

Authorized Judgeships

Calendar Year	Court of Appeals										Customs and Patent Appeals (Art. III, 1958)	U.S. Court of International Trade (Art. III, 1956)	U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Art. I)	Total Judgeships (Art. III) (Art. I)
	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Federal Circuit (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)	Territ. Courts (Art. I)	Supreme Court D.C. (Art. III)	Court of Appeals (Art. III)	Court of Claims (Art. III)	U.S. Court of International Trade (Art. III, 1956)	U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Art. I)				
1789	6	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	
1790	6	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	
1791	6	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	
1792	6	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	
1793	6	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	
1794	6	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	
1795	6	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	
1796	6	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	
1797	6	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	
1798	6	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	
1799	6	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	
1800	6	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	
1801	6	18 ⁽¹⁾	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	
1802	6	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	
1803	6	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	
1804	6	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	
1805	6	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	
1806	6	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	
1807	7	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	
1808	7	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	
1809	7	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	
1810	7	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	
1811	7	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	
1812	7	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	
1813	7	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	
1814	7	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	
1815	7	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	
1816	7	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	
1817	7	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	-	
1818	7	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	
1819	7	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	
1820	7	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	-	
1821	7	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	-	
1822	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	
1823	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	
1824	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	
1825	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	
1826	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	
1827	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	
1828	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	

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Calendar Year	Court of Appeals			District Courts (Art. III)	Territ. Courts (Art. I)	Supreme Court D.C. (Art. III)	Customs and Patent Appeals (Art. III, 1958)		Court of Claims (Art. III)	U.S. Court of International Trade (Art. III, 1956)	U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Art. I)	Total Judgeships (Art. III) (Art. I)
	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Courts of Federal Circuit (Art. III)				Customs and Patent Appeals (Art. III, 1958)	U.S. Court of International Trade (Art. III, 1956)				
1829	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
1830	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
1831	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
1832	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
1833	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
1834	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
1835	7	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
1836	7	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
1837	9	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1838	9	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1839	9	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1840	9	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1841	9	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1842	9	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1843	9	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1844	9	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
1845	9	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
1846	9	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
1847	9	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
1848	9	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
1849	9	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
1850	9	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
1851	9	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
1852	9	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
1853	9	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
1854	9	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
1855	9	-	-	39	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	51
1856	9	-	-	39	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	51
1857	9	-	-	41	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	53
1858	9	-	-	42	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	54
1859	9	-	-	43	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	55
1860	9	-	-	43	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	55
1861	9	-	-	44	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	56
1862	9	-	-	44	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	56
1863	9	-	-	45	-	4 ⁽²⁾	-	3	-	-	-	61
1864	10	-	-	46	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	63
1865	10	-	-	48	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	65
1866	10	-	-	46 ⁽³⁾	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	63
1867	10	-	-	47	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	64
1868	10	-	-	47	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	64

