

# 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.

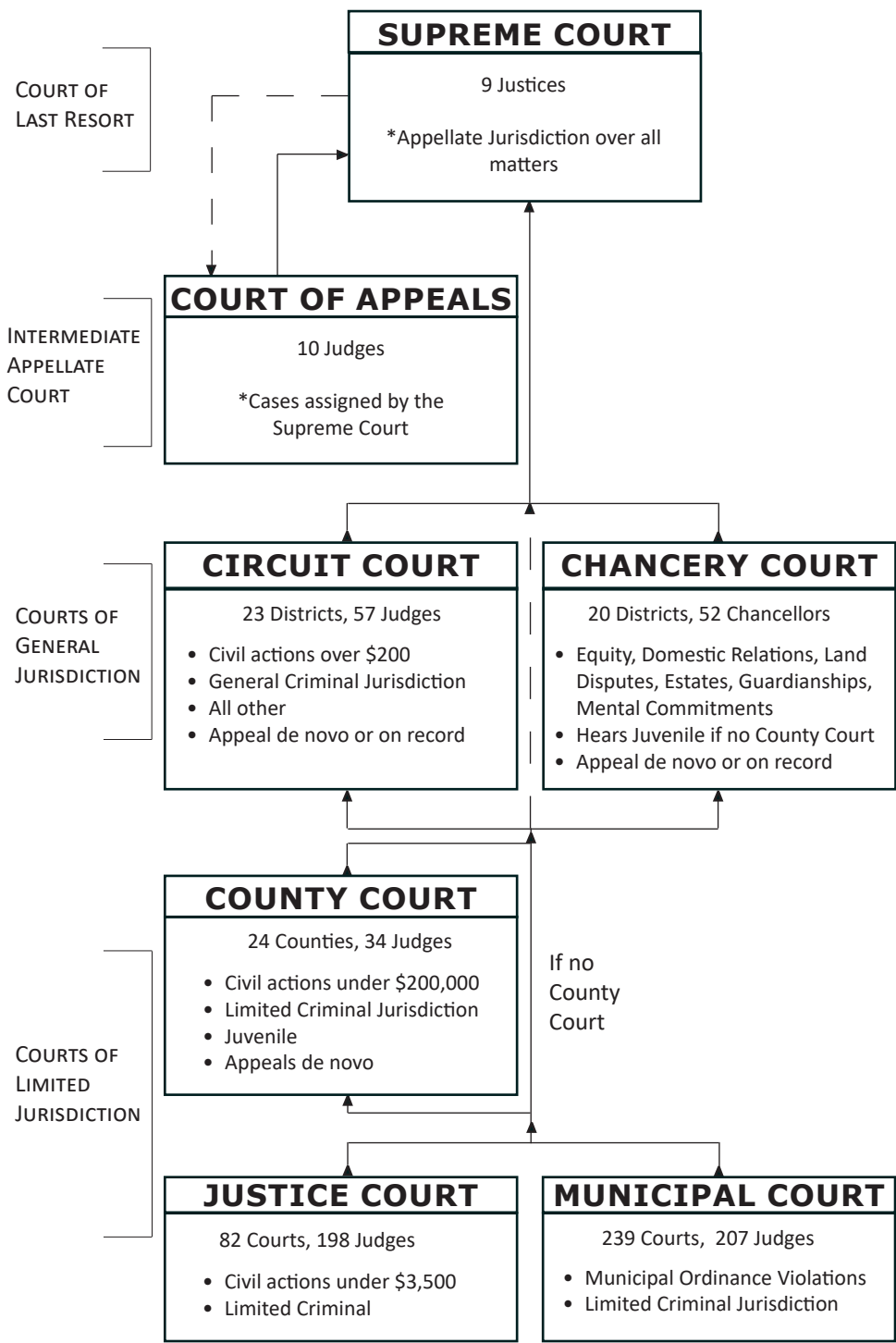
## MUNICIPAL COURTS

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.

