

MISSISSIPPI JUDICIAL BRANCH

In Mississippi, the judicial branch of government has three components: the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Trial Courts.

SUPREME COURT

Qualifications: A qualified elector for and from the Supreme Court District in which election is sought (residency), a practicing attorney, at least 30 years of age, and a citizen of the state for five (5) years preceding the day of election.

Fee: \$200 made payable to the State Board of Election Commissioners, delivered to the Secretary of State's Office.

Duties: The Supreme Court is the State's court of last resort. It is composed of nine elected justices, three from each of the State's three Supreme Court Districts. Their eight-year terms are staggered to provide continuity. The Supreme Court hears appeals from Chancery, Circuit, and County Courts as well as the Court of Appeals. In addition to appellate jurisdiction, the Supreme Court has the power to issue extraordinary writs. The nine justices may sit in en banc (all members participating) or in three-judge panels.

Reserved to the Supreme Court are death penalty cases; appeals involving utility rates, annexations, bond issues, election contests, statutes held unconstitutional by a lower court, cases involving attorney discipline; judicial performance; certified questions from a federal court, cases involving a major question of first impression; fundamental and urgent issues of broad public importance requiring prompt determination; substantial constitutional questions concerning the validity of a statute, ordinance, court rule; or administrative rule or regulation; and issues where there is an inconsistency or conflict in court decisions.

COURT OF APPEALS

Qualifications: A practicing attorney, at least 30 years of age, and a citizen of the state for five (5) years preceding the day of election.

Fee: \$200 made payable to the State Board of Election Commissioners, delivered to the Secretary of State's Office.

Duties: The Court of Appeals was created in 1994 and began sitting the following year. It is the state's only intermediate court and hears only appeals assigned by the Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeals is composed of 10 elected judges, two from each Congressional

district. Their terms are for eight years and are staggered to provide continuity. The chief justice of the Supreme Court appoints the chief judge of the Court of Appeals.

TRIAL COURTS

Mississippi's trial court system consists of two general jurisdiction courts (circuit and chancery) and three limited jurisdiction courts (county, justice, and municipal).

CIRCUIT COURTS

Qualifications: A qualified elector for and from the circuit court district (residency), a practicing attorney for five (5) years, at least 26 years of age, and a citizen of the state for five (5) years.

Fee: \$100 made payable to the State Board of Election Commissioners, delivered to the Secretary of State's Office.

Duties: Twenty-three circuit courts have original jurisdiction over all civil and criminal matters not vested exclusively in another court. Circuit judges are elected in non-partisan races to four-year terms. Most circuit court cases are heard by juries, although some circumstances may permit bench trials. Circuit judges have the power to issue extraordinary writs.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Qualifications: A qualified elector of the district and a practicing attorney admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Mississippi for two years.

Political Party Candidates Fee: \$250 paid to the appropriate state party executive committee.

Independent Candidates Fee: \$250 paid to the Secretary of State's Office, and petition filed with the Secretary of State containing signatures of not less than 100 qualified electors of district.

Duties: There are 23 district attorneys in Mississippi, each assigned to a Circuit Court district. District attorneys are prosecutors who represent the people of Mississippi in all criminal matters originating in a trial court except in those counties with county prosecuting attorneys.

CHANCERY COURTS

Qualifications: A qualified elector for and from the chancery court district (residency), a practicing attorney for five (5) years, at least 26 years of age, and a citizen of the state for five (5) years.

Fee: \$100 made payable to the State Board of Election Commissioners, delivered to the Secretary of State's Office.

Duties: Twenty chancery courts have jurisdiction over matters involving equity, divorce, alimony, probate, guardianship, and sanity. In those counties with no county court, chancery courts have exclusive jurisdiction over juvenile matters. Their jurisdiction over equity matters involving less than \$75,000 is concurrent with county courts. Chancery court judges, often called chancellors, are elected in non-partisan races to four-year terms. Most chancery court cases are non-jury proceedings, although juries may be impaneled in certain circumstances.

