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Appellate Jurisdiction Appellate jurisdiction has been conferred upon the Supreme Court by various statutes under the authority given Congress by the Constitution. The basic statute effective at this time in conferring and controlling jurisdiction of the Supreme Court may be found in 28 U.S.C. 1251, 1253, 1254, 1257–1259, and various special statutes. Congress has no authority to change the original jurisdiction of this Court.

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Court Term The term of the Court begins on the first Monday in October and lasts until the first Monday in October of the next year. Approximately 8,000 cases are filed with the Court in the course of a term, and some 1,000 applications of various kinds are filed each year that can be acted upon by a single Justice.

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Lower Courts

Article III of the Constitution declares, in section 1, that the judicial power of the United States shall be invested in one Supreme Court and in ''such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish.'' The Supreme Court has held that these constitutional courts ''. . . share in the exercise of the judicial power defined in that section, can be invested with no other jurisdiction, and have judges who hold office during good behavior, with no power in Congress to provide otherwise.''

United States Courts of Appeals The courts of appeals are intermediate appellate courts created by act of March 3, 1891 (28 U.S.C. ch. 3), to relieve the Supreme Court of considering all appeals in cases originally decided by the Federal trial courts. They are empowered to review all final decisions and certain interlocutory decisions (18 U.S.C. 3731; 28 U.S.C. 1291, 1292) of district courts. They also are empowered to review and enforce orders of many Federal administrative bodies. The decisions of the courts of appeals are final except as they are subject to review on writ of certiorari by the Supreme Court.

The United States is divided geographically into 12 judicial circuits, including the District of Columbia. Each circuit has a court of appeals (28 U.S.C. 41, 1294). Each of the 50 States is assigned to one of the circuits. The territories and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are assigned variously to the first, third, and ninth circuits. There is also a Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which has nationwide jurisdiction defined by subject matter. At present each court of appeals has from 6 to 28 permanent circuit judgeships (179 in all), depending upon the amount of judicial work in the circuit. Circuit judges hold their offices during good behavior as provided by Article III,

section 1, of the Constitution. The judge senior in commission who is under 70 years of age (65 at inception of term), has been in office at least 1 year, and has not previously been chief judge, serves as the chief judge of the circuit for a 7-year term. One of the justices of the Supreme Court is assigned as circuit justice for each of the 13 judicial circuits. Each court of appeals normally hears cases in panels consisting of three judges but may sit *en banc* with all judges present.

The judges of each circuit (except the Federal Circuit) by vote determine the size of the judicial council for the circuit, which consists of the chief judge and an equal number of circuit and district judges. The council considers the state of Federal judicial business in the circuit and may ''make all necessary and appropriate orders for [its] effective and expeditious administration . . .'' (28 U.S.C. 332). The chief judge of each circuit may summon periodically a judicial conference of all judges of the circuit, including members of the bar, to discuss the business of the Federal courts of the circuit (28 U.S.C. 333). The chief judge of each circuit and a district judge elected from each of the 12 geographical circuits, together with the chief judge of the Court of International Trade, serve as members of the Judicial Conference of the United States, over which the Chief Justice of the United States presides. This is the governing body for the administration of the Federal judicial system as a whole (28 U.S.C. 331).

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit This court was established under Article III of the Constitution pursuant to the Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1982 (28 U.S.C. 41, 44, 48), as successor to the former United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the United States Court of Claims. The jurisdiction of the court is nationwide (as provided by 28 U.S.C. 1295) and includes appeals from the district courts in patent cases; appeals from the district courts in contract, and certain other civil actions in which the United States is a defendant; and appeals from final decisions of the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The jurisdiction of the court also includes the review of administrative rulings by the Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. International Trade Commission, Secretary of Commerce, agency boards of contract appeals, and the Merit Systems Protection Board, as well as rulemaking of the Department of Veterans Affairs; review of decisions of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics concerning discrimination claims of Senate employees; and review of a final order of an entity to be designated by the President concerning discrimination claims of Presidential appointees.

The court consists of 12 circuit judges. It sits in panels of three or more on each case and may also hear or rehear a case *en banc.* The court sits principally in Washington, DC, and may hold court wherever any court of appeals sits (28 U.S.C. 48).

