and Juvenile Court	G		X	X		17*
City Court and Parish Court	L		X	X		17
MAINE:						
District Court	G		X	X		18
MARYLAND:						
Circuit Court	G		X		X	18
MASSACHUSETTS:						
District Court	L		X	X		17
Juvenile Court	L		X	X		17
Probate and Family Court	L		X	X		17
MICHIGAN:						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		17
MINNESOTA:						
District Court	G		X	X		18
MISSISSIPPI:						
County Court	L		X	X		18
Chancery Court	L		X	X		18
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		X		Varies	18*
NEW HAMPSHIRE:						
District Court	L		X		X	17*
Probate Court	L		X		X	17
Family Division	L		X		X	17
NEW JERSEY:*						
Superior Court	G	X			X	18
NEW MEXICO:						
District Court	G		X	X		18
NEW YORK:						
Family Court	L		X		X	16*
NORTH CAROLINA:						
District Court	L		X	X		16*

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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	
NORTH DAKOTA:						
District Court	G		X		X	18
OHIO:						
Court of Common Pleas	G	X (warrant)			X	18
OKLAHOMA:						
District Court	G		X (case number)	X		18
OREGON:						
Circuit Court	G		X	Dispositions are not counted		18*
PENNSYLVANIA:						
Court of Common Pleas	G	X (delinquency)	X (dependency)	X		18
PUERTO RICO:						
Court of First Instance	G		X		X	18 (but court keeps authority until processed minor turns 21)
RHODE ISLAND:						
Family Court	L	X		X		18 (court can keep jurisdiction until 21)
SOUTH CAROLINA:						
Family Court	L		X	X		17*
SOUTH DAKOTA:						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		18
TENNESSEE:						
General Sessions Court	L		(Data are reported with Juvenile Court data)			
Juvenile Court	L	X			X	18
TEXAS:						
District Court	G		X		X	17
County-level 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
Magistrate Court	L		X		X	18
WISCONSIN:						
Circuit Court	G		X	X		17
WYOMING:						
District Court	G		X	X		19

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FOOTNOTES*

Arkansas-At age 14, if certain offenses are committed or other factors are involved (e.g., if offense is a felony if committed by an adult and juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent three times within the last two years for acts that would have been felonies if committed by an adult.

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

Georgia-Age 18 for deprived juveniles. If 13 and certain offenses are committed (7), Superior Court has jurisdiction unless transferred to Juvenile Court.

Hawaii- At age 14, jurisdiction may be waived if certain offenses are committed or other factors are involved (e.g. the offense would constitute a class A felony if committed by an adult, the offense resulted in serious bodily injury to the victim, or the juvenile has one or more prior adjudications for acts that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult). At age 16, jurisdiction may be waived if certain offenses are committed that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult.

Illinois-At age 15 for first-degree murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed robbery, robbery with a firearm, and unlawful use of weapon on school grounds.

Kansas-At age 14 for traffic violations and if waived to adult status, at 16 for fish and game violations.

Kentucky-At age 16 for traffic violations.

Louisiana- At age 14 for armed robbery with firearm, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated battery with discharge of firearm. At age 15 for armed robbery, 2nd degree kidnapping, second or subsequent aggravated battery or aggravated battery with firearm, aggravated burglary, second or subsequent aggravated burglary or burglary of inhabited dwelling, manslaughter, attempted 1st or 2nd degree murder, and simple or forcible rape.

Montana-Under 41-5-206, MCA, certain offenses are subject to filing in "adult" court at age 12.

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

New Hampshire-At age 16 for traffic violations and at 15 for some felony charges.

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.).

New York-At age 13, 14, or 15 for specified felonies.

North Carolina-At age 13 or older may be transferred (after notice hearing and 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.

Oregon-At age 15, if certain felony offenses are alleged. Up to age 21 for certain status offenses.

South Carolina-At age 16, if certain felony offenses are alleged.

Vermont-At 10, if certain offenses are committed or other factors are involved.

