

Authorized Judgeships

Calendar Year	Authorized Judgeships										Total Judgeships (Art. III) (Art. I)	
	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Court of Appeals 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)		
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	-

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Calendar Year	Supreme Court	Regional Courts of Appeals	Court of Appeals Federal Circuit	District Courts	Territ. Courts	Supreme Court D.C.	Customs and Patent Appeals	Court of Claims	U.S. Court of International Trade	U.S. Court of Federal Claims	Total Judgeships	
	(Art. III)	(Art. III)	(Art. III)	(Art. III)	(Art. I)	(Art. III)	(Art. III, 1958)	(Art. III)	(Art. III, 1956)	(Art. I)	(Art. III)	(Art. I)
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	-
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	-

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Calendar Year	Supreme Court	Regional Courts of Appeals	Court of Appeals Federal Circuit	District Courts	Territ. Courts	Supreme Court D.C.	Customs and Patent Appeals	Court of Claims	U.S. Court of International Trade	U.S. Court of Federal Claims	Total Judgeships	
	(Art. III)	(Art. III)	(Art. III)	(Art. III)	(Art. I)	(Art. III)	(Art. III, 1958)	(Art. III)	(Art. III, 1956)	(Art. I)	(Art. III)	(Art. I)
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	-
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	-

Authorized Judgeships (continued)

Calendar Year	Court of Appeals					Supreme	Customs and Patent	U.S. Court of International		U.S. Court	Total Judgeships	
	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Federal Circuit (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)	Territ. Courts (Art. I)	Court D.C. (Art. III)	Appeals (Art. III, 1958)	Court of Claims (Art. III)	Trade (Art. III, 1956)	of Federal Claims (Art. I)		
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	1
1901	9	28	-	70	1	6	-	3	-	-	116	1
1902	9	29	-	71	1	6	-	3	-	-	118	1
1903	9	30	-	73	1	6	-	3	-	-	121	1
1904	9	30	-	74	1	6	-	3	-	-	122	1
1905	9	32	-	78	1	6	-	3	-	-	128	1
1906	9	32	-	81	1	6	-	3	-	-	131	1
1907	9	32	-	85	1	6	-	3	-	-	135	1
1908	9	32	-	85	1	6	-	3	-	-	135	1

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Calendar Year	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Court of Appeals 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)	Total Judgeships (Art. III) (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

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Calendar Year	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Court of Appeals		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	
			Federal Circuit (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)									(Art. III)	(Art. I)
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
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

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Calendar Year	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Court of Appeals		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	
			Federal Circuit (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)									(Art. III)	(Art. I)
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
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

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Calendar Year	Court of					Supreme		Customs		U.S. Court of		U.S. Court		Total Judgeships	
	Supreme Court (Art. III)	Regional Courts of Appeals (Art. III)	Appeals Federal Circuit (Art. III)	District Courts (Art. III)	Territ. Courts (Art. I)	Court D.C. (Art. III)		and Patent Appeals (Art. III, 1958)		International Trade (Art. III, 1956)		of Federal Claims (Art. I)		(Art. III)	(Art. I)
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
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

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.