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Calendar Year	Court of Appeals		Customs and Patent		U.S. Court of International Trade		U.S. Court of Federal Claims		Total Judgeships (Art. III) (Art. I)	
	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)	Territ. Courts (Art. I)	Supreme Court D.C. (Art. III)	Appeals (Art. III, 1958)	Court of Claims (Art. III)	(Art. III, 1956)		
1869	9	9	-	47	-	4	-	3	-	72
1870	9	9	-	48	-	5	-	3	-	74
1871	9	9	-	49	-	5	-	3	-	75
1872	9	9	-	50	-	5	-	3	-	76
1873	9	9	-	50	-	5	-	3	-	76
1874	9	9	-	50	-	5	-	3	-	76
1875	9	9	-	50	-	5	-	3	-	76
1876	9	9	-	51	-	5	-	3	-	77
1877	9	9	-	51	-	5	-	3	-	77
1878	9	9	-	52	-	5	-	3	-	78
1879	9	9	-	53	-	6	-	3	-	80
1880	9	9	-	53	-	6	-	3	-	80
1881	9	9	-	54	-	6	-	3	-	81
1882	9	9	-	56	-	6	-	3	-	83
1883	9	9	-	56	-	6	-	3	-	83
1884	9	9	-	56	-	6	-	3	-	83
1885	9	9	-	56	-	6	-	3	-	83
1886	9	9	-	58	-	6	-	3	-	85
1887	9	10	-	58	-	6	-	3	-	86
1888	9	10	-	58	-	6	-	3	-	86
1889	9	10	-	59	-	6	-	3	-	87
1890	9	10	-	64	-	6	-	3	-	92
1891	9	19	-	64	-	6	-	3	-	101
1892	9	19	-	64	-	6	-	3	-	101
1893	9	22	-	64	-	6	-	3	-	104
1894	9	23	-	65	-	6	-	3	-	106
1895	9	25	-	65	-	6	-	3	-	108
1896	9	25	-	65	-	6	-	3	-	108
1897	9	25	-	65	-	6	-	3	-	108
1898	9	25	-	65, 1T	-	6	-	3	-	108, 1T
1899	9	28	-	65	-	6	-	3	-	111
1900	9	28	-	67	1	6	-	3	-	113
1901	9	28	-	70	1	6	-	3	-	116
1902	9	29	-	71	1	6	-	3	-	118
1903	9	30	-	73	1	6	-	3	-	121
1904	9	30	-	74	1	6	-	3	-	122
1905	9	32	-	78	1	6	-	3	-	128
1906	9	32	-	81	1	6	-	3	-	131
1907	9	32	-	85	1	6	-	3	-	135
1908	9	32	-	85	1	6	-	3	-	135

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Calendar Year											Total Judgeships (Art. III) (Art. I)
	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Court of Federal Circuit (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)	Territ. Courts (Art. I)	Supreme Court D.C. (Art. III)	Customs and Patent Appeals (Art. III, 1958)	Court of Claims (Art. III)	U.S. Court of International Trade (Art. III, 1956)	U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Art. I)	
1909	9	32	-	89	2	6	5 ⁽⁴⁾	3	-	-	139 7
1910	9	32	-	91, 1T	2	6	5	3	-	-	141, 1T 7
1911	9	32	-	91	2	6	5	5	-	-	143 7
1912	9	32	-	91	2	6	5	5	-	-	143 7
1913	9	32	-	92	2	6	5	5	-	-	144 7
1914	9	32	-	93, 1T	2	6	5	5	-	-	145, 1T 7
1915	9	32	-	94, 1T	2	6	5	5	-	-	146, 1T 7
1916	9	32	-	95	2	6	5	5	-	-	147 7
1917	9	32	-	96	3	6	5	5	-	-	148 8
1918	9	32	-	96	3	6	5	5	-	-	148 8
1919	9	32	-	97	3	6	5	5	-	-	149 8
1920	9	32	-	97	3	6	5	5	-	-	149 8
1921	9	32	-	97, 1T	3	6	5	5	-	-	149, 1T 8
1922	9	33	-	118, 1T	3	6	5	5	-	-	171, 1T 8
1923	9	33	-	118	3	6	5	5	-	-	171 8
1924	9	33	-	118	3	6	5	5	-	-	171 8
1925	9	35	-	120, 1T	3	6	5	5	-	-	175, 1T 8
1926	9	35	-	121	3	6	5	5	9 ⁽⁵⁾	-	176 17
1927	9	35	-	128	3	6	5	5	9	-	183 17
1928	9	36	-	128, 1T	3	7	5	5	9	-	185, 1T 17
1929	9	41	-	136, 1T	3	7	5 ⁽⁴⁾	5	9	-	198, 1T 17
1930	9	45	-	139	3	9	5	5	9	-	207 17
1931	9	45	-	143	3	9	5	5	9	-	211 17
1932	9	45	-	143	3	9	5	5	9	-	211 17
1933	9	45	-	143	3	9	5	5	9	-	211 17
1934	9	45	-	143	4	9	5	5	9	-	211 18
1935	9	46	-	147	4	9	5	5	9	-	216 18
1936	9	47	-	163 ⁽⁶⁾	5	- ⁽²⁾	5	5	9	-	224 19
1937	9	49	-	164	5	-	5	5	9	-	227 19
1938	9	54	-	179	5	-	5	5	9	-	247 19
1939	9	54	-	179	5	-	5	5	9	-	247 19
1940	9	57	-	186, 2T	5	-	5	5	9	-	257, 2T 19
1941	9	57	-	187	5	-	5	5	9	-	258 19
1942	9	58	-	189	5	-	5	5	9	-	261 19
1943	9	58	-	189	5	-	5	5	9	-	261 19
1944	9	59	-	189	5	-	5	5	9	-	262 19
1945	9	59	-	189	5	-	5	5	9	-	262 19
1946	9	59	-	191, 1T	5	-	5	5	9	-	264, 1T 19
1947	9	59	-	191	5	-	5	5	9	-	264 19
1948	9	59	-	191	5	-	5	5	9	-	264 19

