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Right? **Not Quite.**

Judges in the Federal Court System

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1 Supreme Court of the United States



Justices are

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

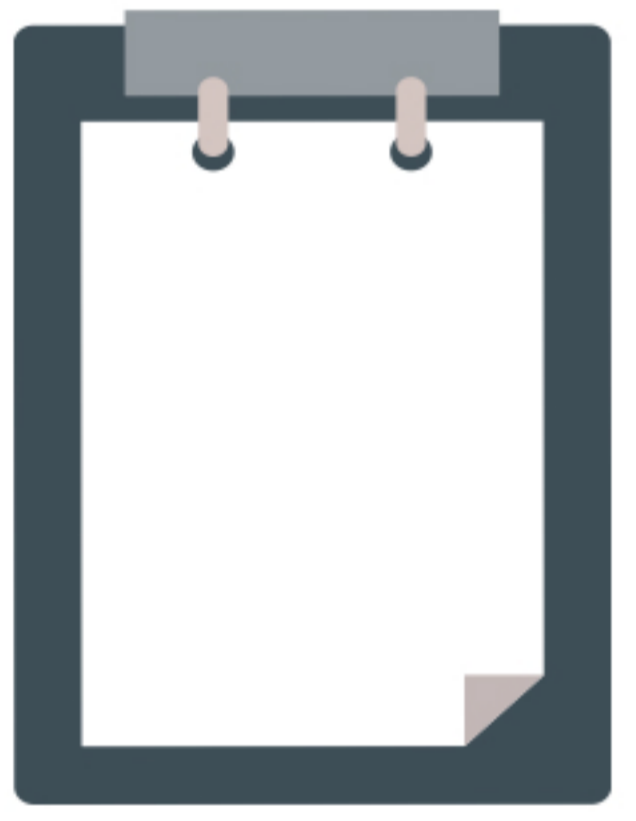


Judges are

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



Judges are

District/Trial Court Judges

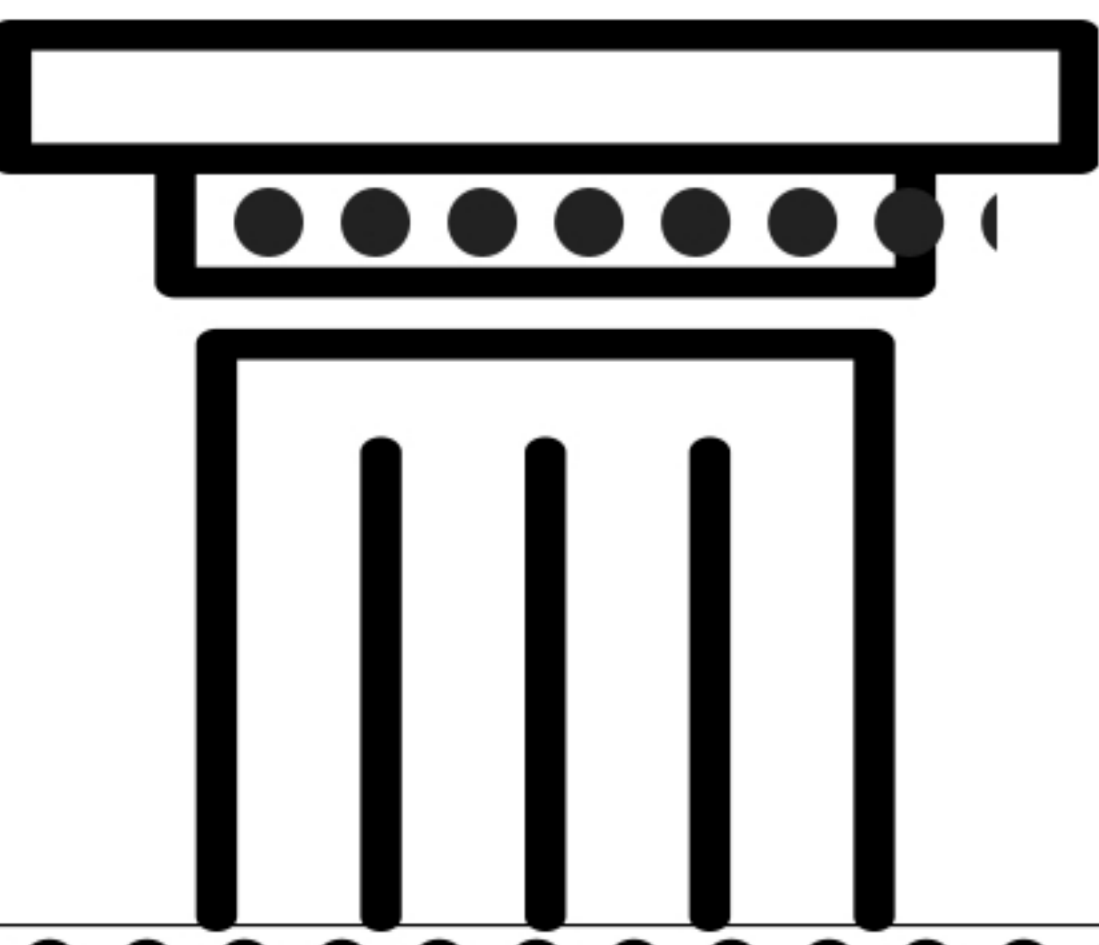
- U.S. District Court Judges
- U.S. Magistrate Judges
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judges

