



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 - 6 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 - 59 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