

## WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia was carved from the State of Virginia during the Civil War, becoming a state in 1863, and was constituted as a single-district the following year.<sup>1</sup> The state was divided into the Northern and Southern Districts in 1901 with a separate judgeship authorized for each.<sup>2</sup>

WV.ND.01, the original judgeship (see Judge Dayton's succession line), was assigned to the Northern District when the state was split jurisdictionally in 1901.<sup>3</sup> WV.SD.02 was created as a temporary line in 1921,<sup>4</sup> with the proviso that the next vacancy to occur would not be filled. When Judge Keller died in office later that year, WV.SD.01 was discontinued and WV.SD.02 effectively became a permanent line. The courts were reorganized in 1983. WV.SD.05.01, authorized as a temporary slot, was transferred to the Northern District (WV.ND.03) and converted to permanent.<sup>5</sup> WV.SD.06, which was authorized in 1936 as a temporary judgeship to serve both districts, was converted to permanent in 1954<sup>6</sup> and in 1983 assigned exclusively to the Southern District.<sup>7</sup>

West Virginia is housed in the Fourth Circuit and has eight judgeships: three in the Northern District and five in the Southern.

<b>Statutory History</b>		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
WV.ND.01	Act of June 11, 1864	13 STAT. 124
WV.ND.02	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089
WV.SD.01	Act of January 22, 1901	31 STAT. 736

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<sup>1</sup>Act of June 11, 1864, 13 STAT. 124.

<sup>2</sup>Act of January 22, 1901, 31 STAT. 736.

<sup>3</sup>See Thomas F. Stafford (Clerk of the Court), History of the United States District Court for Northern West Virginia, March 30, 1984, mimeographed copy provided by the Federal Judicial Center.

<sup>4</sup>Act of June 25, 1921, 42 STAT. 67.

<sup>5</sup>Act of January 14, 1983, 96 STAT. 2601.

<sup>6</sup>Act of February 10, 1954, 68 STAT. 8.

<sup>7</sup>Act of January 14, 1983, 96 STAT. 2601.

WV.SD.02	Act of June 25, 1921	42 STAT. 67
WV.SD.03	Act of June 2, 1970	84 STAT. 294
WV.SD.04	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
WV.SD.05 <sup>8</sup>	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
WV.SD.06	Act of January 14, 1983 <sup>9</sup>	96 STAT. 2601
WV.SD.07	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089

<b>Seat Histories</b>					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
WV.ND.01.02 <sup>10</sup>	Dayton, Alston Gordon	March 14, 1905	July 30, 1920	Deceased	Republican
WV.ND.01.03	Baker, William Eli	May 3, 1921 <sup>11</sup>	April 3, 1954	Retired	Republican
WV.ND.01.04	Boreman, Herbert Stephenson	July 21, 1954	June 17, 1959	Elevated to Fourth Circuit	Republican
WV.ND.01.05	Paul, Charles F.	March 1, 1960	February 17, 1965	Deceased	Republican
WV.ND.01.06	Maxwell, Robert E.	August 11, 1965	July 19, 1995	Retired	Democrat
WV.ND.01.07	Broadwater, W. Craig	July 12, 1996	December 18, 2006	Died	Democrat

<sup>8</sup>Transferred to WV.ND.03.

<sup>9</sup>Originally created in 1936 to serve both districts, it was assigned permanently to the Southern District in 1983.

<sup>10</sup>Transferred from Western District of Virginia to the District of West Virginia on June 11, 1864, 13 STAT. 124. Its first occupant was Judge John J. Jackson. Judge Jackson served on the Western District of Virginia from August 3, 1861 until his transfer. He retired from the Northern District of West Virginia on March 15, 1905.

<sup>11</sup>Recess appointment, April 4, 1921.

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WV.ND.01.08	Vacant				
WV.ND.02.01	Keeley, Irene Patricia M.	August 11, 1992	Active	Active	Republican
WV.SD.01.01	Keller, Benjamin Franklin	December 17, 1901	August 8, 1921	Deceased	Republican
WV.SD.02.01	McClintic, George Warwick	July 25, 1921	March 1, 1941	Retired	Republican
WV.SD.02.02	Moore, Ben	March 20, 1941	September 24, 1958	Deceased	Democrat
WV.SD.02.03	Field, John A., Jr.	August 12, 1959	September 22, 1971	Elevated to Fourth Circuit	Republican
WV.SD.02.04	Hall, Kenneth K.	December 1, 1971	September 1, 1976	Elevated to Fourth Circuit	Democrat
WV.SD.02.05	Copenhaver, John T., Jr.	September 1, 1976	Active	Active	Republican
WV.SD.03.01	Knapp, Dennis Raymond	December 16, 1970	February 25, 1983	Retired	Republican
WV.SD.03.02	Hallanan, Elizabeth V. <sup>12</sup>	November 11, 1983	December 1, 1996	Retired	Republican
WD.SD.03.03	Chambers, Robert Charles	September 5, 1997	Active	Active	Democrat

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<sup>12</sup>First female district judge appointed from West Virginia.

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WV.SD.04.01 <sup>13</sup>	Kidd, William Matthew	December 20, 1979	January 15, 1990	Retired	Democrat
WV.SD.04.02	Stamp, Frederick P., Jr.	June 28, 1990	November 1, 2006	Retired	Republican
WV.SD.04.03	Vacant				
WV.SD.05.01	Staker, Robert J.	September 11, 1979	December 31, 1994	Retired	Democrat
WV.SD.05.02	Goodwin, Joseph Robert	May 8, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat
WV.SD.06.01 <sup>14</sup>	Watkins, Harry Evans	March 2, 1937	June 6, 1963	Deceased	Democrat
WV.SD.06.02	Christie, Sidney L.	April 30, 1964	February 15, 1974	Deceased	Democrat
WV.SD.06.03	Haden, Charles H., II	November 20, 1975	March 20, 2004	Deceased	Republican
WV.SD.06.04	Johnston, Thomas E.	March 6, 2006	Active	Active	Republican
WV.SD.07.01	Faber, David Alan	November 21, 1991	Active	Active	Republican

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<sup>13</sup>Seat transferred to the Northern District. Judge Kidd, originally appointed to the Southern District, was reassigned to the Northern District in 1983.

<sup>14</sup>Seat transferred from Northern and Southern Districts as part of the state's court reorganization. Judge Watkins and Judge Christie served both districts, as did Judge Haden until his reassignment to the Southern District in 1983.