Judicial Circuits—United States Courts of Appeals

Circuit	Judges	Official Station
District of Columbia Circuit (11)		
(*Clerk*: Mark J. Langer; *Circuit Executive*: Elizabeth H. Paret; Washington, DC)	*Circuit Justice*	
	Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.	
	Circuit Judges	
	David Bryan Sentelle, *Chief Judge*	Washington, DC
	Douglas H. Ginsburg	Washington, DC
	Karen LeCraft Henderson	Washington, DC
	Judith W. Rogers	Washington, DC
	David S. Tatel	Washington, DC
	Merrick B. Garland	Washington, DC
	Janice Rogers Brown	Washington, DC
	Thomas B. Griffith	Washington, DC
	Brett M. Kavanaugh	Washington, DC

Judicial Circuits—United States Courts of Appeals—Continued

Circuit	Judges	Official Station
	(2 vacancies)	
	First Circuit (6)	
Districts of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Puerto Rico (*Clerk*: Richard C. Donovan; *Circuit Executive*: Gary Wente;	*Circuit Justice*	
	Justice Stephen G. Breyer	
	Circuit Judges	
	Sandra L. Lynch, *Chief Judge*	Boston, MA
	Juan R. Torruella	San Juan, PR
	Michael Boudin,	Boston, MA
	Kermit V. Lipez	Portland, ME
	Jeffrey R. Howard	Concord, NH
	(vacancy)	
	Second Circuit (13)	
Districts of Vermont, Connecticut, northern New York, southern New York, eastern New York, and western New York (*Clerk*: Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; *Circuit Executive*: Karen Greve Milton; New York, NY)	*Circuit Justice*	
	Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg	
	Circuit Judges	
	Dennis G. Jacobs, *Chief Judge*	New York, NY
	Jose A. Cabranes	New Haven, CT
	Rosemary S. Pooler	Syracuse, NY
	Robert A. Katzmann	New York, NY
	Barrington D. Parker, Jr.	New York, NY
	Reena Raggi	Brooklyn, NY
	Richard C. Wesley	Geneseo, NY
	Peter W. Hall	Rutland, VT
	Debra Ann Livingston	New York, NY
	(4 vacancies)	
	Third Circuit (14)	
Districts of New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, middle Pennsylvania, western Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the Virgin Islands (*Clerk*: Marcia M. Waldron; *Circuit Executive*: Toby D. Slawsky; Philadelphia, PA)	*Circuit Justice*	
	Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr.	
	Circuit Judges	
	Anthony J. Scirica, *Chief Judge*	Philadelphia, PA
	Dolores Korman Sloviter	Philadelphia, PA
	Theodore A. McKee	Philadelphia, PA
	Marjorie O. Rendell	Philadelphia, PA
	Maryanne Trump Barry	Newark, NJ
	Thomas L. Ambro	Wilmington, DE
	Julio M. Fuentes	Newark, NJ
	D. Brooks Smith	Duncansville, PA
	D. Michael Fisher	Pittsburg, PA
	Michael A. Chagares	Newark, NJ
	Kent A. Jordan	Wilmington, DE
	Thomas M. Hardiman	Pittsburgh, PA
	(2 vacancies)	
	Fourth Circuit (15)	
Districts of Maryland, northern West Virginia, southern West Virginia, eastern Virginia, western Virginia, eastern North Carolina, western North Carolina, middle North Carolina, and South Carolina (*Clerk*: Patricia S. Connor; *Circuit Executive*: Samuel W. Phillips; Richmond, VA)	*Circuit Justice*	
	Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.	
	Circuit Judges	
	William B. Traxler, Jr., Chief Judge	Greenville, SC
	James Harvie Wilkinson III	Charlottesville, VA
	Paul V. Niemeyer	Baltimore, MD
	M. Blane Michael	Charleston, WV
	Diana Gribbon Motz	Baltimore, MD
	Robert B King	Charleston, WV
	Roger L Gregory	Richmond, VA
	Dennis W. Shedd	Columbia, SC
	Allyson K. Duncan	Raleigh, NC
	G. Steven Agee	Salem, VA
	(5 vacancies)	

