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Ohio was admitted to the Union in 1803,¹ and organized as a single district with full federal jurisdiction.² OH.SD.01 is the original seat (see Judge Byrd's succession line), and it served the entire state until it was reorganized into the Northern and Southern Districts, each with one judgeship, in 1855.³

OH.ND.02 was created as a temporary position in 1900, with the proviso that the first vacancy on the court would not be filled. OH.ND.01 consequently ended with the death of Judge Ricks in 1906. OH.ND.02 in turn ended with the death of Judge McNamee in 1964, because OH.ND.08 was legislated the same way in 1961. The first vacancy occurred on line OH.ND.02, thus making OH.ND.08 a permanent position. OH.ND.04, originally a temporary line, was converted to permanent status in 1935.⁴ OH.ND.05 also was created in 1941 as temporary, and made permanent in 1949,⁵ as was OH.ND.12, which was authorized in 1978 and converted in 1984.⁶ Similarly, OH.ND.13 was created as temporary in 1984 and converted in 1990.⁷ The legislation authorizing OH.ND.14 as a temporary position in 1990 was amended in 1997,⁸ mandating that the first vacancy occurring on this court ten years from the confirmation of Judge Matia (November 15, 1991) will not be filled.⁹

OH.SD.02 was authorized as a temporary line in 1907 and converted to permanent three years later.¹⁰ OH.SD.04 was created the same way in 1961, and effectively became a permanent line with the retirement of Judge Druffel later in 1961, which ended OH.SD.03.

Ohio resides in the Sixth Circuit, and has twenty judgeships (including one temporary): twelve (including a temporary) in the Northern District, and eight in the Southern District.

¹Act of April 30, 1802, 2 STAT. 173.

²Act of February 19, 1803, 2 STAT. 201. See also, Irwin S. Rhodes, *The History of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio*, *University of Cincinnati Law Review* 24 (1955): 338-354; Harry Phillips, Samuel S. Wilson, et al., *History of the Sixth Circuit* (Washington: Judicial Conference of the United States, 1977)

³Act of February 10, 1855, 10 STAT. 604.

⁴Act of August 19, 1935, 49 STAT. 659.

⁵Act of August 3, 1949, 63 STAT. 493.

⁶Act of July 10, 1984, 98 STAT. 333.

⁷Act of December 1, 1990, 104 STAT. 5089.

⁸Act of October 6, 1997, 111 STAT. 1173.

⁹In fact, the time frame was extended to fifteen years by the Act of November 2, 2002, 116 STAT. 1758.

¹⁰Act of February 24, 1910, 36 STAT. 202.

Statutory History		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
OH.ND.01	Act of February 10, 1855	10 STAT. 604
OH.ND.02	Act of December 19, 1900	31 STAT. 726
OH.ND.03	Act of February 24, 1910	36 STAT. 202
OH.ND.04	Act of September 14, 1922	42 STAT. 837
OH.ND.05	Act of May 1, 1941	55 STAT. 148
OH.ND.06	Act of February 10, 1954	68 STAT. 8
OH.ND.07	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
OH.ND.08	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
OH.ND.09	Act of March 18, 1966	80 STAT. 75
OH.ND.10	Act of June 2, 1970	84 STAT. 294
OH.ND.11	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
OH.ND.12	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
OH.ND.13	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
OH.ND.14	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089
OH.SD.01	Act of February 19, 1803	2 STAT. 201
OH.SD.02	Act of February 25, 1907	34 STAT. 928
OH.SD.03	Act of August 25, 1937	50 STAT. 805
OH.SD.04	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
OH.SD.05	Act of March 18, 1966	80 STAT. 75
OH.SD.06	Act of June 2, 1970	84 STAT. 294
OH.SD.07	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
OH.SD.08	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
OH.SD.09	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089

Seat Histories					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
OH.ND.01.01	Willson, Hiram V.	February 20, 1855	November 11, 1866	Deceased	Democrat
OH.ND.01.02	Sherman, Charles Taylor	March 2, 1867	January 1, 1873	Resigned	Democrat
OH.ND.01.03	Welker, Martin	December 8, 1873 ¹¹	June 1, 1889	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.01.04	Ricks, Augustus J.	January 16, 1890 ¹²	December 22, 1906	Died	Republican
OH.ND.02.01	Wing, Francis Joseph	January 23, 1901	December 18, 1904	Resigned	Republican
OH.ND.02.02	Taylor, Robert Walker	January 10, 1905	November 25, 1910	Deceased	Republican
OH.ND.02.03	Day, William L.	May 9, 1911	May 1, 1914	Resigned	Republican
OH.ND.02.04	Clarke, John Hessin	July 21, 1914	July 24, 1916	Elevated to U.S. Supreme Court	Democrat
OH.ND.02.05	Westenhaver, David C.	March 14, 1917	July 28, 1928	Deceased	Democrat
OH.ND.02.06	West, Samuel H.	December 17, 1928	October 5, 1938	Deceased	Democrat
OH.ND.02.07	Wilkin, Robert Nugen	June 1, 1939	August 31, 1949	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.02.08	McNamee, Charles Joseph	March 6, 1951	May 2, 1964	Deceased	Democrat

¹¹Recess appointment, November 25, 1873.

