

# JUDICIAL

*The law is a jealous mistress, and requires a long and constant courtship. It's not something to be appreciated in a brief encounter.*

— JOHN GRISHAM, THE FIRM —



# Judicial



*Article 6 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 vests the judicial power of the State of Mississippi in a Supreme Court and lower courts as provided.*

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# MISSISSIPPI COURT SYSTEM

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*Mississippi has a two-tier appellate court system that reviews decisions of law and fact made by the trial courts. The state's trial court system consists of two general jurisdiction courts (circuit and chancery) and three limited jurisdiction courts (county, justice, and municipal).*

## SUPREME COURT

The Mississippi Supreme Court is the court of last resort among state courts. Decisions of the Chancery, Circuit and County Courts and of the Court of Appeals may be appealed to the Supreme Court. Appeals which go directly to the Supreme Court include annexations, bond issues, constitutionality challenges, death penalty cases, disciplinary matters involving attorneys and judges, election contests, certified questions from federal court, utility rates, cases of first impression, and issues of broad public interest.

Nine Supreme Court justices are elected from three districts. Non-partisan elections are staggered so that not all positions are up for election at once. Supreme Court justices serve eight-year terms.

Each Supreme Court justice participates in deciding appeals from the entire state. Decisions are by a majority vote of the court.

The nine justices may sit in en banc (all members participating) or in three-judge panels.

## SUPREME COURT DISTRICTS:

*1 – Counties:* Bolivar, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Madison, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey, Sunflower, Warren, Washington, Yazoo; *2 – Counties:* Adams, Amite, Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Wayne, Wilkinson; and *3 – Counties:* Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Coahoma, Desoto, Grenada, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Webster, Winston, Yalobusha.

**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.

**TERMS OF COURT:** 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.

## COURT OF APPEALS

The Court of Appeals hears cases assigned by the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals is an error correction court. It hears and decides appeals on issues in which the law is already settled, but the facts are in dispute. The Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions. If the Supreme Court declines review, the decision of the Court of Appeals stands.

The Mississippi Legislature created the Court of Appeals in 1994 to speed appeals and relieve a backlog of cases before the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals began hearing cases in 1995.

Ten Court of Appeals judges are elected from five districts. Non-partisan elections are staggered so that not all positions are up for election at one time. Court of Appeals judges serve eight-year terms. Court of Appeals judges hear cases from all over the state.

**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.

**TERMS OF COURT:** The Court of Appeals meets continuously throughout the year and hears arguments every month except July. By law, the Court is located in the city of Jackson as close as convenient to the State Law Library and the Supreme Court.

## CIRCUIT COURTS

Circuit Courts hear felony criminal prosecutions and civil lawsuits. Mississippi's 22 Circuit Courts have original jurisdiction over all civil and criminal matters not vested exclusively in another court. Circuit Courts also hear appeals from County, Justice, and Municipal courts and from administrative boards and commissions such as the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

There are 23 Circuit Court districts and 57 Circuit Court judges. Circuit Court judges are selected in non-partisan elections to serve four-year terms. Most Circuit Court trials are heard with a 12-member jury and usually one or two alternate jurors. A judge may preside without a jury if the dispute is a question of law rather than fact. Circuit judges have the power to issue extraordinary writs.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 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.

**TERMS OF COURT:** Each year, the circuit court judges issue orders establishing the commencement and continuation of terms of court no later than October 1. If no order is issued, then the court term remains unchanged from the previous year. This information is posted at each courthouse and is published annually by the Secretary of State in the Judiciary Directory and Court Calendar.

## CHANCERY COURTS

Chancery Courts have jurisdiction over disputes in matters involving equity; domestic matters including adoptions, custody disputes and divorces; guardianships; sanity hearings; wills; and challenges to constitutionality of state laws. Land records are filed in Chancery Court. The Chancery Courts' jurisdiction over equity matters involving less than \$200,000 is concurrent with County Courts.

Chancery Courts have jurisdiction over juvenile matters in counties which have no County Court. The chancellor may appoint a lawyer in private practice to sit as a youth court referee to hear juvenile matters such as delinquency, abuse, and neglect.

Trials are typically heard by a chancellor without a jury, although state law allows parties to request a jury in Chancery Court.

There are 20 Chancery Court districts and 52 Chancery Court judges. Chancery Court judges are selected in non-partisan elections to serve four-year terms.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 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.

**TERMS OF COURT:** Each year, chancellors issue orders establishing the commencement and continuation of terms of court no later than October 1. If no order is issued, then the court term remains unchanged from the previous year. This information is posted at each courthouse and is published by the Secretary of State in the Judiciary Directory and Court Calendar.

## COUNTY COURTS

County Courts have exclusive jurisdiction over eminent domain proceedings and juvenile matters. In counties which have a County Court, a County Court judge also serves as the Youth Court judge. County Courts share jurisdiction with Circuit and Chancery Courts in some civil matters. The jurisdictional limit of County Courts is up to \$200,000. County Courts may handle non-capital felony cases transferred from Circuit Court. County Court judges may issue search warrants, set bond, and preside over preliminary hearings. County Courts have concurrent jurisdiction with Justice Courts in all matters, civil and criminal.

Mississippi has 24 County Courts and 34 County Court judges. Counties which have a County Court include Adams, Bolivar, Coahoma, DeSoto, Forrest, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Jackson, Jones, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lafayette, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Madison, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Pike, Rankin, Warren, Washington, and Yazoo.

County Court judges serve four-year terms. Elections are non-partisan.

**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.

**TERMS OF COURT:** County Court usually begins the second Monday of each month, unless a special order is entered by the court to extend the term, or, in the case of some counties with two courthouses, the law provides special terms of court for each courthouse.

### JUSTICE COURTS

Justice Courts have jurisdiction over small claims civil cases involving amounts of \$3,500 or less, misdemeanor criminal cases, and any traffic offense that occurs outside a municipality. Justice Court judges may conduct bond hearings and preliminary hearings in felony criminal cases and may issue search warrants.

There are 82 Justice Courts with 198 judges. Each county is divided into justice court districts, the number determined by population. Justice Court judges are the only Mississippi judges elected in partisan races. They serve four-year terms.

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

**Fee for party candidates:** \$100 made payable to the appropriate county executive committee via Circuit Clerk.

**Fee for independent candidates:** \$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.

**TERMS OF COURT:** Justice Court judges hold regular terms of their courts, at such times as they may appoint, but no more than two and not less than one term in every month.

### 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 239 Municipal Courts. Most municipalities have one judge, although a few jurisdictions have several.

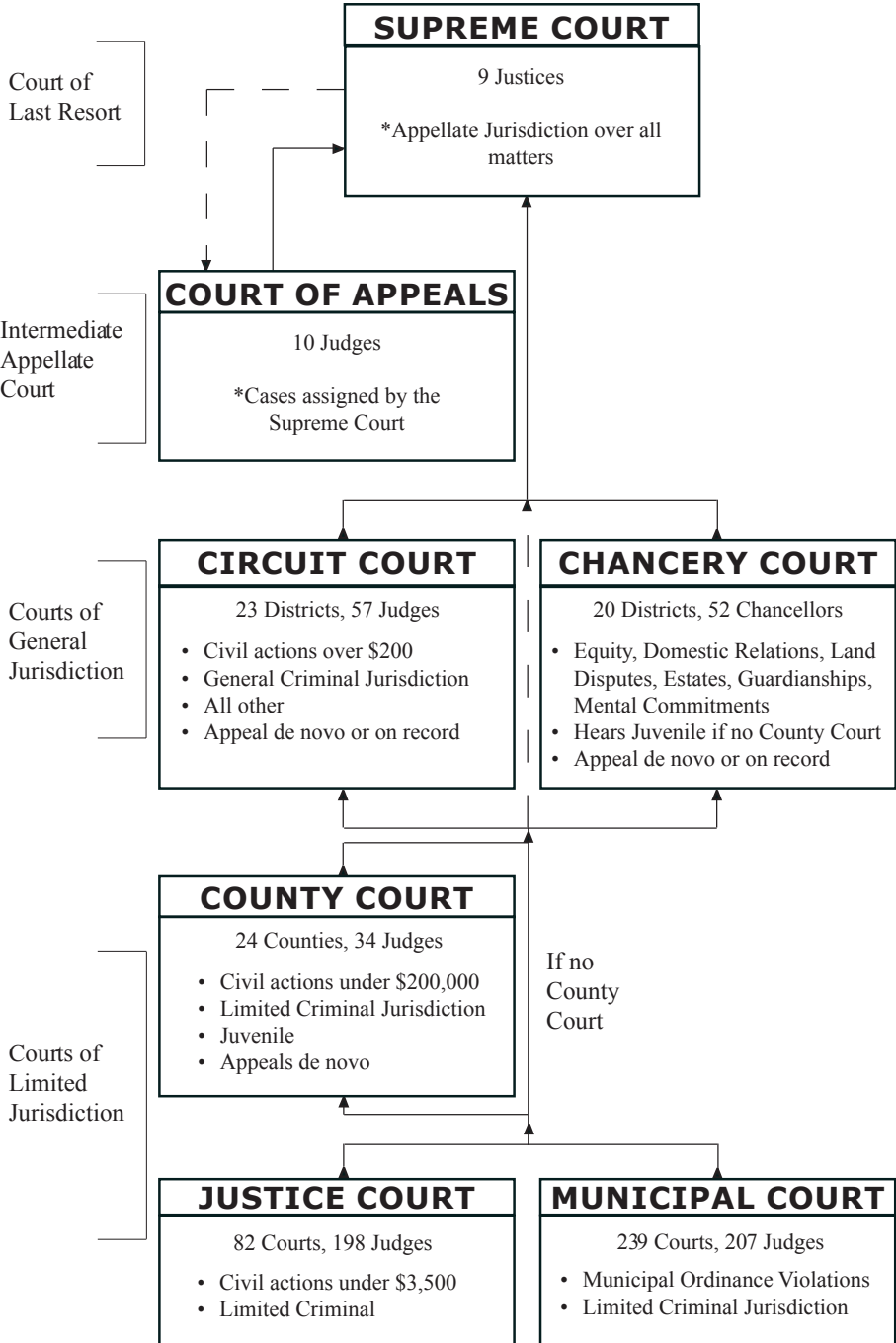
Most municipal judges are appointed by governing bodies of municipalities. Terms of office vary. Miss. Code Ann. § 21-23-1 (1972).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A qualified elector of the county in which the municipality is located and an attorney at law.

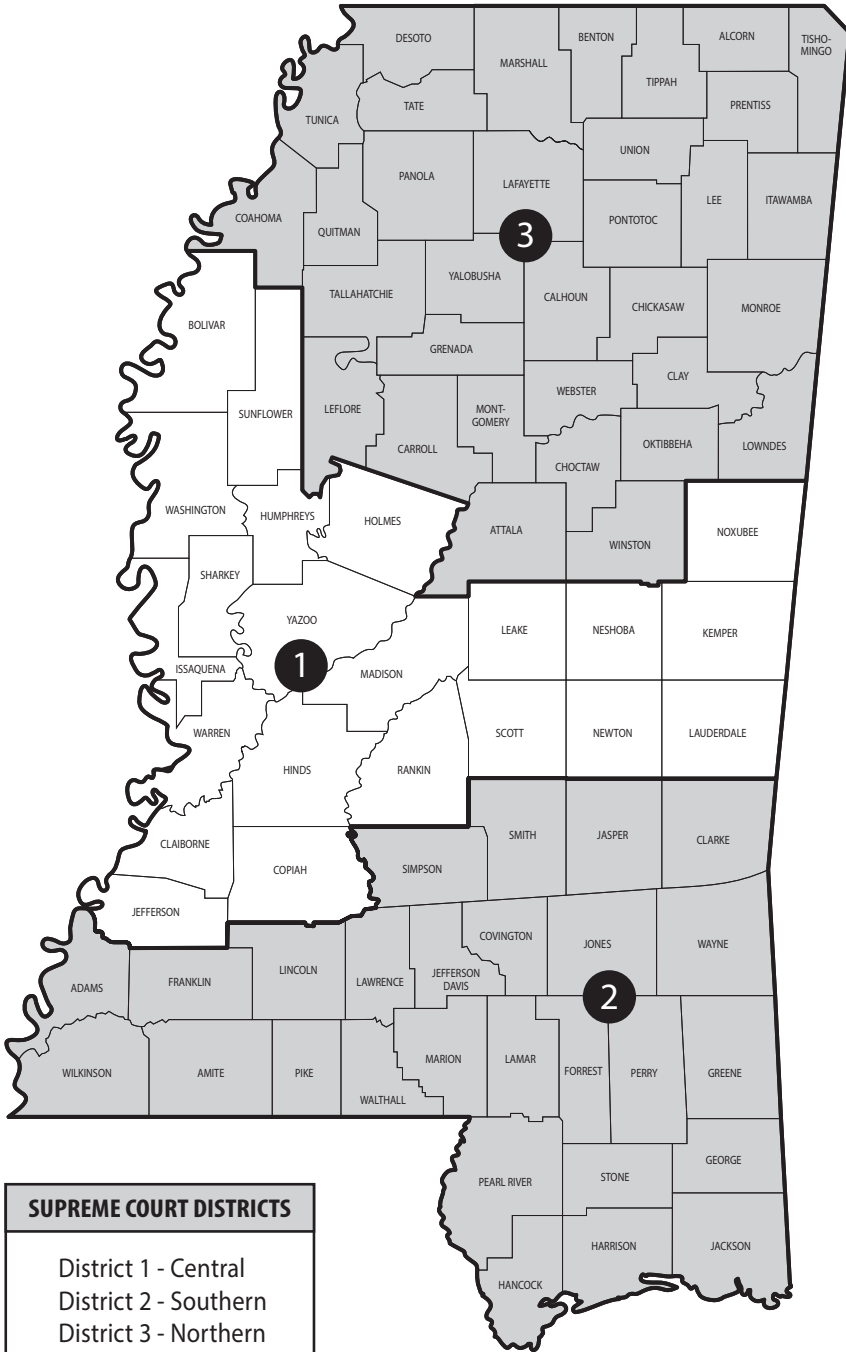
**TERMS OF COURT:** Municipal judges may hold court every day, except Sundays and legal holidays, if the business of the municipality requires.



# MISSISSIPPI JUDICIAL ROUTE OF APPEAL



# MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT DISTRICTS



# MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

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**Chief Justice**  
**Michael K. Randolph**  
*District 2*  
*Place 3*

Justice Michael K. Randolph was appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court by Gov. Haley Barbour on April 23, 2004. Justice Randolph was appointed to serve the unexpired term of former Chief Justice Edwin L. Pittman. Justice Randolph was first elected in November 2004, and re-elected in November 2012, for another eight-year term. He became a Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court on January 1, 2013. He became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on February 1, 2019.

In 2007, he served as Chairman of the Legislatively created Task Force to Study the Justice Court System. Justice Randolph served as co-chairman of the Task Force for Youth Court Rules of Procedure in 2008. He serves on numerous internal committees of the Court.