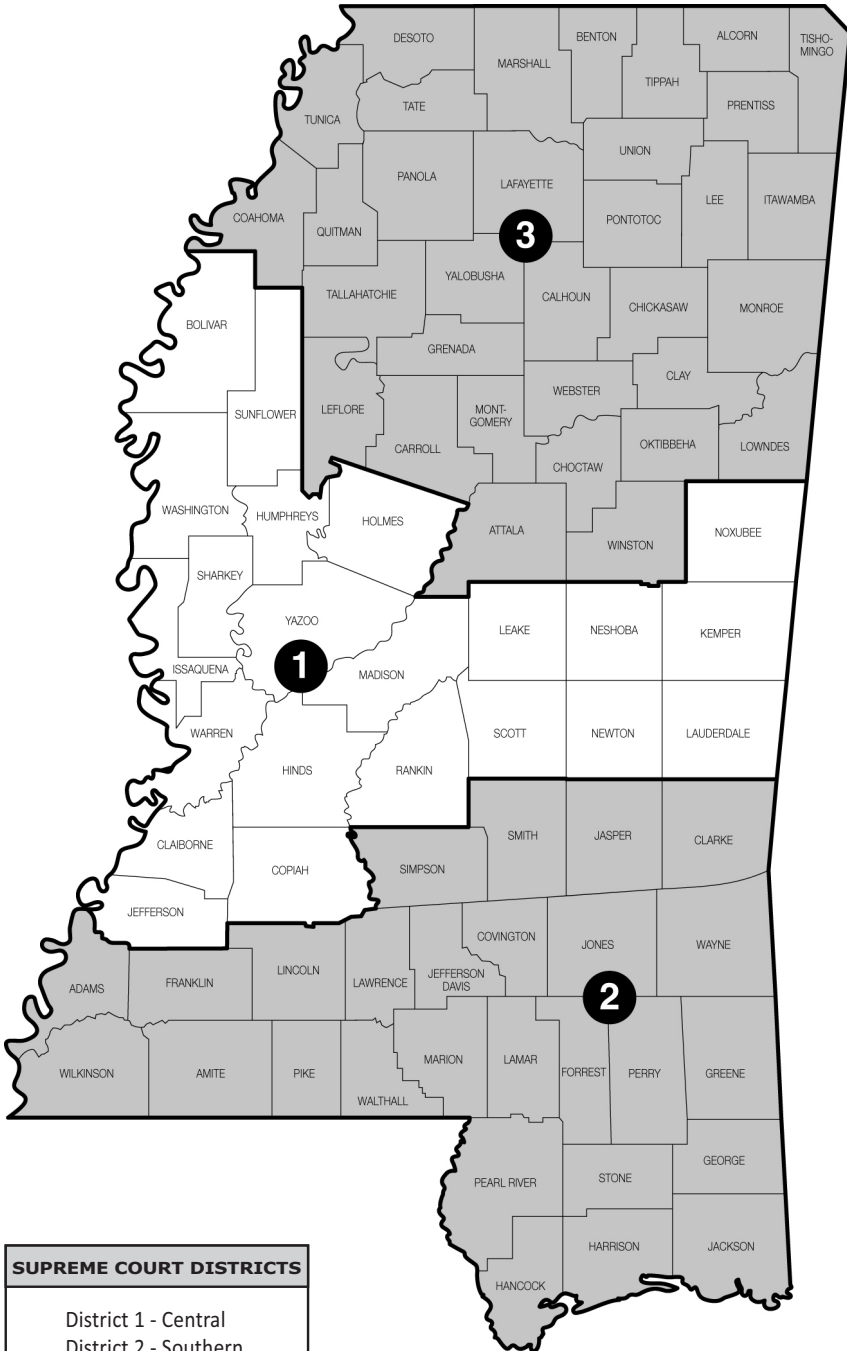
There are 237 Municipal Courts. Most municipalities have one municipal judge, although a few jurisdictions have several.

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 James D. Maxwell II.....  | Northern District 3, Place 2 ..... | Jan. 2033 |
| Associate Justice Robert P. Chamberlin..... | Northern District 3, Place 1 ..... | Jan. 2033 |
| Associate Justice David M. Ishee.....       | Southern District 2, Place 1 ..... | Jan. 2028 |
| Associate Justice T. Kenneth Griffis.....   | Central District 1, Place 1.....   | Jan. 2030 |
| Associate Justice David P. Sullivan.....    | Southern District 2, Place 2 ..... | Jan. 2033 |
| Associate Justice Jenifer Branning.....     | Central District 1, Place 3.....   | Jan. 2033 |

## MANAGERIAL STAFF

Hubbard T. Saunders IV, Court Administrator  
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

|                                          |                           |           |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Chief Judge Donna M. Barnes.....         | District 1, Place 2 ..... | Jan. 2027 |
| Presiding Judge Virginia C. Carlton..... | District 4, Place 1 ..... | Jan. 2031 |
| Presiding Judge Jack L. Wilson.....      | District 3, Place 1 ..... | Jan. 2033 |
| Judge John D. Weddle.....                | District 1, Place 1 ..... | Jan. 2027 |
| Judge Deborah McDonald.....              | District 2, Place 1 ..... | Jan. 2027 |
| Judge Latrice A. Westbrooks.....         | District 2, Place 2 ..... | Jan. 2033 |
| Judge John H. Emfinger.....              | District 3, Place 2 ..... | Jan. 2031 |
| Judge David Neil McCarty.....            | District 4, Place 2 ..... | Jan. 2027 |
| Judge Anthony N. Lawrence III.....       | District 5, Place 1 ..... | Jan. 2027 |
| Judge Amy Lassitter St. Pe'.....         | District 5, Place 2 ..... | Jan. 2033 |