¹²Recess appointment, July 1, 1889.

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OH.ND.03.01	Killits, John Milton	June 24, 1910	October 28, 1928	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.03.02	Hahn, George Philip	December 17, 1928	February 12, 1937	Deceased	Republican
OH.ND.03.03	Kloeb, Frank Leblond	June 22, 1937	September 30, 1964	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.03.04	Young, Don J.	May 21, 1965	July 1, 1980	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.03.05	Krenzler, Alvin I.	December 9, 1981	January 1, 1992	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.03.06	Katz, David A.	October 7, 1994	January 1, 2005	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.03.07	Zouhary, Jack	March 16, 2006	Active	Active	Republican
OH.ND.04.01	Jones, Paul J.	March 2, 1923	August 4, 1965	Deceased	Republican
OH.ND.04.02	Thomas, William K.	March 4, 1966	February 15, 1981	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.04.03	Potter, John W.	June 18, 1982	August 1, 1992	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.04.04	O'Malley, Kathleen M.	October 7, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
OH.ND.05.01	Freed, Emerich B.	October 2, 1941	December 4, 1955	Deceased	Democrat
OH.ND.05.02	Weick, Paul Charles	March 28, 1956	September 10, 1959	Elevated to Sixth Circuit	Republican
OH.ND.05.03	Kalbfleisch, Girard E.	September 14, 1959	September 30, 1970	Retired	Republican

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OH.ND.05.04	Walinski, Nicholas J., Jr.	October 13, 1970	December 1, 1985	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.05.05	McQuade, Richard B., Jr.	September 12, 1986	September 30, 1989	Resigned	Republican
OH.ND.05.06	Carr, James G.	May 6, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
OH.ND.06.01	Connell, James C.	August 10, 1954	September 21, 1971	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.06.02	Contie, Leroy J., Jr.	December 1, 1971	March 9, 1982	Elevated to Sixth Circuit	Republican
OH.ND.06.03	Dowd, David D., Jr.	September 22, 1982	June 30, 1996	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.06.04	Polster, Dan A.	July 31, 1998	Active	Active	Democrat
OH.ND.07.01	Green, Ben C.	June 29, 1962 ¹³	January 5, 1976	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.07.02	Manos, John M.	March 26, 1976	April 1, 1991	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.07.03	Wells, Lesley Brooks	February 10, 1994	February 14, 2006	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.07.04	Vacant				
OH.ND.08.01	Battisti, Frank Joseph	September 21, 1961	April 1, 1994	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.08.02	Economus, Peter C.	June 30, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat

¹³Recess appointment, October 5, 1961.

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OH.ND.09.01	Lambros, Thomas D.	August 18, 1967	February 10, 1995	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.09.02	Nugent, Donald C.	June 30, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat
OH.ND.10.01	Krupansky, Robert B.	October 13, 1970	March 3, 1982	Elevated to Sixth Circuit	Republican
OH.ND.10.02	Bell, Sam H.	December 21, 1982	October 30, 1996	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.10.03	Gwin, James S.	November 5, 1997	Active	Active	Democrat
OH.ND.11.01	White, George Washington	May 21, 1980	February 26, 1999	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.11.02	Adams, John R.	February 10, 2003	Active	Active	
OH.ND.12.01	Aldrich, Ann ¹⁴	May 21, 1980	May 12, 1995	Retired	Democrat
OH.ND.12.02	Gaughan, Patricia A.	December 22, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat
OH.ND.13.01	Batchelder, Alice M.	April 3, 1985	November 27, 1991	Elevated to Sixth Circuit	Republican
OH.ND.13.02	Oliver, Solomon, Jr.	May 6, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat

¹⁴First female district judge appointed from Ohio.

