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# The Minnesota Judicial Branch

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## By the Numbers

### **The Judicial Branch Mission**

*To provide justice through a system that assures equal access for the fair and timely resolution of cases and controversies.*

### **Judicial Branch FY2015 Budget**

\$256,1622,000 - District (Trial) Courts

\$11,035,000 - Court of Appeals

\$32,925,000 - Supreme Court/State Court Administration/State Law Library

\$300,582,000 - Total

### **Judicial Branch Members**

Approximately 2,500 permanent employees

Number of authorized judgeships - 315

Supreme Court - 7

Court of Appeals - 19

District (Trial) Courts - 289

Judicial Districts: 10

Number of Judicial Branch hearing facilities: 106

Oldest Courthouse: Washington County Courthouse, 101 West Pine Street, Stillwater, 1869

Number of Courthouses on the National Register of Historic Places: 62

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# District Courts

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289 Judgeships, 10 Judicial Districts, 104 hearing facilities across the state

Jurisdiction: Civil Actions, Criminal Cases, Family, Juvenile, Probate, Violations of City Ordinances

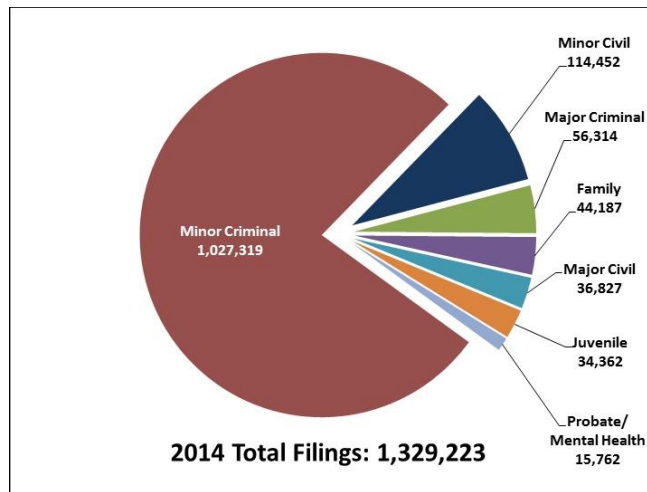
Appeals from: Conciliation Court\*

Conciliation Division: Civil Disputes up to \$15,000

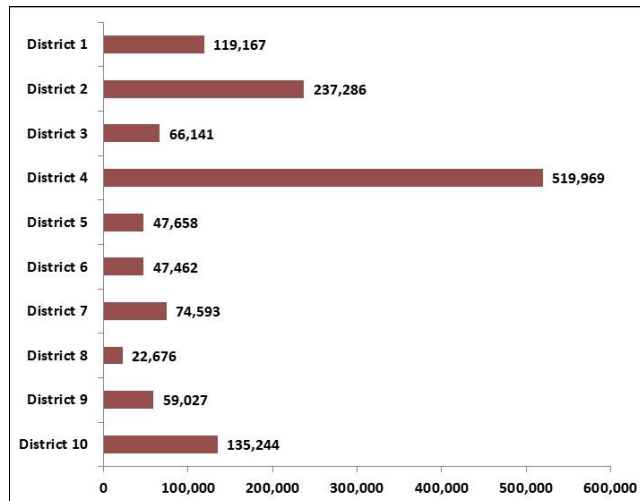
\*Called trial de novo - actually a new trial, not just a review of the conciliation court

There were 1,329,223 cases filed in the district courts in Minnesota in 2014.

