

NEBRASKA COURT STRUCTURE

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT - Chief Justice and 6 Justices

Highest Appellate Court:

- Discretionary appeals from the Court of Appeals
- Mandatory appeals in
 - capital cases
 - cases concerning constitutionality of statutes
- May hear cases removed from or that have bypassed the Court of Appeals by a petition of further review
- Original Jurisdiction: Specified Cases

COURT OF APPEALS - 6 Judges (*Panels of 3 judges hear appeals throughout state*)

Intermediate Appellate Court:

- Trial court appeals except those heard by Supreme Court pursuant to:
 - mandatory jurisdiction
 - direct appeal status
 - removal procedures
 - bypass procedure

SEPARATE JUVENILE COURTS - 12 Judges

- Serving 3 counties
(Douglas, Sarpy, & Lancaster)
- Jurisdiction:
 - County Court
 - Juvenile & domestic jurisdiction

DISTRICT COURTS - 58 Judges

- Serving 12 districts
- Trial court of general jurisdiction:
 - Felony cases
 - Domestic relations cases
 - Civil cases not less than \$70,000
- When serving as an appellate court:
 - Some county court appeals
 - Administrative agency appeals

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT - 6 Judges

- Hear cases throughout the state
- Jurisdiction:
 - Injuries or diseases caused
by work

COUNTY COURTS - 59 Judges

- Serving 12 districts
- Jurisdiction:
 - Misdemeanor cases, including traffic, and municipal ordinance
violations
 - Preliminary hearing in felony cases
 - Civil cases - may not exceed \$70,000
 - Small Claims - may not exceed \$7,500
 - Probate, guardianship, conservatorship, adoption, and eminent
domain
 - Function as juvenile courts except in Douglas, Sarpy, and
Lancaster Counties