COUNTY COURTS

Qualifications: A qualified elector for and from the county court district (residency), at least 26 years old, a practicing attorney for five (5) years, and a citizen of the state for five (5) years preceding the election.

Fee: \$15 made payable to county Circuit Clerk.

Duties: Twenty-three counties have established county courts. County court judges are elected in non-partisan races to four-year terms. They have exclusive jurisdiction over matters involving eminent domain, partition of personal property unlawful entry and detainer, and juvenile matters.

County courts have concurrent jurisdiction with justice courts in all matters, civil and criminal; and concurrent jurisdiction with circuit and chancery courts in all matters of law and equity up to \$200,000. They may also adjudicate certain non-capital felony cases transferred by the circuit courts.

YOUTH COURTS

The Youth Courts deal with matters involving abuse and neglect of juveniles, as well as offenses committed by juveniles. Young people who have not reached the age of 18 may be subject to the Youth Court, although there are some exceptions. Some offenses which would be treated as crimes

if committed by adults are known as delinquent acts when they involve juveniles.

In the 23 counties which have a County Court, those judges also serve as Youth Court judges. In counties which do not have a County Court, the Chancery Judge may hear Youth Court matters, or the Chancery Judge may appoint a lawyer to act in a judicial capacity as Youth Court Referee.

JUSTICE COURTS

Qualifications: A qualified elector, a resident of the county for two (2) years preceding the day of election, a high school graduate, and complete a course of training required by law within six (6) months of the beginning of the term of office.

Political Party Candidates Fee: \$100 made payable to the appropriate county executive committee via Circuit Clerk.

Independent Candidates Fee: \$100 paid to the county via the Circuit Clerk and petition filed with the Circuit Clerk containing signatures of not less than 15 qualified electors of the district.

Duties: Justice courts have jurisdiction in all civil cases involving amounts of \$3,500 or less. They conduct preliminary hearings in felony cases and have concurrent jurisdiction with circuit courts over criminal matters where punishment cannot exceed a fine and sentence of one year in county jail. Justice courts also handle preliminary matters committed inside the county, but outside of city limits. Each county is divided into justice court districts, the number determined by population. Judges are elected in partisan elections to four-year terms.