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| Investigations .....                                   | Marcus Colley .....       | 601-359-4278 |
| Medicaid Fraud .....                                   | Marty Miller .....        | 601-359-4220 |
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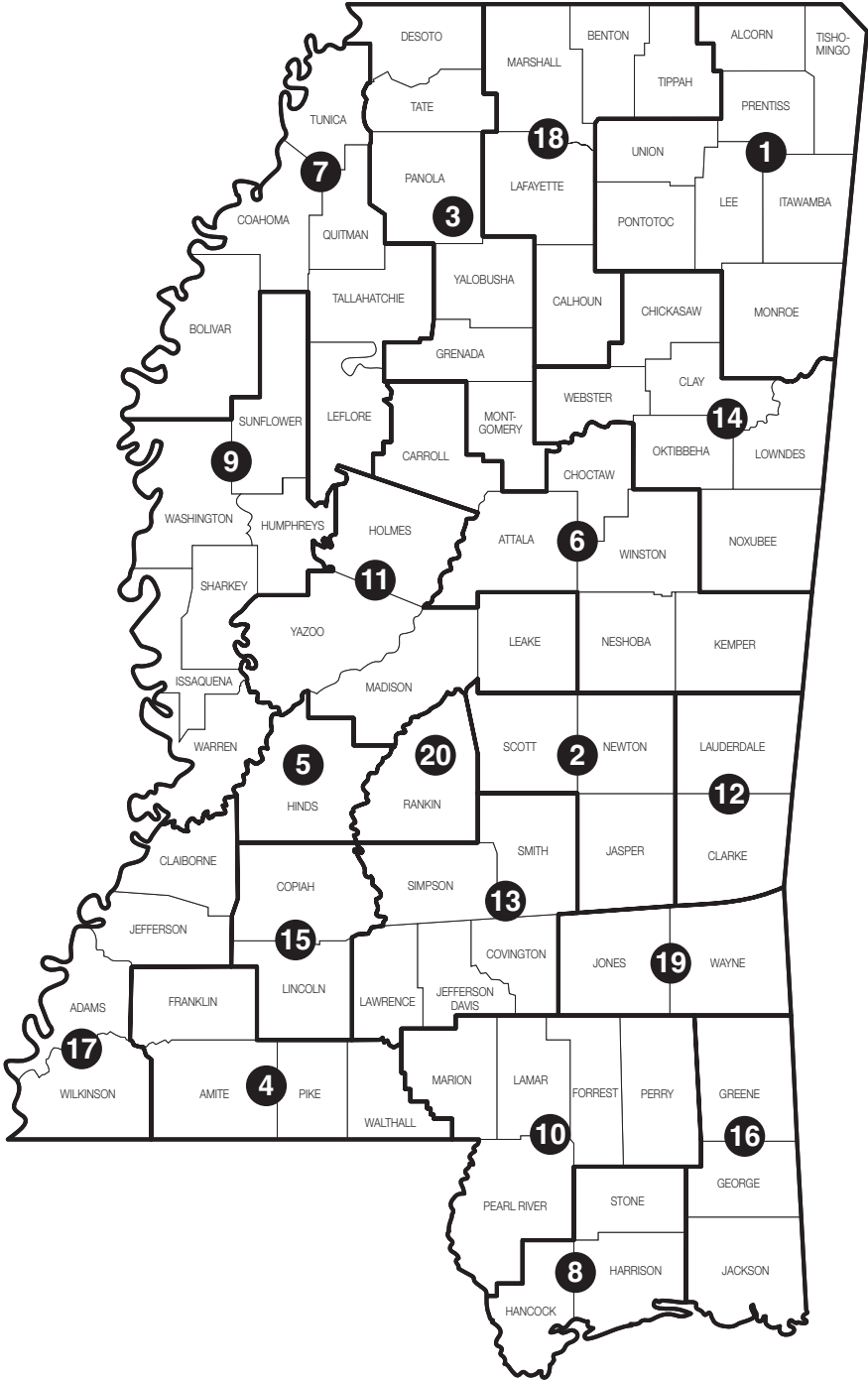
# COURT DISTRICTS BY COUNTY

| CHANCERY<br>DISTRICT | CIRCUIT<br>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<br>DISTRICT | CIRCUIT<br>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)

