
The Minnesota Judicial Branch

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 FY2012 Budget

\$235,170,000 - District Courts
\$30,610,000 - Supreme Court/State Court Administration/State Law Library
\$10,176,000 - Court of Appeals
\$275,956,000 - Total

Judicial Branch Staff and Judges

Approximately 2,500 permanent employees
315 - Number of authorized judgeships
Supreme Court- 7
Court of Appeals- 19
District (Trial) Courts- 289

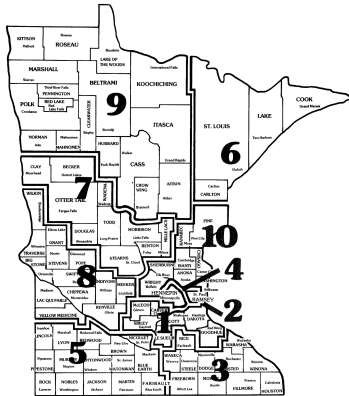
Judicial Districts: 10

Number of Judicial Branch hearing facilities: 101

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

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

District Courts



289 Judgeships, 10 Judicial Districts

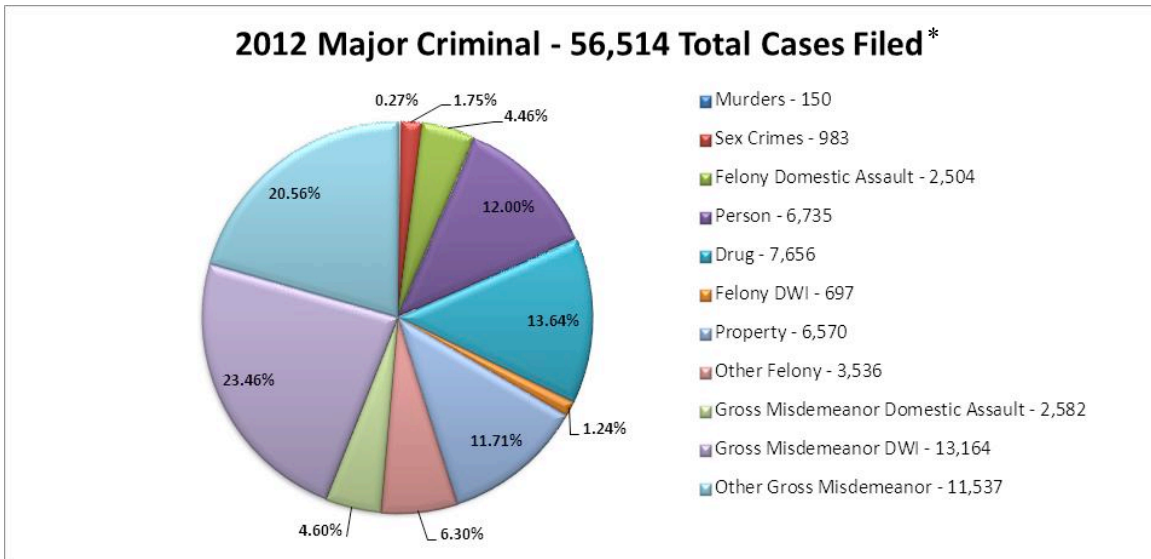
Jurisdiction: Civil Actions, Criminal Cases, Family, Juvenile, Probate, Violations of City Ordinances

Appeals from: Conciliation Court*

Conciliation Division: Civil Disputes up to \$10,000

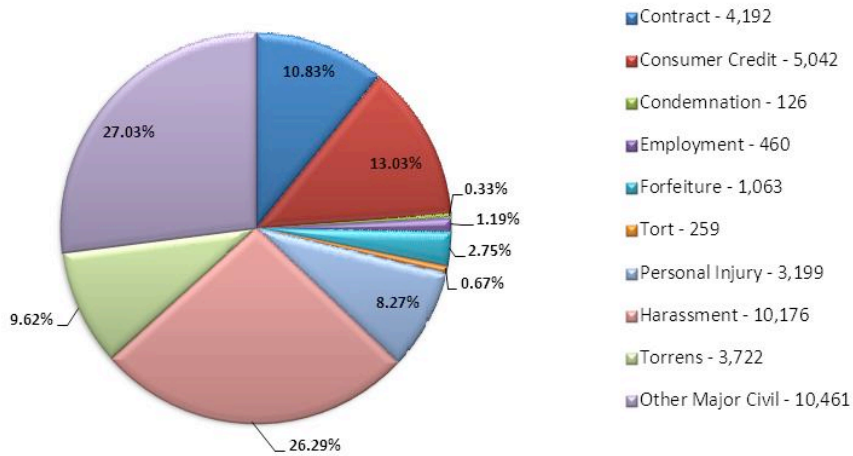
*Called trial de novo - actually a new trial, not just a review of the conciliation court

The district courts handled over 1.4 million cases that entered the judicial system in Minnesota in 2012. For administrative purposes, the district courts are organized into 10 judicial districts with a total of 100 hearing facilities across the state.