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 2006

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	District Court
		X	X	X	on the record	
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, District, and City
CALIFORNIA:						
Superior Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Limited Jurisdiction Division
COLORADO:						
District Court	G	X	X	O	on the record	County and Municipal Court of Record
County Court	L	O	X	X	de novo	Municipal Court Not of Record
CONNECTICUT:						
Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo or on the record	Probate Court
DELAWARE:						
Superior Court	G	X	O	O	Certiorari, de novo on the record, on the record	Family Court
		O	O	X		Court of Common Pleas
		O	X	X		
Court of Common Pleas	L	X	X	X	de novo	Justice of the Peace, Alderman's Courts
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
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	

FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 2006

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
IDAHO:						
District Court	G	X	X small claims	X	de novo	Magistrates Division
		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
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
MARYLAND:						
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	de novo, on the record	District Court
MASSACHUSETTS:						
Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo, on the record	Limited jurisdiction courts
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 Court
		O	O	X	de novo	Municipal Courts
		O	X	X	de novo	Justice Courts
Chancery Court	L	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 Division
MONTANA:						
District Court	G	X	X	O	de novo and on the record	Justice's Court, Municipal, City Courts, and State Boards
		-	-	-	de novo	

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State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Administrative Agency Appeals	Trial Court Appeals		Type of Appeal	Source of Trial Court Appeal
			Civil	Criminal		
NEBRASKA:						
District Court	G	X	O	O	de novo	
		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 Court
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
NEW YORK:						
County Court	G	O	X	X	on the record	City, Town & Village Justice Courts
NORTH CAROLINA:						
Superior Court	G	X	O	X	de novo	District Court
		X	O	O	de novo on the record	
		X	O	O	on the record	
District Court	L	O	X	X	de novo	Magistrates
NORTH DAKOTA:						
District Court	G	X	O	O	on the record except for Municipal Court which is de novo	Municipal Court
OHIO:						
Court of Common Pleas	G	X	O	O	de novo and on the record	
County Court	L	O	O	X	de novo	Mayor's Court
Municipal Court	L	O	O	X	de novo	Mayor's Court
Court of Claims	L	X	O	O	de novo	
OKLAHOMA:						
District Court	G	X	O	X	de novo on the record	Municipal Court Not of Record
Court of Tax Review	L	X	O	O	de novo on the record	
OREGON:						
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	on the record	County, Municipal, and Justice Courts
Tax Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	
PENNSYLVANIA:						
Court of Common Pleas	G	X	X	O	on the record	Philadelphia Municipal, Magisterial District Judge, Philadelphia Traffic, Pittsburgh Municipal

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			Civil	Criminal		
PUERTO RICO:						
Court of First Instance	G	X	O	O	on the record	
RHODE ISLAND:						
Superior Court	G	X	O	O	on the record	District, Municipal, Probate Courts
		O	X	X	de novo	
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
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	X	O	de novo	Municipal Court not of record, Justice of the Peace Courts
County-level Courts	L	O	X	X	de novo	Municipal Court not of record, Justice of the Peace Courts
					de novo on the record	Municipal Courts of record
UTAH:						
District Court	G	X	X	X	de novo	Justice Courts
VERMONT:						
Superior Court	G	X	X	O	de novo or on the record	Probate Court; small claims appealed within Superior Court system
District Court	G		X		De novo or on the record	Judicial Bureau
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
		O	X	X	de novo	Magistrate Court (if no jury trial)
		O	X	X	on the record	Magistrate Court (jury trials and preliminary hearings)
		O	X	O	on the record	Family Court
WISCONSIN:						
Circuit Court	G	X	X	O	de novo	Municipal Court
WYOMING:						
District Court	G	X	X	X	de novo on the record	Justice of the Peace, Municipal, County Courts

FIGURE F: State Trial Courts with Incidental Appellate Jurisdiction, 2006

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 Justices/Judges in State Courts, 2006