Justice Randolph was born in 1946. He was decorated for heroism in Vietnam. He served as an air traffic controller with the U.S. Army 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, known as the Big Red One. He was honorably discharged in 1967. During law school, he received an appointment as a Reserve officer in the United States Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is a graduate of the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. He was honorably discharged in 1975.

He graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., with a B.S. degree in business administration in 1972. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1974, where he served as president of the Law School Student Body.

Justice Randolph began practicing law in 1975, first in Biloxi with the firm of Ross, King and Randolph. Subsequently he practiced with the firm of Bryan, Nelson, Allen and Schroeder in Pascagoula, Biloxi and Gulfport. He opened a Hattiesburg office for Bryan, Nelson, Allen and Schroeder in 1976, where he later formed the firm of Bryan Nelson Randolph, PA., serving as President and CEO until his appointment to the Supreme Court.

Justice Randolph holds the highest ranking accorded by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in their Bar Register of Pre-Eminent Lawyers, as well as A.M. Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and The Insurance Bar.

Justice Randolph's legal experience includes extensive state and federal court practice. He primarily devoted his practice to insurance defense for two decades, but in the last decade before appointment to the Supreme Court, his practice was divided equally representing defendants and plaintiffs. He served as regional trial counsel for numerous corporate defendants, as well as national trial counsel for various manufacturing defendants. He has defended physicians, hospitals, nursing homes and home health agencies. He represented numerous insurers in arson and insurance fraud cases. He also had extensive experience in general maritime law and Jones Act cases, primarily representing injured seamen.

Justice Randolph was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the National Coal Council. He has served on the boards of directors of William Carey College, the Boys and Girls Club of Hattiesburg, the Hattiesburg Girls Shelter, and advisory board of the Hattiesburg Salvation Army. He is a former president of the Hattiesburg Civic Association. He was a member of the Hattiesburg Area Development Partnership.

He has generously supported Christian Services Inc., United Way, the Salvation Army, Hattiesburg Boys and Girls Club, Mississippi Children's Home Society, Baptist Children's Village, Home of Grace, the University of Mississippi, the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, the Mississippi Bar Association, and the South Central Mississippi Bar Association, which he formerly served as President.

Justice Randolph is a member of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, where he has served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He has also served on the Finance Committee and the By-Laws Committee.

Justice Randolph is married to Kathy Webb Randolph, formerly of Ocean Springs. He has three children and four grandchildren.



*Presiding Justice*  
**James W. Kitchens**  
*District 1*  
*Place 3*

Justice James W. Kitchens is a lifelong resident of Crystal Springs, Copiah County, Mississippi. Born in 1943, he graduated from Crystal Springs High School in 1961, then earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1964, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1967.

Justice Kitchens is licensed to practice law in Mississippi and in the District of Columbia, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi, as well as the United States 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

He was elected district attorney for the Mississippi counties of Copiah, Lincoln, Pike and Walthall in 1971, 1975, and 1979. He served for nine years before returning to the private practice of law. He did not seek public office again until 2008, when he was elected to an eight year term on the Mississippi Supreme Court (Central District, Place 3), commencing in January of 2009. In 2016, he was elected to a second eight-year term.

Justice Kitchens has been married to Mary Tooke Kitchens, a retired public school teacher, since 1968. They are the parents of five adult children: Suzannah Kitchens Finch, Matthew W. Kitchens, Daniel W. Kitchens, Rebecca Kitchens Thornton and John W. Kitchens. Justice and Mrs. Kitchens have 13 grandchildren.



*Presiding Justice*  
**Leslie D. King**  
*District 1*  
*Place 2*

Justice Leslie D. King is a native of Greenville, where he began practicing law in 1973. He graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1970, and from the Texas Southern University School of Law in 1973.

Judge King was elected to the Court of Appeals in 1994 and began hearing cases in January 1995. He served as Chief Judge from April 30, 2004, through March 1, 2011. Gov. Haley Barbour appointed him to a vacancy on the Mississippi Supreme Court. He took the oath of office to serve on the Supreme Court on March 1, 2011. He became a Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court on February 1, 2019.

Justice King served in the Mississippi House of Representatives from 1980 through 1994. During his tenure, he was named vice-chairman of the Ways and Means Committee (1988-1991) and vice-chairman of the Conservation and Water Resources Committee (since 1992). Other committees on which he served include: Judiciary, Insurance, Environmental Protection Council, Housing Finance Oversight, and Universities and Colleges. He was chairman of the Mississippi Black Legislative Caucus in 1988. He previously served as Youth Court Counselor for Washington County, Public Defender, Youth Court Prosecutor, and Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Metcalfe.

Justice King and his wife, the former Patricia Smith of Greenville, have two daughters and a granddaughter. They attend the St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church in Greenville.



*Associate Justice*  
**Josiah Dennis Coleman**  
*District 3*  
*Place 3*

Justice Josiah Dennis Coleman was elected to the Mississippi Supreme Court on Nov. 6, 2012, and began his term on Jan. 7, 2013.

He previously practiced law for 12 years, first in Tupelo, then in Oxford. His practice concentrated on defense litigation and appellate advocacy in the areas of insurance, product liability and professional malpractice. He is admitted to practice before all Mississippi state and federal courts, and before the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Justice Coleman is the second member of his family to serve on the Mississippi Supreme Court. Both his grandfather and his father were appellate court judges. He is the grandson of the late J.P. Coleman, who served as Mississippi Governor and on the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. J.P. Coleman also served briefly as a justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, resigning to accept appointment as state attorney general. Thomas Coleman, the younger Justice Coleman's father, was one of the original members of the Mississippi Court of Appeals when the intermediate appellate court began in 1995.

Justice Coleman grew up in Choctaw County, near Ackerman, and graduated valedictorian from Ackerman High School. He graduated cum laude from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and philosophy. He earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he served as treasurer of the Moot Court Board and the Criminal Law Society.

He bagged groceries at the Ackerman Piggly Wiggly in high school, and worked as a dishwasher, camp counselor, and life guard while pursuing his undergraduate degree. He worked as a policy research intern in the office of the Secretary of State before starting law school. He served as a summer law clerk at a Tupelo firm. After earning his law degree, he served for almost two years as a law clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge S. Allan Alexander in Oxford.

He served as a volunteer firefighter on the Toccopola Volunteer Fire Department while he and his family lived in Pontotoc County. He is a former member of the board of deacons at College Hill Presbyterian Church in Oxford, and a member of the board of directors of the nonprofit organization The International Guest House in Oxford.

He and his wife, Ashleigh Burke Coleman, have three children. They live in Fentress in Choctaw County on a farm that has been worked by seven generations of the Coleman family.



*Associate Justice*  
**James D. Maxwell II**  
*District 3*  
*Place 2*

Justice James D. Maxwell II of Oxford was appointed by Governor Phil Bryant to the Mississippi Supreme Court on January 1, 2016. He was elected to an eight-year term in November 2016.

Justice Maxwell previously served as a judge on the Mississippi Court of Appeals. He was initially appointed to the appeals court by Gov. Haley Barbour on February 2, 2009, then elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014.

Justice Maxwell earned his undergraduate degree and juris doctor from the University of Mississippi. He practiced civil law in Jackson before returning to Oxford to serve as Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi.

As a federal prosecutor, he represented the United States Department of Justice in prosecutions and jury trials of public corruption, white collar fraud, money laundering, drug trafficking, immigration, and gang-related crimes. He also handled appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He served as Corporate Fraud Coordinator and participated on the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. He received various commendations from the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Justice Maxwell has been elected to a variety of legal positions. He is a past president of the

Young Lawyers Division of the Mississippi Bar Association, the Lafayette County Bar Association, and Tri-County Young Lawyers. He has also served on the Board of Bar Commissioners, the Mississippi Bar Foundation, the Diversity in the Law Committee, and the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Prosecutors Association. He is a graduate of Mississippi Economic Council's Leadership Mississippi program and in 2007 was named "Top 40 Under 40" by the *Mississippi Business Journal*.

Justice Maxwell frequently lectures on appellate and trial advocacy, legal writing, and Mississippi's judicial system. He and his wife, Mindy, have two children, Trip and Mae Covington. The Maxwells are members of First Baptist Church, Oxford.

to the Supreme Court, she continued work for the protection of children and families as co-chair of the Commission on Children's Justice and co-chair of the Commission on Guardianships and Conservatorships.

She makes her home in Sumrall. She is a member of Sumrall United Methodist Church in Lamar County.

She is married to Dr. Stephen Beam. They have five children. Justice Beam and her husband are very active in their community.



**Associate Justice  
Dawn H. Beam**  
*District 2  
Place 2*

Justice Dawn H. Beam joined the Mississippi Supreme Court on Feb. 16, 2016. Gov. Phil Bryant appointed her to fill the unexpired term of former Justice Randy Pierce. She is the fourth woman to serve on the state's highest court, and the first woman appointed from the Southern District.

Justice Beam, the daughter of a minister, was born in Marks in the Mississippi Delta and as a child lived in numerous communities across the state. She graduated from Caldwell High School in Columbus, Mississippi. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from the University of Mississippi, and a law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law. She was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 1989.

She has spent most of her legal career in the Pine Belt area. She was elected to and served for three years as county prosecutor for Lamar County, and for five years as a chancellor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Chancery District, which includes Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, and Perry counties. Her work as a chancellor and as a county prosecutor included protection of abused and neglected children. After her appointment



**Associate Justice  
Robert P. Chamberlin**  
*District 3  
Place 1*

Justice Robert P. Chamberlin of Hernando joined the Mississippi Supreme Court on Jan. 3, 2017. Justice Chamberlin was elected in a runoff election on Nov. 29, 2016, to an open seat on the Supreme Court.

Justice Chamberlin served for 12 years as a circuit judge of the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit District. Then Gov. Haley Barbour appointed him to the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit bench on Nov. 24, 2004. The district includes DeSoto, Panola, Tallahatchie, Tate, and Yalobusha counties. In 2006, he co-founded the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Drug Court with then-Circuit Judge Ann Lamar. He served as chairman and vice chairman of the Conference of Circuit Judges.

He was elected to the Mississippi Senate in 1999, and served Senate District 1 of DeSoto County for five years. He was vice chairman of the Universities and Colleges Committee from 2000 to 2003 as well as chairman of the Elections Committee in 2004. He was selected as Legislator of the Year by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Association in 2003. While serving in the Senate, he attended by invitation the National Security Seminar held at the United States Army War College.

He served as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Hernando from 1991 to 1999. He served as Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Horn Lake in 1992. He also served as a Special Master in Chancery Court. Shortly after he graduated from law school, he went to work for what was

to become the Austin Law Firm in Hernando and later formed Chamberlin Nowak, P.C. He was in private law practice for 14 years, and served as attorney for the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors for four years. He is a member of the American Inns of Court.

Justice Chamberlin graduated from Hernando High School in 1983. He attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College and later graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. He earned a law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1990.

Justice Chamberlin is a lifelong resident of north Mississippi and is married to the former Kim White. They have one son, William. They attend the United Methodist Church in Hernando.



*Associate Justice*  
**David M. Ishee**  
*District 2*  
*Place 1*

Justice David M. Ishee of Gulfport was appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court by Gov. Phil Bryant. He took the oath of office on Sept. 18, 2017.

He previously served for 13 years on the Mississippi Court of Appeals, having first been appointed in September 2004 by Gov. Haley Barbour.

Justice Ishee was born in Gulfport, Mississippi, in 1963. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in history. He also attended the University of London and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Upon graduation from Ole Miss, he entered private law practice with his late father-in-law, Elmo Lang of Pascagoula, Mississippi. He practiced for almost 14 years in the law firm of Lang and Ishee. During that time, he was involved in extensive litigation in civil, criminal, and domestic-relations law. He was appointed by the Circuit Court judges of the Second and 19<sup>th</sup> Districts to head four death penalty defense teams and was lead counsel on

numerous appeals and oral arguments before the Mississippi Supreme Court. He also served as board attorney for the Gulf Coast Regional Waste Water Authority from 1992 to 1996.

While living in Jackson County, he served on the Jackson County Republican Executive Board, was chairman of the 1992 Jackson County Republican Convention, and was a delegate to the 1992 Mississippi State Republican Convention.

In 1993, at the age of 29, he was appointed Municipal Court Judge for the City of Pascagoula. He was re-appointed for a second term in 1996. During this time, he also served one year as interim Municipal Court Judge for the City of Ocean Springs, and was Judge Pro Tem for the Jackson County Youth Court, where he presided over numerous child custody hearings as well as hearings involving abused and delinquent children. He was appointed Municipal Court Judge for the City of Gulfport in October 1999.

He joined the law firm of Franke, Rainey and Salloum, PLLC, in 2002, where he represented local hospitals in medical malpractice cases and numerous businesses in general insurance defense.

Justice Ishee is admitted to and has extensively practiced in all federal and state courts in the State of Mississippi, and is admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He has served as president of the Jackson County Young Lawyers Division, and secretary, vice-president and president of the Jackson County Bar Association. In addition to his participation on numerous committees of the Mississippi Bar, he was appointed as president of its Historical Preservation Committee.

He was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court to chair the Criminal Section of the Model Jury Instructions Revision Committee, which revised the Criminal Model Jury Instructions for the Circuit Courts of Mississippi. He has also served as a special Circuit Court Judge and Chancellor in numerous counties by appointment of the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Justice Ishee has served as President of the Southern Mississippi Law Constituent Society since 2010 and is a member of the Law Alumni Board of Directors for the University of Mississippi School of Law. He was inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Hall of Fame in 2014, and as a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar in 2016.

He teaches business law and professional ethics at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Campus. He is also an adjunct professor at both the University of Mississippi School of Law and Mississippi College School of Law, where he teaches criminal litigation and trial practice. He previously served as an adjunct professor at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he has been the conference delegate to the Mississippi Methodist Conference for eight years, and serves as an usher and a staff Parish Committee member.

He is married to the former Linda Lang of Pascagoula. They have one daughter, Lauren. Justice Ishee is the son of Mrs. Doris Ishee of Gulfport and the late Representative Roger Ishee.



*Associate Justice*  
**Kenny Griffis**  
*District 1*  
*Place 1*

Judge Kenny Griffis was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court on Feb. 1, 2019. He previously served as Chief Judge of the Mississippi Court of Appeals, and as a Presiding Judge. He was a member of the Court of Appeals for 16 years.

Judge Griffis is a native of Meridian, Mississippi. He earned accounting and law degrees from

the University of Mississippi. He attended Meridian Community College and Mississippi State University – Meridian Branch. He was a Certified Public Accountant from 1984 through 2007.