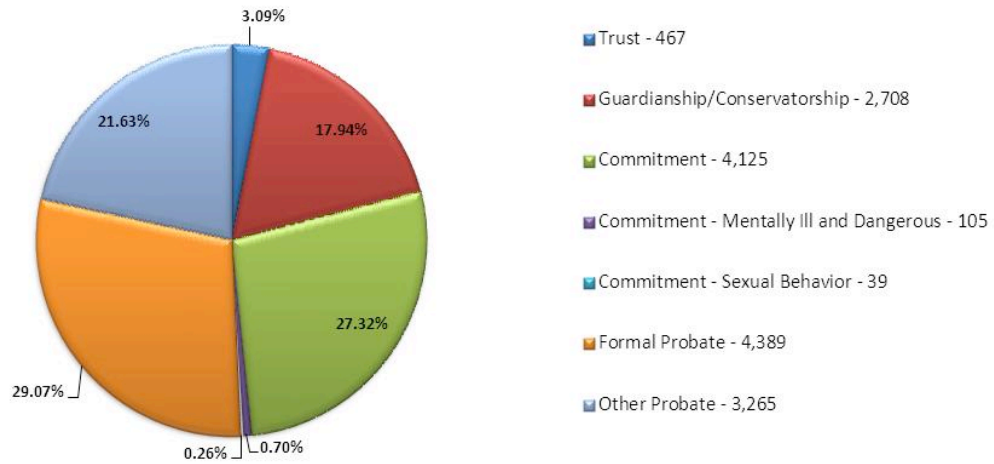


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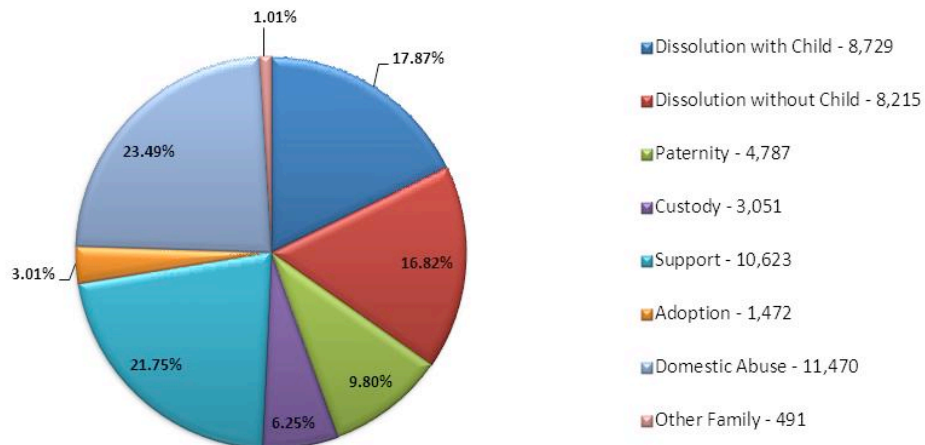
2012 Major Civil - 38,700 Total Cases Filed*



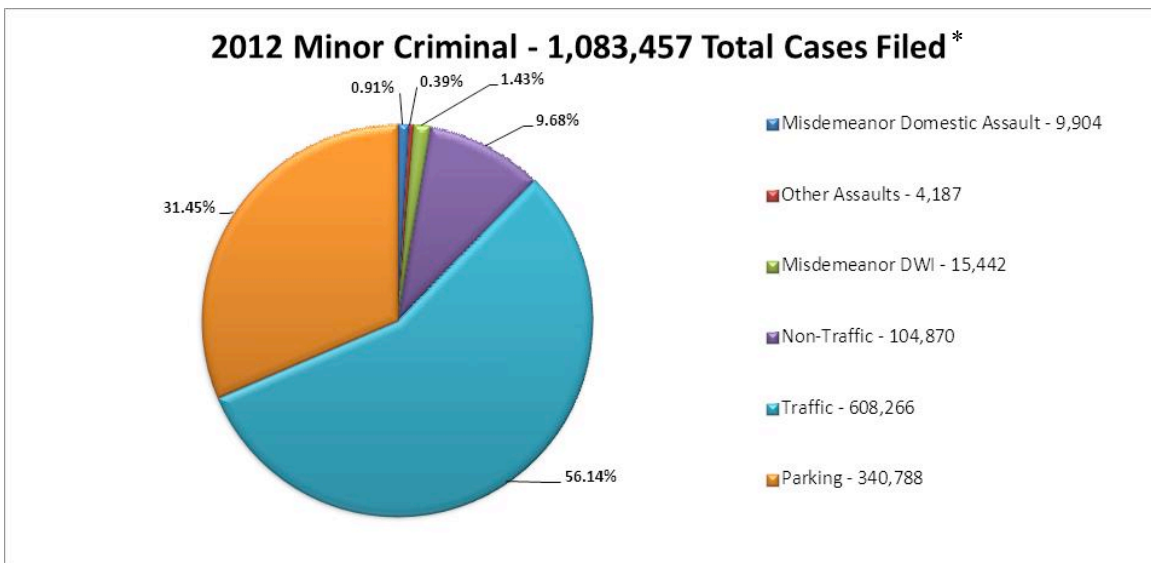
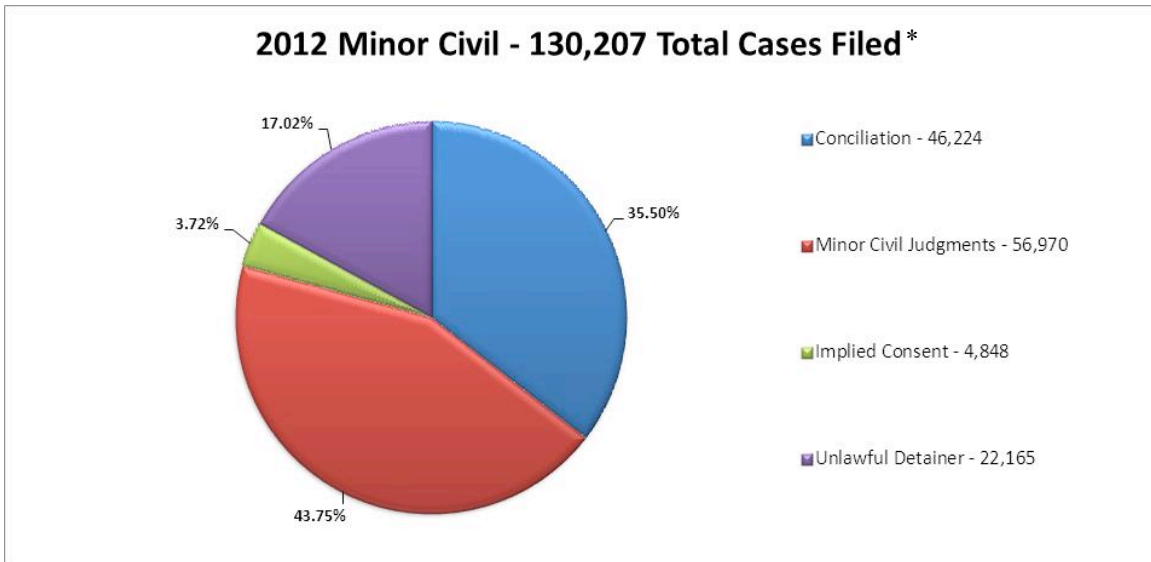
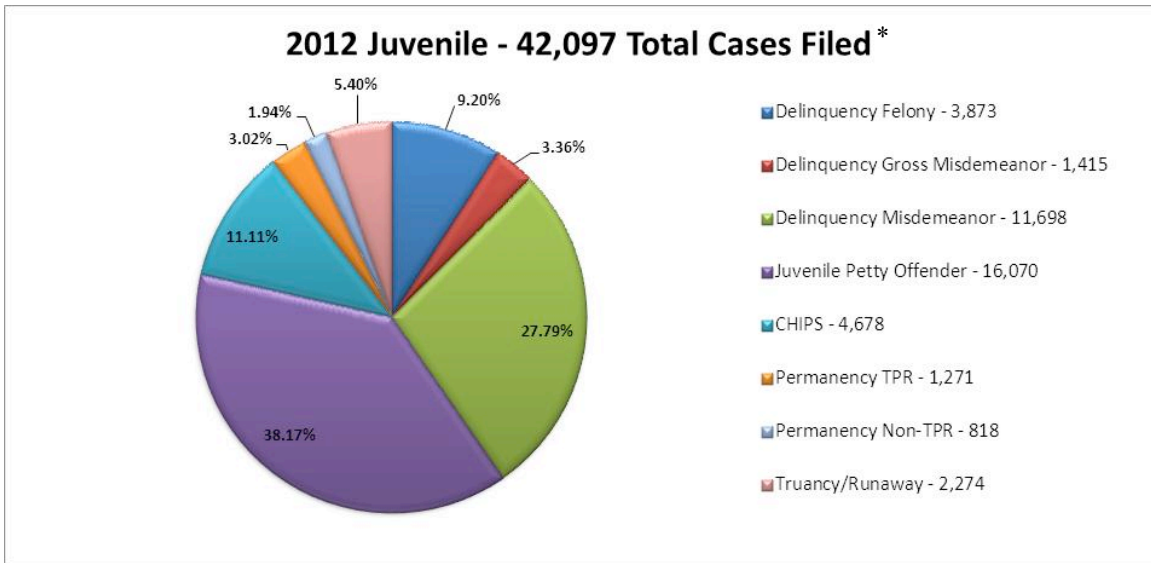
2012 Probate/Mental Health- 15,098 Total Cases Filed*



