

DELAWARE

Delaware was one of the original thirteen states, and as such it was organized under the Judiciary Act of 1789¹ as a single-district state. DE.ST.02, a temporary line created in 1946, was converted to a regular position four years later.²

Delaware is housed in the Third Circuit and has four authorized district judgeships.

Statutory Authority		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
DE.ST.01	Act of September 24, 1789	1 STAT. 73
DE.ST.02.	Act of July 24, 1946	60 STAT. 654
DE.ST.03	Act of February 10, 1954	68 STAT. 8
DE.ST.04	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333

Seat Histories					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
DE.ST.01.01	Bedford, Gunning, Jr.	September 26, 1789	March 30, 1812	Deceased	Federalist
DE.ST.01.02	Fisher, John	April 23, 1812	April 23, 1823	Deceased	Jeffersonian Democrat
DE.ST.01.03	Hall, Willard	December 9, 1823 ³	December 6, 1871	Retired	Democrat
DE.ST.01.04	Bradford, Edward Green, Sr.	December 12, 1871	January 16, 1884	Deceased	Republican

¹Act of September 24, 1789, 1 STAT. 73.

²Act of September 5, 1950, 64 STAT. 578.

³Recess appointment, May 6, 1823

DE.ST.01.05	Wales, Leonard Eugene	March 20, 1884	February 8, 1897	Deceased	Republican
DE.ST.01.06	Bradford, Edward Green, II	May 11, 1897	May 8, 1918	Retired	Republican
DE.ST.01.07	Morris, Hugh Martin	January 27, 1919	June 30, 1930	Resigned	Democrat
DE.ST.01.08	Nields, John Percy	July 3, 1930	September 30, 1941	Retired	Republican
DE.ST.01.09	Leahy, Paul Conway	January 7, 1942	October 7, 1957	Retired	Democrat
DE.ST.01.10	Steel, Edwin D., Jr.	April 22, 1958	December 30, 1969	Retired	Republican
DE.ST.01.11	Stapleton, Walter K.	October 8, 1970	April 4, 1985	Elevated to Third Circuit	Republican
DE.ST.01.12	Roth, Jane R. ⁴	November 1, 1985	June 28, 1991	Elevated to Third Circuit	Republican
DE.ST.01.13	Robinson, Sue Lewis	November 15, 1991	Active	Active	Republican
DE.ST.02.01	Rodney, Richard Seymour	July 27, 1946	January 1, 1957	Retired	Democrat
DE.ST.02.02	Layton, Caleb R., III	April 16, 1957	April 26, 1968	Retired	Republican
DE.ST.02.03	Latchum, James L.	August 2, 1968	December 23, 1983	Retired	Democrat
DE.ST.02.04	Longobardi, Joseph J.	April 24, 1984	June 5, 1997	Retired	Republican
DE.ST.02.05	Sleet, Gregory M. ⁵	April 27, 1998	Active	Active	Democrat

⁴First female district judge appointed from Delaware.

⁵First African American district judge appointed from Delaware.

DE.ST.03.01	Wright, Caleb M.	July 27, 1955	October 8, 1973	Retired	Republican
DE.ST.03.02	Schwartz, Murray M.	April 17, 1974	July 24, 1989	Retired	Republican
DE.ST.03.03	McKelvie, Roderick R.	February 27, 1992	June 28, 2002	Resigned	Republican
DE.ST.03.04	Jordan, Kent A.	November 12, 2002	December 8, 2006	Elevated to Third Circuit	Republican
DE.ST.03.05	Vacant				
DE.ST.04.01	Farnan, Joseph J., Jr.	July 16, 1985	Active	Active	Republican