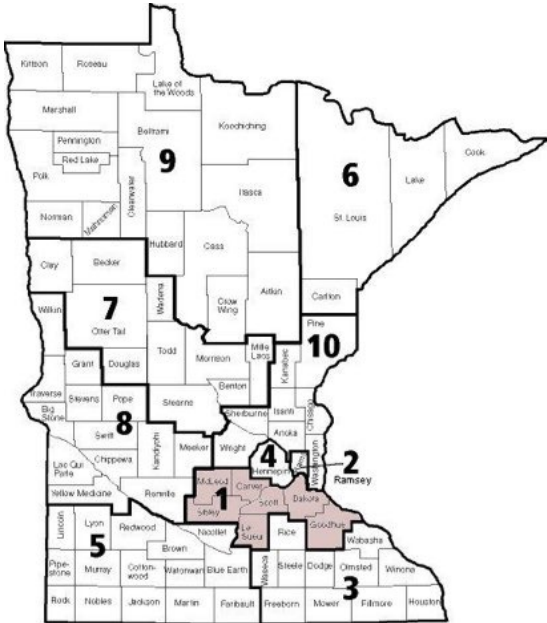
## 2014 Case Filings by Case Type



## 2014 Case Filings by Judicial District



# First Judicial District



**7 Counties: Carver, Dakota, Goodhue,  
Le Sueur, McLeod, Scott, Sibley**

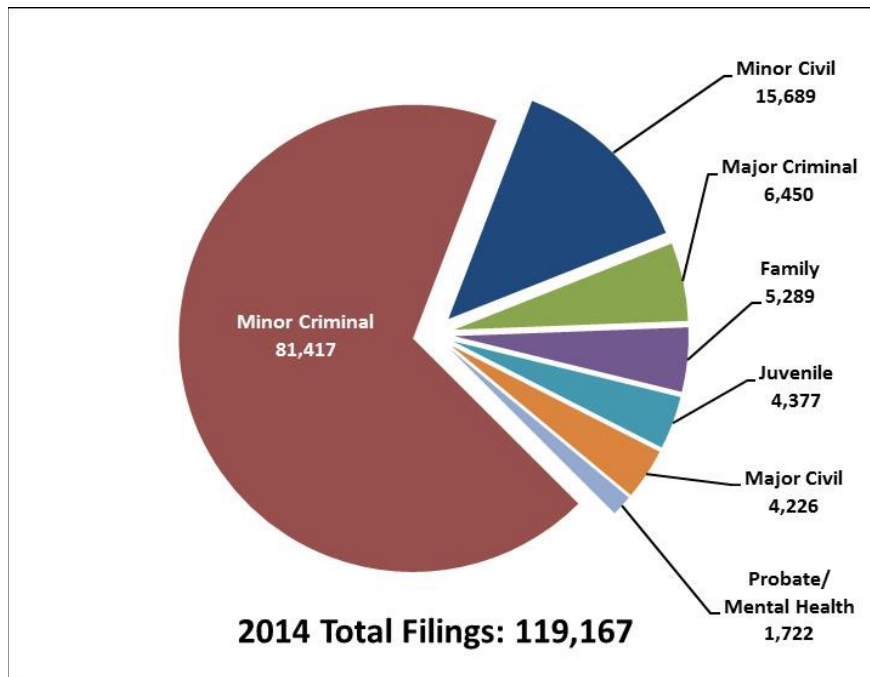
**36 Judgeships**

**Hon. Terrence E. Conkel, Chief Judge  
Hon. Kathryn D. Messerich,  
Assistant Chief Judge**

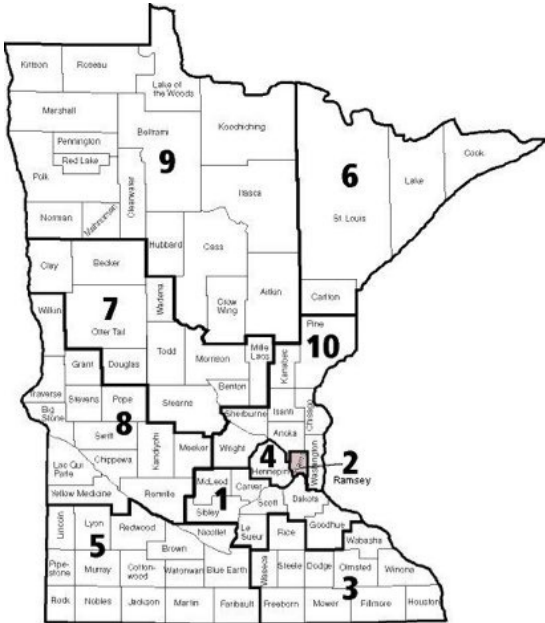
**Gerald Winter, District Administrator**

