

United States Courts of Appeals

13 Circuits - Federal Appellate Courts

- Appellate Jurisdiction
- Determine whether the law was applied correctly by the District Court
- Losing side can appeal a decision based on unfair conduct, misapplication of law, or a violation of the Constitution
- 3 Judges on a panel, no jury
- Decisions are the final for the majority of federal cases in the United States
- "En Banc" A special procedure where all the judges of a circuit hear a case

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

- Appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate
- Serve lifetime appointments



The
Eighth
Circuit

