



# Court Jurisdiction

## Minnesota Judicial Branch

### Vision

*The general public and those who use the court system will refer to it as accessible, fair, consistent, responsive, free of discrimination, independent, and well managed.*

### Mission

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

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THE THREE LEVELS OF COURTS IN MINNESOTA AND THE JURISDICTION OF EACH IS DEPICTED BELOW:

MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT (7 MEMBERS)
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appeals from:</b>            Court of Appeals decisions            Tax Court decisions            Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Original Actions:</b>            Writs of Prohibition** Writs of Habeas Corpus*** Writs of Mandamus****            Legislative election disputes            First degree murder</p>
MINNESOTA COURT OF APPEALS (19 MEMBERS)
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appeals from:</b>            Trial court decisions, except first degree murder            Decisions of Commissioner of the Department of Employment &amp; Economic Development            Administrative agency decisions, except Tax Court &amp; Workers' Compensation Court</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Original Actions:</b>            Writs of mandamus or prohibition, which order a trial judge or public official to perform a specified act, such as permitting media coverage of a hearing.</p>
MINNESOTA TRIAL (DISTRICT) COURTS (293 JUDGESHIIPS, 10 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS)
<p style="text-align: center;">Civil Actions            Criminal Cases            Family            Juvenile            Probate            Violations of city ordinances</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appeals from:</b>            Conciliation Court*</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Conciliation Division: Civil disputes up to \$15,000</p>
<p><small>*Called trial de novo-actually a new trial, not just a review of the conciliation court.            **Writ of prohibition-asks that a governmental body or official be prevented from doing something that might cause harm.            ***Habeas corpus-a complaint alleging that someone has been unlawfully confined and is asking for release.            ****Mandamus-asks that a governmental body or official be commanded to perform a specific act.</small></p>