U.S. District Court Judges

President Nominates
Senate Confirms

Hear Criminal and Civil Cases

Lifetime Tenure

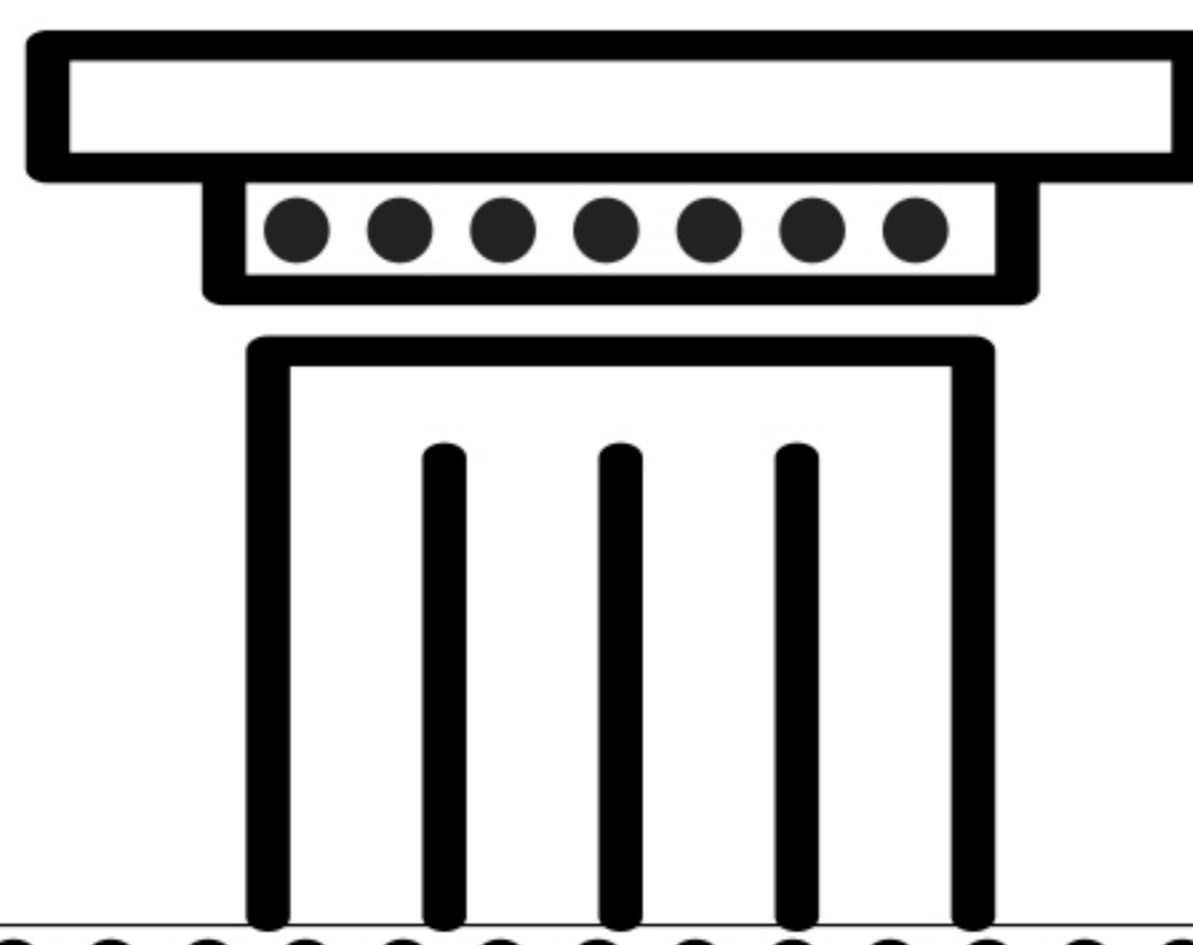


U.S. Magistrate Judges

Each District Court Appoints

Handle PreTrial Matters & Some Trials

Renewable 8-Year Term



U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judges

Each Circuit Court of Appeals Appoints

Hear Only Bankruptcy Cases

Renewable 14-Year Term