2012 Family - 48,838 Total Cases Filed*

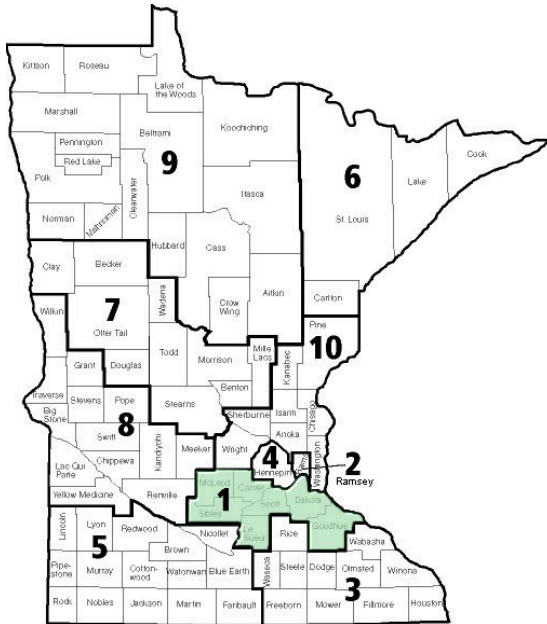


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First Judicial District



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

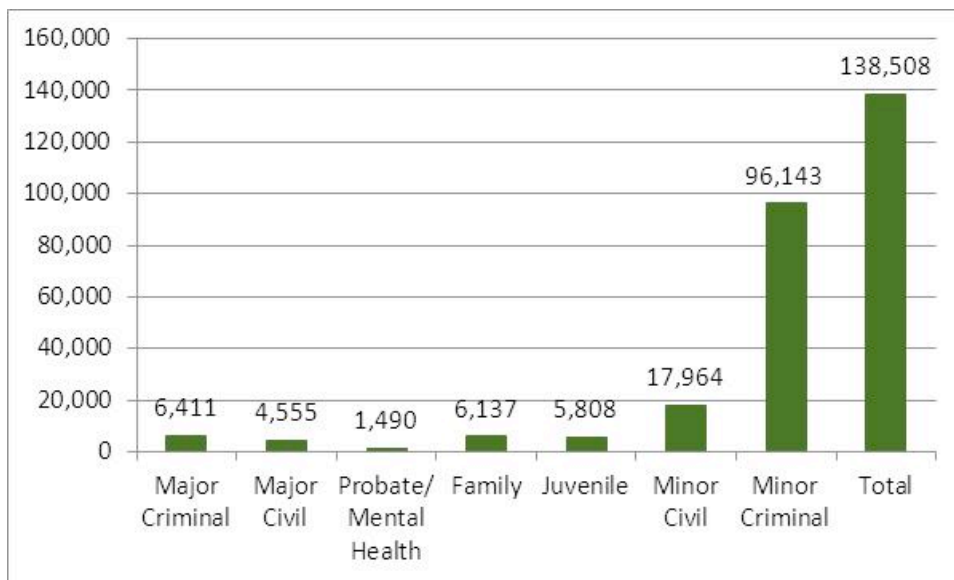
36 Judgeships

Hon. Edward I. Lynch, Chief Judge
Hon. Terrence E. Conkel, Assistant Chief Judge

Gerald Winter, District Administrator

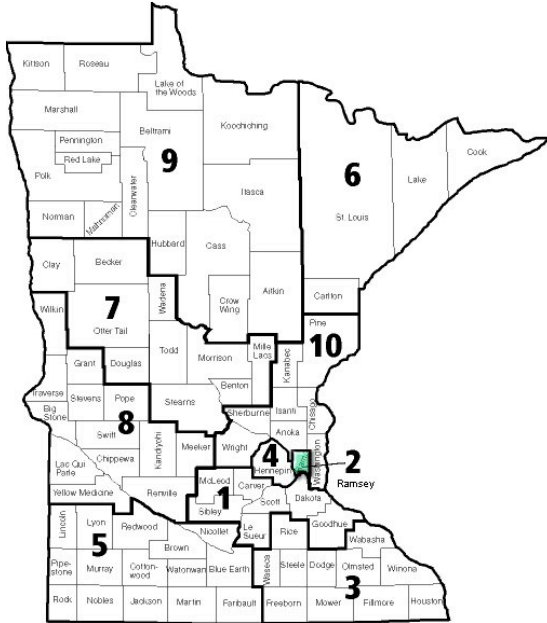
First Judicial District Administration
Dakota County Judicial Center
1560 Highway 55
Hastings, MN 55033

