

Mississippi 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 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.

Justice	Age	Date of Birth	Year First on Court	Re-election	Election History	District
Chief Judge Donna M. Barnes <i>*BIPEC Recommended in 2006 & 2016</i>	60	10/30/1960	2004	2026	Appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour in 2004 / won re-election in 2006, 2010, 2018	District 1 Position 2
Presiding Judge Virginia C. Carlton <i>*BIPEC Recommended in 2006 & 2014</i>	56	5/20/1964	2007	2022	Elected in 2006 / won re-election 2014	District 4 Position 1
Presiding Judge Jack L. Wilson <i>*BIPEC recommended 2016</i>	41	5/17/1979	2015	2024	Appointed by Gov. Bryant in 2015 / won election in 2016	District 3 Position 1
Judge Jim M. Greenlee <i>*BIPEC recommended 2016</i>	69	1/13/1952	2016	2024	Appointed by Governor Bryant in 2016 / won re-election in 2016	District 1 Position 1
Judge Latrice Westbrooks	48	2/26/1972	2017	2024	Elected in 2016	District 2 Position 2
Judge Joel Smith	46	5/6/1974	2021	2024	Appointed by Governor Tate Reeves in 2021	District 5 Position 2
Judge Deborah McDonald	63	6/5/1957	2019	2026	Elected in 2018	District 2 Position 1
Judge Anthony N. Lawrence, III	55	4/3/1965	2019	2026	Elected in 2018	District 5 Position 1
Judge David McCarty	45	2/7/1975	2019	2026	Elected in 2018	District 4 Position 2
VACANT (former Judge Cory Wilson)				2022		District 3 Position 2

Court of Appeals District 1:

Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Desoto, Grenada (split w/District 2), Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery (split w/ District 2), Panola (split w/District 2), Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tallahatchie (split w/District 2), Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster, Yalobusha

Court of Appeals District 2:

Attala (split w/District 3), Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma, Grenada (split w/District 1), Hinds (split w/District 4), Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Leake (split w/District 3), Leflore, Madison (split w/District 3), Montgomery (split w/District 1), Panola (split w/District 1), Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie (split w/District 1), Tunica, Warren, Washington, Yazoo

Court of Appeals District 3:

Attala (split w/District 2), Clarke, Clay, Jasper, Jones (split w/District 4), Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake (split w/District 2), Lowndes, Madison (split w/District 2), Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Rankin, Scott, Smith, Wayne (split w/District 5), Winston

Court of Appeals District 4:

Adams, Amite, Copiah, Covington, Franklin, Hinds (split w/District 2), Jefferson Davis, Jones (split w/District 3), Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pike, Simpson, Walthall, Wilkinson

Court of Appeals District 5:

Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, Wayne (split w/District 3)