Alaska Court System Organization

Alaska Supreme Court

The supreme court is the appellate court of final authority in Alaska. It consists of a panel of five justices.

Court Of Appeals

The court of appeals hears appeals in criminal and quasicriminal cases (such as juvenile delinquency cases). It consists of a panel of three judges.

Superior Court

The superior court is the trial court of general jurisdiction. It has appellate jurisdiction over district court appeals and appeals from administrative agency decisions. There are 40 superior court judgeships.

District Court

The district court has limited civil and criminal jurisdiction. The district court consists of 21 district court judges, 53 authorized magistrate positions, and 8 committing magistrates (in Anchorage and Fairbanks).

Administrative Office

The supreme court is charged with the responsibility of administering the statewide system. The supreme court delegates most of the administrative matters to the administrative director and her staff.