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New Mexico Court Structure

SUPREME COURT
Court of Last Resort
--Five (5) justices generally sit in panels;
--Mandatory jurisdiction civil, criminal, administrative agency, disciplinary, original proceeding and interlocutory decision cases.; and
--Discretionary jurisdiction in civil, non-capital criminal, administrative agency, juvenile, and certified questions from federal court cases.

COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate Appellate Court
--Ten (10) Judges sit in panels;
--Mandatory jurisdiction in civil, non-capital criminal, administrative agency, juvenile cases; and
--Discretionary jurisdiction in interlocutory decision cases.

DISTRICT COURT
Court of General Jurisdiction
--Seventy-two (72) judges;
--Tort, contract, real property rights, estate. Exclusive domestic relations, mental health, civil appeals, miscellaneous civil jurisdiction;
--Misdemeanors;
--Exclusive tribal felony, criminal appeals jurisdictions;
--Exclusive juvenile jurisdiction.; and
--Jury trials.

MAGISTRATE COURT
Court of Limited Jurisdiction
--Sixty-one (61) Judges;
--Tort, contract, landlord/tenant;
--Felony preliminary hearing;
--Misdemeanor;
--DWI and other traffic; and
--Jury trials.

BERNALILLO COUNTY
METROPOLITAN COURT
Court of Limited Jurisdiction
Sixteen (16) judges;
--Tort, contract, landlord/tenant;
--Felony preliminary hearing;
--Misdemeanor;
--DWI and other traffic; and
--Jury trials.

MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of Limited Jurisdiction
--Eighty-five (85) judges;
--Traffic and other municipal ;
--ordinance violations; and
--No jury trials.

PROBATE COURT
Court of Limited Jurisdiction
--Thirty-three (33)Judges;
--Informal probate; and
--No jury trials.