Judicial Circuits—United States Courts of Appeals—Continued

Circuit	Judges	Official Station
	Fifth Circuit (17)	
Districts of northern Mississippi, southern Mississippi, eastern Louisiana, middle Louisiana, western Louisiana, northern Texas, southern Texas, eastern Texas, and western Texas (*Clerk*: Charles R. Fulbruge III; *Circuit Executive*: Gregory A. Nussel; New Orleans, LA)	*Circuit Justice* Justice Antonin Scalia	
	Circuit Judges	
	Edith Hollan Jones, *Chief Judge*	Houston, TX
	Carolyn Dineen King	Houston, TX
	E. Grady Jolly	Jackson, MS
	W. Eugene Davis	Lafayette, LA
	Jerry Edwin Smith	Houston, TX
	Jacques L. Wiener, Jr.	New Orleans, LA
	Emilio M. Garza	San Antonio, TX
	Fortunado P. Benavides	Austin, TX
	Carl E. Stewart	Shreveport, LA
	James L. Dennis	New Orleans, LA
	Edith Brown Clement	New Orleans, LA
	Edward C. Prado	San Antonio, TX
	Priscilla Richman Owen	Austin, TX
	Jennifer Walker Elrod	Houston, TX
	Leslie H. Southwick	Jackson, MS
	Catharina Haynes	Dallas, TX
	(vacancy)	
	Sixth Circuit (16)	
Districts of northern Ohio, southern Ohio, eastern Michigan, western Michigan, eastern Kentucky, western Kentucky, eastern Tennessee, middle Tennessee, and western Tennessee (*Clerk*: Leonard Green; *Circuit Executive*: Clarence G. Maddox II; Cincinnati, OH)	*Circuit Justice* Justice John Paul Stevens	
	Circuit Judges	
	Danny J. Boggs, *Chief Judge*	Louisville, KY
	Boyce F. Martin, Jr.	Louisville, KY
	Alice M. Batchelder	Medina, OH
	Karen Nelson Moore	Cleveland, OH
	Ransey Guy Cole, Jr.	Columbus, OH
	Eric L. Clay	Detroit, MI
	Ronald Lee Gilman	Memphis, TN
	Julia Smith Gibbons	Memphis, TN
	John M. Rogers	Lexington, KY
	Jeffrey S. Sutton	Columbus, OH
	Deborah L. Cook	Akron, OH
	David W. McKeague	Lansing, MI
	Richard A. Griffin	Traverse City, MI
	Raymond M. Kethledge	Detroit, MI
	Helene N. White	Detroit, MI
	(vacancy)	
	Seventh Circuit (11)	
Districts of northern Indiana, southern Indiana, northern Illinois, central Illinois, southern Illinois, eastern Wisconsin, and western Wisconsin (*Clerk*: Gino J. Agnello; *Circuit Executive*: Collins T. Fitzpatrick; Chicago, IL)	*Circuit Justice* Justice John Paul Stevens	
	Circuit Judges	
	Frank H. Easterbrook, *Chief Judge*	Chicago, IL
	Richard A. Posner	Chicago, IL
	Joel M. Flaum	Chicago, IL
	Michael S. Kanne	Lafayette, IN
	Ilana Diamond Rovner	Chicago, IL
	Diane P. Wood	Chicago, IL
	Terence T. Evans	Milwaukee, WI
	Ann C. Williams	Chicago, IL
	Diane S. Sykes	Milwaukee, WI
	John Daniel Tinder	Indianapolis, IN
	(vacancy)	
	Eighth Circuit (11)	
Districts of Minnesota, northern Iowa, southern Iowa, eastern Missouri, western Missouri, eastern Arkansas, western Arkansas, Nebraska, North Dakota,	*Circuit Justice* Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr.	
	Circuit Judges	
	James B. Loken, *Chief Judge*	Minneapolis, MN
	Roger L. Wollman	Sioux Falls, SD