**First Judicial District Administration  
1620 South Frontage Road, Suite 200  
Hastings, MN 55033**

## 2014 Case Filings for the First Judicial District



# Second Judicial District



**1 County: Ramsey**

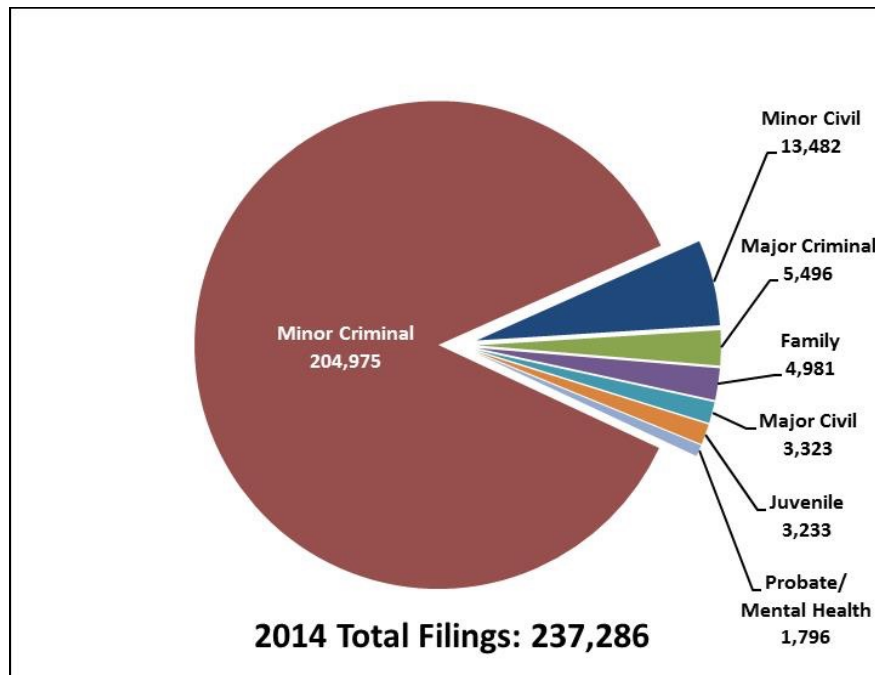
**29 Judgeships**

**Hon. Teresa R. Warner, Chief Judge**  
**Hon. George T. Stephenson,**  
**Assistant Chief Judge**

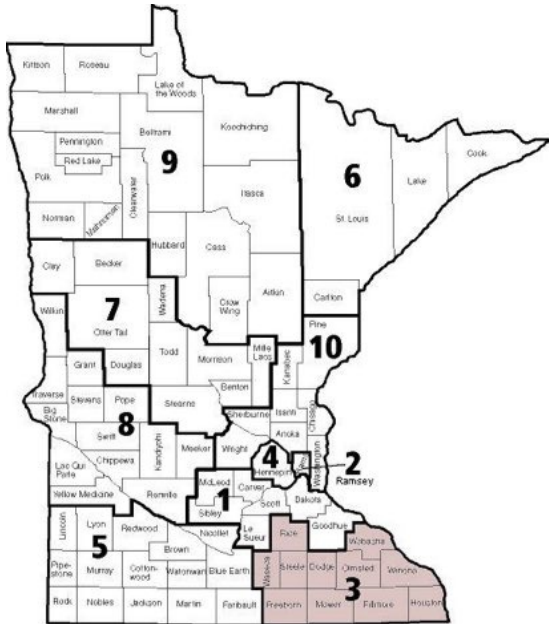
**Heather M. Kendall, District Administrator**

**Second Judicial District Administration**  
**1700 Ramsey County Courthouse**  
**15 West Kellogg Boulevard**  
**Saint Paul, MN 55102**

## 2014 Case Filings for the Second Judicial District



# Third Judicial District



**11 Counties: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Winona**

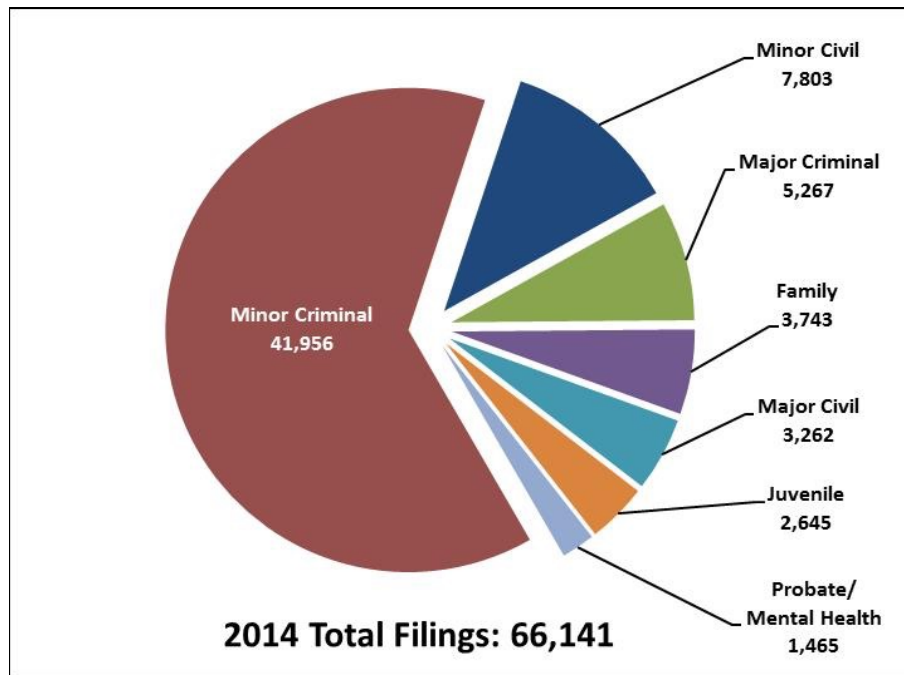
**23 Judgeships**

**Hon. Jeffrey D. Thompson, Chief Judge  
Hon. Robert Birnbaum,  
Assistant Chief Judge**

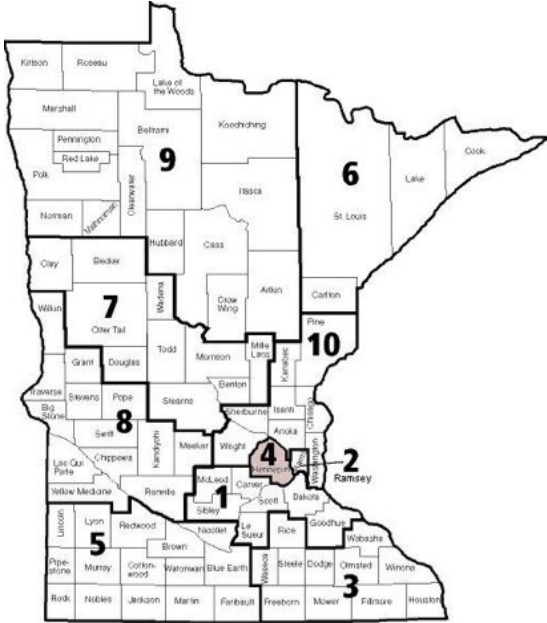
**Shelley Ellefson, District Administrator**

