

Council of State Governments											
COMPENSATION OF JUDGES OF APPELLATE COURTS AND GENERAL TRIAL COURTS											
2012											
Table 5.4											
Appellate courts											
State or other jurisdiction	Court of last resort	Chief Justice salaries	Chief Justice rank	Associate Justice salaries	Intermediate appellate court	Chief/Presiding salaries	Judges salaries	General trial courts	Salary	Rank	
Alabama	Supreme Court	(a)		(b)	Court of Criminal Appeals	(c)	(d)	Circuit courts	(e)		
Alaska	Supreme Court	192,936	6	192,372	Court of Appeals	181,752	181,752	Superior courts	177,888	3	
Arizona	Supreme Court	160,000	18	155,000	Court of Appeals	150,000	150,000	Superior courts	145,000	13	
Arkansas	Supreme Court	156,864	21	145,204	Court of Appeals	142,969	140,732	Chancery courts	136,257	21	
California	Supreme Court	228,856	1	218,237	Court of Appeals		204,599	Superior court	178,789	2	
Colorado	Supreme Court	142,708	34	139,660	Court of Appeals	137,201	134,128	District courts	128,598	29	
Connecticut	Supreme Court	175,645	10	162,520	Appellate Court	\$160,722	\$152,637	Superior courts	\$146,780	12	
Delaware	Supreme Court	194,750	5	185,050	...	...	...	Superior courts	168,850	4
Florida	Supreme Court	157,976	19	157,976	District Court of Appeals	150,077	150,077	Circuit courts	142,178	14	
Georgia	Supreme Court	167,210	14	167,210	Court of Appeals	166,186	166,186	Superior courts	(f)		
Hawaii	Supreme Court	156,727	22	151,118	Intermediate Court	145,532	139,924	Circuit courts	136,127	22	
Idaho	Supreme Court	121,006	47	119,506	Court of Appeals	118,506	118,506	District courts	112,043	43	
Illinois	Supreme Court	209,344	2	209,344	Court of Appeals	197,032	197,032	Circuit courts	180,802	1	
Indiana	Supreme Court	153,295	24	153,295	Court of Appeals	149,015	149,015	Circuit courts	127,280	30	
Iowa	Supreme Court	170,850	12	163,200	Court of Appeals	153,000	147,900	District courts	137,700	17	
Kansas	Supreme Court	139,310	38	135,905	Court of Appeals	134,750	131,518	District courts	120,037	39	
Kentucky	Supreme Court	140,504	36	135,504	Court of Appeals	133,044	130,044	Circuit courts	124,620	33	
Louisiana	Supreme Court	157,050	20	149,572	Court of Appeals	149,570	142,477	District courts	136,544	20	
Maine	Supreme Judicial Court	138,138	39	119,476	...	...	...	Superior courts	111,969	44
Maryland	Court of Appeals	181,352	9	162,352	Court of Special Appeals	152,552	149,552	Circuit courts	140,352	15	
Massachusetts	Supreme Judicial Court	151,239	28	145,984	Appellate Court	140,358	135,087	Superior courts	129,694	26	
Michigan	Supreme Court	164,610	15	164,610	Court of Appeals	151,441	151,441	Circuit courts	139,919	16	
Minnesota	Supreme Court	160,579	17	145,981	Court of Appeals	144,429	137,552	District courts	129,124	27	
Mississippi	Supreme Court	115,390	49	112,530	Court of Appeals	108,130	105,050	Chancery courts	104,170	47	
Missouri	Supreme Court	139,534	37	137,034	Court of Appeals	128,207	128,207	Circuit courts	120,484	38	
Montana	Supreme Court	122,686	46	121,434	...	...	...	District courts	113,928	42
Nebraska	Supreme Court	142,760	33	142,760	Court of Appeals	135,622	135,622	District courts	132,053	24	
Nevada	Supreme Court	170,000	13	170,000	...	...	...	District courts	160,000	7
New Hampshire	Supreme Court	151,477	27	146,917	...	...	...	Superior courts	137,084	18
New Jersey	Supreme Court	192,795	7	185,482	Appellate division of	175,534	175,534	Superior courts	165,000	5	
New Mexico	Supreme Court	125,691	45	123,691	Court of Appeals	119,406	117,506	District courts	111,631	45	
New York	Court of Appeals	156,000	23	151,200	Appellate divisions of	148,000	144,000	Supreme courts	136,700	19	
North Carolina	Supreme Court	140,932	35	137,249	Court of Appeals	135,061	131,531	Superior courts	124,382	34	
North Dakota	Supreme Court	133,968	42	130,228	...	...	...	District courts	119,330	40
Ohio	Supreme Court	150,850	29	141,600	Court of Appeals	132,000	132,000	Courts of common p	121,350	37	
Oklahoma	Supreme Court	147,000	31	137,655	Court of Appeals	132,825	130,410	District courts	124,373	35	
Oregon	Supreme Court	128,556	44	125,688	Court of Appeals	125,688	122,820	Circuit courts	114,468	41	
Pennsylvania	Supreme Court	195,138	3	189,620	Superior Court	184,432	178,914	Courts of common p	164,602	6	

Rhode Island	Supreme Court	182,300	8	165,726	...	...	...	Superior courts	149,207	10
South Carolina	Supreme Court	144,029	32	137,171	Court of Appeals	135,799	133,741	Circuit courts	130,312	25
South Dakota	Supreme Court	120,173	48	118,173	...	...	...	Circuit courts	110,377	46
Tennessee	Supreme Court	172,980	11	167,976	Court of Appeals	164,892	162,396	Chancery courts	156,792	9
Texas	Supreme Court	152,500	25	150,000	Court of Appeals	(e)	(g)	District courts	(h)	
Utah	Supreme Court	147,350	30	145,350	Court of Appeals	140,750	138,750	District courts	132,150	23
Vermont	Supreme Court	135,421	41	129,230	...	...	...	Superior/District/Fa	122,867	36
Virginia	Supreme Court (i)	195,104	4	183,839	Court of Appeals (j)	171,383	168,322	Circuit courts	158,134	8
Washington	Supreme Court	164,221	16	164,221	Court of Appeals	156,328	156,328	Superior courts	148,832	11
West Virginia	Supreme Court	136,000	40	136,000	...	...	...	Circuit courts	126,000	31
Wisconsin	Supreme Court	152,495	26	144,495	Court of Appeals	136,316	136,316	Circuit courts	128,600	28
Wyoming	Supreme Court	131,500	43	131,500	...	...	...	District courts	125,200	32
Average		156,486		151,140		146,903	146,152		135,927	
Median		152,898		146,451		145,532	141,605		132,102	