

Introduction to U.S. Law
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Federal Court System

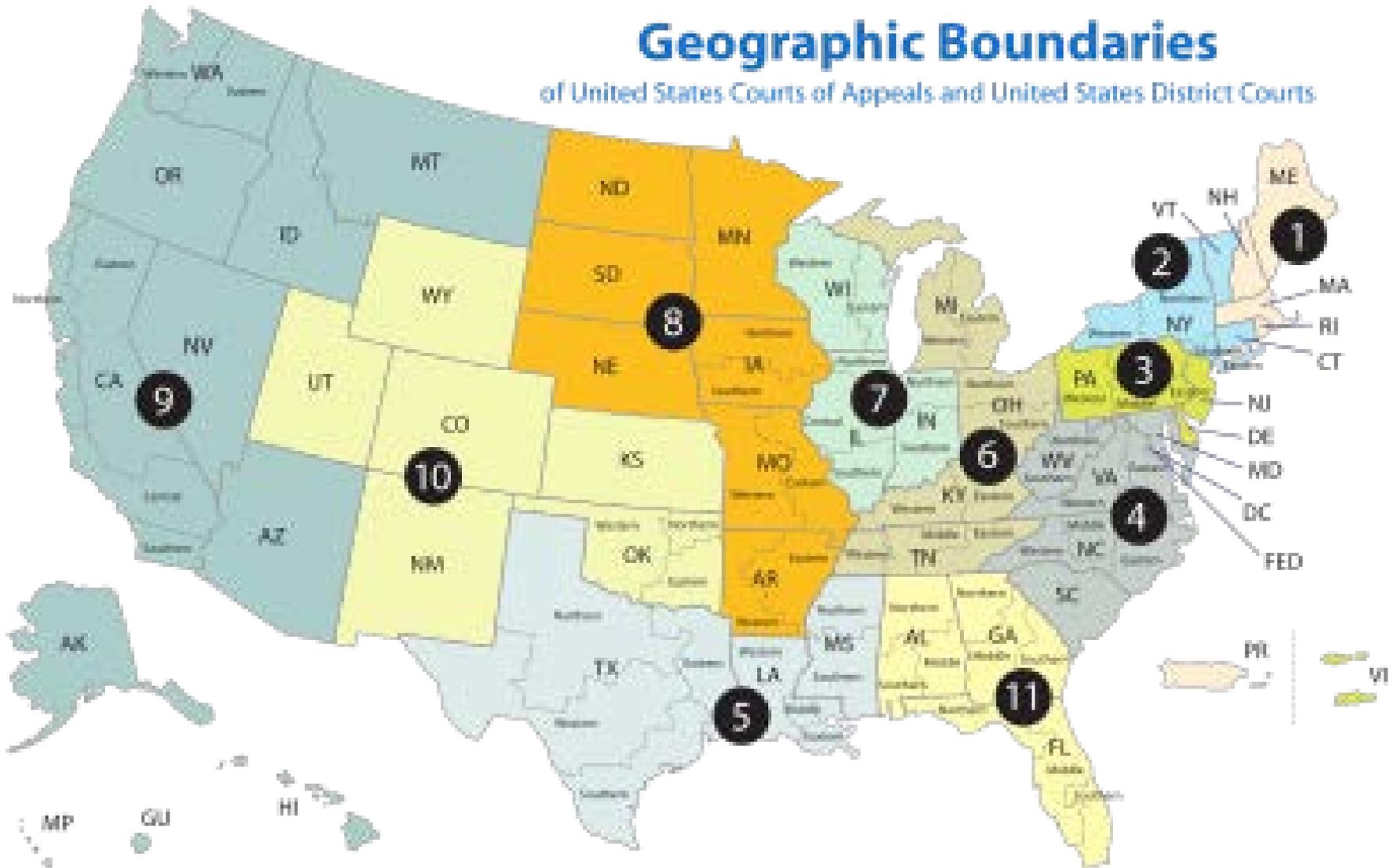
- Trial courts- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
 - Right of appeal to:
- Appeal courts – Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
 - Discretionary review by:
- U.S. Supreme Court

All US District, Appeal, S.Ct Judges

- Appointed by President with advice and consent of the Senate (majority vote)
 - Senators greatly influence appointment of Appeal and District Court judges
- Serve “during good behavior”
- Removal requires
 - Bill of impeachment in House of Representatives
 - Conviction in Senate

Geographic Boundaries

of United States Courts of Appeals and United States District Courts



PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TRAVEL BAN

LIVE
11:29 am PT



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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION REVISED TRAVEL BAN
ORAL ARGUMENTS, 4TH CIRCUIT COURT OF
APPEALS - STARTING SHORTLY

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Citation – US Supreme Court

- West Publishing Company: www.westlaw.com
 - Annotates court decision
- US Supreme Court
- Official Citation:
Volume U.S. First Page (Year)
- West Citation: Supreme Court Reporter
 - Volume S.Ct. First Page (Year)
- Nix v. Whiteside, 475 U.S. 157, 106 S. Ct. 988 (1986)

Citation – Court of Appeal (Federal)

- No Official Citation
- West Citation: Federal Reporter 2d, 3d
- Volume F.2d First Page (___ Cir. Year)
- Whiteside v. Scurr, 744 F.2d 1323 (8th Cir. 1984)

Citation – Trial Court (Federal)

- No Official Citation
- Decisions not always published
- Judge decides issue of importance
 - West Citation: Federal Supplement
- Volume F.Supp. First Page (District Year)

In re Ryder, 263 F.Supp. 360 (E.D. Va. 1967)

Typical State Court System

- Trial courts
 - Right of appeal to:
- State Court of Appeals
 - Discretionary review by:
- State Supreme Court
 - Discretionary review if federal law is involved
- US Supreme Court

Citation – State Supreme Court

- Official Citation:
Volume State First Page (Year)
- West Citation: Regional Reporter -
Southeastern Reporter 2d
– Volume S.E.2d First Page (Year)
- Bernocchi v. Forcucci, 279 Ga. 460, 614
S.E.2d 775 (2005) or
- Bernocchi v. Forcucci, 614 S.E.2d 775 (Ga.
2005)

Citation – State Court of Appeals

- Official Citation if available
Volume State App First Page (Year)
- West Citation: Regional Reporter -
Southeastern Reporter 2d
– Volume S.E.2d First Page (Year)
- Peters v. Hyatt Legal Services, 220 Ga.App.
398, 469 S.E.2d 481 (1996) or
- Peters v. Hyatt Legal Services, 469 S.E.2d
481 (Ga.App.1996)

Citation – State Trial Courts

- Decisions almost never published.