State:	Court(s) of last resort	Intermediate appellate court(s)	General jurisdiction court(s)	Limited jurisdiction court(s)
ALABAMA	9	10	144	443
ALASKA	5	3	44 (includes 10 masters)	82 (includes 61 magistrates)
ARIZONA	5	22	171 (includes 5 part-time judges)	231 (includes 87 justices of the peace)
ARKANSAS	7	12	115	208
CALIFORNIA	7	105	1,922 (includes 424 commissioners and referees)	–
COLORADO	7	16	150	368
CONNECTICUT	7	10	180	133
DELAWARE	5	–	24 (includes 1 chancellor and 4 vice-chancellors)	96 (includes 57 justices of the peace, 1 chief magistrate, 3 deputy chief magistrates, and 9 aldermen)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	9	–	83 (includes 24 magistrate judges)	–
FLORIDA	7	62	564	302
GEORGIA	7	12	197	1,282 (includes 159 chief magistrates & 342 magistrates)
HAWAII	5	6	45 (includes 12 District Family Court judges)	23 (excludes per diem judges)
IDAHO	5	3	40	85 (magistrate judges)
ILLINOIS	7	45	868 (includes 354 associate judges)	–
INDIANA	5	16 (includes 1 tax court judge)	303	88
IOWA	7	9	344 (includes 37 senior judges who work 1/4 time and are counted as 9 FTE, 116 district judges, 57 district associate judges, 149 part-time magistrates, 12 associate juvenile judges, & 1 associate probate judge)	–
KANSAS	7	12	239 (includes 78 district magistrates)	255
KENTUCKY	7	14	130 (includes 35 family court judges)	115 (excludes 34 senior status judges that can serve on any court except the Supreme Court)
LOUISIANA	7	53	242 (includes 11 commissioners)	713 (includes 390 justices of the peace, 250 mayors)
MAINE	7	–	49	16 part-time judges
MARYLAND	7	13	153	177 (includes 66 Orphan's Court judges)
MASSACHUSETTS	7	25	82	296
MICHIGAN	7	28	221	365
MINNESOTA	7	16	281	–
MISSISSIPPI	9	10	51	460 (includes 191 justices of the peace & 28 chancellors)
MISSOURI	7	32	368 (includes 34 commissioners)	395
MONTANA	7	–	49	103 (includes 25 justices of the peace)
NEBRASKA	7	6	55	76
NEVADA	7	–	60	84 (includes 64 justices of the peace)
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5	–	36 (includes 14 part-time judges)	96 (includes 6 part-time marital masters)
NEW JERSEY	7	34	408 (includes 21 surrogates)	377
NEW MEXICO	5	10	88	203

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State:	Court(s) of last resort	Intermediate appellate court(s)	General jurisdiction court(s)	Limited jurisdiction court(s)
NEW YORK	7	71	455 (includes 59 "acting" Supreme Court judges)	3,060 (includes 31 surrogates, 2,300 justices of the peace & 81 quasi-judicial staff)
NORTH CAROLINA	7	15	209 (includes 100 clerks who hear uncontested probate)	957 (includes 718 magistrates)
NORTH DAKOTA	5	–	42	94
OHIO	7	68	387	590 (includes 335 mayors)
OKLAHOMA	14	12	240 (includes 87 special judges)	376 (includes part-time judges)
OREGON	7	10	178 (includes 4 magistrates)	262 (includes 30 justices of the peace)
PENNSYLVANIA	7	24	434	580 (includes 548 magisterial district judges)
PUERTO RICO	7	33	326	–
RHODE ISLAND	5	–	27 (includes 5 magistrates)	115 (includes 17 magistrates)
SOUTH CAROLINA	5	9	68 (includes 22 masters-in-equity)	708 (includes 310 magistrates)
SOUTH DAKOTA	5	–	39	19 (includes 12 full time & 7 part-time magistrates)
TENNESSEE	5	24	154 (includes 34 chancellors)	419
TEXAS	18	80	432	2,710 (includes 825 justices of the peace)
UTAH	5	7	79 (includes 8 domestic court commissioners)	144 (includes 116 justices of the peace & 1 commissioner)
VERMONT	5	–	37 (includes 5 magistrates)	23 (includes 18 part-time judges & 3 hearing officers)
VIRGINIA	7	11	157	244 (includes 117 FTE juvenile & domestic relations judges)
WASHINGTON	9	24	229 (includes 53 full and part-time commissioners)	156 (includes 7 commissioners)
WEST VIRGINIA	5	–	65	315 (includes 158 magistrates & 122 part-time judges)
WISCONSIN	7	16	241	246
WYOMING	5	–	21	91 (includes 6 magistrates & 61 part-time judges)
Total	356	985	11,349	18,161

Source: State administrative offices of the courts.

