

How do states select/appoint family court judges?

State	Court that hears family law matters	How judges of that court are selected
Alabama	District Court	Partisan Election
Alaska	Superior Court	Assisted Appointment
Arizona	Superior Court	Assisted Appointment OR Nonpartisan Election
Arkansas	Circuit Court	Nonpartisan Election
California	Superior Court	Nonpartisan Election/ Gubernatorial Appointment
Colorado	District Court	Assisted Appointment
Connecticut	Superior Court	Assisted Appointment
Delaware	Unified Court	Assisted Appointment
District of Columbia	Superior Court	Presidential Appointment
Florida	Unified Court	Nonpartisan Election
Georgia	Superior Court	Nonpartisan Election
Hawaii	Unified Court	Assisted Appointment
Idaho	Magistrate Courts	Nonpartisan Election
Illinois	Unified Trial Court	Partisan Election
Indiana	Superior Court	Assisted Appointment or Partisan Election
Iowa	District Court	Assisted Appointment
Kansas	District Court	Assisted Appointment or Partisan Election
Kentucky	Circuit Court	Nonpartisan Election
Louisiana	District Court	Partisan Election
Maine	District Court	Gubernatorial Appointment

Maryland	Circuit Court	Assisted Appointment and Nonpartisan Election
Massachusetts	Family & Probate Court	Gubernatorial Appointment
Michigan	Circuit Court	Nonpartisan Election
Minnesota	District Court	Nonpartisan Election
Mississippi	Chancery Court	Nonpartisan Election
Missouri	Circuit Court	Assisted Appointment or Partisan Election
Montana	District Court	Nonpartisan Election
Nebraska	County Court	Assisted Appointment
Nevada	District Court	Nonpartisan Election
New Hampshire	Superior Court	Assisted Appointment
New Jersey	Superior Court/ family division	Gubernatorial Appointment
New Mexico	District Court	Partisan Election
New York	Family Court per county	Partisan Election
North Carolina	District Court	Partisan Election
North Dakota	District Court	Nonpartisan Election
Ohio	Common Pleas Court / Domestic Relations division	Nonpartisan Election
Oklahoma	District Court	Nonpartisan Election
Oregon	Circuit Court	Nonpartisan Election
Pennsylvania	Court of Common Pleas	Partisan Election
Rhode Island	Family Court	Assisted Appointment
South Carolina	Family Court	Legislative Election
South Dakota	Circuit Court	Nonpartisan Election
Tennessee	Circuit Court	Partisan Election

Texas	Circuit Court	Partisan Election
Utah	District Court	Assisted Appointment
Vermont	Family Court in each County	Assisted Appointment
Virginia	Circuit Court	Legislative Election
Washington	Superior Court	Nonpartisan Election
West Virginia	Family Court	Nonpartisan Election
Wisconsin	Circuit Court	Nonpartisan Election
Wyoming	District Court	Assisted Appointment

(Compiled with information from:
https://ballotpedia.org/Judicial_selection_in_the_states and
<https://www.family.findlaw.com/family-legal-help/state-family-courts.html>.)