

VERMONT

Vermont became a state in 1791¹ and remains to this day a single-district state. It has two district judgeships and is assigned to the Second Circuit.²

Statutory Authority		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
VT.ST.01	Act of March 2, 1791	1 STAT. 197
VT.ST.02	Act of March 18, 1966	80 STAT. 75

Seat Histories					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
VT.ST.01.01	Chipman, Nathaniel	March 4, 1791	January 1, 1793	Resigned	Federalist
VT.ST.01.02	Hitchcock, Samuel	December 30, 1793 ³	February 20, 1801	Elevated to Second Circuit	Federalist
VT.ST.01.03	Paine, Elijah	February 25, 1801	April 1, 1842	Resigned	Federalist
VT.ST.01.04	Prentiss, Samuel	April 8, 1842	January 15, 1857	Deceased	Whig
VT.ST.01.05	Smalley, David Allen	February 3, 1857	March 10, 1877	Resigned	Democrat

¹Act of March 2, 1791, 1 STAT. 197.

²For historical background see the Honorable Albert W. Coffrin, *The United States District Court for the District of Vermont—Its Background, History, and Judicial Heritage*, mimeographed copy provided by the Clerk of the Court.

³Recess appointment, September 3, 1793.

VT.ST.01.06	Wheeler, Hoyt Henry	March 16, 1877	October 20, 1906	Retired	Republican
VT.ST.01.07	Martin, James Loren	December 11, 1906 ⁴	January 14, 1915	Deceased	Republican
VT.ST.01.08	Howe, Harland Bradley	February 22, 1915	January 31, 1940	Retired	Democrat
VT.ST.01.09	Leamy, James Patrick	April 30, 1940	July 22, 1949	Deceased	Democrat
VT.ST.01.10	Gibson, Ernest W.	October 15, 1949	November 4, 1969	Deceased	Republican
VT.ST.01.11	Oakes, James L.	April 23, 1970	May 27, 1971	Elevated to Second Circuit	Republican
VT.ST.01.12	Holden, James S.	November 23, 1971	January 29, 1984	Retired	Republican
VT.ST.01.13	Billings, Franklin S., Jr.	June 15, 1984	September 9, 1994	Retired	Republican
VT.ST.01.14	Murtha, John Garvan	May 25, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat
VT.ST.02.01	Leddy, Bernard J.	August 25, 1966	January 9, 1972	Deceased	Democrat
VT.ST.02.02	Coffrin, Albert W.	June 8, 1972	January 31, 1989	Retired	Republican
VT.ST.02.03	Parker, Fred I.	August 3, 1990	October 7, 1994	Elevated to Second Circuit	Republican
VT.ST.02.04	Sessions, William K., III	August 11, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat

⁴Recess appointment, October 20, 1906.