Judge ..... Jacqueline Mask ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax  
 Judge ..... Michael Malski ..... P.O. Box 543 ..... Amory 38821 ..... 662-305-3204 ..... No Fax  
 Judge ..... Stephen T. Bailey ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax  
 Judge ..... Bradley D. Tennison ..... P.O. Box 118 ..... Booneville 38829 ..... 662-728-2366 ..... No Fax

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

Judge ..... Robert M. Logan, Jr. .... P.O. Box 58 ..... Newton 39345 ..... 601-627-0154 ..... (f) 601-900-4605

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

Judge ..... Mitchell M. Lundy, Jr. .... P.O. Drawer 471 ..... Grenada 38902 ..... 662-226-1343 ..... No Fax  
 Judge ..... Percy L. Lynchard, Jr. .... P.O. Box 340 ..... Hernando 38632 ..... 662-469-8374 ..... No Fax  
 Judge ..... Vicki B. Daniels ..... P.O. Box 1104 ..... Batesville 38606 ..... 662-563-8715 ..... No Fax

## FOURTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Amite, Franklin, Pike, & Walthall Counties)

Judge ..... Debbra K. Halford ..... P.O. Box 575 ..... Meadville 39653 ..... 601-384-3833 ..... (f) 601-384-4349  
 Judge ..... Wayne Smith ..... P.O. Box 524 ..... Liberty 39645 ..... 601-657-8588 ..... (f) 601-657-8688

## FIFTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Hinds County)

Judge ..... Tametrica E. Hodges ..... P.O. Box 686 ..... Jackson 39205 ..... 601-968-6545 ..... (f) 601-949-2602  
 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  
 Judge ..... Dewayne Thomas ..... P.O. Box 686 ..... Jackson 39205 ..... 601-968-6551 ..... (f) 601-973-5587

## SIXTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Kemper, Neshoba, & Winston Counties)

Judge ..... Doug S. Crosby ..... 241 N. Madison St. .... Kosciusko 39090 ..... 601-289-0800 ..... No Fax  
 Judge ..... Kiley Kirk ..... P.O. Box 387 ..... Louisville 39339 ..... 662-773-6686 ..... (f) 662-773-8650

## SEVENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Bolivar, Coahoma, Leflore, Quitman, Tallahatchie, & Tunica Counties)

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 Judge ..... Catherine Farris-Carter ..... P.O. Box 1787 ..... Cleveland 38732 ..... 662-843-2111 ..... (f) 662-843-3382  
 Judge ..... W. M. Sanders ..... P.O. Box 473 ..... Greenwood 38935 ..... 662-451-7289 ..... (f) 662-451-7122

## EIGHTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Hancock, Harrison, & Stone Counties)

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 Judge ..... Jim Persons ..... P.O. Box 457 ..... Gulfport 39502 ..... 228-865-4096 ..... (f) 228-863-6339  
 Judge ..... Jennifer Schloegel ..... P.O. Box 986 ..... Gulfport 39502 ..... 228-865-4008 ..... (f) 228-863-6339  
 Judge ..... Carter Bise ..... P.O. Box 1542 ..... Gulfport 39502 ..... 228-865-4008 ..... (f) 228-865-1646

## NINTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower, Warren, & Washington Counties)

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 Judge ..... Vicki R. Barnes ..... P.O. Box 351 ..... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-636-8327 ..... (f) 601-630-8021  
 Judge ..... Debra Giles ..... P.O. Box 850 ..... Indianola 38751 ..... 662-887-7070 ..... (f) 662-887-7071

## TENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, & Perry Counties)

Judge ..... Rhea H. Sheldon ..... P.O. Box 1977 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-545-6079 ..... (f) 601-545-6038  
 Judge ..... Sheila Havard Smallwood ... P.O. Box 1977 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-545-6079 ..... (f) 601-545-6038  
 Judge ..... Chad Smith ..... P.O. Box 1977 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-545-6079 ..... (f) 601-545-6038  
 Judge ..... Chase Ford Morgan ..... P.O. Box 1977 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-545-6079 ..... (f) 601-545-6038

## ELEVENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Holmes, Leake, Madison, & Yazoo Counties)

Judge ..... Robert G. Clark III ..... P.O. Box 39 ..... Lexington 39095 ..... 662-834-1285 ..... (f) 662-834-9688  
 Judge ..... Cynthia Brewer ..... P.O. Box 404 ..... Canton 39046 ..... 601-855-5512 ..... (f) 601-859-0795  
 Judge ..... James C. Walker ..... P.O. Box 404 ..... Canton 39046 ..... 601-855-5707 ..... (f) 601-859-0795