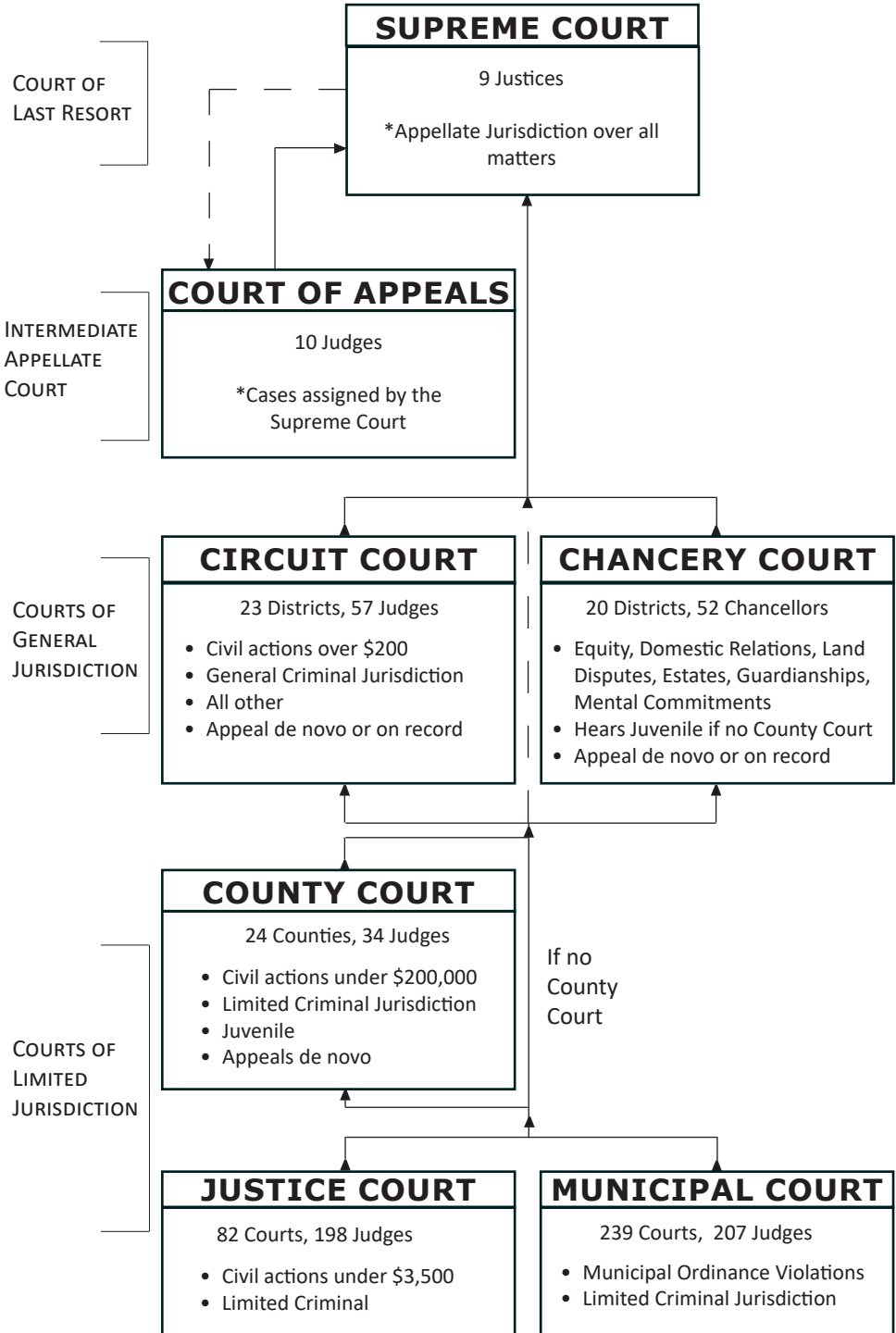
MUNICIPAL COURTS

Municipal courts have jurisdiction over misdemeanor crimes, municipal ordinances and city traffic violations. Municipal judges may conduct initial appearances in which defendants are advised of the charges being filed, as well as bond hearings and preliminary hearings.