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	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Court of Federal Circuit (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)	Territ. Courts (Art. I)	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Customs and Patent Appeals (Art. III, 1958)	Court of Claims (Art. III)	U.S. Court of International Trade (Art. III, 1956)	U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Art. I)	
1949	9	65	-	210	5	-	5	5	9	-	289 19
1950	9	65	-	212	6	-	5	5	9	-	291 20
1951	9	65	-	212	6	-	5	5	9	-	291 20
1952	9	65	-	212	6	-	5	5	9	-	291 20
1953	9	65	-	212	6	-	5	5	9	-	291 20
1954	9	68	-	238, 2T	6	-	5	5	9	-	320, 2T 20
1955	9	68	-	238	6	-	5	5	9	-	320 20
1956	9	68	-	238	6	-	5	5	9 ⁽⁵⁾	-	329 11
1957	9	68	-	238	6	-	5	5	9	-	329 11
1958	9	68	-	239	6	-	5 ⁽⁴⁾	5	9	-	335 6
1959	9	68	-	241 ⁽⁶⁾	4	-	5	5	9	-	337 4
1960	9	68	-	241	4	-	5	5	9	-	337 4
1961	9	78	-	301, 2T	5	-	5	5	9	-	407, 2T 5
1962	9	78	-	301	5	-	5	5	9	-	407 5
1963	9	78	-	301	5	-	5	5	9	-	407 5
1964	9	78	-	301	5	-	5	5	9	-	407 5
1965	9	78	-	301	5	-	5	5	9	-	407 5
1966	9	88	-	337, 3T ⁽⁶⁾	3	-	5	7	9	-	455, 3T 3
1967	9	88	-	337	3	-	5	7	9	-	455 3
1968	9	97	-	337	3	-	5	7	9	-	464 3
1969	9	97	-	337	3	-	5	7	9	-	464 3
1970	9	97	-	394, 1T	4	-	5	7	9	-	521, 1T 4
1971	9	97	-	394	4	-	5	7	9	-	521 4
1972	9	97	-	394	4	-	5	7	9	-	521 4
1973	9	97	-	394	4	-	5	7	9	-	521 4
1974	9	97	-	394	4	-	5	7	9	-	521 4
1975	9	97	-	394	4	-	5	7	9	-	521 4
1976	9	97	-	394	4	-	5	7	9	-	521 4
1977	9	97	-	394	5	-	5	7	9	-	521 5
1978	9	132	-	510, 1T	5	-	5	7	9	-	672, 1T 5
1979	9	132	-	510	5	-	5	7	9	-	672 5
1980	9	132	-	510	5	-	5	7	9 ⁽⁵⁾	-	672 5
1981	9	132	-	510	5	-	5	7	9	-	672 5
1982	9	132	12 ⁽⁷⁾	510	4	-	- ⁽⁸⁾	- ⁽⁸⁾	9	16 ⁽⁹⁾	672 20
1983	9	132	12	510	4	-	-	-	9	16	672 20
1984	9	156	12	563, 8T	4	-	-	-	9	16	749, 8T 20
1985	9	156	12	563, 8T	4	-	-	-	9	16	749, 8T 20
1986	9	156	12	563, 8T	4	-	-	-	9	16	749, 8T 20
1987	9	156	12	563, 8T	4	-	-	-	9	16	749, 8T 20
1988	9	156	12	563, 8T	4	-	-	-	9	16	749, 8T 20