# CHANCERY COURT JUDGES

## TWELFTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Clarke & Lauderdale Counties)

Judge ..... Amanda Rainey .....612 22nd Ave. S..... Meridian 39301-6116.....601-482-9729....(f) 601-474-3798  
 Judge ..... Austin Terry.....612 22nd Ave. S..... Meridian 39301-6116.....601-482-9729....(f) 601-474-3798

## THIRTEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Simpson, & Smith Counties)

Judge ..... David Shoemaker .....P.O. Box 1678 ..... Collins 39428.....601-765-8284....(f) 601-765-8282  
 Judge ..... Gerald Martin .....P.O. Box 325 ..... Raleigh 39153.....601-822-5017....(f) 601-822-5027

## FOURTEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Chickasaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, & Webster Counties)

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 Judge ..... Rodney Faver .....101 E. Main St. .... Starkville 39759.....662-323-5130....(f) 662-338-1068  
 Judge ..... Joseph N. (Joe) Studdard ....P.O. Box 684 ..... Columbus 39703.....662-329-5844....(f) 662-241-1913

## FIFTEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Copiah & Lincoln Counties)

Judge ..... Joseph Durr .....P.O. Box 1356 ..... Brookhaven 39602.....601-835-3437....(f) 601-835-3401

## SIXTEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (George, Greene, & Jackson Counties)

Judge ..... Mark Maples.....P.O. Box 998 ..... Pascagoula 39568.....228-769-3035....(f) 228-769-3424  
 Judge ..... Ashlee Cole .....P.O. Box 998 ..... Pascagoula 39568.....228-769-3036....(f) 228-769-3189  
 Judge ..... D. Neil Harris, Sr.....P.O. Box 998 ..... Pascagoula 39568.....228-769-3034....(f) 228-769-3488

## SEVENTEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Adams, Claiborne, Jefferson, & Wilkinson Counties)

Judge ..... E. Vincent Davis .....115 S. Wall St..... Natchez 39120.....601-442-7454....(f) 601-445-7973  
 Judge ..... George Ward .....115 S. Wall St..... Natchez 39120.....601-442-7454....(f) 601-445-7973

## EIGHTEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Benton, Calhoun, Lafayette, Marshall, & Tippah Counties)

Judge ..... Lawrence L. (Larry) Little ....300 N. Lamar Blvd, Ste. 208, Oxford 38655.....662-236-0232....(f) 662-234-8057  
 Judge..... Robert Q. Whitwell.....P.O. Box 49..... Oxford 38655.....662-236-0233....(f) 662-234-6996

## NINETEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Jones & Wayne Counties)

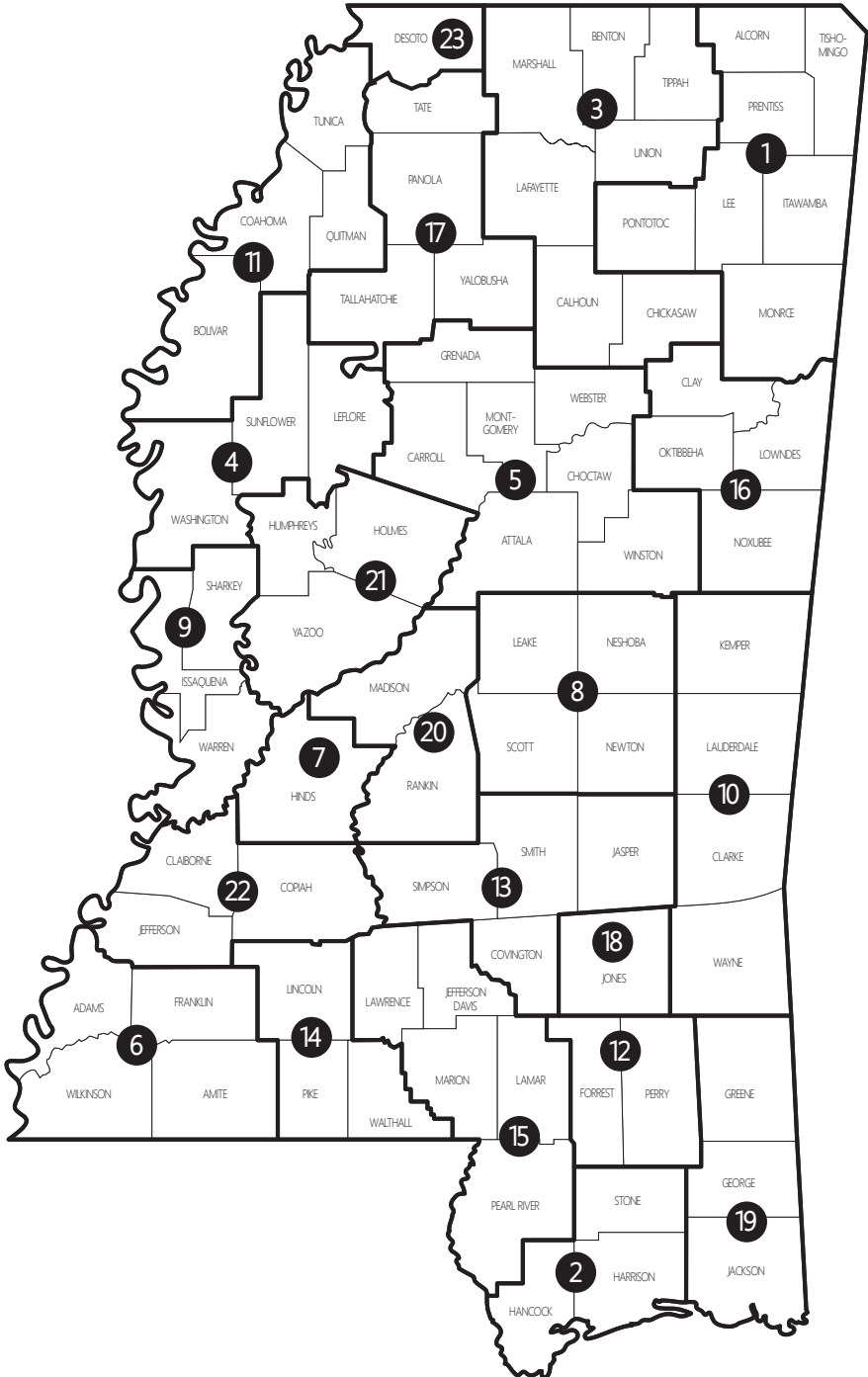
Judge ..... Billie Graham .....P.O. Box 1961 ..... Laurel 39441.....601-428-7625....(f) 601-428-3119

## TWENTIETH CHANCERY DISTRICT (Rankin County)

Judge ..... Troy Odom.....P.O. Box 700 ..... Brandon 39043.....601-825-9208.....No Fax  
 Judge ..... John C. McLaurin, Jr.....P.O. Box 700 ..... Brandon 39043.....601-591-4722.....No Fax  
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# CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT MAP



# CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

## FIRST CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Alcorn, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, & Tishomingo Counties)

Judge .....Paul S. Funderburk.....P.O. Drawer 1100.....Tupelo 38802.....662-432-2360.....(f) 662-680-6078  
Judge .....Michael P. Mills, Jr.....P.O. Drawer 1100.....Tupelo 38802.....662-432-2360.....(f) 662-680-6078  
Judge .....John R. White.....P.O. Drawer 1100.....Tupelo 38802.....662-432-2360.....(f) 662-680-6078  
Judge .....Kelly L. Mims.....P.O. Drawer 1100.....Tupelo 38802.....662-432-2360.....(f) 662-680-6078

## SECOND CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Hancock, Harrison, & Stone Counties)

Judge .....Lisa P. Dodson.....P.O. Box 1461.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4220.....(f) 228-865-4376  
Judge .....Randi P. Mueller.....P.O. Box 1461.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4158.....(f) 228-865-1636  
Judge .....Christopher L. Schmidt.....P.O. Box 1461.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4104.....(f) 228-867-6536  
Judge .....Lawrence Bourgeois, Jr.....P.O. Box 1461.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4262.....(f) 228-865-1636

## THIRD CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Lafayette, Marshall, Tippah, & Union Counties)

Judge .....Grady F. Tollison III.....1 Courthouse Sq., Ste. 101, Oxford 38655.....662-234-3013.....(f) 662-236-3401  
Judge .....Kent E. Smith.....P.O. Box 670.....Holly Springs 38635.....662-252-6311.....(f) 662-447-3332  
Judge .....J. Kelly Luther.....102 N. Main St., Ste. F, Ripley 38663.....662-837-7884.....(f) 662-837-7513