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OH.ND.14.01	Matia, Paul Ramon	November 15, 1991	December 31, 2004	Retired	Republican
OH.ND.14.02	Boyko, Christopher A.	November 21, 2004	Active	Active	
OH.SD.01.01	Byrd, Charles Willing	March 3, 1803	August 11, 1828	Deceased	Jeffersonian Democrat
OH.SD.01.02	Creighton, William, Jr.	Unconfirmed recess appointment ¹	December 13, 1828	Not Confirmed	National Republican
OH.SD.01.03	Campbell, John Wilson	March 7, 1829	September 24, 1833	Deceased	Democrat
OH.SD.01.04	Tappan, Benjamin	Unconfirmed recess appointment ¹	December 26, 1833	Not confirmed	Democrat
OH.SD.01.05	Leavitt, Humphrey Howe	June 28, 1834	April 1, 1871	Retired	Democrat
OH.SD.01.06	Swing, Philip Bergen	March 30, 1871	October 30, 1882	Deceased	Republican
OH.SD.01.07	Sage, George Read	January 7, 1884 ¹⁷	February 22, 1898	Resigned	Republican
OH.SD.01.08	Thompson, Albert Clifton	December 20, 1898 ¹⁸	January 26, 1910	Deceased	Republican

¹⁵Recess appointment, November 1, 1828.

¹⁶Recess appointment, October 12, 1833.

¹⁷Recess appointment, March 20, 1883.

¹⁸Recess appointment, September 23, 1898.

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OH.SD.01.09	Hollister, Howard C.	March 7, 1910	September 24, 1919	Deceased	Republican
OH.SD.01.10	Peck, John Weld	November 5, 1919	April 3, 1923	Resigned	Democrat
OH.SD.01.11	Hickenlooper, Smith	March 3, 1923	January 8, 1929	Elevated to Sixth Circuit	Republican
OH.SD.01.12	Nevin, Robert Reasoner	January 21, 1929	December 31, 1952	Deceased	Republican
OH.SD.01.13	Cecil, Lester L.	April 23, 1953	July 18, 1959	Elevated to Sixth Circuit	Republican
OH.SD.01.14	Weinman, Carl A.	September 2, 1959	March 1, 1973	Retired	Republican
OH.SD.01.15	Duncan, Robert M. ¹⁹	June 13, 1974	April 15, 1985	Resigned	Republican
OH.SD.01.16	Graham, James L.	September 25, 1986	August 31, 2004	Retired	Republican
OH.SD.01.17	Watson, Michael H.	September 7, 2004			
OH.SD.02.01	Sater, John Elbert	March 1, 1909 ²⁰	November 18, 1924	Retired	Republican
OH.SD.02.02	Hough, Benson W.	February 9, 1925	November 19, 1935	Deceased	Republican
OH.SD.02.03	Underwood, Mell G.	February 4, 1936	December 31, 1965	Retired	Democrat

¹⁹First African American district judge appointed from Ohio.

²⁰Recess appointment, March 18, 1907.

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OH.SD.02.04	Kinneary, Joseph P.	July 22, 1966	December 31, 1986	Retired	Democrat
OH.SD.02.05	Smith, George C.	November 6, 1987	January 1, 2002	Retired	Republican
OH.SD.02.06	Frost, Gregory L.	March 10, 2003	Active	Active	
OH.SD.03.01	Druffel, John H.	December 8, 1937 ²¹	September 30, 1961	Retired	Democrat
OH.SD.04.01	Peck, John Weld II	April 11, 1962 ²²	July 22, 1966	Elevated to Sixth Circuit	Democrat
OH.SD.04.02	Hogan, Timothy S.	November 20, 1966	September 23, 1979	Retired	Democrat
OH.SD.04.03	Rice, Walter Herbert	May 21, 1980	November 30, 2004	Retired	Democrat
OH.SD.04.04	Barrett, Michael Ryan	May 1, 2006	Active	Active	Republican
OH.SD.05.01	Porter, David S.	October 20, 1966	September 23, 1979	Retired	Democrat
OH.SD.05.02	Spiegel, S. Arthur	May 21, 1980	June 5, 1995	Retired	Democrat
OH.SD.05.03	Dlott, Susan J.	December 22, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat

²¹Recess appointment, September 22, 1937.

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OH.SD.06.01	Rubin, Carl B.	May 20, 1971	August 2, 1995	Deceased	Republican
OH.SD.06.02	Sargus, Edmund A., Jr.	July 22, 1996	Active	Active	Democrat
OH.SD.07.01	Holschuh, John David	May 21, 1980	October 12, 1996	Retired	Democrat
OH.SD.07.02	Marbley, Algenon L.	October 27, 1997	Active	Active	Democrat
OH.SD.08.01	Weber, Herman J.	April 3, 1985	January 1, 2002	Retired	Republican
OH.SD.08.02	Rose, Thomas M.	May 9, 2002	Active	Active	Republican
OH.SD.09.01	Beckwith, Sandra L. Shank	February 6, 1992	Active	Active	Republican