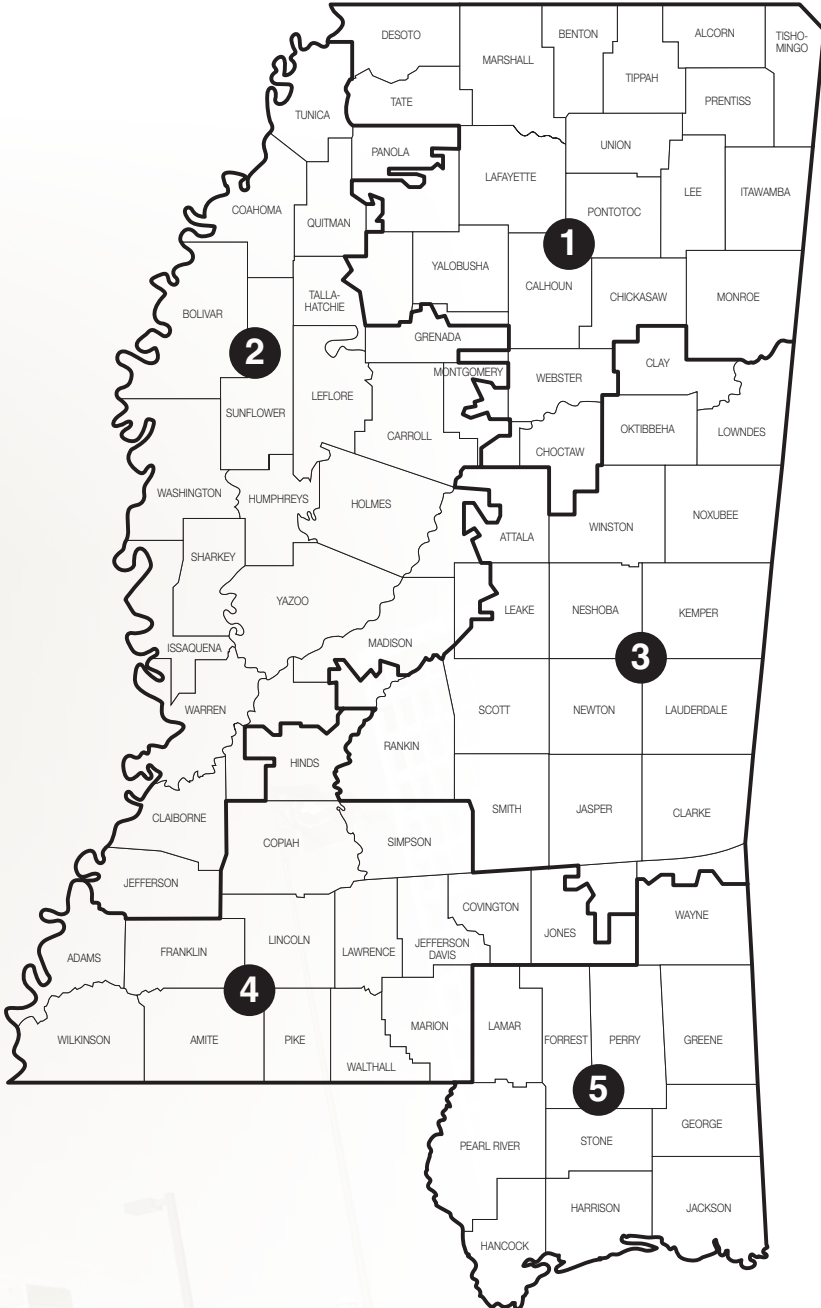
Judge Griffis is admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Courts of the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi, and all Mississippi state courts. He is a member of The Mississippi Bar, the Magnolia Bar Association, the Madison County Bar Association, the Capital Area Bar Association, and the Rankin County Bar Association. Judge Griffis is also a member of the Downtown Jackson Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Judge Griffis currently serves as a member of the Mississippi Supreme Court’s Committee on Continuing Judicial Education. He has also served on the Supreme Court’s Advisory Committee on the Civil Rules, as Chair of the Bench Bar Committee of The Mississippi Bar, and the Committee on Electronic Filing and Case Management Systems. Judge Griffis serves as adjunct professor at the Mississippi College School of Law and the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Judge Griffis and his wife, Mary Helen, are the parents of five boys. They live in Ridgeland and attend Christ United Methodist Church. Judge Griffis has served as a youth Sunday School teacher, a Cub Scout leader, and a coach for over 80 youth sports teams, including baseball, basketball, soccer, and hockey.



# MISSISSIPPI COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICTS



# MISSISSIPPI COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES

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**Chief Judge**  
**Donna M. Barnes**  
*District 1*  
*Position 2*

Court of Appeals Chief Judge Donna M. Barnes of Tupelo was appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour on

July 26, 2004, to a vacancy on the Court. She was elected in November 2006, and re-elected in November 2010 and November 2018. She became Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals on February 1, 2019. She is the first woman Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Born in Natchez, Judge Barnes earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1982 from the University of Mississippi, *summa cum laude*, with majors in classical civilizations and English. Judge Barnes obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where she graduated *magna cum laude* in 1985. She was a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and a research editor of *Mississippi Law Journal*. Judge Barnes is a member of the University of Mississippi Lamar Order.

For more than 18 years, Judge Barnes practiced law with Mitchell, McNutt and Sams in Tupelo with concentrations in appellate practice, real estate, health care, employment discrimination, Section 1983 litigation and professional liability defense.

In 1996, she took sabbatical to study law at the University of Cambridge, where she was one of three American students in the LL.M. program which that year admitted 152 attorneys from 48 countries. Her studies included international commercial litigation, comparative public law, international human rights, and law and practice of civil liberties. A member of Magdalene College, Judge Barnes earned her Master of Law from the University of Cambridge in 1997.

Admitted to the practice of law in Mississippi in 1985, Judge Barnes is qualified to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi, and all Mississippi state courts. She is a member of the Mississippi Bar and the Lee County Bar Association. She has served as president of both

the Lee County Bar Association and the Lee County Young Lawyers Association.

Judge Barnes was honored as the 2019 recipient of the Susie Blue Buchanan Award. The annual award, presented by the Mississippi Bar's Women in the Profession Committee, honors an outstanding woman lawyer who has achieved professional excellence and has actively paved the way to success for other women lawyers.

She is a fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation and a member of the Criminal Code Revision Consulting Group. She is a former member of the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission and the Judicial Advisory Study Committee.

Judge Barnes is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church and the Mary Stuart Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, both of Tupelo.



**Presiding Judge**  
**Virginia Carlton**  
*District 4*  
*Position 1*

Judge Virginia Carlton has served as a Judge on the Mississippi Court of Appeals since January 2007. She is a Presiding Judge. Judge Carlton participates in approximately 450 cases a year and authors approximately 40-50 majority opinions a year, in addition to numerous separate opinions. The Court also determines approximately 1700 motions a year.

In addition to her current service on the Mississippi Court of Appeals, Judge Carlton has served our state and nation in various other capacities over the course of her career. She formerly held elected office as State Representative for Mississippi House District 100 from Jan. 1, 2004 – December 2006. She also served as an assistant district attorney, county public defender, U.S. Army JAG officer, Command and General Staff College Instructor, USAR military trial judge, USAR military appellate judge, and as a Mississippi Supreme Court law clerk.

As an Army JAG officer, Judge Carlton served the Army in a variety of legal positions over the years including prosecutor, defense counsel, deputy staff judge advocate, staff judge

advocate, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Army in Hawaii. She was merit selected to serve as a military trial judge in the USAR. She was subsequently selected to serve as an associate USAR military appellate judge on the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals, where she participated in approximately 90 cases and served as lead judge in 40 cases. Carlton's 24 years of total military service is unique in that it includes active, reserve, and National Guard duty.

Upon retirement from the military in February 2015, Judge Carlton held the rank of Colonel and had served for more than 24 years. Colonel Carlton was awarded the following military awards and medals: Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (7<sup>th</sup> Award); Army Commendation Medal (4<sup>th</sup> Award); Army Reserve Component's Achievement Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award); National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (1); and Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device and with 10 year device). She was also awarded a foreign badge, the German Sports Medal, during her tour of duty in Germany. Upon her retirement, she was also awarded the Magnolia Cross by the Governor of Mississippi.

Judge Carlton hails from Columbia, Mississippi, and she currently resides in Jackson, Mississippi. She attended the University of Mississippi for her undergraduate and law school education. She received her B.B.A. degree in 1986 and earned her Juris Doctorate degree in 1989. As an undergraduate, she served in the campus senate and was a member of the Chi Omega sorority, Tau chapter. She also served in many organizations during law school including the Mississippi Law Journal, the Moot Court Board and its Executive Board, and clerk of Mays Inn of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. She continued her professional education in the military and is now also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and Staff College and a graduate of the U.S. Army War College. She holds a Master Degree of Strategic Studies.

Judge Carlton actively contributes to the bench and bar. She is a member of the Mississippi Judicial College Board of Governors. She has served on the Mississippi Children's Justice Commission, the Mississippi Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee, and the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission. She has also

served on various other study commissions and advisory groups. Additionally, she previously served as an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law and at Belhaven College. She is a member of the following organizations: Charles Clark Inn of Court; North Jackson Rotary Club; past Secretary of the Jackson Prep performing arts booster club ("Applause Board"); Chi Omega Sorority Jackson Metro Area Alumni Association; and past Jackson Symphony League Ball Chair. She also previously served as a board member of the Tri-Community Fire Department and as a member of the Junior Auxiliary Club in Marion County. Judge Carlton often teaches continuing education classes at the request of the MS Bar, the MS Judicial College, and other organizations.

Judge Carlton is admitted to practice in Mississippi and before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Army Court of Criminal Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. She is a member of the Mississippi and American Bar Association. In 2012, she was honored by being selected as a fellow of the Mississippi Bar Association. In 2010, she was named one of the top 50 women in business by the Mississippi Business Journal, and in 2013, as a woman of the year by the Mississippi Commission for the Status of Women for her military service. When serving as a State Representative, Judge Carlton was named Outstanding Legislator for Juvenile Justice and the Mississippi Association of Adult & Community Education named her "2004-2006 South Mississippi Friend of Adult Education."

Judge Carlton is married to Dr. Scott Carlton, a family physician and Colonel in the Mississippi Army National Guard. The Carltons have three children – Rachel, a chemical engineer, Harrison Read, an electrical engineer, and Phoebe, a college freshman.



**Presiding Judge  
Jack L. Wilson**  
*District 3  
Position 1*

Presiding Judge Jack L. Wilson of Madison was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Gov. Phil

Bryant on July 1, 2015. He was elected to an eight-year term in November 2016.

Judge Wilson grew up in Jackson and Tupelo and graduated from Tupelo High School. He attended the University of Memphis, earned a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi, and received a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. After law school, he clerked for Judge Gerald Bard Tjoflat of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

Judge Wilson previously practiced law with the firms of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP in Jackson, Miss., and Mayer Brown LLP in Washington, DC. His practice focused on appellate litigation and general civil litigation involving a variety of subject matters including business and commercial disputes, class and collective actions, and arbitrations. He represented clients in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout the country, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Wilson also served as Deputy Counsel and later Chief Counsel to Gov. Phil Bryant.

He is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Mississippi; in the District of Columbia; in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, Seventh, and 11<sup>th</sup> Circuits; and in the U.S. Supreme Court. He previously served as a commissioner on the Uniform Law Commission, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System, and as president of the Mississippi Lawyers Chapter of The Federalist Society. He has also served as an adjunct instructor at the Mississippi College School of Law.

Judge Wilson and his wife, Amanda, have four children, Emily, Jack, Henry, and Katherine. They live in Madison, where they are active members of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church.



**Judge  
Jim M. Greenlee**  
*District 1  
Position 1*

Judge Jim Ming Greenlee was born and raised in Batesville, Mississippi. He joined

the Mississippi Court of Appeals on Jan. 20, 2016, upon his appointment by Gov. Phil Bryant to serve through December of 2016.

Judge Greenlee was elected in November 2016 to continue his service on the Court through December of 2022.

Judge Greenlee previously served as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi from 2001 to 2010. As U.S. Attorney, he led that office which prosecuted public corruption cases, judicial influence cases, major drug distribution networks, violent gun crime cases and assisted in the cold case investigation of the murder of Emmett Till. As U. S. Attorney, he served on the Advisory Committee to the Attorney General of the United States.

His service with the U.S. Department of Justice spanned 22 years. He was an assistant U. S. Attorney in the Civil Division of the U. S. Attorney's office from 1987 until 2001. He became the lead civil fraud attorney, trying bankruptcy, tort, employment rights, eminent domain, and white-collar criminal cases. Greenlee was in the private practice of law in Southaven from 1981 to 1987, and in Oxford from 2010 to 2016.

Judge Greenlee graduated from South Panola High School in 1970. Having been awarded a Navy ROTC Scholarship, he earned his Bachelor of Engineering degree from the University of Mississippi in 1974. He served on active duty in the U. S. Navy from 1974 to 1978. Returning to Ole Miss, he studied at the Law School, receiving his Juris Doctor in 1981. Greenlee served in the U.S. Navy Reserve until 1997, retiring at the rank of Captain, USN.

He is the son of the late Thomas S. and Margaret "Bill" Greenlee of Batesville. His wife is the former Ann Veazey of Coldwater. Ann and Jim have two daughters, Veazey and Taylor, two sons-in-law, Andy Hillmer and Jeff Kilgore, and four grandchildren. Ann and

Jim are members of Oxford University United Methodist Church where Jim teaches an adult Sunday School class.



**Judge  
Latrice A. Westbrooks**  
*District 2  
Position 2*

Judge Latrice Westbrooks was sworn in as a member of the Mississippi Court of

Appeals on Jan. 3, 2017. She was elected Nov. 8, 2016, to Court of Appeals District 2, Position 2.

Judge Westbrooks was born in Memphis, Tennessee. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. She earned a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1997. She was admitted to the Mississippi Bar that same year.

She became an assistant district attorney in the Second Circuit District of Harrison, Hancock, and Stone counties in October 1997. She was the first African American woman assistant district attorney in the Second Circuit District. She joined the Jackson law firm of Byrd and Associates in 2000, then opened her own law practice in 2001, representing clients in both criminal and civil matters.

She served as prosecutor for the city of Durant and as city attorney for the town of Isola. For almost 10 years, she served as a public defender in Holmes County. In 2013, she became interim communications director for Jackson Mayor Chokwe Lumumba, then joined the Jackson City Attorney's office as legal counsel for the Jackson Police Department. She returned to private law practice in 2014. She served as Municipal Judge for the city of Lexington before she was elected to the Court of Appeals.

Judge Westbrooks was named Outstanding Woman Lawyer of 2017 by the Mississippi Women Lawyers' Association.

She has worked in conjunction with the Magnolia Bar Association, One Voice, the NAACP, the Mississippi Center for Justice, the Southern Poverty Law Center's Mississippi Youth Justice Project and the ACLU. She served as a Southeast Regional and Central Director of the Magnolia Bar Association. She previously

chaired the Criminal Justice Committee for the State Conference of the NAACP. She is a member of the Mississippi Bar, Magnolia Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Bar Association, the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Capital Area Bar Association and the Metro Jackson Black Women Lawyers Association. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as well as a life member of the NAACP. She is a former member of the Mississippi Association for Justice and the Mississippi Public Defenders Association. She is a past board member of Leadership Greater Jackson Alumnae, the I.S. Sanders YMCA, and the National African American Student Leadership Conference.