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

Judge .....Carol White-Richard.....P.O. Box 686.....Indianola 38751.....662-445-1996.....(f) 662-887-5656  
Judge .....Richard A. Smith.....P.O. Box 10239.....Greenwood 38930.....662-453-1429.....(f) 662-455-9056  
Judge .....Margaret Carey-McCray.....P.O. Box 1775.....Greenville 38702-1775.....662-334-2797.....(f) 662-334-2716  
Judge .....W. Ashley Hines.....P.O. Box 1315.....Greenville 38702-1315.....662-334-2652.....(f) 662-335-2381

## FIFTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada, Montgomery, Webster, & Winston Counties)

Judge .....Joseph H. Loper, Jr.....P.O. Box 616.....Ackerman 39735.....662-285-3818.....(f) 662-285-3160  
Judge .....Alan D. "Devo" Lancaster.....P.O. Box 647.....Winona 38967.....662-283-2134.....No Fax

## SIXTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Adams, Amite, Franklin, & Wilkinson Counties)

Judge .....Debra W. Blackwell.....115 S. Wall St.....Natchez 39120.....601-442-8363.....(f) 601-445-7954  
Judge .....Carmen Brooks Drake.....115 S. Wall St.....Natchez 39120.....601-445-7933.....(f) 601-445-2369

## SEVENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Hinds County)

Judge .....Adrienne Wooten.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6679.....(f) 601-973-5541  
Judge .....Winston Kidd.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6677.....(f) 601-714-6305  
Judge .....Faye Peterson.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-714-6222.....(f) 601-714-6270  
Judge .....Debra Hendrix-Gibbs.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6658.....(f) 601-714-6270

## EIGHTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Leake, Neshoba, Newton, & Scott Counties)

Judge .....Mark Duncan.....201 Range Ave.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-5776.....(f) 601-656-3329  
Judge .....Caleb E. May.....P.O. Box 388.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-4830.....(f) 601-656-7646

## NINTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Issaquena, Sharkey, & Warren Counties)

Judge .....M. James Chaney, Jr.....P.O. Box 351.....Vicksburg 39181.....601-638-8981.....(f) 601-630-8033  
Judge .....Toni Walker Terrett.....P.O. Box 821583.....Vicksburg 39181.....601-634-8042.....(f) 601-634-8049

## TENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Clarke, Kemper, Lauderdale, & Wayne Counties)

Judge.....Robert T. (Bo) Bailey.....P.O. Box 1262.....Meridian 39302-1262.....601-482-9741.....(f) 601-486-4933  
Judge.....Charles W. Wright, Jr.....P.O. Box 1677.....Meridian 39302-1677.....601-482-9741.....(f) 601-486-4933

## ELEVENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Bolivar, Coahoma, Quitman, & Tunica Counties)

Judge.....Charles E. Webster.....P.O. Drawer 998.....Clarksdale 38614.....662-624-3039.....(f) 662-624-2515  
Judge.....W. Hunter Nowell.....P.O. Box 1377.....Cleveland 38732.....662-843-3346.....(f) 662-846-2930  
Judge.....Linda F. Coleman.....P.O. Drawer 548.....Cleveland 38732.....662-846-2939.....(f) 662-846-2937

# CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

## **TWELFTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Forrest & Perry Counties)**

Judge.....Robert Helfrich.....P.O. Box 309.....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-544-5495.....(f) 601-545-6179  
 Judge.....Wes Curry.....P.O. Box 830.....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-544-8230.....(f) 601-544-8255

## **THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Covington, Jasper, Simpson, & Smith Counties)**

Judge.....Matthew Sullivan.....P.O. Box 545.....Raleigh 39153.....601-782-4413.... (f) 601-782-4007  
 Judge.....Stanley Sorey.....P.O. Box 861.....Raleigh 39153.....601-782-9999.....No Fax

## **FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Lincoln, Pike, & Walthall Counties)**

Judge.....Michael M. Taylor.....P.O. Drawer 1350.....Brookhaven 39602.....601-835-1576....(f) 601-835-5644  
 Judge.....David H. Strong, Jr.....P.O. Box 1387.....McComb 39649.....601-684-3400....(f) 601-684-2700

## **FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lawrence, Marion, & Pearl River Counties)**

Judge.....Brad A. Touchstone.....P.O. Box 244.....Purvis 39475.....601-794-1051....(f) 601-794-3547  
 Judge.....Prentiss G. Harrell.....P.O. Box 488.....Purvis 39475.....601-794-6035....(f) 601-794-2801  
 Judge.....Richelle Lumpkin.....P.O. Box 876.....Picayune 39466.....601-749-7722....(f) 601-749-7725

