

# NEBRASKA COURT STRUCTURE

## **NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT - Chief Justice and 6 Justices**

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### **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)**

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### **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

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

## **DISTRICT COURTS -**

58 Judges

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- Serving 12 districts
- Trial court of general jurisdiction:
  - Felony cases
  - Domestic relations cases
  - Civil cases not less than \$57,000
- When serving as an appellate court:
  - Some county court appeals
  - Administrative agency appeals

## **WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT - 6 Judges**

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

## **COUNTY COURTS -**

59 Judges

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- Serving 12 districts
- Jurisdiction:
  - Misdemeanor cases, including traffic, and municipal ordinance violations
  - Preliminary hearing in felony cases
  - Civil cases - may not exceed \$57,000
  - Small Claims - may not exceed \$6,000
  - Probate, guardianship, conservatorship, adoption, and eminent domain
  - Function as juvenile courts except in Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster Counties