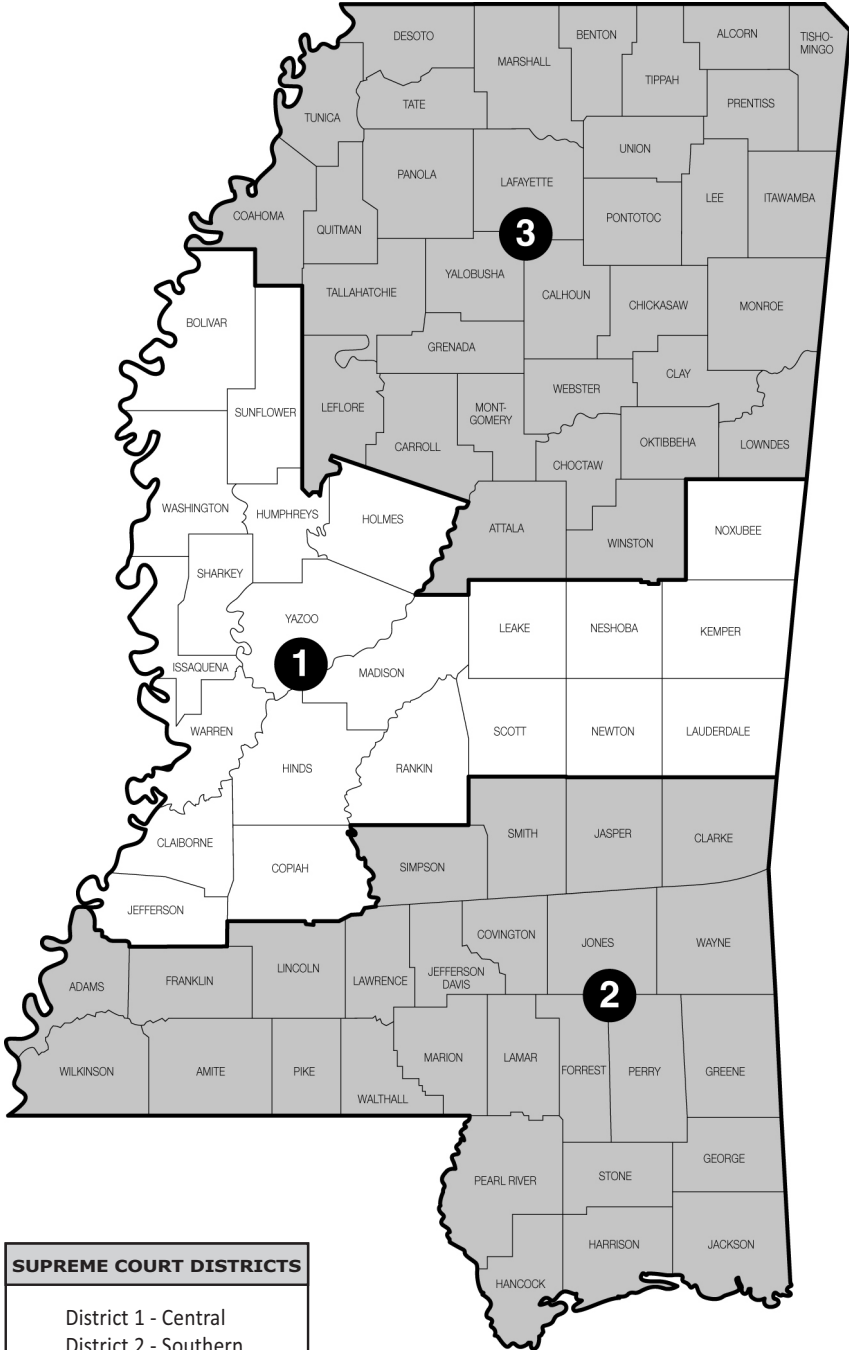
There are 237 Municipal Courts. Most municipalities have one municipal judge, although a few jurisdictions have several.

Most municipal judges are appointed by governing bodies of municipalities. Terms of office vary.

JUDICIAL ROUTE OF APPEAL



SUPREME COURT DISTRICT MAP



SUPREME COURT DISTRICTS
District 1 - Central
District 2 - Southern
District 3 - Northern

MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT

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Michael K. Randolph, Chief Justice

JUDGES

TERM END DATE

Chief Justice Michael K. Randolph.....	Southern District 2, Place 3.....	Jan. 2029
Presiding Justice Leslie D. King.....	Central District 1, Place 2.....	Jan. 2029
Presiding Justice Josiah D. Coleman.....	Northern District 3, Place 3.....	Jan. 2029
Associate Justice T. Kenneth Griffis.....	Central District 1, Place 1.....	Jan. 2030
Associate Justice David M. Ishee.....	Southern District 2, Place 1.....	Jan. 2028
Associate Justice David P. Sullivan.....	Southern District 2, Place 2.....	Jan. 2033
Associate Justice Jenifer Branning.....	Central District 1, Place 3.....	Jan. 2033

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D. Jeremy Whitmire, Supreme Court Clerk
Rusty Holmes, Chief Deputy Clerk
Alexander Sullivan, Editor of Opinions

Terms of Court. Mississippi Code Annotated 1972, Section 9-3-3. A term of the Supreme Court shall be held twice each year in the city of Jackson, to be styled the Supreme Court, and the terms shall commence the second Monday of September and the first Monday of March, and the court shall be kept open for the discharge of business for at least nine months of every year if the business therein should require.