**Third Judicial District Administration  
1696 Greenview Drive SW  
Rochester, MN 55902**

## 2014 Case Filings for the Third Judicial District



# Fourth Judicial District



**1 County: Hennepin**

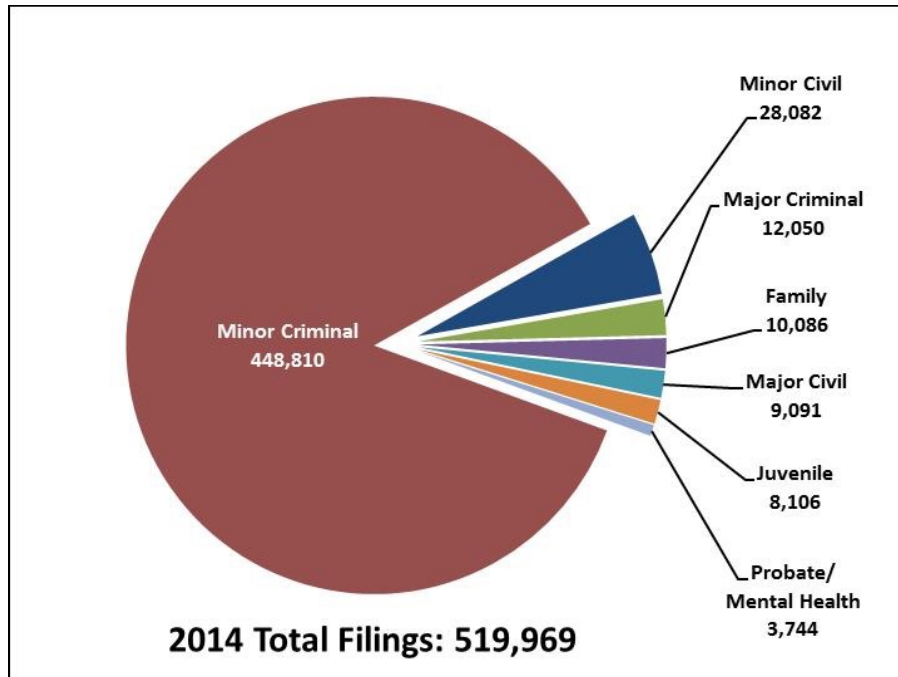
**62 Judgeships**

**Hon. Peter A. Cahill, Chief Judge**  
**Hon. Ivy S. Bernhardson, Assistant Chief Judge**

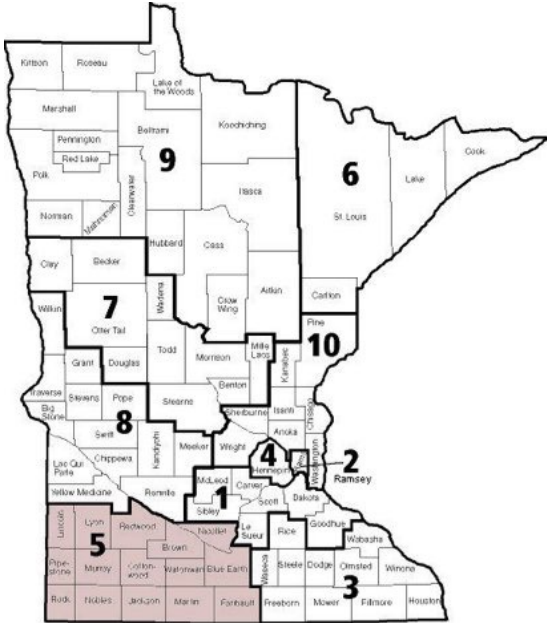
**Kate Fogarty, District Administrator**

**Fourth Judicial District Administration**  
**12-C Government Center**  
**300 South Sixth Street**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55487**

## 2014 Case Filings for the Fourth Judicial District



# Fifth Judicial District



**15 Counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, Watonwan**

**16 Judgeships**

**Hon. Bradley C. Walker, Chief Judge**

**Hon. Michelle A. Dietrich,**

**Assistant Chief Judge**

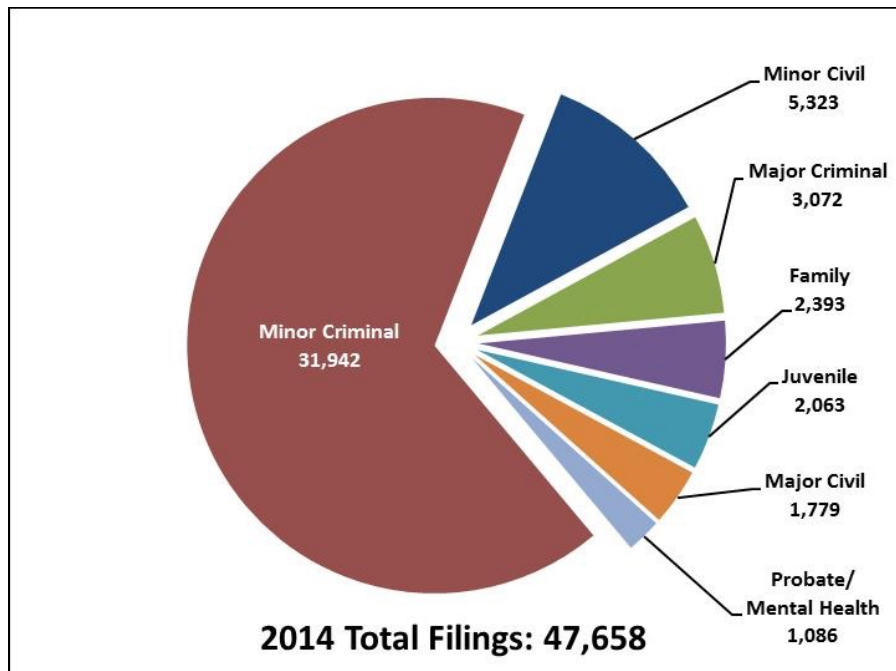
**Richard Fasnacht, District Administrator**