Judge Westbrooks is a resident of Lexington, Mississippi. She is a member of Cade Chapel M.B. Church.



**Judge  
Deborah A. McDonald**  
*District 2  
Position 1*

Mississippi Court of Appeals Mississippi Court of Appeals Judge Deborah McDonald was elected

Nov. 27, 2018, and began her judicial term on Jan. 7, 2019.

Judge McDonald began her legal career as an attorney representing the poor at the former Southwest Mississippi Legal Services in McComb. She worked for Legal Services for nine years, serving as staff attorney, managing attorney and executive director. She entered private law practice in 1991. Her private practice areas included civil rights, employment discrimination, consumer law, personal injury, product liability, and family law. She did extensive work in voting rights litigation, including legislative redistricting.

She served as Fayette Municipal Judge for 23 years. She was attorney for Jefferson County Hospital and Jefferson County Nursing Home for 24 years. She was attorney for the city of Port Gibson for almost seven years, and represented the Hazlehurst School District for three years.

Judge McDonald grew up in Fayette and graduated from Jefferson County High School.

She is a graduate of Alcorn State University, where she studied social science education. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where she served on the Moot Court Board. She is admitted to practice before all state and federal courts of Mississippi and the U.S. Supreme Court.

She has one adult son, Tahrik McClellan of Jackson. She is a member of East Mount Olive M.B. Church in Lorman.



**Judge**  
**Anthony N. Lawrence III**  
*District 5*  
*Position 1*

Judge Anthony N. “Tony” Lawrence III was born in Pascagoula, Mississippi, on April 3, 1965. He is the son of Anthony and Darla Lawrence of Pascagoula.

He graduated from Our Lady of Victories High School in 1983. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in history and a minor in political science in 1987. He attended the University of Mississippi School of Law, receiving his Juris Doctor degree in 1990. He was admitted to the practice of law in Mississippi that same year. He also is admitted to practice law in all courts in the state of Alabama.

Judge Lawrence began his practice in a general litigation firm and tried civil lawsuits in both Mississippi and Alabama. He served as an Assistant District Attorney from 1996 to 1999 in the 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court District and as a Special Prosecutor in other Circuit Court districts in the State of Mississippi. He joined the law firm of Colingo, Williams, Heidelberg, Steinberger & McElhaney on Sept. 20, 1999, and practiced primarily in the area of medical malpractice defense.

He was elected District Attorney for Jackson, George, and Greene counties in November 2003, and was reelected in 2007, 2011, and 2015. In November 2018, he was elected without opposition to the Mississippi Court of Appeals. He took the oath of office on Jan. 7, 2019.

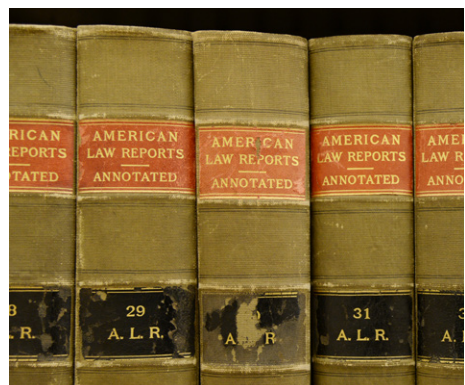
Judge Lawrence is a member of the Mississippi Bar, Alabama Bar, and the Jackson County

Bar. He has served as Special Judge in the Jackson County Youth Court. He served as Mississippi Prosecutors Association vice-president and president-elect, and was president 2011-2012. He served on the Mississippi Prosecutors Association Board of Directors for nine years and was co-chair of the Legislative Action Committee. In that role, he assisted in the passage of legislation aimed at preventing child abuse (Lonnie Smith Act), and establishing degrees of murder, charges of accessory after the fact to murder, and attempted murder. He worked to pass legislation authorizing the creation of more assistant district attorney positions across the state.

He was appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour to serve on the Children’s Justice Act Task Force and was appointed by Gov. Phil Bryant to the Judicial Appointment Governor’s Advisory Committee and the Governor’s Teen Pregnancy Task Force. He has been an Adjunct Instructor of Criminal Investigations at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College – Jackson County Campus and the University of Southern Mississippi at the Long Beach campus.

He served as president of the Singing River Soccer Club, and was a founding officer in the Mississippi Coast Futbol Club. He coached youth sports for approximately 27 years and served as coach for the Resurrection High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team for eight years and as head coach for Resurrection Varsity Boys Soccer Team for five years. He coached the Resurrection High School mock trial team for more than 15 years.

He is married to Anita Lawrence, the former Anita Williamson, and they have two children, Taylor, 28, and Bay, 24. They attend Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church in Pascagoula.





**Judge  
David Neil McCarty**  
*District 4  
Position 2*

Mississippi Court of Appeals Judge David Neil McCarty was elected Nov. 27, 2018, and took the

oath of office on Jan. 7, 2019.

Before he was elected to the Court of Appeals, he was a solo practitioner who focused on appeals and complex litigation. He was counsel in more than 80 state and federal appeals. He presented oral argument more than 30 times before the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals of Mississippi, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Since 2005, he has been an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law, where he has taught courses in trial practice, evidence, pretrial practice, appellate advocacy, and legal writing. He was honored as the Adjunct Professor of the Year for 2016-17. Judge McCarty is the author of the Evidence chapter of the Encyclopedia of Mississippi Law, and is a contributing author to the treatise Mississippi Civil Procedure. He also regularly presents continuing legal education topics on appellate advocacy and ethics.

Judge McCarty helped co-found the Appellate Practice Section of the Mississippi Bar, and from 2014 to 2015 was chair of the Section. In 2013, he was recognized by the *Mississippi Business Journal* as one of the state's 50 Leading Attorneys. He is a Barrister in the Charles Clark Inn of Court.

He earned his J.D. from Mississippi College School of Law in 2004, graduating cum laude. He was Articles Editor on the Law Review and Competition Chair of the Moot Court. He previously received a B.A. in political science from Mississippi State University.

Judge McCarty served as law clerk to former Mississippi Supreme Court Presiding Justice James E. Graves, Jr., who is now a member of the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He also served as law clerk for former Presiding Justice Oliver E. Diaz, Jr.

Judge McCarty was born in Sandusky, Alabama. He lives in Jackson, Mississippi.



**Judge  
Joel Smith**  
*District 5  
Position 2*

Judge Joel Smith of Gulfport was appointed to the Mississippi Court of Appeals and took

the oath of office on Jan. 19, 2021. Gov. Tate Reeves appointed Judge Smith to the position previously held by Sean Tindell.

Before his appointment to the bench, Smith served for 20 years as a prosecutor in the Second Judicial District of Harrison, Hancock, and Stone counties. He was an assistant district attorney for 11 years and became trial division leader. He was elected as District Attorney in 2011 after longtime District Attorney Cono Caranna announced that he would retire. Smith took office in January 2012. He was in his third term as District Attorney when he was appointed to the bench. Smith practiced corporate defense and premises liability litigation with the firm of Bryant, Clark, Dukes & Blakeslee before joining the District Attorney's office.

He is past president of the Mississippi Prosecutors Association, served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Prosecutors Section of the Mississippi Bar and was a member of the National District Attorneys Association. He is vice-chair of the Mississippi Children's Justice Act Task Force and was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Mississippi School Safety Task Force. He served on the Mississippi Corrections and Criminal Justice Oversight Committee and on the Governor's 2020 search committee to find a new commissioner for the Department of Corrections. He served as an instructor with the U.S. Navy Sexual Assault Intervention Training Program, the Southern Regional Public Safety Institute and the Harrison County Law Enforcement Academy.

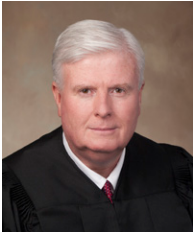
He served as President of the Leadership Gulf Coast Board of Trustees and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Coast Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Gulf Coast Business Council.

He was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 1999. He is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Mississippi.

He is a native of Gulfport and a graduate of

Gulfport High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Mississippi in 1996 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1999.

He and his wife, Courtney, have three children. They attend First Baptist Church of Gulfport.



**Judge**  
**John H. Emfinger**  
*District 3*  
*Position 2*

Judge John H. Emfinger of Brandon was appointed to the Mississippi Court of

Appeals and took the oath of office on March 3, 2021. Gov. Tate Reeves appointed Judge Emfinger to the position previously held by Judge Cory Wilson.

Judge Emfinger served for more than 10 years as a Circuit Judge of the 20<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court District of Rankin and Madison counties. He served on the Commission on Judicial Performance, the Mississippi Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules and the Criminal Code Revision Consulting Group. He is a former chairman, vice-chair and secretary treasurer of the Conference of Circuit Judges.

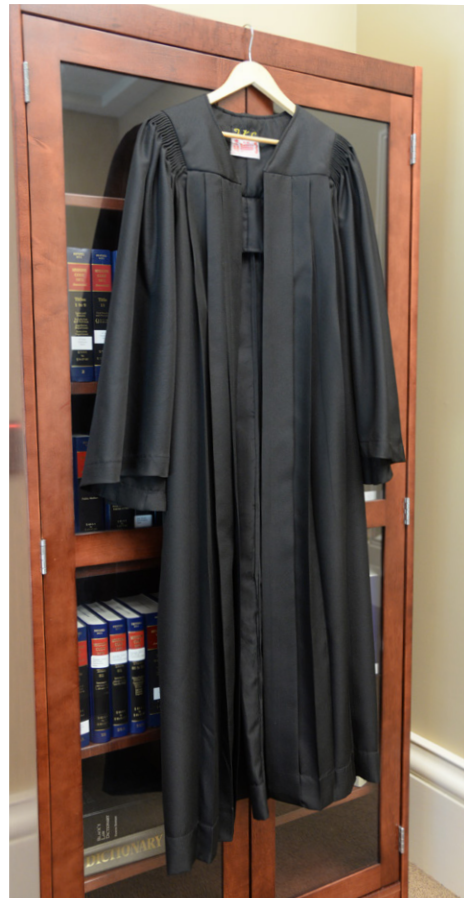
He served for 12 years as an assistant district attorney for the 20<sup>th</sup> District, serving at three different times between 1988 and 2010. He served for nearly 10 years as a special assistant attorney general, serving at three different times between 1983 and 1997. He worked in the Criminal Division preparing appellate briefs; in the State and Local Government Section handling criminal appeals, AG opinions, elections and Voting Rights Act submissions and litigation; and later as director of the Public Integrity Division, where he supervised investigation and prosecution of public corruption, white collar crime, voter fraud and large scale drug operations. He worked for a year as Assistant Secretary of State and staff attorney in the Securities Division of the office of the Mississippi Secretary of State. He was in private law practice for about seven years. His practice areas included oil and gas law, domestic relations, and criminal defense.

He is a former member of Mississippi Prosecutors Association and is a member of the Mississippi Bar, the Alabama State Bar, the American Bar Association, American Inns of Court, the Madison County Bar Association and the Rankin County Bar Association.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and a Masters of Business Administration from Mississippi College and a law degree from Mississippi College School of Law.

Judge Emfinger was born in 1955 in Langdale, Alabama. He is married Susan J. Emfinger. They have three daughters and four grandchildren.

He is a member of First Baptist Church of Brandon. He has served as a coach and board member of various youth sports organizations.



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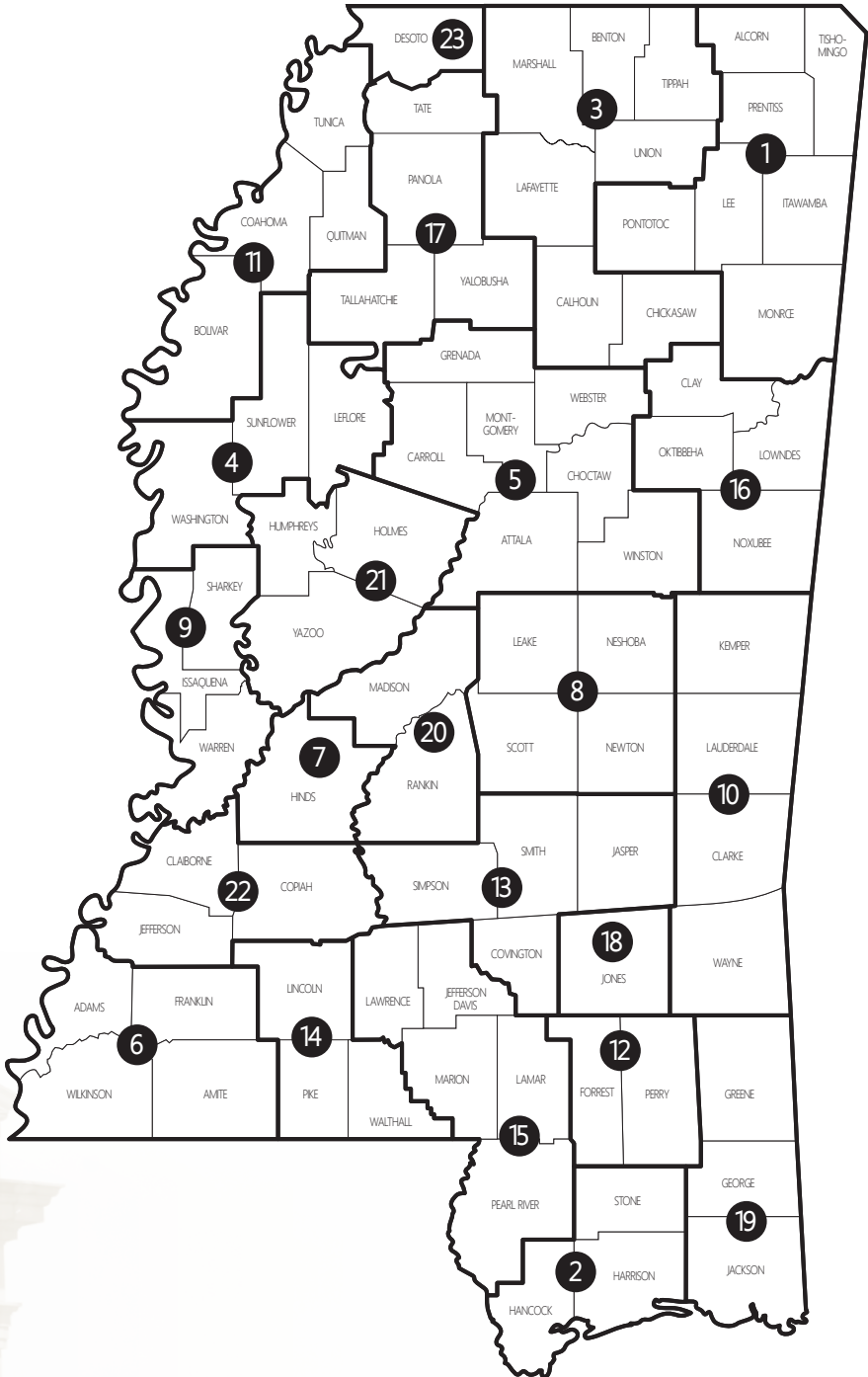
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Adams.....	17.....	6	Leflore.....	7.....	4
Alcorn.....	1.....	1	Lincoln.....	15.....	14
Amite.....	4.....	6	Lowndes.....	14.....	16
Attala.....	6.....	5	Madison.....	11.....	20
Benton.....	18.....	3	Marion.....	10.....	15
Bolivar.....	7.....	11	Marshall.....	18.....	3
Calhoun.....	18.....	3	Monroe.....	1.....	1
Carroll.....	6.....	5	Montgomery.....	3.....	5
Chickasaw.....	14.....	3	Neshoba.....	6.....	8
Choctaw.....	6.....	5	Newton.....	2.....	8
Claiborne.....	17.....	22	Noxubee.....	14.....	16
Clarke.....	12.....	10	Oktibbeha.....	14.....	16
Clay.....	14.....	16	Panola.....	3.....	17
Coahoma.....	7.....	11	Pearl River.....	10.....	15
Copiah.....	15.....	22	Perry.....	10.....	12
Covington.....	13.....	13	Pike.....	4.....	14
DeSoto.....	3.....	23	Pontotoc.....	1.....	1
Forrest.....	10.....	12	Prentiss.....	1.....	1
Franklin.....	4.....	6	Quitman.....	7.....	11
George.....	16.....	19	Rankin.....	20.....	20
Greene.....	16.....	19	Scott.....	2.....	8
Grenada.....	3.....	5	Sharkey.....	9.....	9
Hancock.....	8.....	2	Simpson.....	13.....	13
Harrison.....	8.....	2	Smith.....	13.....	13
Hinds.....	5.....	7	Stone.....	8.....	2
Holmes.....	11.....	21	Sunflower.....	9.....	4
Humphreys.....	9.....	21	Tallahatchie.....	7.....	17
Issaquena.....	9.....	9	Tate.....	3.....	17
Itawamba.....	1.....	1	Tippah.....	18.....	3
Jackson.....	16.....	19	Tishomingo.....	1.....	1
Jasper.....	2.....	13	Tunica.....	7.....	11
Jefferson.....	17.....	22	Union.....	1.....	3
Jefferson Davis.....	13.....	15	Walthall.....	4.....	14
Jones.....	19.....	18	Warren.....	9.....	9
Kemper.....	6.....	10	Washington.....	9.....	4
Lafayette.....	18.....	3	Wayne.....	19.....	10
Lamar.....	10.....	15	Webster.....	14.....	5
Lauderdale.....	12.....	10	Wilkinson.....	17.....	6
Lawrence.....	13.....	15	Winston.....	6.....	5
Leake.....	11.....	8	Yalobusha.....	3.....	17
Lee.....	1.....	1	Yazoo.....	11.....	21

# CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS



# CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

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Trials are heard with a 12-member jury and usually one or two alternate jurors. A judge may preside without a jury if the dispute is a question of law rather than fact.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT

Alcorn, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, & Tishomingo Counties

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 D. Ct. Admn. .... Jill S. Reinhard ..... P.O. Drawer 1100 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2364 ..... 662-680-6078  
 Staff Atty ..... Justin C. Moody ..... P.O. Drawer 1100 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2362 ..... 662-680-6078

**Judge** ..... **Michael P. Mills, Jr.** ..... **P.O. Drawer 1100** ..... **Tupelo 38802** ..... **662-432-2360** ..... **f 662-680-6078**  
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**Judge** ..... **John R. White** ..... **P.O. Drawer 1100** ..... **Tupelo 38802** ..... **662-432-2360** ..... **f 662-680-6078**  
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## 2<sup>ND</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT

Hancock, Harrison, & Stone Counties

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**3<sup>RD</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

**Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Lafayette, Marshall, Tippah, & Union Counties**

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**4<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

**Leflore, Sunflower, & Washington Counties**

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<b>Judge</b> .....	<b>Richard A. Smith</b> .....	<b>P.O. Box 10239</b> .....	<b>Greenwood 38930</b> .....	<b>662-453-1429</b> .....	<b>f 662-455-9056</b>
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**5<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

**Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada, Montgomery, Webster, & Winston Counties**

<b>Judge</b> .....	<b>Joseph H. Loper, Jr</b> .....	<b>P.O. Box 616</b> .....	<b>Ackerman 39735</b> .....	<b>662-285-3818</b> .....	<b>f 662-285-3160</b>
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**6<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

Adams, Amite, Franklin, & Wilkinson Counties

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**Judge** .....Carmen Brooks Drake .....115 S. Wall St.....Natchez 39120.....601-445-7933..... f 601-445-2369  
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**7<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

Hinds County

**Judge** .....Adrienne Wooten.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6679..... f 601-973-5541  
 Ct. Rept. ....Aleshia Johnson.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6662..... 601-973-5541  
 Ct. Admn.....LaToya Williams.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6679..... 601-973-5541

**Judge** .....Winston Kidd.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6677..... f 601-714-6305  
 Ct. Rept. ....Estella Wren.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-594-0892..... 601-948-2689  
 Ct. Rept. ....Kimberly P. Smith .....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-831-0490..... 601-948-2689  
 Ct. Admn.....Evelyn Hunter.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6688..... 601-714-6305  
 Law Clerk.....Edward Kennebrew, Jr.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-973-5577..... 601-714-6305

**Judge** .....Faye Peterson.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-714-6222..... f 601-714-6270  
 Ct. Rept. ....Lindsey McIntosh .....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6662..... No Fax  
 Ct. Rept. ....Lontesa Barrett.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....972-822-7073..... 601-973-5541  
 Ct. Admn.....Faye Jackson.....407 E. Pascagoula St .....Jackson 39205.....601-714-6222..... 601-714-6270  
 Law Clerk.....Corey Harris.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6656..... 601-948-2689

**Judge** .....Debra Gibbs.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6658..... f 601-714-6270  
 Ct. Rept. ....Kimberly P. Smith .....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-831-0490..... 601-948-2689  
 Ct. Adm.....Elisa Wilson.....P.O. Box 327.....Jackson 39205.....601-968-6658..... 601-973-5541

**8<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

Leake, Neshoba, Newton, & Scott Counties

**Judge** .....Mark Duncan .....201 Range Ave .....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-5776..... f 601-656-3329  
 Ct. Rept. ....Mallory Gnade .....P.O. Box 388.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-4830..... 601-656-7646  
 Ct. Rept. ....Regan Carpenter .....201 Range Ave.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-5776..... 601-656-3329  
 Ct. Admn.....Nicole Walters Bryan .....201 Range Ave.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-5776..... 601-656-3329  
 Law Clerk.....Stephen Wozencraft .....P.O. Box 388.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-4380..... No Fax

**Judge** .....Caleb E. May.....P.O. Box 388.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-4830..... f 601-656-7646  
 Ct. Rept. ....Regan Carpenter.....P.O. Box 388.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-4830..... 601-656-7646  
 Ct. Rept. ....Mallory Gnade .....P.O. Box 388.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-4830..... 601-656-7646  
 D. Ct. Admn.....BreAnna Tullos.....P.O. Box 388.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-4830..... 601-656-7646  
 Law Clerk.....Stephen Wozencraft .....P.O. Box 388.....Philadelphia 39350.....601-656-4380..... No Fax

**9<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

Issaquena, Sharkey, & Warren Counties

**Judge** .....M. James Chaney, Jr.....P.O. Box 351.....Vicksburg 39181.....601-638-8981..... f 601-630-8033  
 Ct. Rept. ....La Lisa Lindeman .....P.O. Box 351.....Vicksburg 39181.....601-638-8981..... 601-630-8033



Ct. Rept. .... Kristy Johnson ..... P.O. Box 351 ..... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-638-8981 ..... 601-630-8033  
 Ct. Admn. .... Lee Ann Stuart ..... P.O. Box 351 ..... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-638-8981 ..... 601-630-8033  
 Staff Atty. .... Le Brown ..... P.O. Box 351 ..... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-638-8981 ..... 601-630-8033

**Judge ..... Toni Walker Terrett ..... P.O. Box 821583 ..... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-634-8042 ..... f 601-634-8049**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Kristy Johnson ..... P.O. Box 351 ..... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-638-8981 ..... 601-630-8033  
 Ct. Rept. .... Vanessa Townsel ..... 1009 Cherry St. .... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-634-8042 ..... 601-634-8049  
 Ct. Admn. .... Melanie Sanders ..... 1009 Cherry St. .... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-634-8042 ..... 601-634-8049  
 Paralegal/Lgl. Asst. .... LaFreda Lee ..... 1009 Cherry St. .... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-634-8042 ..... 601-634-8049  
 Law Clerk ..... Jessyca Brant ..... 1009 Cherry St. .... Vicksburg 39181 ..... 601-634-8042 ..... 601-634-8049

**10<sup>TH</sup> 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**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Ruth Ann Patrick ..... P.O. Box 1262 ..... Meridian 39302-1262 ..... 601-482-9783 ..... 601-486-3970  
 Ct. Admn. .... Gayle Wink ..... P.O. Box 1262 ..... Meridian 39302-1262 ..... 601-482-9741 ..... 601-486-4933  
 Staff Atty. .... Lauren Williams ..... P.O. Box 1262 ..... Meridian 39302-1262 ..... 601-482-8761 ..... 601-486-4933

**Judge ..... Charles W. Wright, Jr ..... P.O. Box 1677 ..... Meridian 39302-1677 ..... 601-482-9741 ..... f 601-486-4933**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Rebecca Wilson ..... P.O. Box 3751 ..... Meridian 39303 ..... 601-616-2660 ..... 601-484-3970  
 Ct. Admn. .... Gayle Wink ..... P.O. Box 1262 ..... Meridian 39302-1262 ..... 601-482-9741 ..... 601-486-4933  
 Law Clerk ..... Crawford Moore ..... P.O. Box 1262 ..... Meridian 39302-1262 ..... 601-482-4922 ..... 601-486-4933

**11<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

Bolivar, Coahoma, Quitman, & Tunica Counties

**Judge ..... Charles E. Webster ..... P.O. Drawer 998 ..... Clarksdale 38614 ..... 662-624-3039 ..... f 662-624-2515**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Amy Taylor ..... P.O. Drawer 998 ..... Clarksdale 38614 ..... 662-624-3039 ..... 662-624-2515  
 D. Ct. Admn. .... Teresa Ragland ..... P.O. Drawer 998 ..... Clarksdale 38614 ..... 662-624-3039 ..... 662-624-2515  
 Staff Atty. .... Donald W. Cumbest II ..... P.O. Drawer 998 ..... Clarksdale 38614 ..... 662-624-3039 ..... 662-624-2515

**Judge ..... W. Hunter Nowell ..... P.O. Box 1377 ..... Cleveland 38732 ..... 662-843-3346 ..... f 662-846-2930**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Cynthia Pickens ..... P.O. Box 1377 ..... Cleveland 38732 ..... 662-843-3346 ..... 662-846-2930  
 Ct. Admn. .... Rebecca Dean ..... P.O. Box 1377 ..... Cleveland 38732 ..... 662-843-3346 ..... 662-846-2930  
 Law Clerk I ..... Landon Phillips ..... P.O. Box 1377 ..... Cleveland 38732 ..... 662-843-3346 ..... 662-846-2930

**Judge ..... Linda F. Coleman ..... P.O. Drawer 548 ..... Cleveland 38732 ..... 662-846-2939 ..... f 662-846-2937**  
 D. Ct. Admn. .... Theresa J. Thigpen ..... P.O. Drawer 548 ..... Cleveland 38732 ..... 662-846-2939 ..... 662-846-2937  
 Ct. Rept. .... Mary L. Wright ..... P.O. Drawer 548 ..... Cleveland 38732 ..... 662-846-2939 ..... 662-846-2937  
 Law Clerk I ..... Hunter D. Webb ..... P.O. Drawer 548 ..... Cleveland 38732 ..... 662-846-2939 ..... 662-846-2937

**12<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

Forrest & Perry Counties

**Judge ..... Robert Helfrich ..... P.O. Box 309 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-544-5495 ..... f 601-545-6179**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Beverly Temple ..... P.O. Box 309 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-544-5495 ..... 601-545-6179  
 Ct. Admn. .... Brittany Stuart ..... P.O. Box 309 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-544-5495 ..... 601-545-6179  
 Law Clerk ..... Sandra Mohler ..... P.O. Box 309 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-544-5495 ..... 601-545-6179  
 Paralegal/D. Ct. Admn. .... Clarissa Kelly ..... P.O. Box 309 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-544-5495 ..... 601-545-6179

**Judge ..... Wes Curry ..... P.O. Box 830 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-544-8230 ..... f 601-544-8255**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Elena C. James ..... 560 Lavelle Ladner Rd. .... Lumberton 39455 ..... 225-663-0482 ..... 601-544-8255  
 Ct. Admn. .... Melba Chauvin ..... P.O. Box 830 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-544-8230 ..... 601-544-8255  
 Staff Atty. .... Vacant ..... P.O. Box 830 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-544-8230 ..... 601-544-8255

**13<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

Covington, Jasper, Simpson, & Smith Counties

**Judge ..... Matthew Sullivan ..... P.O. Box 545 ..... Raleigh 39153 ..... 601-782-4413 ..... f 601-782-4007**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Katelyn B. Berch ..... 620 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NW ..... Magee 39111 ..... 601-382-8222 ..... No Fax  
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**Judge** ..... **Stanley Sorey** ..... P.O. Box 861 ..... **Raleigh 39153** ..... **601-782-9999** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Kimberly Ulmer** ..... P.O. Box 126 ..... **Raleigh 39153** ..... **601-479-0930** ..... **No Fax**  
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 Staff Atty ..... **Ray Therrell** ..... P.O. Box 861 ..... **Raleigh 39153** ..... **601-782-9999** ..... **No Fax**

**14<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

**Lincoln, Pike, & Walthall Counties**

**Judge** ..... **Michael M. Taylor** ..... P.O. Drawer 1350 ..... **Brookhaven 39602** ..... **601-835-1576** ..... **f 601-835-5644**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Deborah Lang** ..... P.O. Drawer 1350 ..... **Brookhaven 39602** ..... **601-320-2099** ..... **601-835-5644**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Paulynn Raley** ..... P.O. Drawer 1350 ..... **Brookhaven 39602** ..... **601-941-8090** ..... **601-835-5644**  
 Ct. Admn ..... **Laurie Chassion** ..... P.O. Drawer 1350 ..... **Brookhaven 39602** ..... **601-835-1576** ..... **601-835-5644**  
 Law Clerk III.. **Mallory Newlon** ..... P.O. Drawer 1387 ..... **McComb 39649** ..... **601-684-3400** ..... **601-684-2700**