MISSISSIPPI COURT OF APPEALS

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JUDGES

TERM END DATE

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Judge John D. Weddle.....	District 1, Place 1.....	Jan. 2027
Judge Deborah McDonald.....	District 2, Place 1.....	Jan. 2027
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Judge David Neil McCarty.....	District 4, Place 2.....	Jan. 2027
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Judge Amy Lassitter St. Pe'.....	District 5, Place 2.....	Jan. 2033

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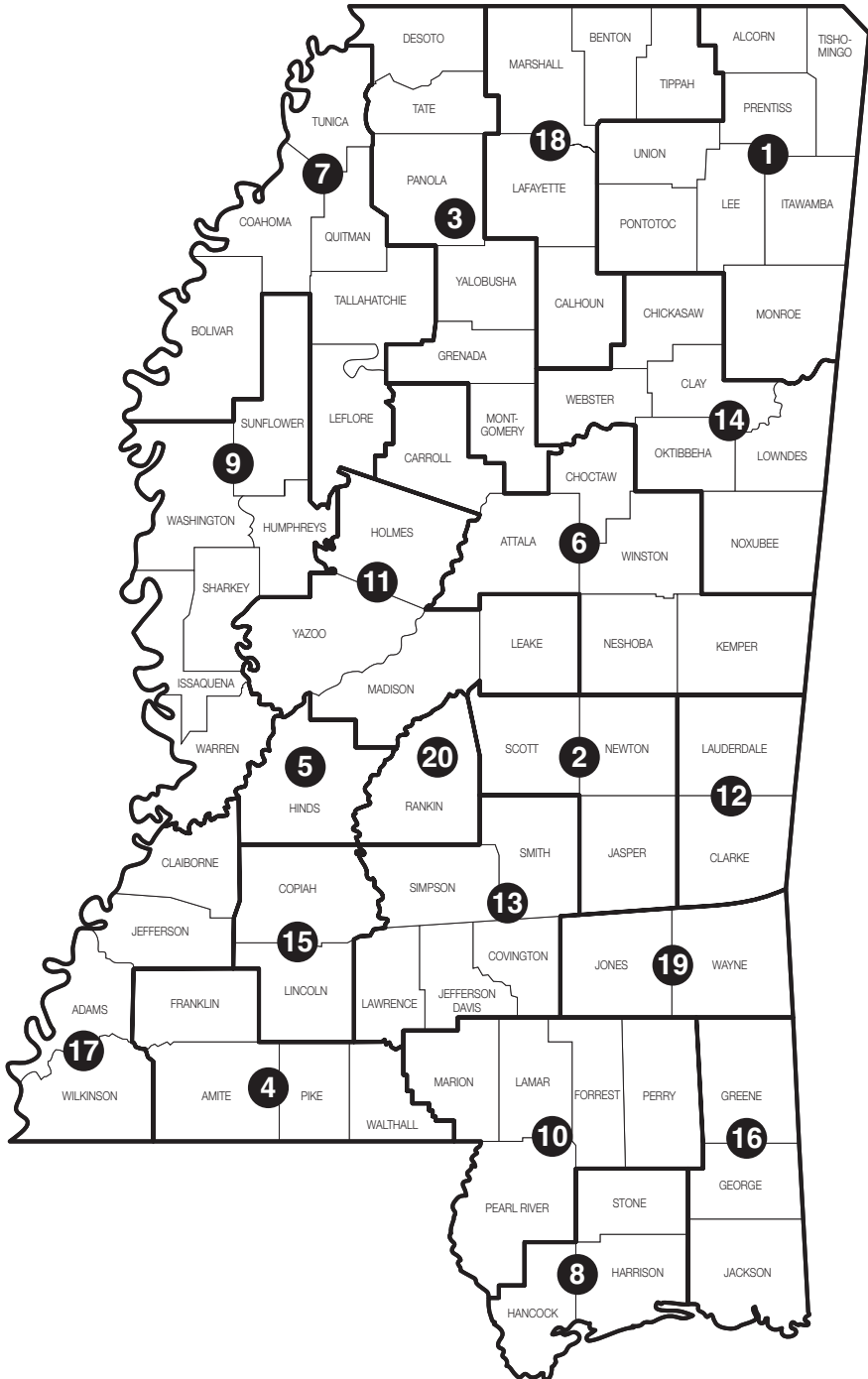
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COURT DISTRICTS BY COUNTY

