



JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

Even Numbered Years – Judges of the Ohio Supreme Court; Court of Appeals; Common Pleas General Division and Domestic/Juvenile Division and Probate Court are elected.

Odd Numbered Years – Municipal Court General and Environmental Court are elected.

All judges must have 6 years of practicing law.

JUDICIAL LINKS

www.judicialvotescount.org

www.vote411.org

www.supremecourt.ohio.gov

www.tenthdistrictcourt.org

www.fccourts.org

<https://probate.franklincountyohio.gov>

www.fcmcclerk.com

Most judges and judicial candidates have their own website and/or Facebook page.

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COUNTY COURTS**



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FRANKLIN COUNTY TRIAL COURTS

Cases heard by a jury or judge.



Franklin County Municipal Court

(cases from ALL Franklin County and cases transferred from Mayors courts)

**General Division: YOU elect 14 Judges
The Court hires 5 Magistrates**

Traffic and Criminal Cases Set Bonds
Up to one year in jail



Perform Wedding Ceremonies Review Search Warrants Evictions



Contract and Damages Cases
up to \$15,000



**Environmental Division: YOU elect 1 Judge
The Court hires 1 Magistrate**

Code Violations Animal Pollution Graffiti



Franklin County Common Pleas Court

**General Division: YOU elect 17 Judges
The Court hires 9 Magistrates**
Serious Criminal Cases: > one year in prison



Civil Cases over \$15,000 Foreclosures



**Domestic Relations/Juvenile Division:
YOU elect 5 Judges**

The Court hires 26 Magistrates

Divorces & Dissolutions Child Custody Civil Protection Orders



Traffic and Criminal Violations by persons under 18 Truancy



Probate Division: YOU elect 1 Judge
Name Changes; Wills & Estates; Guardianships;
Commitments of Mentally Ill and Disabled.
Marriage Licenses Adoptions



APPELLATE COURTS

10th District Court of Appeals

(cases from All Franklin County and State Government)

**YOU elect 8 Judges
The Court hires 2 Magistrates**



This court reviews decisions made in Franklin County trial courts (municipal, common pleas and probate) when one of the parties believes that the judge made a mistake in their case. This appellate court is the only one in the state that hears appeals from the Ohio Court of Claims that hears and determines all civil actions filed against the state of Ohio and its agencies.

The Supreme Court of Ohio

(at the Supreme Court, Judges are called Justices)

YOU elect 1 Chief Justice & 6 Justices



This court reviews important decisions of the 12 district courts of appeals in Ohio. They review all cases involving the death penalty, some cases involving violations of constitutional rights and cases where there are conflicting decisions between two or more Ohio appellate courts. They review the actions of certain administrative agencies, including the Public Utilities Commission and the Board of Tax Appeals. The Supreme Court supervises all of Ohio's courts, admits attorneys to the practice of law and may discipline attorneys and judges.