## **SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, & Oktibbeha Counties)**

Judge.....Lee “Jay” Howard.....P.O. Box 1679.....Starkville 39760.....662-323-6765....(f) 662-323-1121  
 Judge.....James T. Kitchens, Jr.....P.O. Box 1387.....Columbus 39703.....662-329-5919....(f) 662-245-4632  
 Judge.....Michelle D. Easterling.....P.O. Drawer 1055.....West Point 39773.....662-391-1070.....No Fax

## **SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Panola, Tallahatchie, Tate, & Yalobusha Counties)**

Judge.....Smith Murphey.....P.O. Box 481.....Batesville 38606.....662-385-4261.....No Fax  
 Judge.....James McClure III.....P.O. Box 246.....Sardis 38666.....662-487-2072....(f) 662-487-3830

## **EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Jones County)**

Judge.....Dal Williamson.....P.O. Box 65.....Laurel 39441.....601-428-4572....(f) 601-428-3189

## **NINETEENTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (George, Greene, & Jackson Counties)**

Judge.....Keith Miller.....P.O. Box 998.....Pascagoula 39568.....228-769-3438....(f) 228-769-3262  
 Judge.....Calvin D. Taylor.....P.O. Box 998.....Pascagoula 39568.....228-769-3434....(f) 228-769-3262  
 Judge.....Kathy King Jackson.....P.O. Box 998.....Pascagoula 39568.....228-769-3244....(f) 228-769-3262

## **TWENTIETH CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Madison & Rankin Counties)**

Judge.....Dewey Arthur.....P.O. Box 1626.....Canton 39046.....601-855-5555....(f) 601-855-5704  
 Judge.....M. Brad Mills.....P.O. Box 1599.....Brandon 39043.....601-824-6529....(f) 601-824-2441  
 Judge.....Steve Ratcliff.....P.O. Box 1626.....Canton 39046.....601-855-5570....(f) 601-855-5704

## **TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Holmes, Humphreys, & Yazoo Counties)**

Judge.....Jannie M. Lewis-Blackmon.....P.O. Box 149.....Lexington 39095.....662-834-1452....(f) 662-834-1481

## **TWENTY-SECOND CIRCUIT DISTRICT (Claiborne, Copiah, & Jefferson Counties)**

Judge.....Tomika H. Irving.....P.O. Box 278.....Fayette 39069.....601-786-9600....(f) 601-786-8900

## **TWENTY-THIRD CIRCUIT DISTRICT (DeSoto County)**

Judge.....Celeste Embrey Wilson.....2535 Hwy. 51 S.....Hernando 38632.....662-469-8359....(f) 662-469-8370  
 Judge.....Gerald Chatham.....P.O. Box 527.....Hernando 38632.....662-469-8315....(f) 662-469-8313

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| District 3 .....  | Ben Creekmore.....             | 111 E. Main St., New Albany 38652.....          | 662-534-1079/(f) 662-534-1932 |
| District 4 .....  | W. Dewayne Richardson .....    | P.O. Box 426, Greenville 38702.....             | 662-378-2105/(f) 662-332-4665 |
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| District 6 .....  | Tim Cotton.....                | 307 Market St., Natchez 39120.....              | 601-445-4099/(f) 601-445-7947 |
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| District 8 .....  | Steven S. Kilgore .....        | P.O. Box 603, Philadelphia 39350.....           | 601-656-1991/(f) 601-656-2287 |
| District 9 .....  | Richard (Ricky) Smith, Jr..... | P.O. Box 648, Vicksburg 39181.....              | 601-636-5754/(f) 601-636-8664 |
| District 10 ..... | Kassie Coleman.....            | P.O. Box 5163, Meridian 39302-5163 .....        | 601-482-9757/(f) 601-483-0085 |
| District 11 ..... | Brenda F. Mitchell.....        | P.O. Box 848, Cleveland 38732.....              | 662-843-8000/(f) 662-846-1711 |
| District 12 ..... | Lin Carter .....               | P.O. Box 166, Hattiesburg 39403-0166 .....      | 601-545-1551/(f) 601-545-6097 |
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| District 16 ..... | Scott W. Colom .....           | P.O. Box 1044, Columbus 39703 .....             | 662-329-5911/(f) 662-327-1854 |
| District 17 ..... | Jay Hale.....                  | 465 Hwy. 6 E., Batesville 38606 .....           | 662-563-6636/(f) 662-563-6652 |
| District 18 ..... | Brad R. Thompson .....         | P.O. Box 313, Laurel 39441 .....                | 601-649-4606/(f) 601-428-3191 |
| District 19 ..... | Angel Myers McIlrath .....     | P.O. Box 1756, Pascagoula 39568-1756 .....      | 228-769-3045/(f) 228-769-3345 |
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