	CHANCERY DISTRICT	CIRCUIT DISTRICT
Adams.....	17	6
Alcorn.....	1	1
Amite.....	4	6
Attala.....	6	5
Benton.....	18	3
Bolivar.....	7	11
Calhoun.....	18	3
Carroll.....	6	5
Chickasaw.....	14	3
Choctaw.....	6	5
Claiborne.....	17	22
Clarke.....	12	10
Clay.....	14	16
Coahoma.....	7	11
Copiah.....	15	22
Covington.....	13	13
DeSoto.....	3	23
Forrest.....	10	12
Franklin.....	4	6
George.....	16	19
Greene.....	16	19
Grenada.....	3	5
Hancock.....	8	2
Harrison.....	8	2
Hinds.....	5	7
Holmes.....	11	21
Humphreys.....	9	21
Issaquena.....	9	9
Itawamba.....	1	1
Jackson.....	16	19
Jasper.....	2	13
Jefferson.....	17	22
Jefferson Davis.....	13	15
Jones.....	19	18
Kemper.....	6	10
Lafayette.....	18	3
Lamar.....	10	15
Lauderdale.....	12	10
Lawrence.....	13	15
Leake.....	11	8
Lee.....	1	1

	CHANCERY DISTRICT	CIRCUIT DISTRICT
Leflore.....	7	4
Lincoln.....	15	14
Lowndes.....	14	16
Madison.....	11	20
Marion.....	10	15
Marshall.....	18	3
Monroe.....	1	1
Montgomery.....	3	5
Neshoba.....	6	8
Newton.....	2	8
Noxubee.....	14	16
Oktibbeha.....	14	16
Panola.....	3	17
Pearl River.....	10	15
Perry.....	10	12
Pike.....	4	14
Pontotoc.....	1	1
Prentiss.....	1	1
Quitman.....	7	11
Rankin.....	20	20
Scott.....	2	8
Sharkey.....	9	9
Simpson.....	13	13
Smith.....	13	13
Stone.....	8	2
Sunflower.....	9	4
Tallahatchie.....	7	17
Tate.....	3	17
Tippah.....	18	3
Tishomingo.....	1	1
Tunica.....	7	11
Union.....	1	3
Walthall.....	4	14
Warren.....	9	9
Washington.....	9	4
Wayne.....	19	10
Webster.....	14	5
Wilkinson.....	17	6
Winston.....	6	5
Yalobusha.....	3	17
Yazoo.....	11	21

CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT MAP



CHANCERY COURT JUDGES

FIRST CHANCERY DISTRICT (Alcorn, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tishomingo, & Union Counties)

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SECOND CHANCERY DISTRICT (Jasper, Newton, & Scott Counties)

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THIRD CHANCERY DISTRICT (DeSoto, Grenada, Montgomery, Panola, Tate, & Yalobusha Counties)

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Judge.....Vicki B. Daniels.....P.O. Box 1104.....Batesville 38606.....662-563-8715.....No Fax

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Judge.....Wayne Smith.....P.O. Box 524.....Liberty 39645.....601-657-8588.....(f) 601-657-8688

FIFTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Hinds County)

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Judge Crystal Wise Martin P.O. Box 686 Jackson 39205 601-968-6549(f) 601-973-5587
Judge Tiffany Grove P.O. Box 686 Jackson 39205 601-968-6547(f) 601-973-5587
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CHANCERY COURT JUDGES

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NINETEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Jones & Wayne Counties)

