

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey, as one of the original thirteen states, was organized as a single-district state by the Judiciary Act of 1789,¹ and it remains so.

NJ.ST.04 was created as temporary in 1922 and was converted to permanent in 1932,² as was NJ.ST.05, which was authorized in 1940, renewed in 1942³ and converted two years later.⁴ NJ.ST.10 was created as a temporary line with the proviso that the first vacancy in an existing position would go unfilled.⁵ Accordingly the line of succession for NJ.ST.08 ends with Judge Augelli's retirement in 1972.

New Jersey is a member of the Third Circuit with seventeen district judgeships.

| Statutory History | | |
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| <i>Seat</i> | <i>Legislation</i> | <i>Authority</i> |
| NJ.ST.01 | Act of September 24, 1789 | 1 STAT. 73 |
| NJ.ST.02 | Act of March 3, 1903 | 33 STAT. 987 |
| NJ.ST.03 | Act of April 11, 1916 | 39 STAT. 48 |
| NJ.ST.04 | Act of September 14, 1922 | 42 STAT. 837 |
| NJ.ST.05 | Act of May 24, 1940 | 54 STAT. 219 |
| NJ.ST.06 | Act of August 3, 1949 | 63 STAT. 493 |
| NJ.ST.07 | Act of February 10, 1954 | 68 STAT. 8 |
| NJ.ST.08 | Act of May 19, 1961 | 75 STAT. 80 |
| NJ.ST.09 | Act of June 2, 1970 | 84 STAT. 294 |

¹Act of September 24, 1789, 1 STAT. 74. For a more detailed history see, Stephen B. Presser, *Studies in the History of the United States Courts of the Third Circuit* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1982); Historical Society of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, *200th Anniversary, December 22, 1789-1989* (Newark, NJ: Historical Society of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, 1989).

²Act of May 20, 1932, 47 STAT. 161.

³Act of May 24, 1940, 54 STAT. 219; Act of April 28, 1942, 56 STAT. 247.

⁴Act of December 22, 1944, 58 STAT. 887.

⁵Act of June 2, 1970, 84 STAT. 294.

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| NJ.ST.10 | Act of June 2, 1970 | 84 STAT. 294 |
| NJ.ST.11 | Act of October 20, 1978 | 92 STAT. 1629 |
| NJ.ST.12 | Act of October 20, 1978 | 92 STAT. 1629 |
| NJ.ST.13 | Act of July 10, 1984 | 98 STAT. 333 |
| NJ.ST.14 | Act of July 10, 1984 | 98 STAT. 333 |
| NJ.ST.15 | Act of July 10, 1984 | 98 STAT. 333 |
| NJ.ST.16 | Act of December 1, 1990 | 104 STAT. 5089 |
| NJ.ST.17 | Act of December 1, 1990 | 104 STAT. 5089 |
| NJ.ST.18 | Act of December 1, 1990 | 104 STAT. 5089 |

| Seat Histories | | | | | |
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| <i>Position #</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Date of Confirmation</i> | <i>Date of Departure</i> | <i>Reason</i> | <i>Party</i> |
| NJ.ST.01.01 | Brearley, David | September 25, 1789 | August 16, 1790 | Deceased | Federalist |
| NJ.ST.01.02 | Morris, Robert | December 20, 1790 ⁶ | May 2, 1815 | Deceased | Federalist |
| NJ.ST.01.03 | Pennington, William Sanford | January 9, 1816 ⁷ | September 26, 1826 | Deceased | Jeffersonian Democrat |
| NJ.ST.01.04 | Rossell, William | December 19, 1826 ⁸ | June 20, 1840 | Deceased | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.01.05 | Dickerson, Mahlon | July 21, 1840 | February 16, 1841 | Resigned | Jeffersonian Democrat |
| NJ.ST.01.06 | Dickerson, Philemon | February 27, 1841 | December 10, 1862 | Deceased | Democrat |

⁶Recess appointment, August 28, 1790.

⁷Recess appointment, June 19, 1815.