**Fifth Judicial District Administration**

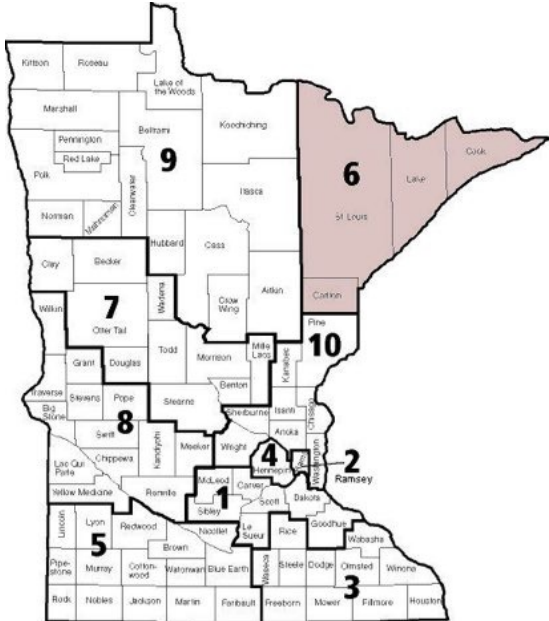
**11 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 205**

**Mankato, MN 56001**

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# Sixth Judicial District



4 Counties: Carlton, Cook, Lake, St. Louis

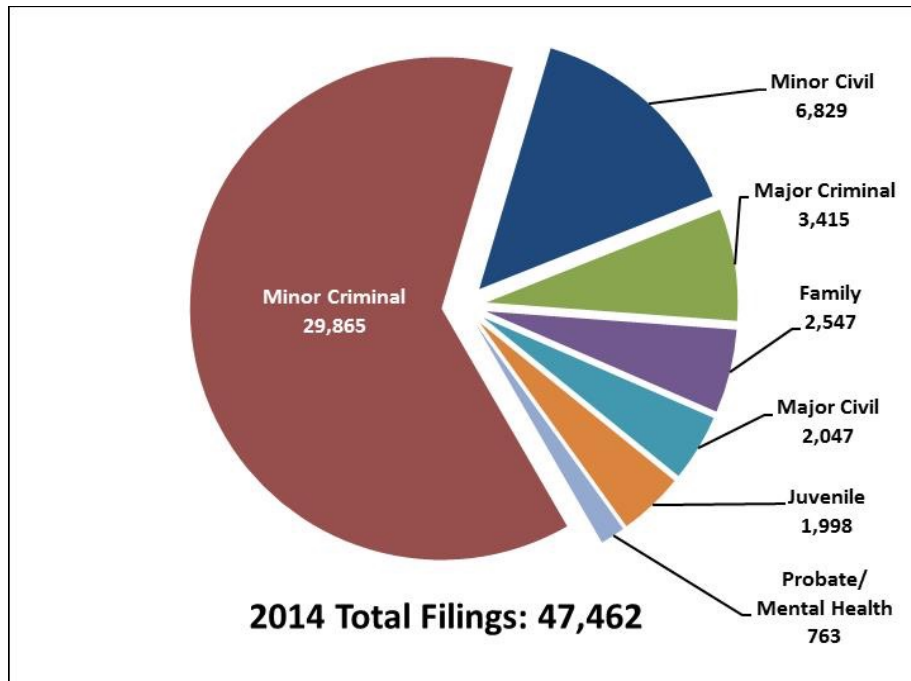
16 Judgeships

Hon. Shaun R. Flerke, Chief Judge  
Hon. Gary J. Pagliaccetti,  
Assistant Chief Judge

Marieta Johnson, District Administrator

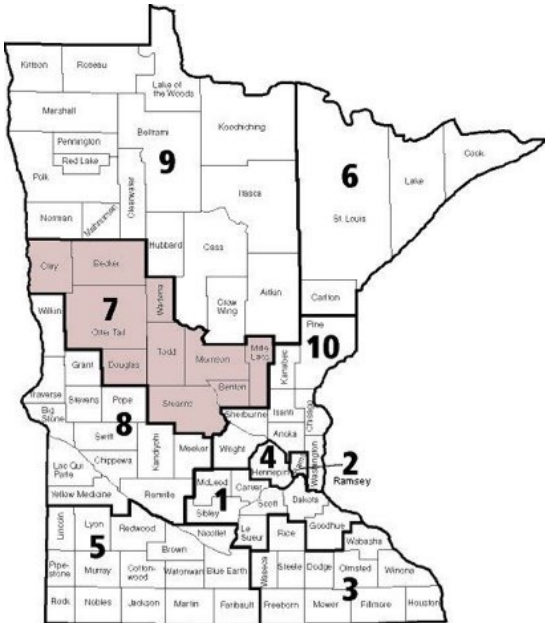
Sixth Judicial District Administration  
St. Louis County Courthouse  
100 North Fifth Avenue West, #139  
Duluth, MN 55802