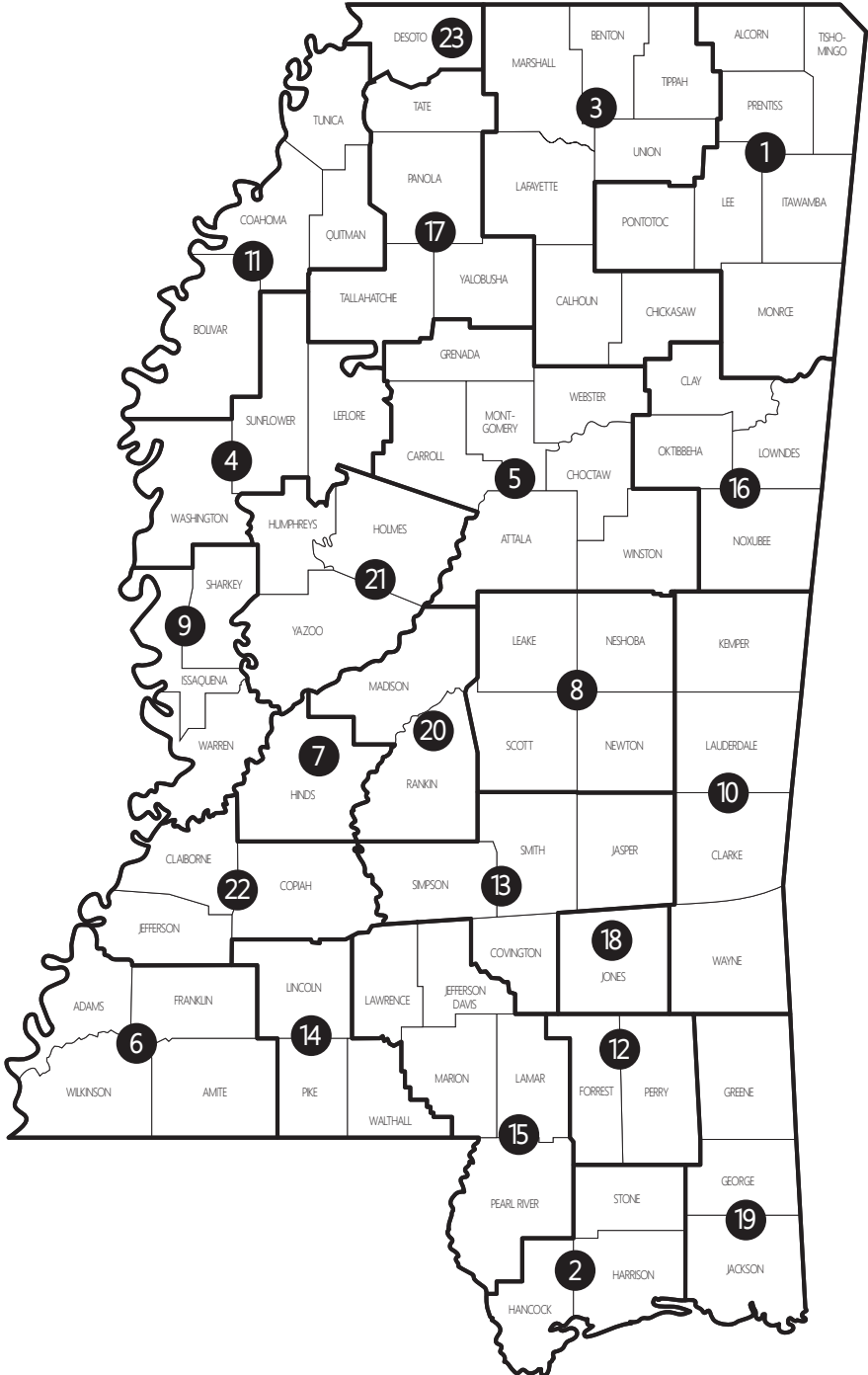
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CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT MAP



CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

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FOURTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Leflore, Sunflower, & Washington Counties)

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