CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF AUTHORIZED JUDGESHIPS IN U.S. COURTS OF APPEALS

(ARRANGED BY CIRCUIT)

THIS SECTION PROVIDES DATES AND LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT, REALIGNMENT, AND CREATION OF ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS FOR THE U.S. COURTS OF APPEALS.

District of Columbia

1893 Three judgeships created. – 52 Cong. Ch. 74, February 9, 1893.
1930 Two additional judgeships created. – 71 Cong. Ch. 538, June 19, 1930.
1938 One additional judgeship created. – 75 Cong. Ch. 290, May 31, 1938.
1949 Three additional judgeships created. – 81 Cong. Ch. 387, August 3, 1949.
2008 One judgeship was transferred to the Ninth Circuit - Pub. L. No. 110-177, January 7, 2008.

Total Judgeships - 11
First Circuit

1801 Three circuit judgeships created. – 6 Cong. Ch. 4, February 13, 1801.

1802 Act of February 13, 1801 repealed. Circuit judgeships abolished. – 7 Cong. Ch. 31, April 29, 1802.

1869 One circuit judgeship created. – 41 Cong. Ch. 22, April 10, 1869.

1891 Circuit Court of Appeals established. One additional judgeship created. – 51 Cong. Ch. 517, March 3, 1891.

1905 One additional judgeship created. – 58 Cong. Ch. 51, January 21, 1905.


Total Judgeships  -  6
Second Circuit

1801 Three circuit judgeships created. – 6 Cong. Ch. 4, February 13, 1801.

1802 Act of February 13, 1801 repealed. Circuit judgeships abolished. – 7 Cong. Ch. 31, April 29, 1802.

1869 One circuit judgeship created. – 41 Cong. Ch. 22, April 10, 1869.

1887 One additional judgeship created. – 49 Cong. Ch. 347, March 3, 1887.

1891 Circuit Court of Appeals established. One additional judgeship created. – 51 Cong. Ch. 517, March 3, 1891.

1902 One additional judgeship created. – 57 Cong. Ch. 530, April 17, 1902.

1929 One additional judgeship created. – 70 Cong. Ch. 73, January 17, 1929.

1938 One additional judgeship created. – 75 Cong. Ch. 290, May 31, 1938.


Total Judgeships - 13
Third Circuit

1801  Three circuit judgeships created. – 6 Cong. Ch. 4, February 13, 1801.

1802  Act of February 13, 1801 repealed. Circuit judgeships abolished. – 7 Cong. Ch. 31, April 29, 1802.

1869  One circuit judgeship created. – 41 Cong. Ch. 22, April 10, 1869.

1891  Circuit Court of Appeals established. One additional judgeship created. – 51 Cong. Ch. 517, March 3, 1891.

1899  One additional judgeship created. – 55 Cong. Ch. 186, February 23, 1899.

1930  One additional judgeship created. – 71 Cong. Ch. 438, June 10, 1930.

1936  One temporary judgeship created. – 74 Cong. Ch. 753, June 24, 1936.

1938  Temporary judgeship made permanent. – 75 Cong. Ch. 290, May 31, 1938.

1944  One additional judgeship created. – 78 Cong. Ch. 521, December 7, 1944.

1949  One additional judgeship created. – 81 Cong. Ch. 387, August 3, 1949.


Total Judgeships - 14
**Fourth Circuit**

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Fifth Circuit

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Total Judgeships - 17
Sixth Circuit

1801  One circuit judgeship and two district judgeships (one each from Kentucky and Tennessee) created. – 6 Cong. Ch. 4, February 13, 1801.

1802  Act of February 13, 1801 repealed. Circuit judgeships abolished. – 7 Cong. Ch. 31, April 29, 1802.

1869  One circuit judgeship created. – 41 Cong. Ch. 22, April 10, 1869.

1891  Circuit Court of Appeals established. One additional judgeship created. – 51 Cong. Ch. 517, March 3, 1891.

1899  One additional judgeship created. – 55 Cong. Ch. 56, January 25, 1899.

1928  One additional judgeship created. – 70 Cong. Ch. 508, May 8, 1928.

1938  One additional judgeship created. – 75 Cong. Ch. 290, May 31, 1938.

1940  One additional judgeship created. – 76 Cong. Ch. 209, May 24, 1940.


Total Judgeships - 16
**Seventh Circuit**

1869  One circuit judgeship created. – 41 Cong. Ch. 22, April 10, 1869.

1891  Circuit Court of Appeals established. One additional judgeship created. – 51 Cong. Ch. 517, March 3, 1891.

1895  One additional judgeship created. – 53 Cong. Ch. 59, February 8, 1895.

1905  One additional judgeship created. – 58 Cong. Ch. 1427, March 3, 1905.

1938  One additional judgeship created. – 75 Cong. Ch. 290, May 31, 1938.

1949  One additional judgeship created. – 81 Cong. Ch. 387, August 3, 1949.


1984  Two additional judgeships created. – Pub. L. No. 98-353, July 10, 1984

Total Judgeships  - 11
**Eighth Circuit**

1869  One circuit judgeship created. – 41 Cong. Ch. 22, April 10, 1869.

1891  Circuit Court of Appeals established. One additional judgeship created. – 51 Cong. Ch. 517, March 3, 1891.

1894  One additional judgeship created. – 53 Cong. Ch. 147, July 23, 1894.

1903  One additional judgeship created. – 57 Cong. Ch. 345, January 31, 1903.

1925  Two additional judgeships created. – 68 Cong. Ch. 437, March 3, 1925.

1929  Eighth Circuit divided and the Tenth Circuit created. Of the six judgeships authorized for the former Eighth Circuit, four were assigned to the new Eighth Circuit and two were transferred to the Tenth Circuit. One additional judgeship for the Eighth Circuit created. – 70 Cong. Ch. 363, February 28, 1929.

1940  Two additional judgeships created. – 76 Cong. Ch. 209, May 24, 1940.


Total Judgeships  -  11
Ninth Circuit

1869  One circuit judgeship created. – 41 Cong. Ch. 22, April 10, 1869.

1891  Circuit Court of Appeals established. One additional judgeship created. – 51 Cong. Ch. 517, March 3, 1891.

1895  One additional judgeship created. – 53 Cong. Ch. 94, February 18, 1895.

1929  One temporary judgeship created. – 70 Cong. Ch. 413, March 1, 1929.

1933  Temporary judgeship made permanent. – 73 Cong. Ch. 102, June 16, 1933.

1935  One additional judgeship created. – 74 Cong. Ch. 425, August 2, 1935.

1937  Two additional judgeships created. – 75 Cong. Ch. 80, April 14, 1937.

1954  Two additional judgeships created. – 83 Cong. Ch. 6, February 10, 1954.


2009  One additional judgeship, effective January 21, 2009, was transferred from the DC Circuit. – Pub. L. No. 110-177, January 7, 2008.

Total Judgeships - 29
**Tenth Circuit**

1929 Four judgeships created, two of which were transferred from the Eighth Circuit when it was divided into the Eighth and Tenth Circuits. – 70 Cong. Ch. 363, February 28, 1929.

1949 One additional judgeship created. – 81 Cong. Ch. 387, August 3, 1949.


**Total Judgeships** - 12
Eleventh Circuit

1980 Twelve circuit judgeships created when the Fifth Circuit was reorganized into a new Fifth and Eleventh Circuit, and the judgeships transferred from the old Fifth Circuit. – Pub. L. No. 96-452, October 14, 1980.

Total Judgeships - 12
Federal Circuit


Total Judgeships - 12