United States District Courts

94 Districts - Federal Trial Courts

- Original Jurisdiction
- **Trial Courts**: resolve disputes through facts and legal principles
- At least 1 per state, larger states have up to 4
- Bench Trials and Jury Trials

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

- Appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate
- Serve lifetime appointments
- Appoint Magistrate Judges who serve renewable
 8-year terms

BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGES

- Appointed by the Circuit Court of Appeals
- They serve renewable 14-year terms

SPECIAL TRIAL COURTS

- Court of International Trade (New York City)
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Washington, D.C.)

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