**Judge** ..... **David H. Strong, Jr** ..... P.O. Box 1387 ..... **McComb 39649** ..... **601-684-3400** ..... **f 601-684-2700**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Lucretia Smith** ..... 284 Woodland Brook Dr...**Madison 39110** ..... **601-684-3400** ..... **601-835-5644**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Paulynn Raley** ..... P.O. Drawer 1350 ..... **Brookhaven 39602** ..... **601-941-8090** ..... **601-835-5644**  
 Ct. Admn ..... **Victoria C. Brill** ..... P.O. Drawer 1387 ..... **McComb 39649** ..... **601-684-3400** ..... **601-684-2700**  
 Law Clerk III.. **Mallory Newlon** ..... P.O. Drawer 1387 ..... **McComb 39649** ..... **601-684-3400** ..... **601-684-2700**

**15<sup>TH</sup> 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**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Nancy Farris** ..... P.O. Box 269 ..... **Purvis 39475** ..... **601-794-1051** ..... **601-794-3547**  
 Ct. Admn ..... **Crystal L. Browning** ..... P.O. Box 269 ..... **Purvis 39475** ..... **601-794-1051** ..... **601-794-3547**  
 Staff Atty ..... **Tim Evans** ..... P.O. Box 269 ..... **Purvis 39475** ..... **601-794-1051** ..... **601-794-3547**

**Judge** ..... **Prentiss G. Harrell** ..... P.O. Box 488 ..... **Purvis 39475** ..... **601-794-6035** ..... **f 601-794-2801**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Rosie Sanchez** ..... P.O. Box 19067 ..... **Hattiesburg 39404** ..... **601-466-3446** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Admn ..... **Nick Tremonte** ..... P.O. Box 488 ..... **Purvis 39475** ..... **601-794-3482** ..... **601-794-2801**  
 Staff Atty ..... **Matthew O'Quain** ..... P.O. Box 488 ..... **Purvis 39475** ..... **601-794-6035** ..... **601-794-2801**

**Judge** ..... **Richelle Lumpkin** ..... P.O. Box 876 ..... **Picayune 39466** ..... **601-749-7722** ..... **f 601-749-7725**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Rhonda Wetzel** ..... P.O. Box 552 ..... **Carriere 39426** ..... **601-463-1863** ..... **No Fax**  
 D. Ct. Admin .. **Tonya Jones** ..... P.O. Box 876 ..... **Picayune 39466** ..... **601-749-7722** ..... **f 601-749-7725**  
 Staff Atty ..... **Scarlett Jones** ..... P.O. Box 876 ..... **Picayune 39466** ..... **601-749-7722** ..... **f 601-749-7725**

**16<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

**Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, & Oktibbeha Counties**

**Judge** ..... **Lee "Jay" Howard** ..... P.O. Box 1679 ..... **Starkville 39760** ..... **662-323-6765** ..... **f 662-323-1121**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Kathryn Boyer** ..... 112 Nabors Cir..... **Houston 38851** ..... **662-322-2434** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Admn ..... **Carrie Kimbrough** ..... P.O. Box 1679 ..... **Starkville 39759** ..... **662-323-6765** ..... **662-323-1121**  
 Law Clerk..... **Brandon Langford** ..... P.O. Box 1679 ..... **Starkville 39759** ..... **662-323-6765** ..... **662-245-4632**

**Judge** ..... **James T. Kitchens, Jr** ..... P.O. Box 1387 ..... **Columbus 39703** ..... **662-329-5919** ..... **f 662-245-4632**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Nikki Clark** ..... 60371 Smithville Rd ..... **Smithville 38870** ..... **662-871-9055** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Admn ..... **Lynn Conner** ..... P.O. Box 1387 ..... **Columbus 39703** ..... **662-329-5919** ..... **662-245-4632**  
 Law Clerk..... **Brandon Langford** ..... P.O. Box 1679 ..... **Starkville 39759** ..... **662-323-6765** ..... **662-245-4632**

**Judge** ..... **Michelle D. Easterling** ..... P.O. Drawer 1055 ..... **West Point 39773** ..... **662-391-1070** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Kathryn Boyer** ..... P.O. Box 761 ..... **Tupelo 38802** ..... **662-791-1956** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Admn ..... **Mary T. Brauer** ..... P.O. Drawer 1055 ..... **West Point 39773** ..... **662-391-1067** ..... **No Fax**  
 Law Clerk..... **Brandon Langford** ..... P.O. Box 1679 ..... **Starkville 39759** ..... **662-323-6765** ..... **662-245-4623**

**17<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**

**Panola, Tallahatchie, Tate, & Yalobusha Counties**

**Judge** ..... **Smith Murphey** ..... P.O. Box 481 ..... **Batesville 38606** ..... **662-385-4261** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Rept ..... **Libby Furr** ..... P.O. Box 852 ..... **Oxford 38655** ..... **662-385-4261** ..... **No Fax**  
 D. Ct. Admin .. **Sheila McKinney** ..... P.O. Box 1191 ..... **Water Valley 38965** ..... **662-385-4261** ..... **No Fax**  
 Staff Atty ..... **Kristin Swearengen** ..... P.O. Box 1191 ..... **Water Valley 38965** ..... **662-385-4261** ..... **No Fax**

**Judge** .....**James McClure III**.....**P.O. Box 246**.....**Sardis 38666**.....**662-487-2072**.....**f 662-487-3830**  
**Ct. Admn.**.....**Elizabeth Lentz**.....**215 S. Pochontas St** .....**Sardis 38666** .....**662-487-2072** .....**662-487-3830**

## 18<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT

### Jones County

**Judge** .....**Dal Williamson** .....**P.O. Box 65** .....**Laurel 39441** .....**601-428-4572** .....**f 601-428-3189**  
**Ct. Rept.** .....**Christa Little** .....**P.O. Box 65** .....**Laurel 39441** .....**601-426-2054** .....**601-428-3189**  
**Ct. Admn.**.....**Deborah Wade** .....**P.O. Box 65** .....**Laurel 39441** .....**601-428-4572** .....**601-428-3189**  
**Law Clerk**.....**Brett Pickle** .....**P.O. Box 65** .....**Laurel 39441** .....**601-428-3196** .....**601-428-3189**  
**Paralegal**.....**Shanda Russum** .....**P.O. Box 65** .....**Laurel 39441** .....**601-428-4572** .....**601-428-3189**

## 19<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT

### George, Greene, & Jackson Counties

**Judge** .....**Keith Miller** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3438** .....**f 228-769-3262**  
**Ct. Rept.** .....**Eddie Phillips** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3041** .....**228-769-3262**  
**Ct. Admn.**.....**April Cochran** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3438** .....**228-769-3262**  
**Staff Atty**.....**Jessica Bates** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3408** .....**228-769-3262**  
**Staff Atty**.....**Anna Richardson** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3209** .....**228-769-3262**

**Judge** .....**Calvin D. Taylor**.....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3434** .....**f 228-769-3262**  
**Ct. Rept.** .....**Linda Temple** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3042** .....**228-769-3262**  
**Ct. Admn.**.....**Tara Marksberry** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3434** .....**228-769-3262**  
**Staff Atty**.....**Jessica Bates** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3408** .....**228-769-3262**  
**Staff Atty**.....**Anna Richardson** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3209** .....**228-769-3262**

**Judge** .....**Kathy King Jackson**.....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3244** .....**f 228-769-3262**  
**Ct. Rept.** .....**Gina Thompson** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3043** .....**228-769-3262**  
**Ct. Admn.**.....**Pamela Gephart**.....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3244** .....**228-769-3262**  
**Staff Atty**.....**Jessica Bates** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3408** .....**228-769-3262**  
**Staff Atty**.....**Anna Richardson** .....**P.O. Box 998** .....**Pascagoula 39568** .....**228-769-3209** .....**228-769-3262**

## 20<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT

### Rankin & Madison Counties

**Judge** .....**Dewey Arthur** .....**P.O. Box 1626** .....**Canton 39046** .....**601-855-5555** .....**f 601-855-5704**  
**Ct. Rept.** .....**Molly Eaton** .....**128 Berry Lane** .....**Madison 39110** .....**601-855-5555** .....**601-855-5704**  
**Ct. Admn.**.....**Tammy Hall** .....**P.O. Box 1599** .....**Brandon 39043** .....**601-824-2452** .....**601-824-2441**  
**Staff Atty**.....**Sarah Butler** .....**P.O. Box 1626** .....**Canton 39046** .....**601-855-5586** .....**601-855-5704**

**Judge** .....**M. Brad Mills** .....**P.O. Box 1599** .....**Brandon 39043** .....**601-824-6529** .....**f 601-824-2441**  
**Ct. Rept.** .....**Harvey Rayborn** .....**P.O. Box 1689** .....**Brandon 39043** .....**601-824-6529** .....**601-824-2441**  
**Ct. Admn.**.....**Nikki Jones** .....**P.O. Box 1689** .....**Brandon 39043** .....**601-824-6529** .....**601-824-2441**  
**Staff Atty**.....**Sarah Butler** .....**P.O. Box 1626** .....**Canton 39046** .....**601-855-5586** .....**601-855-5704**

**Judge** .....**Steve Ratcliff** .....**P.O. Box 1626** .....**Canton 39046** .....**601-855-5570** .....**f 601-855-5704**  
**Ct. Rept.** .....**Debbie Nester** .....**P.O. Box 1626** .....**Canton 39046** .....**601-855-5570** .....**601-855-5704**  
**D. Ct. Admn.**.....**Natalie Kirby** .....**P.O. Box 1626** .....**Canton 39046** .....**601-855-5570** .....**601-855-5704**  
**Staff Atty**.....**Sarah Butler** .....**P.O. Box 1626** .....**Canton 39046** .....**601-855-5586** .....**601-855-5704**

## 21<sup>ST</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT

### Holmes, Humphreys, & Yazoo Counties

**Judge** .....**Jannie M. Lewis-Blackmon**.....**P.O. Box 149** .....**Lexington 39095** .....**662-834-1452** .....**f 662-834-1481**  
**Ct. Rept.** .....**Victoria Reeves** .....**144 Skyline Dr** .....**Clinton 39056** .....**662-824-5110** .....**662-834-1481**  
**Ct. Rept.** .....**Patrick Wallace** .....**127 Nicholas Street** .....**Vicksburg 39180** .....**662-630-6644** .....**662-834-1481**  
**D. Ct. Admn.**.....**Carrie Williams** .....**P.O. Box 149** .....**Lexington 39095** .....**662-834-1452** .....**662-834-1481**  
**Ct. Admn.**.....**Modora A. Gordon** .....**P.O. Box 149** .....**Lexington 39095** .....**662-834-1452** .....**662-834-1481**

**22<sup>ND</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**  
 Claiborne, Copiah, & Jefferson Counties

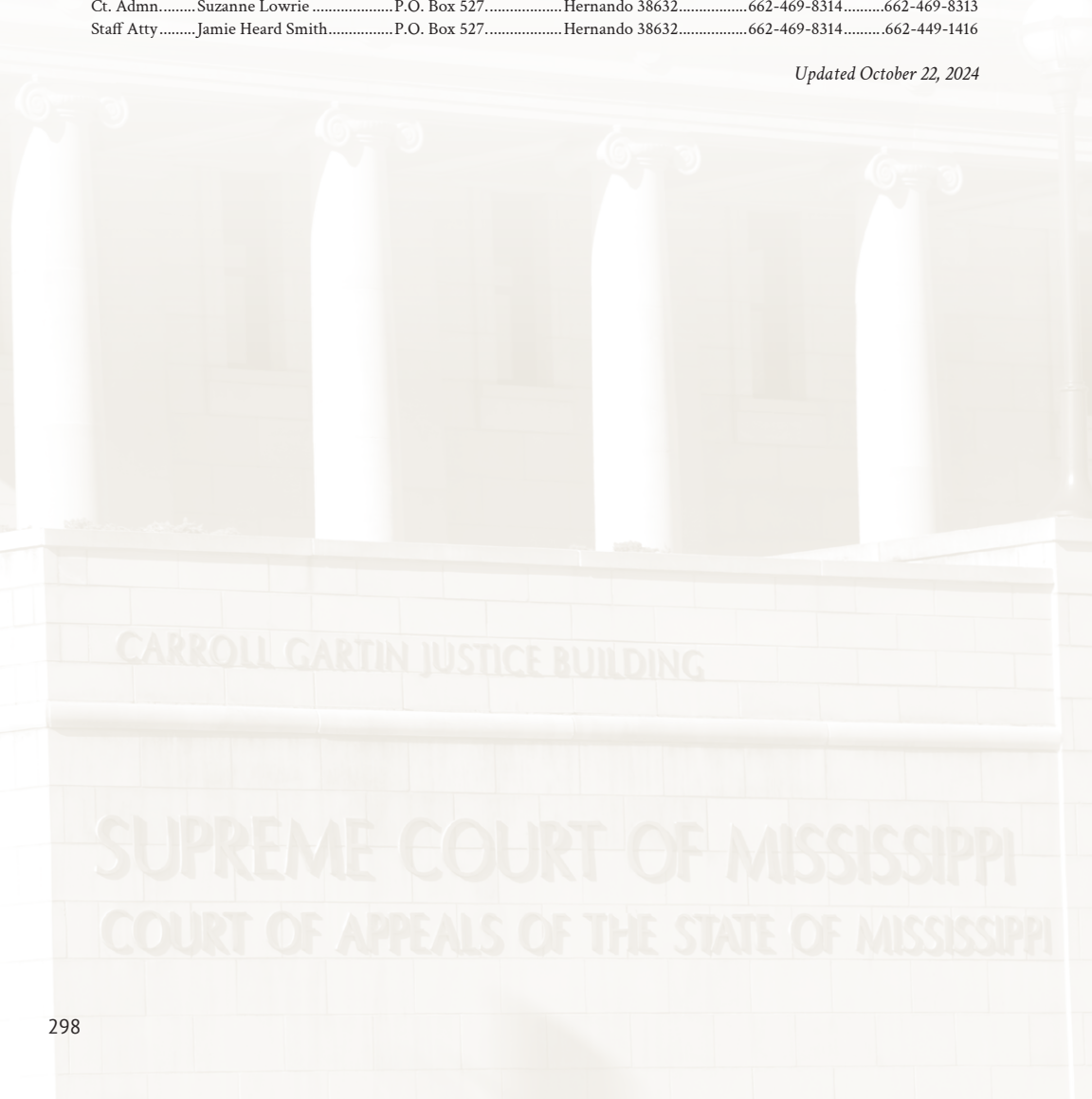
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**23<sup>RD</sup> CIRCUIT DISTRICT**  
 DeSoto County

