

# Kansas Judicial Branch

## Fast facts about the Kansas judiciary

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### District and District Magistrate Judges

District judges have general jurisdiction over court cases in Kansas. They can preside over all issues in criminal, civil, domestic, juvenile, and other types of cases.

District magistrate judges have limited jurisdiction over court cases in Kansas. They can preside over certain, statutorily specified types of issues and cases.

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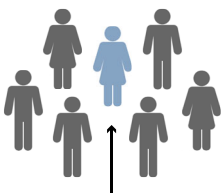
### Court of Appeals Judges



The Supreme Court appoints the chief judge.

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### Supreme Court Justices

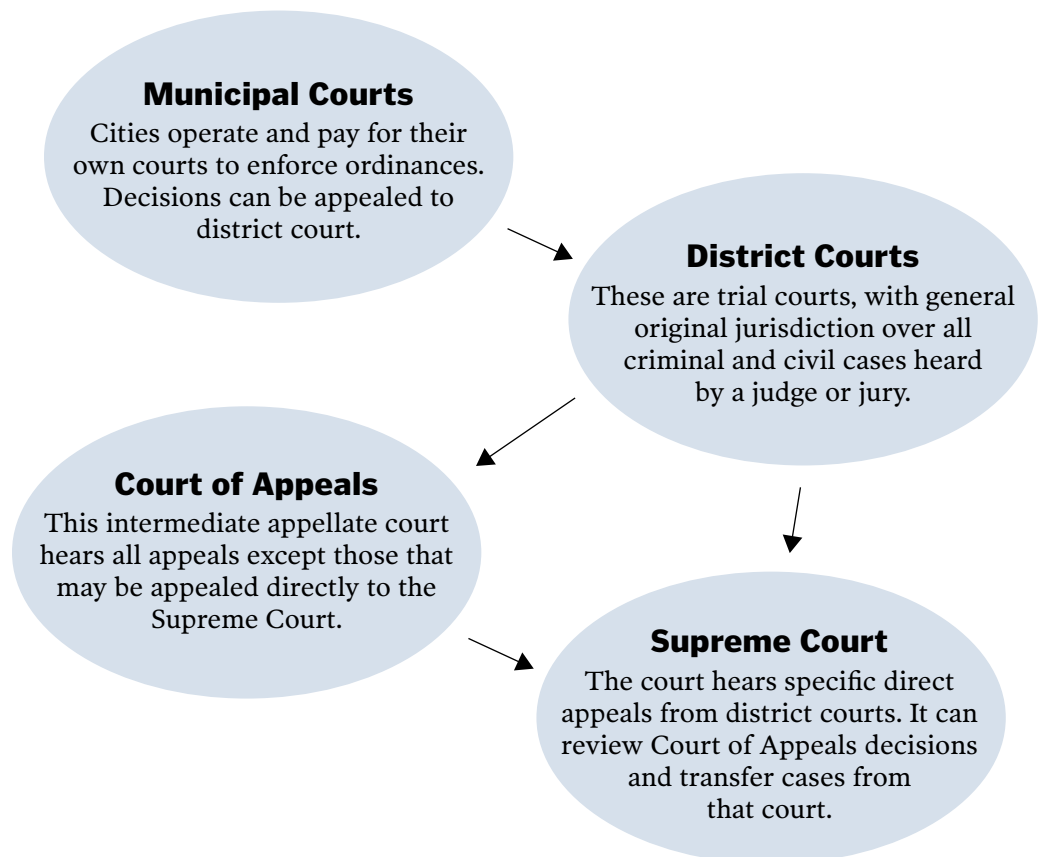


The chief justice has the most seniority.

## The Kansas Supreme Court is the highest court in Kansas.

Its decisions set binding legal precedent that lower courts must follow.

The Supreme Court also has general administrative authority over all courts in Kansas, approves rules of procedure and practice used in state courts, and regulates the practice of law in Kansas.



## The appellate court can:



**Affirm**

- uphold the decision or order of the lower court.



**Reverse**

- set aside the decision or order of the lower court.