Judicial Circuits—United States Courts of Appeals—Continued

Circuit	Judges	Official Station
and South Dakota	Diana E. Murphy	Minneapolis, MN
(*Clerk*: Michael Ellis Gans;	Kermit E. Bye	Fargo, ND
Circuit Executive:	William Jay Riley	Omaha, NE
Millie B. Adams;	Michael J. Melloy	Cedar Rapids, IA
St. Louis, MO)	Lavenski R. Smith	Little Rock, AR
	Steven M. Colloton	Des Moines, IA
	Raymond W. Gruender	St. Louis, MO
	William Duane Benton	Kansas City, MO
	Bobby E. Shepherd	El Dorado, AR
Ninth Circuit (29)		
Districts of northern	*Circuit Justice*	
California, eastern	Justice Anthony M. Kennedy	
California, central California,		
southern California, Oregon,	*Circuit Judges*	
Nevada, Montana, eastern	Alex Kozinski, *Chief Judge*	Pasadena, CA
Washington, western	Mary M. Schroeder	Phoenix, AZ
Washington, Idaho, Arizona,	Harry Pregerson	Woodland Hills, CA
Alaska, Hawaii, Territory	Stephen Reinhardt	Los Angeles, CA
of Guam, and District	Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain	Portland, OR
Court for the Northern	Pamela Ann Rymer	Pasadena, CA
Mariana Islands	Andrew J. Kleinfeld	Fairbanks, AK
(*Clerk*: Molly Dwyer;	Michael Daly Hawkins	Phoenix, AZ
Circuit Executive:	Sidney R. Thomas	Billings, MT
Cathy A. Catterson;	Barry G. Silverman	Phoenix, AZ
San Francisco, CA)	Susan P. Graber	Portland, OR
	M. Margaret McKeown	San Diego, CA
	Kim M. Wardlaw	Pasadena, CA
	William A. Fletcher	San Francisco, CA
	Raymond C. Fisher	Pasadena, CA
	Ronald M. Gould	Seattle, WA
	Richard A. Paez	Pasadena, CA
	Marsha S. Berzon	San Francisco, CA
	Richard C. Tallman	Seattle, WA
	Johnnie B. Rawlinson	Las Vegas, NV
	Richard R. Clifton	Honolulu, HI
	Jay S. Bybee	Las Vegas, NV
	Consuelo Maria Callahan	Sacramento, CA
	Carlos T. Bea	San Francisco, CA
	Milan D. Smith, Jr.	El Segundo, CA
	Sandra S. Ikuta	Pasadena, CA
	Norman Randy Smith	Pocatello, ID
	(2 vacancies)	
Tenth Circuit (12)		
Districts of Colorado,	*Circuit Justice*	
Wyoming, Utah, Kansas,	Justice Stephen G. Breyer	
eastern Oklahoma, western		
Oklahoma, northern	*Circuit Judges*	
Oklahoma, and New	Robert H. Henry,*Chief Judge*	Oklahoma City, OK
Mexico	Deanell Reece Tacha	Lawrence, KS
(*Clerk*: Elisabeth A. Shumaker;	Paul J. Kelly, Jr.	Santa Fe, NM
Circuit Executive:	Mary Beck Briscoe	Lawrence, KS
David J. Tighe;	Carlos F. Lucero	Denver, CO
Denver, CO)	Michael R. Murphy	Salt Lake City, UT
	Harris L. Hartz	Albuquerque, NM
	Terrence L. O'Brien	Cheyenne, WY
	Michael W. McConnell	Salt Lake City, UT
	Timothy M. Tymkovich	Denver, CO
	Neil M. Gorusch	Denver, CO
	Jerome A. Holmes	Oklahoma City, OK
Eleventh Circuit (12)		
Districts of northern	*Circuit Justice*	
Georgia, middle Georgia,	Justice Clarence Thomas	
southern Georgia, northern		
Florida, middle Florida,	*Circuit Judges*	
southern Florida, northern	Joel F. Dubina, *Chief Judge*	Montgomery, GA
Alabama, middle Alabama,	Gerald B. Tjoflat	Jacksonville, FL
southern Alabama	James Larry Edmondson	Atlanta, GA

Judicial Circuits—United States Courts of Appeals—Continued

Circuit	Judges	Official Station
(*Clerk*: Thomas K. Kahn; *Circuit Executive*: James P. Gerstenlauer; Atlanta, GA)	Stanley F. Birch, Jr.	Atlanta, GA
	Susan H. Black	Jacksonville, FL
	Edward E. Carnes	Montgomery, AL
	Rosemary Barkett	Miami, FL
	Frank Mays Hull	Atlanta, GA
	Stanley Marcus	Miami, FL
	Charles R. Wilson	Tampa, FL
	William H. Pryor, Jr.	Birmingham, Al
	(vacancy)	
Federal Circuit (12)		
(Clerk: Jan Horbaly)	*Circuit Justice*	
	Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.	
	Judges	
	Paul R. Michel, *Chief Judge*	Washington, DC
	Pauline Newman	Washington, DC
	Haldane Robert Mayer	Washington, DC
	Alan D. Lourie	Washington, DC
	Randall R. Rader	Washington, DC
	Alvin A. Schall	Washington, DC
	William C. Bryson	Washington, DC
	Arthur J. Gajarsa	Washington, DC
	Richard Linn	Washington, DC
	Timothy B. Dyk	Washington, DC
	Sharon Prost	Washington, DC
	Kimberly Moore	Washington, DC

United States District Courts The district courts are the trial courts of general Federal jurisdiction. Each State has at least one district court, while the larger States have as many as four. Altogether there are 89 district courts in the 50 States, plus the one in the District of Columbia. In addition, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has a district court with jurisdiction corresponding to that of district courts in the various States.