2012 Case Filings for the First Judicial District*



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Second Judicial District



1 County: Ramsey

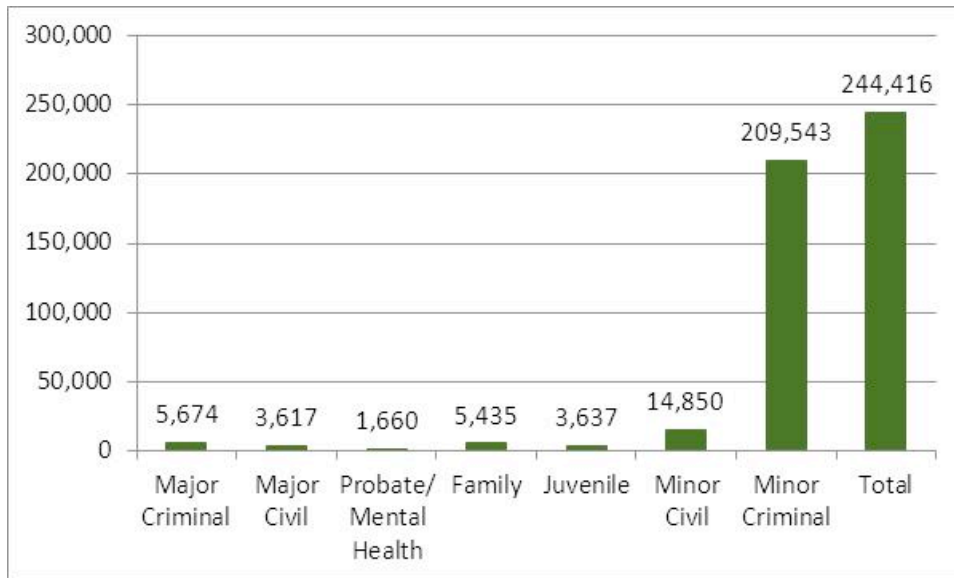
29 Judgeships

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

Larry Dease, District Administrator

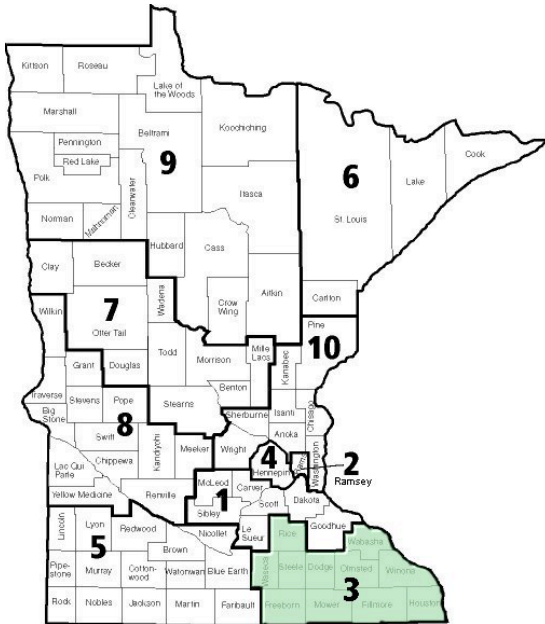
Second Judicial District Administration
 1700 Ramsey County Courthouse
 15 West Kellogg Boulevard
 Saint Paul, MN 55102

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Third Judicial District



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

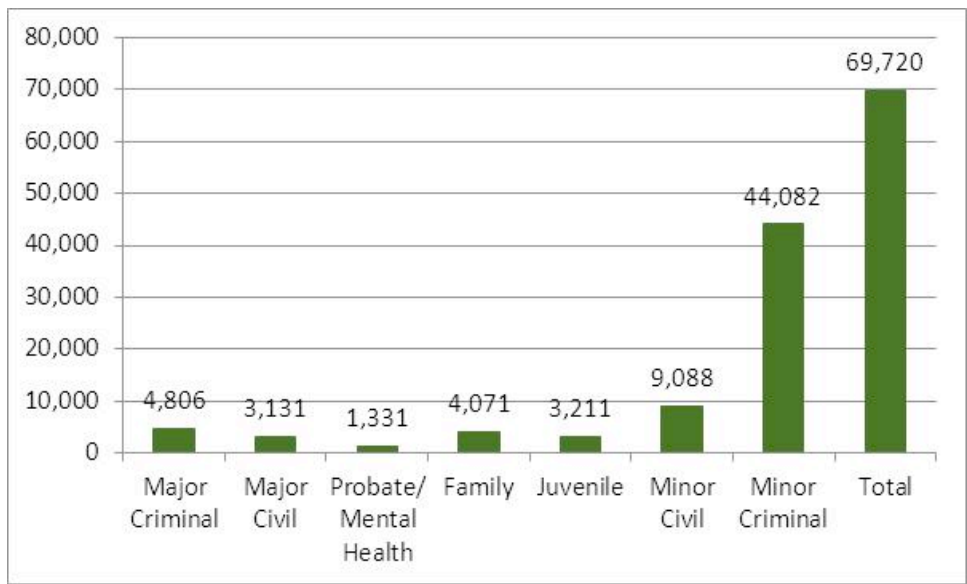
23 Judgeships

Hon. Robert R. Benson, Chief Judge
 Hon. Jeffrey D. Thompson, Assistant Chief Judge

Shelley Ellefson, District Administrator

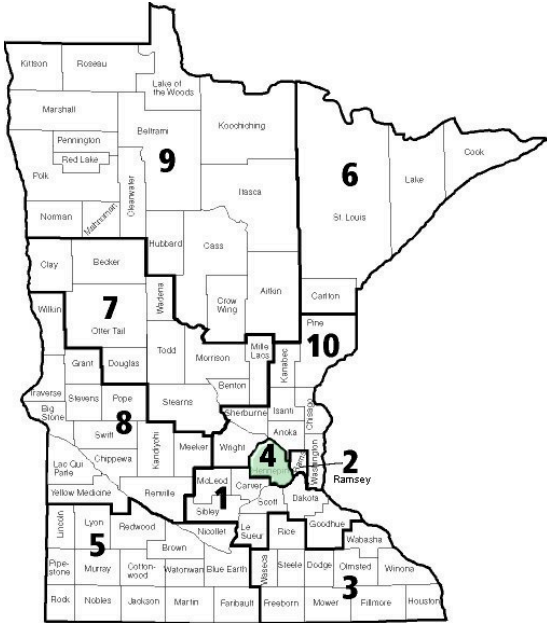
Third Judicial District Administration
 1696 Greenview Drive SW
 Rochester, MN 55902

