A Judge is a Judge is a Judge.

Right? **Not Quite.**

**Judges in the Federal Court System**

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1 Supreme Court of the United States

- **Supreme Court Justices**
  - 1 Chief Justice of the United States
  - Considered An Equal Among Equals
  - 8 Associate Justices

12 U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals

- **Appellate Court Judges**
  - 3 Number of Judges Typically on an Appellate Court Panel
  - >3 En Banc Panel: All Appellate Judges in a Circuit

94 U.S. District Courts

- **District/Trial Court Judges**
  - U.S. District Court Judges
  - U.S. Magistrate Judges
  - U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judges

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- Lifetime Tenure
- Renewable 8-Year Term
- Renewable 14-Year Term

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