

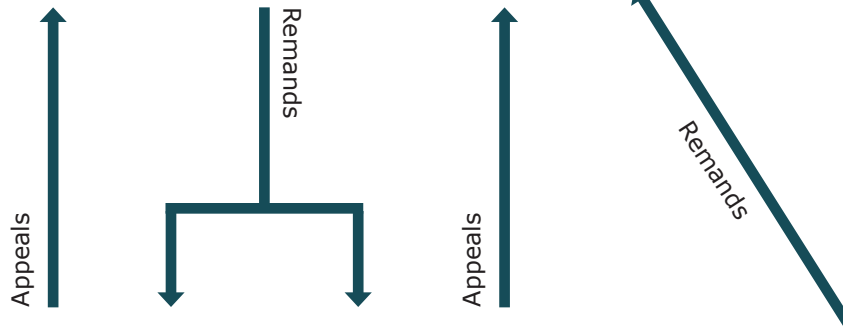
NEVADA'S JUDICIARY: COURT STRUCTURE

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TRIAL COURTS

District Courts

District courts are courts of general jurisdiction where criminal, civil (involving more than \$15,000), family, and juvenile cases are decided. Nevada has 17 district courts, served by 82 district judges. Appeals of district court cases go to the state Supreme Court.



Justice Courts

Justice courts are courts of limited jurisdiction that handle preliminary felony and gross misdemeanor matters, misdemeanor and traffic matters, small claims disputes, evictions, and other civil matters involving less than \$15,000. Nevada's 40 justice courts are served by 68 justices of the peace.*

Municipal Courts

Municipal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction that manage cases involving violations of traffic and misdemeanor ordinances that occur within the city limits of incorporated municipalities. Nevada's 17 municipal courts are served by 30 municipal court judges.*

*Nine judges serve their communities as both justice of the peace and municipal judge.

APPELLATE COURTS

Supreme Court of Nevada

The Supreme Court is Nevada's ultimate judicial authority. The primary job of the court's seven justices is to review and rule on appeals from the trial courts, determining whether legal or procedural errors occurred in court cases and whether verdicts and judgments were fair and appropriate. The justices sit in panels of three for a majority of cases, or as the full court to decide the most significant legal issues.

Court of Appeals

The Supreme Court assigns cases to the Court of Appeals using a deflection model based on Supreme Court rules. This model allows the Supreme Court to speed up the appeals process by assigning cases to the Court of Appeals, while retaining those cases that raise questions of new legal issues or interpretations, or issues of important public policy.

Source: Nevada's [Administrative Office of the Courts](#)

For more information about Nevada's courts, see the Nevada Judiciary website: nvcourts.gov.