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Fourth Judicial District



1 County: Hennepin

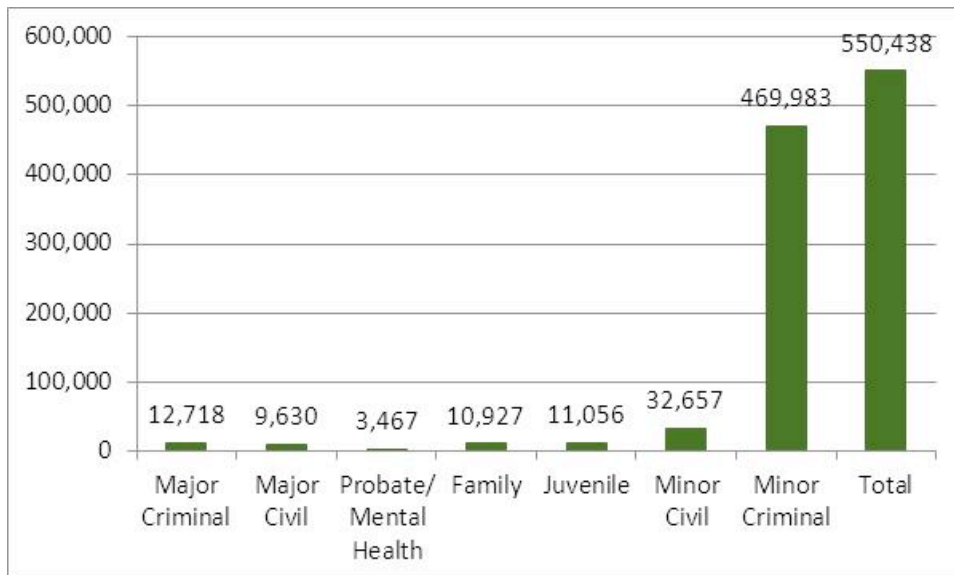
62 Judgeships

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

Mark S. Thompson, District Administrator

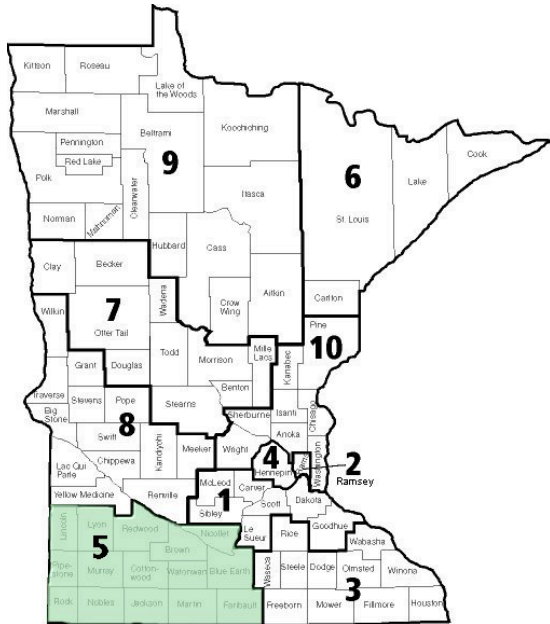
Fourth Judicial District Administration
 12-C Government Center
 300 South Sixth Street
 Minneapolis, MN 55487

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Fifth Judicial District



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

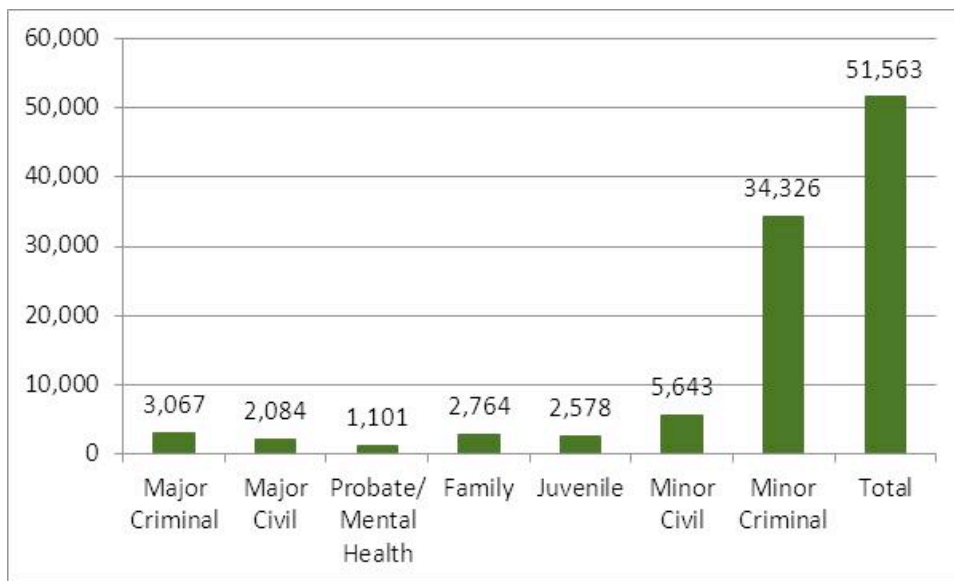
16 Judgeships

Hon. Douglas L. Richards, Chief Judge
Hon. Bradley C. Walker, Assistant Chief Judge