FIGURE H: Method of Counting Civil Cases in State Trial Courts, 2006

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
CALIFORNIA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened	Retried cases	No	No
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	NC	Pending caseload is adjusted	No	No if heard separately (rarely occurs)
DELAWARE:					
Court of Chancery	G	Reopened		N/Applicable	No
Superior Court	G	NA		No	No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	N/Applicable		No	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	N/Applicable		No	No
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes
FLORIDA:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
County Court	L	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
GEORGIA:					
Superior Court	G	New filings		Yes	No
Civil Court	L	NC		NC	NC

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GEORGIA					
(continued):					
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
Magistrates Division	L	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
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		Yes/Yes	No
KANSAS:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
KENTUCKY:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
Family Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
District Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
LOUISIANA:					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/No	Yes/No
Juvenile Court	G	New filings		Yes/No	No
Family Court	G	New filings		No	No
City & Parish Courts	L	New filings		Yes/Yes	No
MAINE:					
Superior Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
District Court	G	NC		Yes/Yes	No
Probate Court	L	NC		No	No
MARYLAND:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened, but included with new filings		No	NA
District Court	L	NA		NA	Yes/No

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MASSACHUSETTS:					
Superior Court	G	NC		NA	Yes/No
District Court	L	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Boston Municipal Court	L	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Housing Court	L	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Land Court	L	NC		N/Applicable	NA
MICHIGAN:					
Court of Claims	G	Reopened		No	No
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
District Court	L	Reopened		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	Reopened		NA	NA
MINNESOTA:					
District Court	G	Identified separately	No	No	
MISSISSIPPI:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		Yes	Yes/No
Chancery Court	L	Reopened		Yes	Yes/No
County Court	L	Varies		Varies	Yes/No
Justice Court	L	Varies		Varies	Varies
MISSOURI:					
Circuit Court	G	New filings		Yes/No	Yes/No
MONTANA:					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes	Yes/No
Justice's 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	Refers to original case	Varies/Varies	Varies
NEW HAMPSHIRE:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	No
District Court	L	NC		No	No
Family Division	L				
NEW JERSEY:					
Superior Court: Family Division Civil, General Equity, and Criminal Divisions	G	Reopened		Yes/Yes	Yes/No (except for domestic violence)
	G	Reopened		No	No
NEW MEXICO:					
District Court	G	Reopened		Yes/Yes	No
Magistrate Court	L	Reopened		No	No

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New Mexico (continued)					
Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County	L	Reopened		No	No
NEW YORK:					
Supreme Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
County Court	G	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	Reopened		Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes
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
PENNSYLVANIA:					
Court of Common Pleas	G	Reopened		No	No
Magisterial District Judges	L	New filings		NA	NA
PUERTO RICO:					
Court of First Instance	G	New filings		Yes/No	No
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	Reopened		No	No (Permanent

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South Carolina (continued)					
Family Court	L	Reopened		No	No
Magistrate Court	L	Reopened		No	No
Probate Court	L	Reopened		No	No
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/No
Justice Court	L	NC		No	Yes/No
VERMONT:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
District Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Family Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Probate Court	L	Reopened		No	N/Applicable
VIRGINIA:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened	Reinstated cases		
District Court	L	New filings		Yes/No	No
WASHINGTON:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened (but not identified separately)		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
Family Court	L	NC		No	N/Applicable
WISCONSIN:					
Circuit Court	G	New filings	Identified with R(reopened) suffix	No	Yes/Yes

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WYOMING:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
Circuit 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.

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