## 2014 Case Filings for the Sixth Judicial District





# Seventh Judicial District



**10 Counties: Becker, Benton, Clay, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, Wadena**

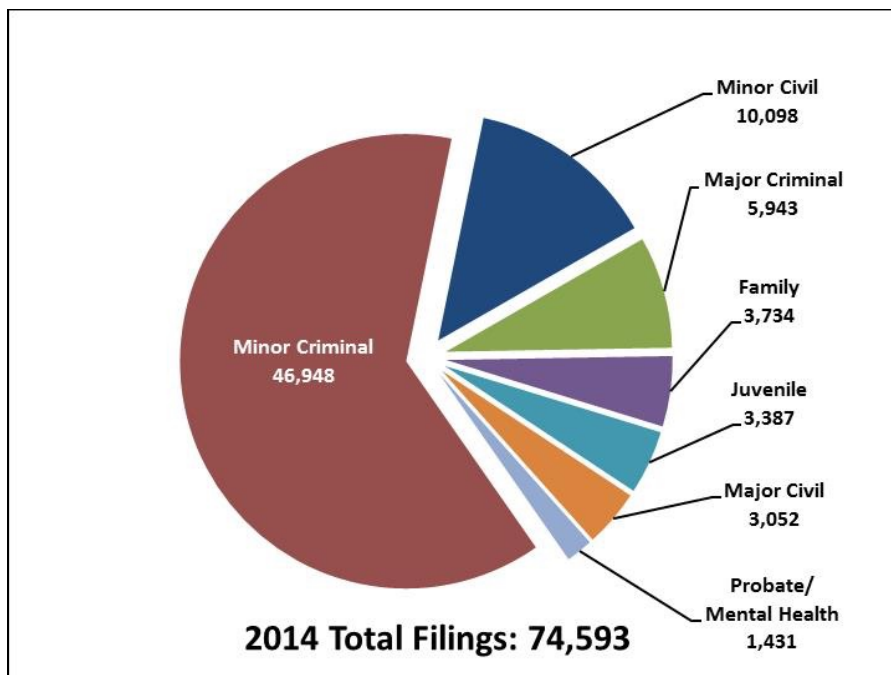
**28 Judgeships**

**Hon. John H. Scherer, Chief Judge  
Hon. Ann L. Carrott, Assistant Chief Judge**

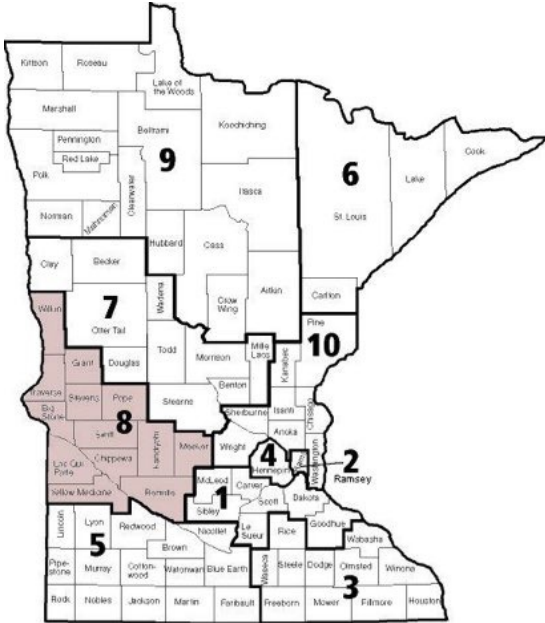
**Timothy Ostby, District Administrator**

**Seventh Judicial District Administration  
Stearns County Courthouse  
725 Courthouse Square #406  
Saint Cloud, MN 56303**

## 2014 Case Filings for the Seventh Judicial District



# Eighth Judicial District



**13 Counties: Big Stone, Chippewa, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Meeker, Pope, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine**

**11 Judgeships**

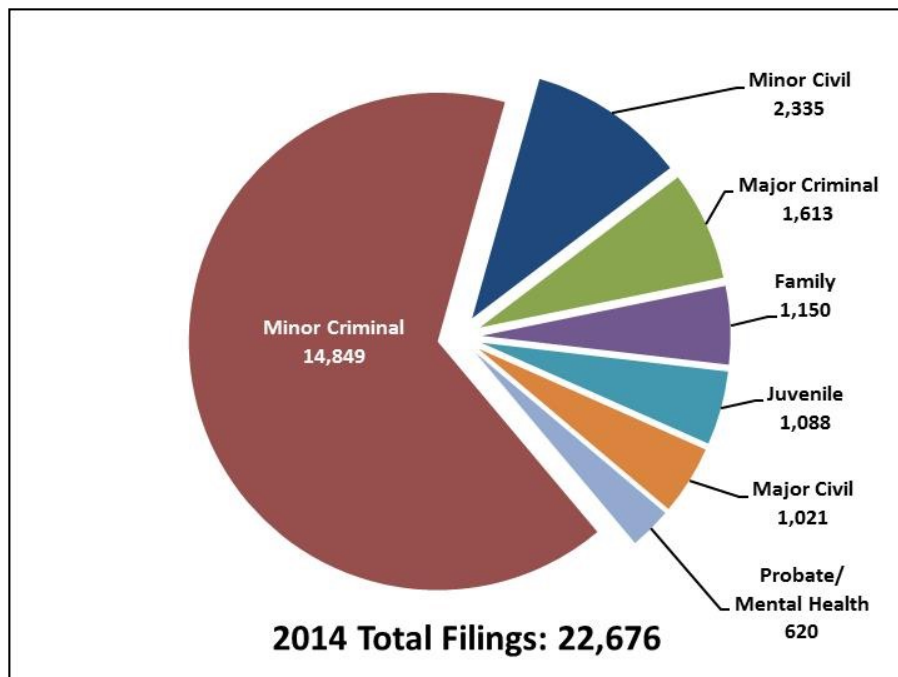
**Hon. Donald M. Spilseth, Chief Judge**