Richard Fasnacht, District Administrator

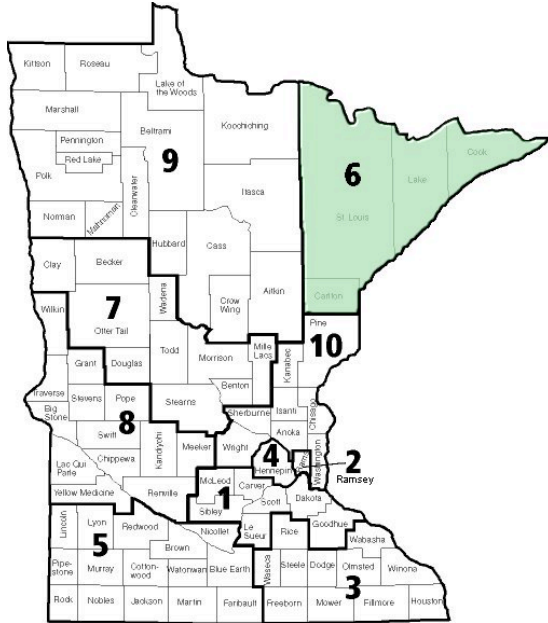
Fifth Judicial District Administration
11 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 205
Mankato, MN 56001

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Sixth Judicial District



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

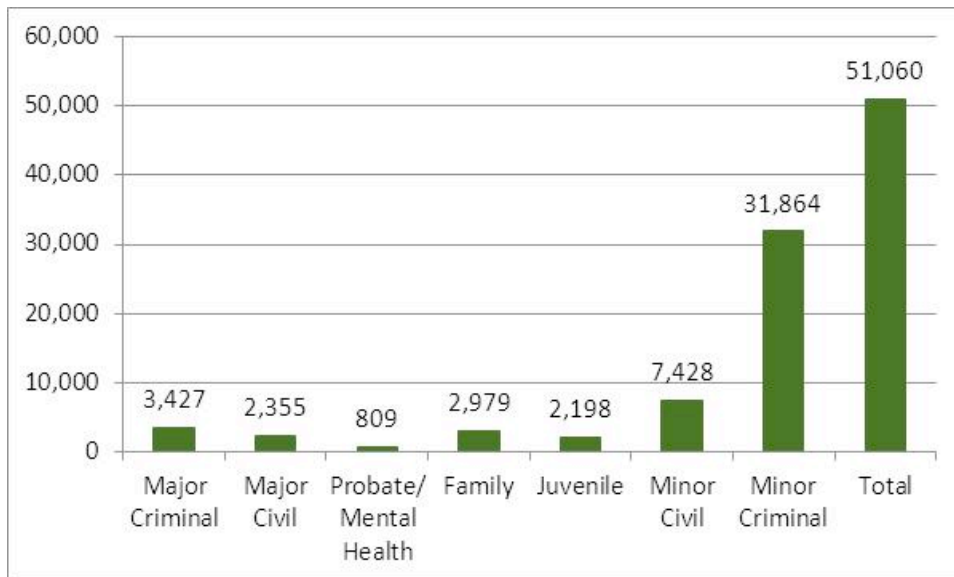
16 Judgeships

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

Marieta Johnson, Acting District Administrator

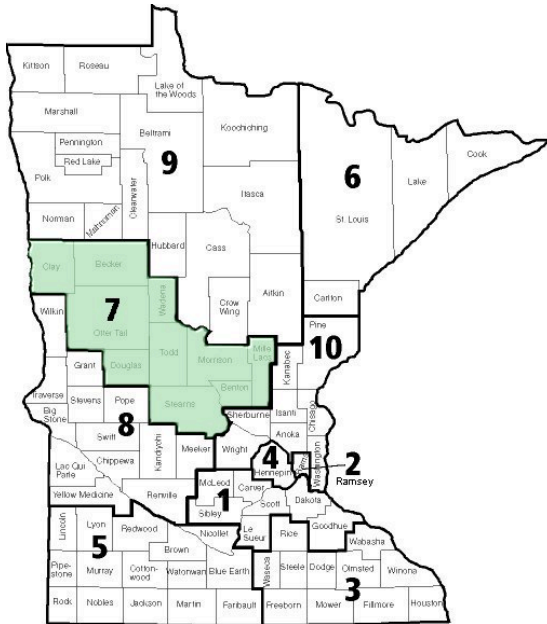
Sixth Judicial District Administration
 St. Louis County Courthouse
 100 North Fifth Avenue West, #139
 Duluth, MN 55802

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Seventh Judicial District



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

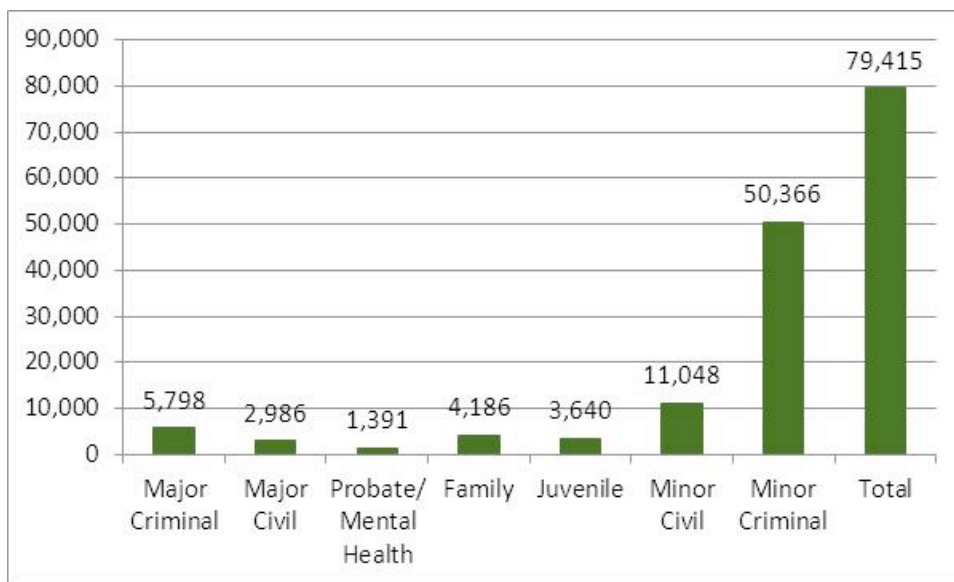
28 Judgeships

Hon. Peter M. Irvine, Chief Judge
 Hon. John H. Scherer, Assistant Chief Judge

Timothy Ostby, District Administrator

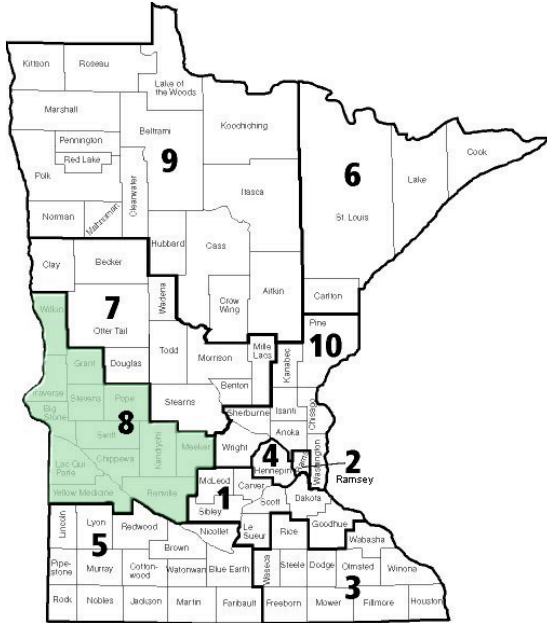
Seventh Judicial District Administration
 Stearns County Courthouse
 725 Courthouse Square #406
 Saint Cloud, MN 56303