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Calendar Year	Court of Appeals		Customs and Patent		U.S. Court of International Trade		U.S. Court of Federal Claims		Total Judgeships		
	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)	Territ. Courts (Art. I)	Supreme Court (Art. III)	1958	Court of Appeals (Art. III)	1956	Claims (Art. I)		
1989	9	156	12	563, 8T	4	-	-	-	9	16	749, 8T 20
1990	9	167	12	632, 13T	4	-	-	-	9	16	829, 13T 20
1991	9	167	12	632, 13T	4	-	-	-	9	16	829, 13T 20
1992	9	167	12	632, 13T	4	-	-	-	9	16 ⁽⁹⁾	829, 13T 20
1993	9	167	12	632, 13T	4	-	-	-	9	16	829, 13T 20
1994	9	167	12	632, 13T	4	-	-	-	9	16	829, 13T 20
1995	9	167	12	632, 13T	4	-	-	-	9	16	829, 13T 20
1996	9	167	12	632, 11T	4	-	-	-	9	16	829, 11T 20
1997	9	167	12	632, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	829, 10T 20
1998	9	167	12	632, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	829, 10T 20
1999	9	167	12	641, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	838, 10T 20
2000	9	167	12	651, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	848, 10T 20
2001	9	167	12	651, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	848, 10T 20
2002	9	167	12	651, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	848, 10T 20
2003	9	167	12	663, 13T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 13T 20
2004	9	167	12	663, 11T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 11T 20
2005	9	167	12	663, 11T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 11T 20
2006	9	167	12	663, 11T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 11T 20
2007	9	167	12	663, 11T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 11T 20
2008	9	166 ⁽¹⁰⁾	12	663, 11T	4	-	-	-	9	16	859, 11T 20
2009	9	167 ⁽¹⁰⁾	12	663, 11T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 11T 20
2010	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T 20
2011	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T 20
2012	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T 20
2013	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T 20
2014	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T 20
2015	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T 20
2016	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T 20
2017	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T 20
2018	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T 20

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	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Court of Federal Circuit (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)	Territ. Courts (Art. I)	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Customs and Patent Appeals (Art. III, 1958)	Court of Claims (Art. III)	U.S. Court of International Trade (Art. III, 1956)	U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Art. I)		
2019	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T	20
2020	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T	20
2021	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T	20
2022	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T	20
2023	9	167	12	663, 10T	4	-	-	-	9	16	860, 10T	20
2024	9	167	12	673	4	-	-	-	9	16	870	20

NOTE: Table excludes the Commerce Court, established in 1910 with 5 Article III judgeships; abolished in 1913.

⁽¹⁾ The Judiciary Act of 1801 created 18 appellate judgeships, but the 1801 Act was repealed by The Judiciary Act of 1802.

⁽²⁾ In 1863, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia was established; the judges were empowered to hold a district court whenever necessary; the court was changed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in 1936.

⁽³⁾ In 1866, one district judgeship was abolished in Louisiana and one in California.

⁽⁴⁾ The Court of Customs Appeals (established in 1909 as an Article I Court) was changed to the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals in 1929; language was added in 1958 making it an Article III court.

⁽⁵⁾ Board of General Appraisers was designated the U.S. Customs Court (an Article I court) in 1926; language was added in 1956 making it an Article III court; became Court of International Trade (Article III) in 1980.

⁽⁶⁾ Totals for District Court Judges include the District of Columbia starting in 1936; Hawaii in 1959; and Puerto Rico in 1966.

⁽⁷⁾ The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit was established in 1982.

⁽⁸⁾ In 1982 the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the Court of Claims were abolished.

⁽⁹⁾ The U.S. Claims Court was established as an Article I court in 1982. In 1992, in accordance with Pub. L. No. 102-572, October 29, 1992, the name was changed to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Pub. L. No. 110-177, January 7, 2008, transferred one judgeship from the DC Circuit to the Ninth Circuit. The loss of the judgeship in the DC Circuit was effective the date the bill became law, but the effective date of the additional judgeship for the Ninth Circuit was January 21, 2009.