

## 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

# NEBRASKA COURT STRUCTURE