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Eighth Judicial District



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

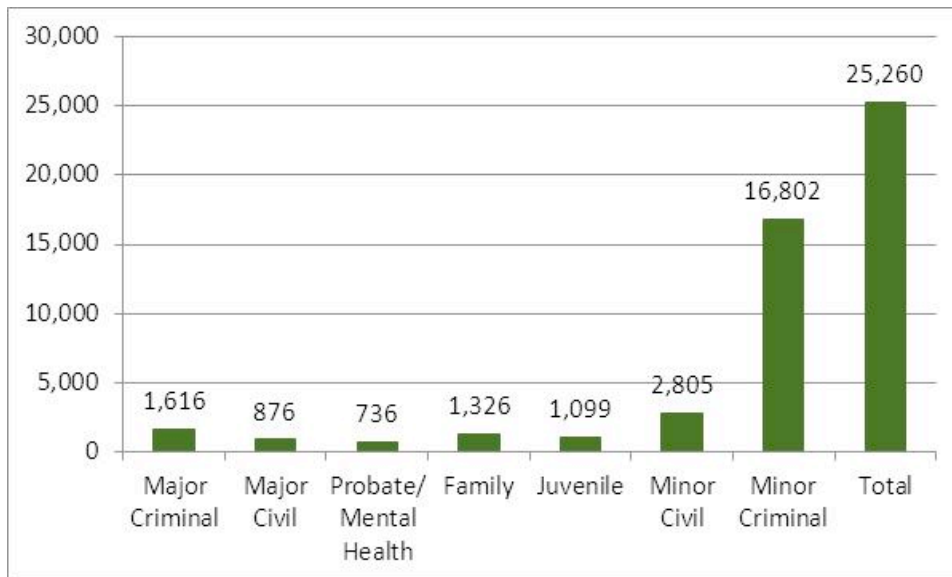
11 Judgeships

Hon. Donald M. Spilseth, Chief Judge
 Hon. Michael J. Thompson, Assistant Chief Judge

Timothy Ostby, District Administrator

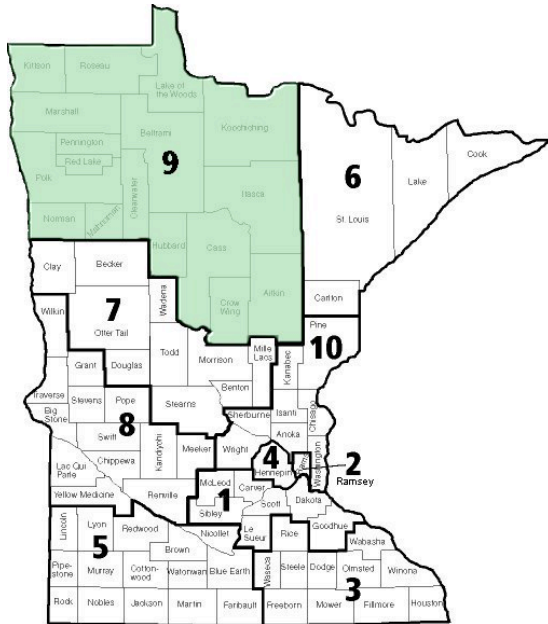
Eighth Judicial District Administration
 Kandiyohi County Courthouse
 505 Becker Avenue SW, Suite 107
 Willmar, MN 56201

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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