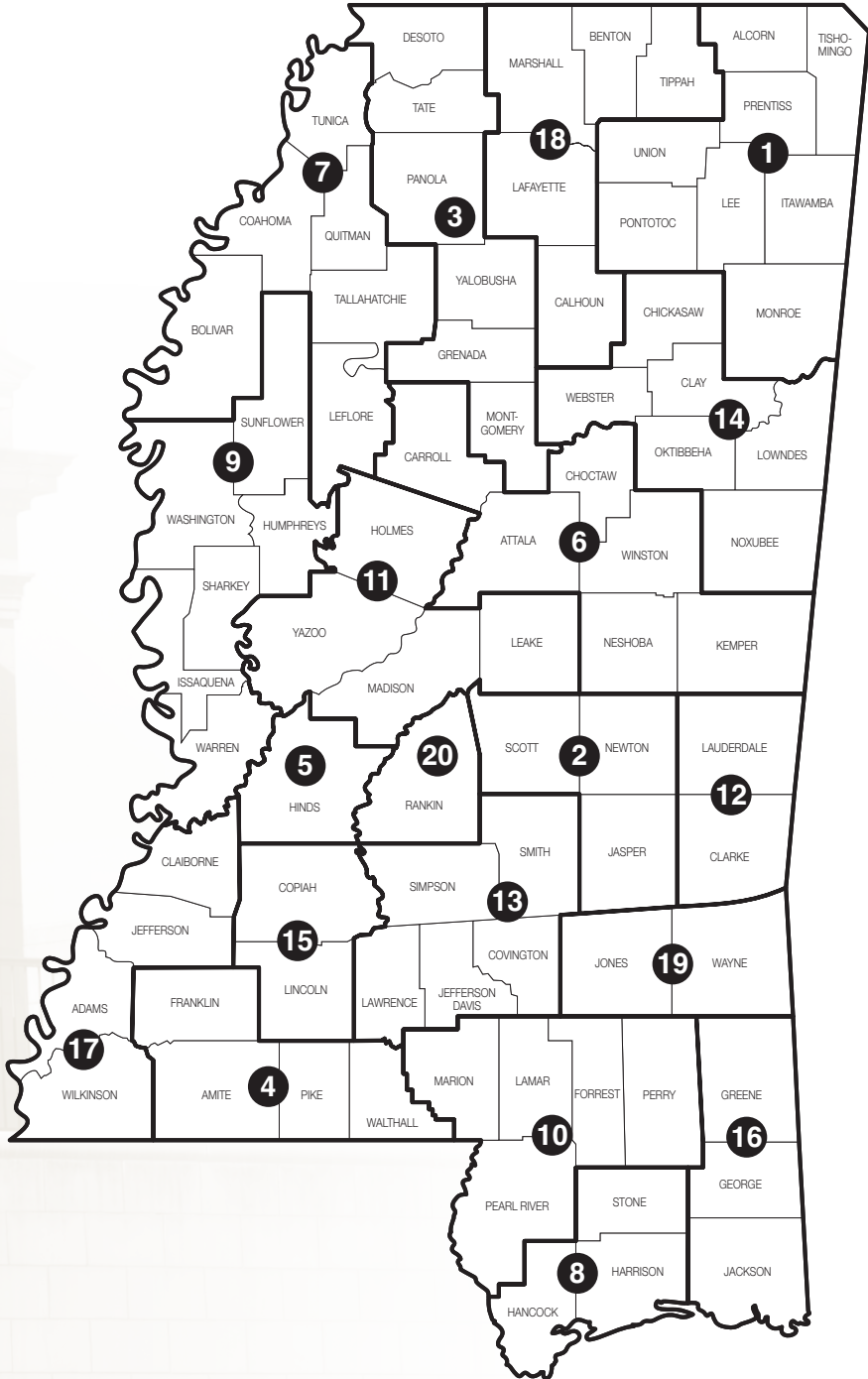
**Judge** ..... **Celeste Embrey Wilson** ..... **2535 Hwy. 51 S** ..... **Hernando 38632** ..... **662-469-8359** ..... **f 662-469-8370**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Cathy Best ..... 2535 Hwy. 51 S ..... Hernando 38632 ..... 901-299-3971 ..... No Fax  
 Ct. Rept. .... Michelle P. Haberstroh ..... 4118 Arbor Cir. .... Olive Branch 38654 ..... 901-338-6396 ..... 662-469-8370  
 D. Ct. Admn. .... Amy Young ..... 2535 Hwy. 51 S ..... Hernando 38632 ..... 662-469-8359 ..... 662-469-8370  
 Staff Atty. .... Kelly Sherfey ..... 2535 Hwy. 51 S ..... Hernando 38632 ..... 662-469-8359 ..... No Fax

**Judge** ..... **Gerald Chatham** ..... **P.O. Box 527** ..... **Hernando 38632** ..... **662-469-8315** ..... **f 662-469-8313**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Kathy Sanford ..... 2799 Grove Meadows Dr..Nesbit 38651 ..... 662-562-4196 ..... 662-562-0491  
 Ct. Rept. .... Cathy Best ..... 2535 Hwy. 51 S ..... Hernando 38632 ..... 901-299-3971 ..... 662-469-8313  
 Ct. Admn. .... Suzanne Lowrie ..... P.O. Box 527 ..... Hernando 38632 ..... 662-469-8314 ..... 662-469-8313  
 Staff Atty. .... Jamie Heard Smith ..... P.O. Box 527 ..... Hernando 38632 ..... 662-469-8314 ..... 662-449-1416

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# CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS



# CHANCERY COURT JUDGES

Chancery Courts have jurisdiction over disputes in matters involving equity; domestic matters including adoptions, custody disputes, and divorces; guardianships; sanity hearings; wills; and challenges to constitutionality of state laws. Land records are filed in Chancery Court.

Chancery Courts have jurisdiction over juvenile matters in counties which have no County Court. The chancellor may appoint a lawyer in private practice to sit as a youth court referee to hear juvenile matters such as delinquency, abuse and neglect.

Trials are typically heard by a chancellor without a jury, although state law allows parties to request a jury in Chancery Court.

There are 20 Chancery Court districts and 52 Chancery Court judges. The number of chancery judges per district ranges from one to four. Chancery Court judges are selected in non-partisan elections to serve four-year terms.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT

Alcorn, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Pontotoc, Lee, Itawamba, Monroe, & Union Counties

**Judge** ..... **Jacqueline Mask** ..... **P.O. Box 7395** ..... **Tupelo 38802** ..... **662-432-2130** ..... **No Fax**  
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 Ct. Rept ..... Amy Cole Williams ..... 5195 Water Ridge Dr. .... Tupelo 38801 ..... 662-790-3030 ..... No Fax  
 Ct. Admn ..... Beth McNutt ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax  
 D. Ct. Admn ..... Kimela Bratton ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax

**Judge** ..... **Michael Malski** ..... **P.O. Box 543** ..... **Amory 38821** ..... **662-305-3204** ..... **f 662-256-1191**  
 Ct. Rept ..... Melody Powell ..... P.O. Box 367 ..... Mantachie 38855 ..... 662-397-4716 ..... No Fax  
 Ct. Rept ..... Ramona Roberts ..... 242 Crossridge Cir. .... Mooreville 38857 ..... 662-322-0503 ..... No Fax  
 Ct. Admn ..... Beth McNutt ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax  
 D. Ct. Admn ..... Kimela Bratton ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax  
 Staff Atty ..... Martha Stegall ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2134 ..... No Fax

**Judge** ..... **Stephen T. Bailey** ..... **P.O. Box 7395** ..... **Tupelo 38802** ..... **662-432-2130** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Rept ..... Meah Bennett ..... 969 CR-115 ..... New Albany 38652 ..... 662-316-9703 ..... No Fax  
 Ct. Rept ..... Ramona Roberts ..... 242 Crossridge Cir. .... Mooreville 38857 ..... 662-322-0503 ..... No Fax  
 Ct. Admn ..... Beth McNutt ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax  
 D. Ct. Admn ..... Kimela Bratton ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax  
 Staff Atty ..... Cassi G. Hill ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2133 ..... No Fax

**Judge** ..... **Bradley D. Tennison** ..... **P.O. Box 118** ..... **Booneville 38829** ..... **662-728-2366** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Rept ..... Andrea Myers ..... 659 Owen Rd. .... New Albany 38652 ..... 662-668-0462 ..... No Fax  
 Ct. Rept ..... Ramona Roberts ..... 242 Crossridge Cir. .... Mooreville 38857 ..... 662-322-0503 ..... No Fax  
 Ct. Admn ..... Beth McNutt ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax  
 D. Ct. Admn ..... Kimela Bratton ..... P.O. Box 7395 ..... Tupelo 38802 ..... 662-432-2130 ..... No Fax  
 Staff Atty ..... Rhonda Allred ..... P.O. Box 118 ..... Booneville 38829 ..... 662-728-2366 ..... f 662-720-1293

## 2<sup>ND</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT

Scott, Newton, & Jasper Counties

**Judge** ..... **Robert M. Logan, Jr.** ..... **P.O. Box 58** ..... **Newton 39345** ..... **601-627-0154** ..... **f 601-900-4605**  
 Ct. Rept ..... Ella J. Hardwick, CVR-M ..... 110 Monterey Rd. .... Richland 39118 ..... 601-951-9510 ..... 601-469-3116  
 Ct. Admn ..... Stacie Shoemaker ..... P.O. Box 58 ..... Newton 39345 ..... 601-627-0154 ..... 601-900-4605

## 3<sup>RD</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT

DeSoto, Tate, Panola, Yalobusha, Grenada, & Montgomery Counties

**Judge** ..... **Mitchell M. Lundy, Jr.** ..... **P.O. Drawer 471** ..... **Grenada 38902** ..... **662-226-1343** ..... **No Fax**  
 Ct. Rept ..... Kimberly McDowell ..... P.O. Box 471 ..... Grenada 38902 ..... 662-226-1343 ..... No Fax  
 Ct. Admn ..... Melanie Wells ..... 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**  
 Ct. Rept ..... Kim Pointer.....P.O. Box 340.....Hernando 38632..... 662-469-8374..... No Fax  
 Ct. Admn.....Linda Stinson.....P.O. Box 340.....Hernando 38632..... 662-469-8374..... No Fax  
 Staff Atty..... Ty Scott.....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**  
 Ct. Rept ..... Amanda F. Kisor.....1141 State Rd. 355.....Etta 38627..... 662-563-8715..... No Fax  
 Ct. Admn.....Chrystal M. Winters.....P.O. Box 1104.....Batesville 38606..... 662-563-8715..... No Fax  
 Staff Atty.....Bailey Peters .....P.O. Box 1104.....Batesville 38606..... 662-563-8715..... No Fax

**4<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**

Franklin, Amite, Pike, & Walthall Counties

**Judge** .....Debra K. Halford.....P.O. Box 575.....Meadville 39653..... 601-384-3833..... **f 601-384-4349**  
 Ct. Rept ..... Leah Nations.....1803 N. Duncan Ave., Apt. B.Amite, LA 70422..... 601-431-1702..... No Fax  
 Ct. Admn.....Stacey Campbell.....P.O. Box 524.....Liberty 39645..... 601-384-3833..... 601-384-4349  
 Law Clerk..... Victoria Herring.....P.O. Box 524.....Liberty 39645..... 601-384-7825..... No Fax

**Judge** ..... Wayne Smith .....P.O. Box 524.....Liberty 39645..... 601-657-8588..... **f 601-657-8688**  
 Ct. Rept .....Maury Parker.....426 Lemon B Rd.....Slaughter, LA 70777..... 225-937-9834..... 601-657-8688  
 D. Ct. Admn...Mary Whittington.....P.O. Box 524.....Liberty 39645..... 601-657-8588..... 601-657-8688

**5<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**

Hinds County

**Judge** .....Tametrice E. Hodges.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-968-6545 ..... **f 601-949-2602**  
 Ct. Rept ..... Vanessa Addison .....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-968-6554..... 601-949-2602  
 Ct. Admn.....Tonya Anderson.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205 ..... 601-714-6309 ..... 601-973-5587  
 Law Clerk.....Allen H. Coon III.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-354-6962..... 601-949-2602

**Judge** .....Crystal Wise Martin .....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-968-6549 ..... **f 601-973-5587**  
 Ct. Rept .....Debra Williams.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-968-6550..... 601-949-2602  
 Ct. Admn.....D'Andrea L. Gilmore.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205 ..... 601-968-6521 ..... 601-973-5587  
 Law Clerk.....Christopher Derrick.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-354-6962..... 601-949-2602

**Judge** .....Tiffany Grove.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-968-6547 ..... **f 601-973-5587**  
 Ct. Rept .....Susan Gleason .....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-968-6548..... 601-973-5587  
 Ct. Admn.....D'Andrea L. Gilmore.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205 ..... 601-968-6521 ..... 601-973-5587  
 Senior Staff Atty...Rachel Bailey.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-973-5571 ..... 601-973-5587

**Judge** .....Dewayne Thomas .....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-968-6551..... **f 601-973-5587**  
 Ct. Rept .....Jeanine Johnson .....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-968-6552..... 601-973-5587  
 Ct. Admn.....Tonya Anderson.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205 ..... 601-714-6309 ..... 601-973-5587  
 Senior Staff Atty...Rachel Bailey.....P.O. Box 686.....Jackson 39205..... 601-973-5571 ..... 601-973-5587

**6<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**

Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Kemper, Neshoba, & Winston Counties

**Judge** .....Doug S. Crosby .....241 N. Madison St .....Kosciusko 39090 ..... 662-289-0800 .....**No Fax**  
 Ct. Rept .....Lindsey Williams.....241 N. Madison St.....Kosciusko 39090..... 662-289-0800..... No Fax  
 Ct. Admn.....Kayla Hatcher.....241 N. Madison St.....Kosciusko 39090..... 662-289-0800..... No Fax  
 Staff Atty.....Vacant.....241 N. Madison St.....Kosciusko 39090..... 662-289-0800..... No Fax

**Judge** .....Kiley Kirk .....P.O. Box 387 .....Louisville 39339 ..... 662-773-6686 ..... **f 662-773-8650**  
 Ct. Rept .....Maryann Costa.....P.O. Box 387 .....Louisville 39339 ..... 662-773-6686 ..... 601-773-8650  
 D. Ct. Admn...Erin Land.....P.O. Box 387 .....Louisville 39339 ..... 662-773-6686 ..... 662-773-8650

**7<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**

Bolivar, Coahoma, LeFlore, Quitman, Tallahatchie, & Tunica Counties

**Judge** .....Willie J. Perkins, Sr.....P.O. Box 553.....Greenwood 38935 ..... 662-453-1432..... **f 662-455-7959**  
 Ct. Rept .....Valera Knight.....P.O. Box 82.....Taylor 38673..... 662-816-9863..... 662-455-7959  
 Ct. Admn.....Tanessa House.....P.O. Box 553.....Greenwood 38935 ..... 662-453-1432 ..... 662-455-7959

Law Clerk.....Damion Richardson .....P.O. Box 553.....Greenwood 38935.....662-453-1432.....662-455-7959

**Judge** .....**Catherine Farris-Carter**...**P.O. Box 1787**.....**Cleveland 38732**.....**662-843-2111**.....**f 662-843-3382**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Vickie Kite.....P.O. Box 1787 .....Cleveland 38732.....662-843-2111.....662-843-3382  
 Ct. Admn ..... Bennie Ruth Parks.....P.O. Box 1787 .....Cleveland 38732.....662-843-2111.....662-843-3382  
 Law Clerk .....Jervarious Prescott.....P.O. Box 1787 .....Cleveland 38732.....662-843-2111.....662-843-3382