At present, each district court has from 2 to 28 Federal district judgeships, depending upon the amount of judicial work within its territory. Only one judge is usually required to hear and decide a case in a district court, but in some limited cases it is required that three judges be called together to comprise the court (28 U.S.C. 2284). The judge senior in commission who is under 70 years of age (65 at inception of term), has been in office for at least 1 year, and has not previously been chief judge, serves as chief judge for a 7-year term. There are altogether 645 permanent district judgeships in the 50 States and 15 in the District of Columbia. There are 7 district judgeships in Puerto Rico. District judges hold their offices during good behavior as provided by Article III, section 1, of the Constitution. However, Congress may create temporary judgeships for a court with the provision that when a future vacancy occurs in that district, such vacancy shall not be filled. Each district court has one or more United States magistrate judges and bankruptcy judges, a clerk, a United States attorney, a United States marshal, probation officers, court reporters, and their staffs. The jurisdiction of the district courts is set forth in title 28, chapter 85, of the United States Code and at 18 U.S.C. 3231.

Cases from the district courts are reviewable on appeal by the applicable court of appeals.

Territorial Courts Pursuant to its authority to govern the Territories (art. IV, sec. 3, clause 2, of the Constitution), Congress has established district courts in the territories of Guam and the Virgin Islands. The District Court of the Canal Zone was abolished on April 1, 1982, pursuant to the Panama Canal Act of 1979 (22 U.S.C. 3601 note). Congress has also established a district court in the Northern Mariana Islands, which presently is administered by the United States under a trusteeship agreement

with the United Nations. These Territorial courts have jurisdiction not only over the subjects described in the judicial article of the Constitution but also over many local matters that, within the States, are decided in State courts. The district court of Puerto Rico, by contrast, is established under Article III, is classified like other ''district courts,'' and is called a ''court of the United States'' (28 U.S.C. 451). There is one judge each in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, and two in the Virgin Islands. The judges in these courts are appointed for terms of 10 years.

For further information concerning the lower courts, contact the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, One Columbus Circle NE., Washington, DC 20544. Phone, 202–502–2600.

United States Court of International Trade This court was originally established as the Board of United States General Appraisers by act of June 10, 1890, which conferred upon it jurisdiction theretofore held by the district and circuit courts in actions arising under the tariff acts (19 U.S.C. ch. 4). The act of May 28, 1926 (19 U.S.C. 405a), created the United States Customs Court to supersede the Board; by acts of August 7, 1939, and June 25, 1948 (28 U.S.C. 1582, 1583), the court was integrated into the United States court structure, organization, and procedure. The act of July 14, 1956 (28 U.S.C. 251), established the court as a court of record of the United States under Article III of the Constitution. The Customs Court Act of 1980 (28 U.S.C. 251) constituted the court as the United States Court of International Trade.

The Court of International Trade has jurisdiction over any civil action against the United States arising from Federal laws governing import transactions. This includes classification and valuation cases, as well as authority to review certain agency determinations under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2501) involving antidumping and countervailing duty matters. In addition, it has exclusive jurisdiction of civil actions to review determinations as to the eligibility of workers, firms, and communities for adjustment assistance under the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2101). Civil actions commenced by the United States to recover customs duties, to recover on a customs bond, or for certain civil penalties alleging fraud or negligence are also within the exclusive jurisdiction of the court.

The court is composed of a chief judge and eight judges, not more than five of whom may belong to any one political party. Any of its judges may be temporarily designated and assigned by the Chief Justice of the United States to sit as a court of appeals or district court judge in any circuit or district. The court has a clerk and deputy clerks, a librarian, court reporters, and other supporting personnel. Cases before the court may be tried before a jury. Under the Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1982 (28 U.S.C. 1295), appeals are taken to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and ultimately review may be sought in appropriate cases in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The principal offices are located in New York, NY, but the court is empowered to hear and determine cases arising at any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States.

For further information, contact the Clerk, United States Court of International Trade, One Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278–0001. Phone, 212–264–2814.

Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation The Panel, created by act of April 29, 1968 (28 U.S.C. 1407), and consisting of seven Federal judges designated by the Chief Justice from the courts of appeals and district courts, is authorized to temporarily transfer to a single district, for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings, civil actions pending in different districts that involve one or more common questions of fact.

For further information, contact the Clerk, Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, Room G–255, Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, One Columbus Circle NE., Washington, DC 20002–8041. Phone, 202–502–2800.