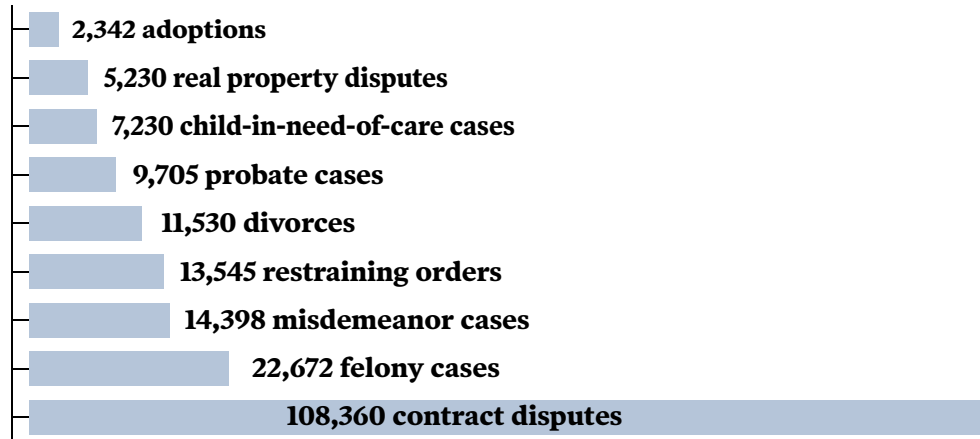
**Remand**

- return to the trial court with instructions, such as ordering a new trial.

# District Court Caseloads

District courts handle all criminal and civil cases.

Some filings from fiscal year 2019:



## Fiscal Year 2019 Caseloads

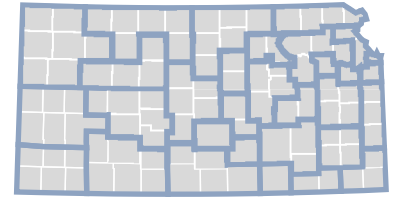
**403,470**  
district court cases

**1,717**  
Court of Appeals cases

**1,100**  
Supreme Court cases

**31**

Judicial Districts



Each district has a chief judge. Each county has a resident judge and district court clerk's office.

**1,600**

Judicial Branch Employees



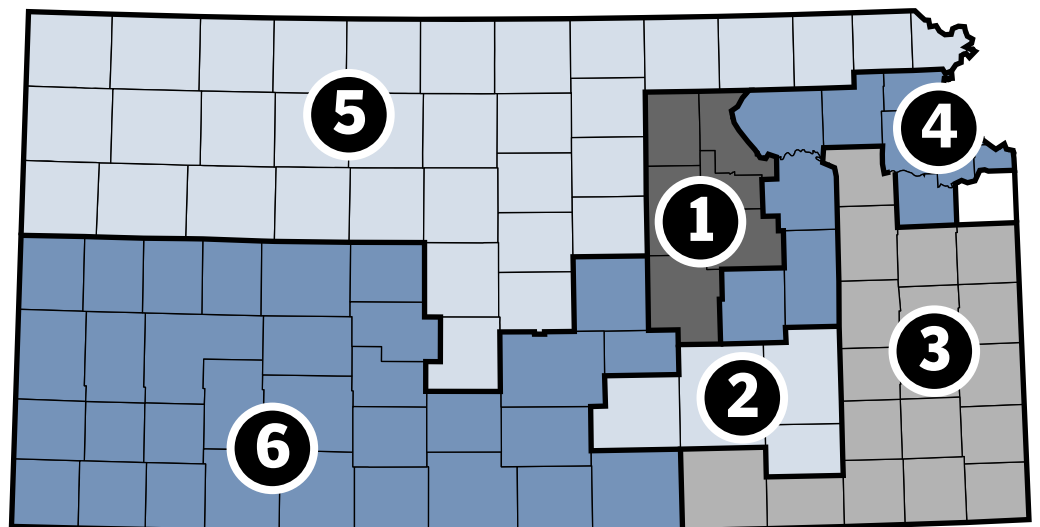
## eCourt Project

The judicial branch's new centralized case management system will centralize all district and appellate court case data, transforming the way state courts serve the people of Kansas.

The Legislature earmarked docket fees to fund the project.

### Project schedule

Region	Estimated Rollout Date
Track 1	Completed
Track 2	September 2020
Track 3	June 2020
Track 4	November 2020
Track 5	February 2021
Track 6	August 2021
Appellate courts	August 2021



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