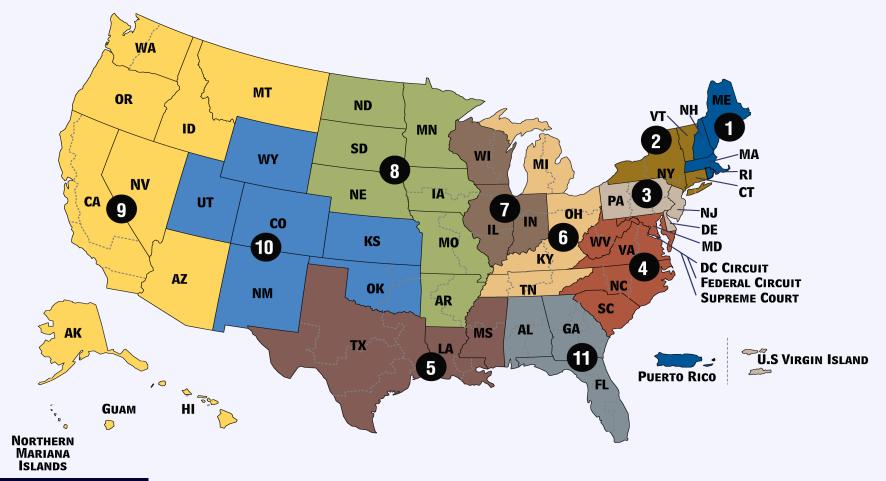
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Introduction

The United States federal judiciary has 94 district courts (trial courts) that hear disputes within a designated geographic region. They are organized into 12 geographic circuits. Each circuit has one court of appeals which hears all of the challenges to the district court decisions within their geographic boundary. These geographic circuits are numbered 1-11 with the twelfth being the D.C. Circuit. The last court of appeal is the Federal Circuit which has national jurisdiction and hears appeals of specialized cases, such as patents and veterans claims. The map below shows the division of the circuits and districts. The following map provides a detailed view of the districts within the Fifth Circuit.



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