⁸Recess appointment, November 10, 1826

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| NJ.ST.01.07 | Field, Richard Stockton | January 14, 1863 | May 25, 1870 | Resigned | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.08 | Nixon, John Thompson | April 29, 1870 | September 28, 1889 | Deceased | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.09 | Green, Edward T. | January 27, 1890 ⁹ | October 10, 1896 | Deceased | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.10 | Kirkpatrick, Andrew | December 15, 1896 ¹⁰ | May 3, 1904 | Deceased | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.01.11 | Lanning, William Mershon | December 13, 1904 ¹¹ | May 18, 1909 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.12 | Rellstab, John | May 18, 1909 | October 10, 1928 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.13 | McCarthy, James William | January 8, 1929 ¹² | January 31, 1929 | Resigned | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.14 | Fake, Guy Laverne | February 12, 1929 | February 21, 1951 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.15 | Hartshorne, Richard | October 19, 1951 | October 29, 1961 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.16 | Cohen, Mitchell H. | August 1, 1962 | September 11, 1974 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.17 | Brotman, Stanley S. | March 13, 1975 | April 23, 1990 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.18 | Bassler, William G. | September 12, 1991 | March 6, 2005 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.01.19 | Hillman, Noel Lawrence | June 8, 2006 | Active | Active | Republican |
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| NJ.ST.02.01 | Cross, Joseph | March 17, 1905 | October 29, 1913 | Deceased | Republican |

⁹Recess appointment, October 24, 1889.

¹⁰Recess appointment, November 20, 1896.

¹¹Recess appointment, June 1, 1904.

¹²Recess appointment, October 6, 1928.

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| NJ.ST.02.02 | Haight, Thomas Griffith | February 18, 1914 | April 1, 1919 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.02.03 | Lynch, Charles Francis | July 1, 1919 | March 31, 1925 | Resigned | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.02.04 | Clark, William | December 17, 1925 ¹³ | June 25, 1938 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Republican |
| NJ.ST.02.05 | Walker, Thomas G. | March 5, 1940 ¹⁴ | January 1, 1942 | Resigned | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.02.06 | Meaney, Thomas Francis | July 1, 1942 | May 1, 1966 | Retired | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.02.07 | Whipple, Lawrence A. | October 12, 1967 | September 1, 1978 | Retired | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.02.08 | Sarokin, H. Lee | October 31, 1979 | October 4, 1994 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.02.09 | Hayden, Katharine Sweeney | September 25, 1997 | Active | Active | Democrat |
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| NJ.ST.03.01 | Davis, John Warren | May 15, 1916 | June 2, 1920 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.03.02 | Bodine, Joseph Lamb | June 2, 1920 | March 31, 1929 | Resigned | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.03.03 | Avis, John Boyd | October 2, 1929 | January 21, 1944 | Deceased | Republican |
| NJ.ST.03.04 | Madden, Thomas M. | October 23, 1945 | January 1, 1968 | Retired | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.03.05 | Garth, Leonard I. | December 17, 1969 | August 3, 1973 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Republican |
| NJ.ST.03.06 | Stern, Herbert J. | December 19, 1973 | January 4, 1987 | Resigned | Republican |

¹³Recess appointment, May 21, 1925.

¹⁴Recess appointment, December 20, 1939.

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| NJ.ST.03.07 | Politan, Nicholas H. | November 6, 1987 | January 4, 2002 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.03.08 | Wolfson, Freda L. | November 14, 2002 | Active | Active | Democrat |
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| NJ.ST.04.01 | Runyon, William Nelson | January 16, 1923 | November 9, 1931 | Deceased | Republican |
| NJ.ST.04.02 | Forman, Phillip | June 23, 1932 | September 10, 1959 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Republican |
| NJ.ST.04.03 | Lane, Arthur S. | August 27, 1960 | July 15, 1967 | Resigned | Republican |
| NJ.ST.04.04 | Barlow, George H. | December 17, 1969 | March 4, 1979 | Deceased | Republican |
| NJ.ST.04.05 | Ackerman, Harold Arnold | October 31, 1979 | February 15, 1994 | Retired | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.04.06 | Walls, William H. | October 7, 1994 | January 31, 2005 | Retired | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.04.07 | Bumb, Renee Marie | June 6, 2006 | Active | Active | Republican |
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| NJ.ST.05.01 | Smith, William Francis | February 13, 1941 | August 30, 1961 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.05.02 | Shaw, Robert | April 11, 1962 | July 9, 1972 | Deceased | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.05.03 | Biunno, Vincent P. | April 10, 1973 | March 23, 1982 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.05.04 | Bissell, John Winslow | December 10, 1982 | September 1, 2005 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.05.05 | Wigenton, Susan Davis | May 26, 2006 | Active | Active | |
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| NJ.ST.06.01 | Modarelli, Alfred Egidio | January 2, 1951 | September 22, 1957 | Deceased | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.06.02 | Morrill, Mendon | April 22, 1958 | March 12, 1961 | Deceased | Republican |

