The first general intermediate courts in Missouri were provided for in the 1865 Constitution and were known as district courts. There were district courts in Jefferson City, Springfield, Cape Girardeau, Macon, St. Joseph and St. Charles. Each district was composed of three circuits. Appeals were taken from the circuit court to the district court, and then to the Supreme Court. However, the district courts were abolished in 1870 by a constitutional amendment.

Alarmed at the congested docket of the Supreme Court, the St. Louis Bar Association urged the 1875 Constitutional Convention to provide for another appellate court. Thus was created the St. Louis Court of Appeals consisting of three judges who heard appeals from St. Louis, St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties. Its territorial jurisdiction was expanded to include several more counties in 1884.

Another constitutional amendment in 1884 established the Kansas City Court of Appeals and authorized creation of another appellate court, when necessary, by the General Assembly.

The Springfield Court of Appeals was organized in 1909. Missouri’s current appellate structure—a single Court of Appeals consisting of three districts—was established by a 1970 constitutional amendment.

The Eastern District of the Court of Appeals sits in St. Louis and consists of 14 judges. Eleven judges preside over the Western District in Kansas City, and seven judges sit on the Southern District bench meeting either in Springfield or Poplar Bluff. Trained law clerks, who are licensed attorneys, assist each appellate judge with legal research.

The Court of Appeals may issue and determine original remedial writs and has general appellate jurisdiction in all cases not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. However, as previously mentioned, cases not within the Supreme Court’s exclusive jurisdiction may be transferred from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court when it is determined that a case involves an important issue that should be decided by the state’s highest court.

A chief judge is elected for the Eastern and Southern districts of the Court of Appeals by the judges in the districts, and serves for such time as the districts determine. In the Western District, the chief judge serves a two-year term by rotation according to seniority.

The courts are authorized to sit in divisions if they choose, which all three districts have elected to do.

Courts of Appeals judges must be at least 30 years old, residents of their district, U.S. citizens for at least 15 years and Missouri voters for nine years before their selection. Appeals judges serve 12-year terms.

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Territorial jurisdiction

The City of St. Louis and counties of Audrain, Cape Girardeau, Clark, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Osage, Perry, Pike, Ralls, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Scotland, Shelby, Warren and Washington.

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