**Judge** .....**W. M. Sanders**.....**P.O. Box 473**.....**Greenwood 38935**.....**662-451-7289**.....**f 662-451-7122**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Tesa Barrett.....P.O. Box 473.....Greenwood 38935.....662-455-1706.....662-459-4133  
 Ct. Admn/Law Clerk.Amanda Hargrove .....P.O. Box 473.....Greenwood 38935.....662-451-7289.....662-451-7122  
 D. Ct. Admn... Thelma Donley.....P.O. Box 473.....Greenwood 38935.....662-451-7289.....662-451-7122

**8<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**  
 Hancock, Harrison, & Stone Counties

**Judge** .....**Margaret Alfonso**.....**P.O. Box 1446**.....**Gulfport 39502**.....**228-865-4096**.....**f 228-863-6339**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Jill Eades .....P.O. Box 834.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4012.....228-863-6339  
 Ct. Admn.....Joy B. Danzey.....P.O. Box 659.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4096.....228-863-6339  
 Staff Atty.....Margaret McArthur.....P.O. Box 659.....Gulfport 39502.....228-863-4640.....228-863-6339

**Judge** .....**Jim Persons**.....**P.O. Box 457**.....**Gulfport 39502**.....**228-865-4096**.....**f 228-863-6339**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Judi Schultz.....P.O. Box 659.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4011.....228-863-6339  
 Ct. Admn.....Joy B. Danzey.....P.O. Box 659.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4096.....228-863-6339  
 Law Clerk III..Chelsea Crittenden.....P.O. Box 659.....Gulfport 39502.....228-863-4790.....228-863-6339

**Judge** .....**Jennifer Schloegel**.....**P.O. Box 986**.....**Gulfport 39502**.....**228-865-4008**.....**f 228-863-6339**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Anne Edwards.....540 Commagre Blvd.....Bay St. Louis 39520 .....228-865-4008.....228-865-1646  
 Ct. Admn.....Brooke Pollard.....P.O. Box 659.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4008.....228-865-1646  
 Law Clerk III..Jamie Cook .....P.O. Box 659.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4013.....228-865-1646

**Judge** .....**Carter Bise**.....**P.O. Box 1542**.....**Gulfport 39502**.....**228-865-4008**.....**f 228-865-1646**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Tracey G. Bertrand .....P.O. Box 1542.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-1639.....228-865-1646  
 Ct. Admn.....Brooke Pollard.....P.O. Box 659.....Gulfport 39502.....228-865-4008.....228-865-1646  
 Law Clerk III..Lindsey Harris.....P.O. Box 659.....Gulfport 39502.....228-863-4639.....228-865-1646

**9<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**  
 Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower, Warren, & Washington Counties

**Judge** .....**Bennie L. Richard**.....**P.O. Box 1762**.....**Greenville 38702**.....**662-334-2685**.....**f 662-334-2782**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Lynette W. Grimmett .....P.O. Box 1762.....Greenville 38702.....662-334-2685.....662-334-2782  
 Ct. Admn.....Carnice L. Woods .....P.O. Box 1762.....Greenville 38702.....662-334-2685.....662-334-2782  
 Law Clerk.....Lorna D. Frazier.....P.O. Box 1762.....Greenville 38702.....662-334-2685.....662-334-2782

**Judge** .....**Vicki R. Barnes**.....**P.O. Box 351**.....**Vicksburg 39181**.....**601-636-8327**.....**f 601-630-8021**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Ashley Hagg.....P.O. Box 351.....Vicksburg 39181 .....601-636-8327.....601-630-8021  
 Ct. Admn.....Cynthia Hunter .....P.O. Box 351.....Vicksburg 39181 .....601-636-8327.....601-630-8021

**Judge** .....**Debra Giles**.....**P.O. Box 850**.....**Indianola 38751**.....**662-887-7070**.....**f 662-887-7071**  
 Ct. Admn.....Jaylonzia Jones .....P.O. Box 850.....Indianola 38751 .....662-887-7070.....662-887-7071  
 Law Clerk.....Hannah Gammill .....P.O. Box 850.....Indianola 38751 .....662-887-7070.....662-887-7071

**10<sup>TH</sup> 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**  
 Ct. Rept. .... Kimmie Roberts .....250 Broad St. Ste. 12 .....Columbia 39429.....601-736-2220.....601-736-4166  
 D.Ct. Admin ..Lisa Stringer .....250 Broad St. Ste. 12 .....Columbia 39429.....601-736-2220.....601-736-4166  
 Ct. Admn.....Joy Haley .....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-545-6079.....601-545-6038  
 Staff Atty.....Stephanie Walker.....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-545-6079.....601-545-6038

**Judge** .....**Sheila Havard Smallwood****P.O. Box 1977**.....**Hattiesburg 39403**.....**601-545-6079**.....**f 601-545-6038**  
 Ct.Rept. .... Stacy Head .....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-545-6079.....601-545-6038



D. Ct. Admin .. Lisa Stringer .....250 Broad St. Ste. 12 ..... Columbia 39429 ..... 601-736-2220 ..... 601-736-4166  
 Ct. Admn.....Gloria Moorer.....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-545-6079..... 601-545-6038  
 Staff Atty.....Sasha Payne .....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-545-6079..... 601-545-6038

**Judge .....Chad Smith .....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403..... 601-545-6079 ..... f 601-545-6038**

Ct. Rept. .... Lisa Ladner ..... P.O. Box 1977 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-545-6079 ..... 601-545-6038  
 D.Ct. Admin .. Lisa Stringer .....250 Broad St. Ste. 12 ..... Columbia 39429 ..... 601-736-2220 ..... 601-736-4166  
 Ct. Admn.....Gloria Moorer.....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-545-6079..... 601-545-6038  
 Staff Atty..... Kristin McGee.....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-545-6079..... 601-545-6038

**Judge .....Chase Ford Morgan.....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403..... 601-545-6079 ..... f 601-545-6038**

Ct. Rept. .... Twila Jordan-Hoover ..... P.O. Box 1977 ..... Hattiesburg 39403 ..... 601-545-6079 ..... 601-545-6038  
 D.Ct. Admin .. Lisa Stringer .....250 Broad St. Ste. 12 ..... Columbia 39429 ..... 601-736-2220 ..... 601-736-4166  
 Ct. Admn.....Joy Haley .....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-545-6079..... 601-545-6038  
 Staff Atty..... Alex Shoemaker .....P.O. Box 1977 .....Hattiesburg 39403.....601-545-6079..... 601-545-6038

**11<sup>TH</sup> 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**

Ct. Rept. .... Amanda B. Vanlandingham ..... P.O. Box 39 ..... Lexington 39095 ..... 662-834-1285 ..... 662-834-9688  
 Ct. Admn.....Sheila Lewis.....P.O. Box 39 .....Lexington 39095.....662-834-1285..... 662-834-9688  
 Staff Atty.....Patricia Chatelain.....P.O. Box 39 .....Lexington 39095.....662-834-1285.....662-834-9688

**Judge .....Cynthia Brewer .....P.O. Box 404.....Canton 39046..... 601-855-5512.....f 601-859-0795**

Ct. Rept. .... Carrie McDill ..... P.O. Box 404 ..... Canton 39046 ..... 601-855-5512 ..... 601-859-0795  
 Ct. Admn.....Regina L. Ferguson.....P.O. Box 404.....Canton 39046 .....601-855-5512..... 601-859-0795  
 Staff Atty.....Megan F. Mawhorter .....P.O. Box 404.....Canton 39046 .....601-855-5512..... 601-859-0795

**Judge .....James C. Walker .....P.O. Box 404.....Canton 39046..... 601-855-5707.....f 601-859-0795**

Ct. Rept. .... Tina Wilkinson ..... P.O. Box 404 ..... Canton 39046 ..... 601-855-5745 ..... 601-859-0795  
 Ct. Admn.....Susan Edgar .....P.O. Box 404.....Canton 39046 .....601-855-5707..... 601-859-0795  
 Staff Atty.....Emily Sumrall.....P.O. Box 404.....Canton 39046 .....601-855-5746..... 601-859-0795

**12<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**  
 Clarke & Lauderdale Counties

**Judge .....Amanda Rainey .....612 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S .....Meridian 39301-6116 ..... 601-482-9729 ..... f 601-474-3798**

Ct. Rept. .... Cindy James ..... 612 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S ..... Meridian 39301-6116 ..... 601-482-9729 ..... 601-474-3798  
 Ct. Admn.....Brandi Coghlan.....612 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S .....Meridian 39301-6116 .....601-482-9729.....601-474-3798  
 Staff Atty.....Karen Todd.....612 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S .....Meridian 39301-6116 .....601-486-4920.....601-474-3798

**Judge .....Austin Terry .....612 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S .....Meridian 39301-6116 ..... 601-482-9729 ..... f 601-474-3798**

Ct. Rept. .... Megan Wilson ..... 612 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S ..... Meridian 39301-6116 ..... 601-482-9729 ..... 601-474-3798  
 Ct. Admn.....Brandi Coghlan.....612 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S .....Meridian 39301-6116 .....601-482-9729.....601-474-3798  
 Staff Atty.....Karen Todd.....612 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S .....Meridian 39301-6116 .....601-486-4920.....601-474-3798

**13<sup>TH</sup> 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**

Ct. Rept. .... Susanne Eaton ..... 503 Gambrell St ..... Taylorsville 39168 ..... 601-765-8284 ..... 601-765-8282  
 Ct. Rept. ....Debbie Williams.....18 Lee Mathis Cir.....Collins 39428.....601-765-8284..... 601-765-8282  
 Ct. Admn.....Donna Walker.....P.O. Box 1678 .....Collins 39428.....601-765-8284..... 601-765-8282  
 Staff Atty.....Deborah Kennedy.....2540 SCR 18 .....Mize 39116.....601-765-8284..... 601-765-8282

**Judge .....Gerald Martin .....P.O. Box 325.....Raleigh 39153 ..... 601-822-5017 ..... f 601-822-5027**

Ct. Rept. .... Susanne Eaton ..... 503 Gambrell St ..... Taylorsville 39168 ..... 601-822-5017 ..... 601-822-5027  
 Ct. Rept. ....Debbie Williams.....18 Lee Mathis Cir.....Collins 39428.....601-822-5017..... 601-822-5027  
 Ct. Admn.....Cindy Bray.....P.O. Box 325 .....Raleigh 39153 .....601-822-5017..... 601-822-5027  
 Staff Atty.....Deborah Kennedy.....2540 SCR 18 .....Mize 39116.....601-822-5017..... 601-822-5027

14<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT

Chickasaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, & Webster Counties

<b>Judge</b> .....	<b>Paula Drungole-Ellis</b> .....	<b>P.O. Box 186</b> .....	<b>Starkville 39760</b> .....	<b>662-323-5130</b> .....	<b>f 662-338-1068</b>
Ct. Rept. ....	Susan L. Alford .....	400 Whitney Cv. ....	Oxford 38655 .....	662-323-5130 .....	.662-339-1068
Ct. Admn. ....	Molly Jackson .....	101 E. Main St. ....	Starkville 39759 .....	662-323-5130 .....	.662-339-1068
Staff Atty. ....	Patricia Rives .....	P.O. Box 684 .....	Columbus 39703 .....	662-329-5844 .....	.662-241-1913
<b>Judge</b> .....	<b>Rodney Faver</b> .....	<b>101 E. Main St.</b> .....	<b>Starkville 39759</b> .....	<b>662-323-5130</b> .....	<b>f 662-338-1068</b>
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Ct. Admn. ....	Molly Jackson .....	101 E. Main St. ....	Starkville 39759 .....	662-323-5130 .....	.662-339-1068
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15<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT

Copiah & Lincoln Counties

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16<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT

George, Greene, & Jackson Counties

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17<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT

Adams, Claiborne, Jefferson, & Wilkinson Counties

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Ct. Admn. ....	Carla Allgood .....	115 S. Wall St. ....	Natchez 39120 .....	601-442-7454 .....	.601-445-7973
<b>Judge</b> .....	<b>George Ward</b> .....	<b>115 S. Wall St.</b> .....	<b>Natchez 39120</b> .....	<b>601-442-7454</b> .....	<b>f 601-445-7973</b>
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**18<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**

Benton, Calhoun, Lafayette, Marshall, & Tippah Counties

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**19<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**

Jones & Wayne Counties

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**20<sup>TH</sup> CHANCERY DISTRICT**

Rankin County

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## COUNTY COURT JUDGES

County Courts have exclusive jurisdiction over eminent domain proceedings and juvenile matters, among other things. In counties which have a County Court, a County Court judge also serves as the Youth Court judge. County Courts share jurisdiction with Circuit and Chancery Courts in some civil matters. The jurisdictional limit of County Courts is up to \$200,000. County Courts may handle non-capital felony cases transferred from Circuit Court. County Court judges may issue search warrants, set bond and preside over preliminary hearings. County Courts have concurrent jurisdiction with Justice Courts in all matters, civil and criminal.

Mississippi has 24 County Courts and 34 County Court judges. Counties which have a County Court include Adams, Bolivar, Coahoma, DeSoto, Forrest, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Jackson, Jones, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Madison, Pearl River, Pike, Rankin, Warren, Washington, and Yazoo. County Court judges serve four-year terms. Elections are non-partisan.

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### Bolivar

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Judge.....C. Kent Haney.....P.O. Box 756, Clarksdale 38614.....662-624-3036..... f 662-624-3075

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# JUSTICE COURT JUDGES

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There are 82 Justice Courts with 198 judges. Justice Court judges are the only Mississippi judges elected in partisan races. They serve four-year terms.

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Drug intervention courts address crimes committed by persons with drug and alcohol addiction along with other co-occurring disorders. Drug intervention courts seek to rehabilitate offenders through treatment and intense supervision that includes random substance testing. Drug intervention courts operate in every Circuit Court district as well as in some Youth Courts and a few Chancery Courts, Justice Courts and Municipal Courts. Mississippi's first felony drug intervention court began in 1999.

In authorizing creation of veterans treatment courts, the Legislature recognized that in their service to our country, many military veterans may have suffered post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and depression, and may also suffer drug and alcohol dependency or addiction and co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse problems. As a result of this, some veterans come into contact with the criminal justice system and are charged with felony offenses. Circuit Courts are authorized to create veteran's treatment courts to provide special treatment and supervision while also providing accountability for wrongdoing.

The Legislature authorized creation of mental health courts to establish court processes and procedures that are more responsive to the needs of defendants with mental illnesses, while maintaining public safety and the integrity of the court process. The goal of the mental health courts is to support effective and proven practices that reduce recidivism and provide treatment for participants.

Intervention courts seek to improve education, employment, housing, and financial stability; promote family reunification; reduce foster care placements when applicable; and increase the rate of mothers with substance use disorders delivering fully drug-free babies. Intervention courts recognize addiction as a disease and offer compassionate treatment. These special courts lead people living with substance abuse and mental health disorders out of the justice system and into lives of recovery and stability.

## 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 24 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. The city of Pearl also has its own municipal Youth Court.

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