**Hon. Michael J. Thompson,  
Assistant Chief Judge**

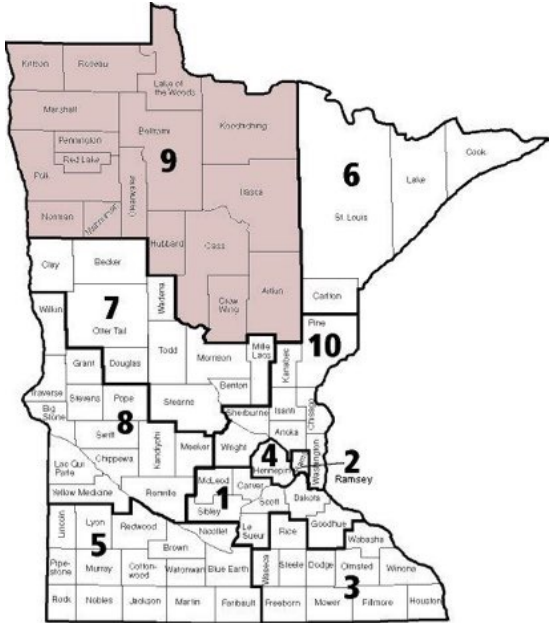
**Timothy Ostby, District Administrator**

**Eighth Judicial District Administration  
Kandiyohi County Courthouse  
505 Becker Avenue SW, Suite 107  
Willmar, MN 56201**

