



# NEBRASKA COURT STRUCTURE



## NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT - Chief Justice & 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 over \$57,000  
 When serving as an appellate court:  
 Some county court appeals  
 Administrative agency appeals

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT - 7 Judges

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Each board, commission, department, officer, division, or other administrative office or unit of the state government authorized by law to make rules and regulations.

*(not a part of the state court structure)*



### COUNTY COURTS - 58 Judges

Serving 12 districts  
 Jurisdiction:  
 Misdemeanor cases, including traffic, and municipal ordinance violations  
 Preliminary hearing in felony cases  
 Civil cases involving less than \$57,000  
 Small Claims involving less than \$3,900  
 Probate, guardianship, conservatorship, adoption, and eminent domain  
 Function as juvenile courts except in Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster Counties