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| NJ.ST.06.03 | Coolahan, James A. | April 2, 1962 | June 1, 1974 | Retired | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.06.04 | Gerry, John F. | December 18, 1974 | March 10, 1995 | Deceased | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.06.05 | Greenaway, Joseph A. | July 16, 1996 | Active | Active | Democrat |
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| NJ.ST.07.01 | Wortendyke, Reynier J., Jr. | June 7, 1955 | June 1, 1970 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.07.02 | Fisher, Clarkson S. | October 13, 1970 | October 1, 1987 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.07.03 | Lifland, John C. | May 19, 1988 | June 15, 2001 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.07.04 | Martini, William J. | November 14, 2002 | Active | Active | Republican |
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| NJ.ST.08.01 | Augelli, Anthony T. | September 21, 1961 | April 1, 1972 | Retired ¹⁵ | Democrat |
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| NJ.ST.09.01 | Kitchen, John J. | October 13, 1970 | September 21, 1973 | Deceased | Republican |
| NJ.ST.09.02 | Meanor, Henry Curtis | June 13, 1974 | February 7, 1983 | Resigned | Republican |
| NJ.ST.09.03 | Barry, Maryanne Trump | October 6, 1983 | September 13, 1999 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Republican |
| NJ.ST.09.04 | Pisano, Joel A. | February 10, 2000 | Active | Active | Democrat |
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| NJ.ST.10.01 | Lacey, Frederick B. | October 13, 1970 | February 1, 1986 | Resigned | Republican |
| NJ.ST.10.02 | Lechner, Alfred J., Jr. | June 6, 1986 | October 1, 2001 | Resigned | Democrat |

¹⁵No successor; see above.

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| NJ.ST.10.03 | Linares, Jose L. | November 14, 2002 | Active | Active | Republican |
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| NJ.ST.11.01 | Thompson, Anne Elise ¹⁶ | October 31, 1979 | June 1, 2001 | Retired | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.11.02 | Chesler, Stanley R. | November 14, 2002 | Active | Active | Republican |
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| NJ.ST.12.01 | Debevoise, Dickinson Richards | October 31, 1979 | May 1, 1994 | Retired | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.12.02 | Orlofsky, Stephen M. | December 22, 1995 | August 31, 2003 | Resigned | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.12.03 | Sheridan, Peter G. | June 8, 2006 | Active | Active | Republican |
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| NJ.ST.13.01 | Cowen, Robert E. | November 1, 1985 | November 9, 1987 | Elevated to Third Circuit | Independent |
| NJ.ST.13.02 | Wolin, Alfred M. | December 8, 1987 | September 18, 2000 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.13.03 | Cavanaugh, Dennis M. | July 21, 2000 | Active | Active | Democrat |
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| NJ.ST.14.01 | Rodriguez, Joseph H. ¹⁷ | May 3, 1985 | May 22, 1998 | Retired | Democrat |
| NJ.ST.14.02 | Hochberg, Faith S. | November 10, 1999 | Active | Active | Democrat |
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| NJ.ST.15.01 | Brown, Garrett E., Jr. | December 16, 1985 | Active | Active | Republican |
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¹⁶First African American, and first female district judge appointed from New Jersey.

¹⁷First Hispanic district judge appointed from New Jersey.

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| NJ.ST.16.01 | Irenas, Joseph Eron | April 8, 1992 | July 1, 2002 | Retired | Republican |
| NJ.ST.16.02 | Kugler, Robert B. | November 14, 2002 | Active | Active | Democrat |
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| NJ.ST.17.01 | Cooper, ¹⁸ Mary Little | February 27, 1992 | Active | Active | Republican |
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| NJ.ST.18.01 | Simandle, Jerome B. | May 21, 1992 | Active | Active | Independent |

¹⁸Surname was Parell at time of appointment.