## 2014 Case Filings for the Eighth Judicial District



# Ninth Judicial District



**17 Counties:** Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau

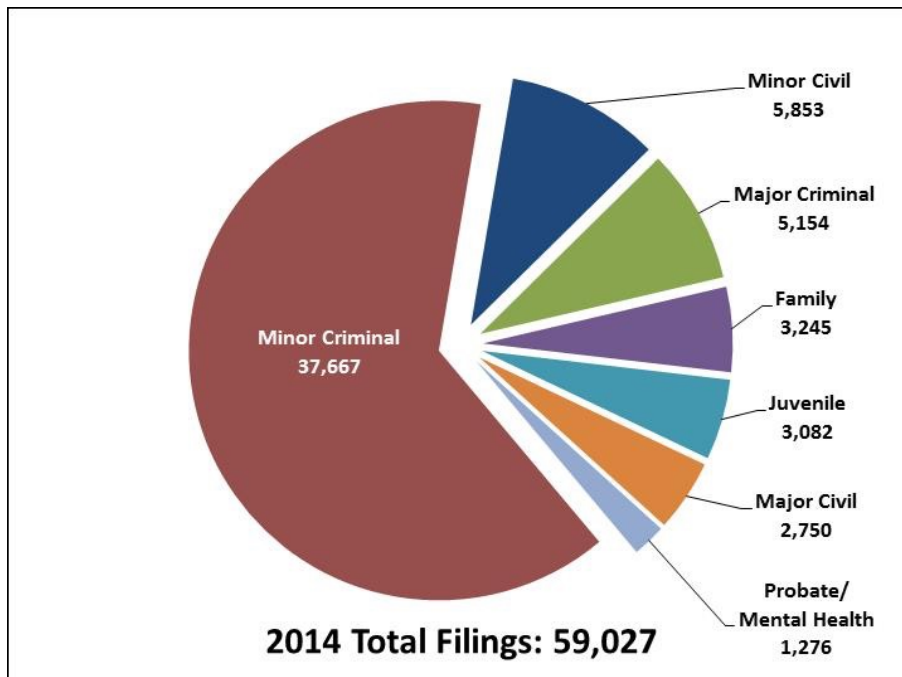
**23 Judgeships**

**Hon. Kurt J. Marben, Chief Judge**  
**Hon. Paul T. Benschopf, Assistant Chief Judge**

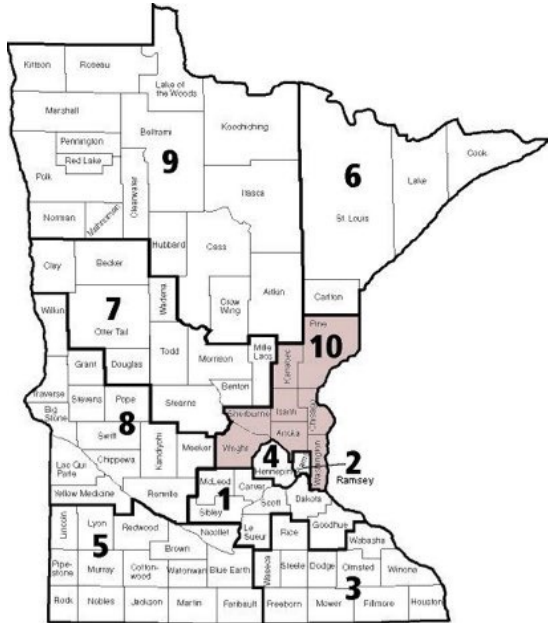
**Paul Maatz, District Administrator**

**Ninth Judicial District Administration**  
**Community Services Building**  
**616 America Avenue NW #250**

## 2014 Case Filings for the Ninth Judicial District



# Tenth Judicial District



**8 Counties: Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Sherburne, Washington, Wright**

**45 Judgeships**

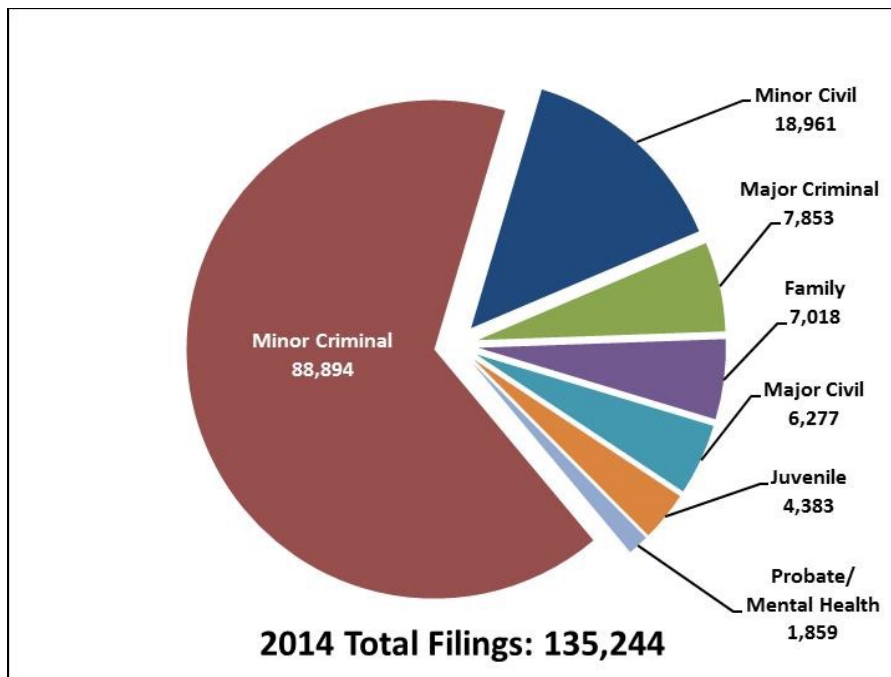
**Hon. John C. Hoffman, Chief Judge**

**Hon. Douglas B. Meslow,  
Assistant Chief Judge**

**Michael Moriarity, District Administrator**

**Tenth Judicial District Administration  
7533 Sunwood Drive NW, Suite 306  
Ramsey, MN 55303**

## 2014 Case Filings for the Tenth Judicial District



# Court of Appeals

19 Members, Three-Judge Panels

Chief Judge Edward Cleary December 2011 - October 2013, Chief Judge: Nov. 2013 - present
Judge Randolph Peterson 1990 - present
Judge Jill Flaskamp Hallbrooks 1998 - present
Judge Natalie Hudson 2002 - present
Judge Renee Worke 2005 - present
Judge Kevin Ross 2006 - present
Judge Heidi Schellhas 2008 - present
Judge Francis Connolly 2008 - present
Judge Matthew Johnson Judge: 2008 - Nov. 2010, Nov. 2013 - present Chief Judge: Nov. 2010 - Oct. 2013
Judge Michelle Larkin 2008 - present
Judge Larry Stauber, Jr. 2008 - present
Judge Louise Bjorkman 2008 - present
Judge John Rodenberg February 2012 - present
Judge Margaret Chutich February 2012 - present
Judge Carol Hooten June 2012 - present
Judge Michael Kirk August 2012 - present
Judge John P. Smith Jan. 2013 - present
Judge Denise D. Reilly April 2014 - present
Judge Peter M. Reyes, Jr. April 2014 - present
Judge Thomas Kalitowski 1987 - 2014
Judge Terri Stoneburner 2000 - 2014

### *Appeals from:*

District court decisions (except first-degree murder convictions), administrative agency decisions (except Tax Court & Workers' Compensation Court), decisions of local governments

### *Original Actions:*

Writs of mandamus or prohibition, which order a trial judge or public official to perform a certain act or not perform

## 2014 Court of Appeals Case Information

	Cases Filed	Dispositions
General Civil	513	504
Criminal	842	875
Administrative Rule	4	3
Economic Security	160	200
Writs - Certiori	74	56
Habeas / Certified Questions	10	14
Commitment	31	53
Family	197	204
Juvenile Delinquency	16	14
Juvenile Protection	49	53
Implied Consent	59	122
Discretionary Review / Writs	57	62
Probate	21	22
Unlawful Detainer / Eviction	60	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,093</b>	<b>2,227</b>

# Supreme Court

7 members, En Banc panel

*Appeals from:*

Court of Appeals decisions

Trial court decisions if Supreme Court chooses to bypass the Court of Appeals

Tax Court decisions, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals decisions

Review of all first-degree murder convictions

*Original Actions:*

Writs of Prohibition, Writs of Habeas Corpus, Writs of Mandamus

Election disputes; attorney and judicial discipline

Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea Associate Justice: 2006 - June 2010, Chief Justice: July 2010 - present
Associate Justice Alan C. Page 1993 - present
Associate Justice G. Barry Anderson 2004 - present
Associate Justice Christopher J. Dietzen 2008 - present
Associate Justice David R. Stras 2010 - present
Associate Justice Wilhelmina M. Wright 2012 - present
Associate Justice David L. Lillehaug June 2013 - present

2014 Supreme Court Case Information		
Direct Appeals		
	Cases Filed	Dispositions
Workers' Compensation	10	9
Civil	7	6
Tax Court	7	7
Attorney/Judge Discipline	58	59
Writs	3	3
First Degree Homicide	30	15
<b>Total Direct Appeals</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>99</b>
Petitions for Further Review (PFR)		
Filed		659
Denied		558
Granted Further Review		94
Other		6
Dispositions		
Affirmed		37
Mixed		8
Remand / Reverse		27
Other Decision / Dismissal		3
<b>Total</b>		<b>75</b>