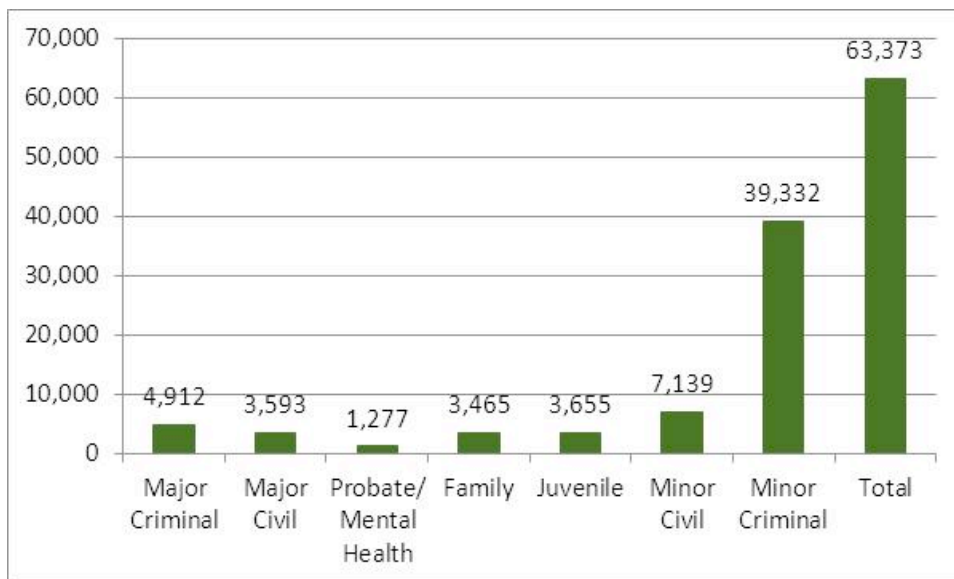
23 Judgeships

Hon. Kurt J. Marben, Chief Judge
 Hon. Paul T. Benshoof, Assistant Chief Judge

Paul Maatz, District Administrator

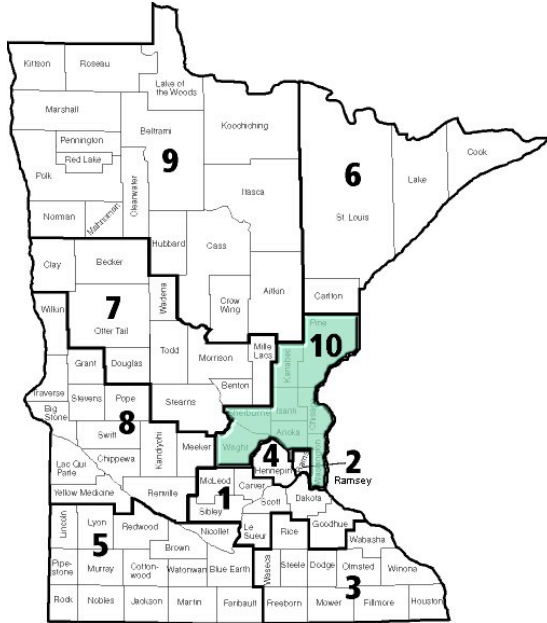
Ninth Judicial District Administration
 Community Services Building
 616 America Avenue NW #250
 Bemidji, MN 56601

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Tenth Judicial District



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

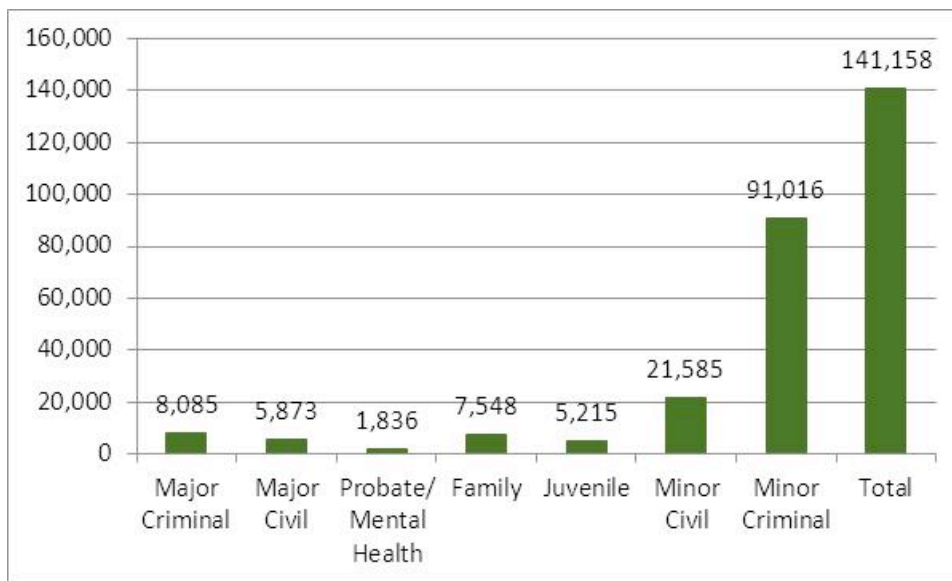
45 Judgeships

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

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Court of Appeals

19 Members, Three-Judge Panels

Appeals from:

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

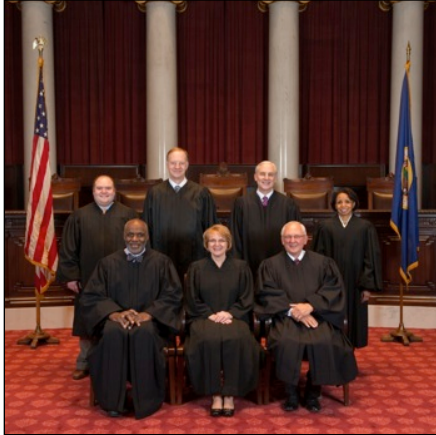
Original Actions:

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

Chief Judge Matthew Johnson Judge: 2008 - Nov. 2010, Chief Judge: Nov. 2010 - present
Judge Thomas Kalitowski 1987 - present
Judge Roger Klaphake 1989 - June 2012
Judge Randolph Peterson 1990 - present
Judge Jill Flaskamp Hallbrooks 1998 - present
Judge Terri Stoneburner 2000 - present
Judge David Minge 2002 - March 2012
Judge Natalie Hudson 2002 - present
Judge Wilhelmina Wright 2002 - September 2012
Judge Renee Worke 2005 - present
Judge Kevin Ross 2006 - present
Judge Heidi Schellhas 2008 - present
Judge Francis Connolly 2008 - present
Judge Michelle Larkin 2008 - present
Judge Larry Stauber, Jr. 2008 - present
Judge Louise Bjorkman 2008 - present
Judge Edward Cleary December 2011 - 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

2012 Court of Appeals Case Information		
	Cases Filed	Dispositions
General Civil	503	554
Criminal	816	774
Administrative Rule	1	1
Economic Security	273	344
Writs - Certiori	66	73
Habeas / Certified Questions	13	14
Commitment	47	51
Family	230	258
Juvenile Delinquency	24	21
Juvenile Protection	53	60
Implied Consent	38	33
Discretionary Review / Writs	71	78
Probate	24	18
Unlawful Detainer / Eviction	53	45
Total	2,212	2,324

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

<p>Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea Associate Justice: 2006 - June 2010, Chief Justice: July 2010 - present</p>
<p>Associate Justice Alan C. Page 1993 - present</p>
<p>Associate Justice Paul H. Anderson 1994 - present</p>
<p>Associate Justice G. Barry Anderson 2004 - present</p>
<p>Associate Justice Christopher J. Dietzen 2008 - present</p>
<p>Associate Justice David R. Stras 2010 - present</p>
<p>Associate Justice Wilhelmina M. Wright September 2012 - present</p>
<p>Associate Justice Helen M. Meyer 2002 - August 2012</p>

2012 Supreme Court Case Information		
Direct Appeals		
	Cases Filed	Dispositions
Workers' Compensation	19	15
Civil	16	8
Tax Court	14	10
Attorney/Judge Discipline	54	42
Writs	3	2
First Degree Homicide	29	27
Total Direct Appeals	135	104
Petitions for Further Review (PFR)		
Filed		639
Denied		565
Granted Further Review		64
Other		27
Dispositions		
Affirmed		49
Mixed		11
Remand / Reverse		29
Other Decision / Dismissal		25
Total		114