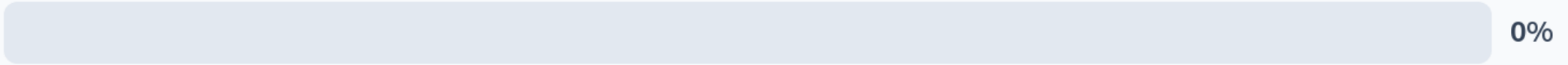


The Judicial Branch: A Day in the Life

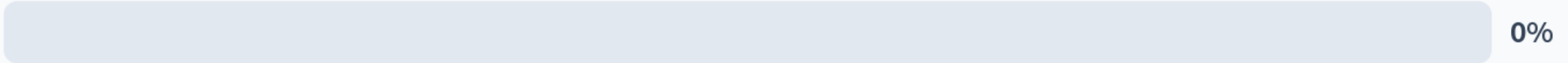
The Honorable Sam Hamadani

Have you ever had to appear in court for any reason (as a party, witness, juror, etc.)?

Yes



No



N.C. Supreme Court
(Raleigh)
Appellate Court

N.C. Court of Appeals
(Raleigh)
Appellate Court

Superior Court
(Located across the state)
Trial Court

Criminal cases

- All felonies
- Misdemeanors appealed from District Court
- Examples: Murder, robbery or DWI appealed from District Court

Civil cases

- Cases involving \$25,000 or more and some other specialized matters
- Examples: \$500,000 lawsuit for breach of contract or a personal injury lawsuit

District Court
(Located across the state)
Trial Court

Criminal cases

- All misdemeanors (except those attached to a felony incident) and all juvenile cases
- Examples: DWI, larceny of less than \$1,000 or simple assault

Civil cases

- Cases involving less than \$25,000
- Family law
- Examples: Divorce, custody, lawsuit for \$10,000 for auto crash

Magistrate's Court

(Located across the state, often open 24 hours a day in heavily populated areas)

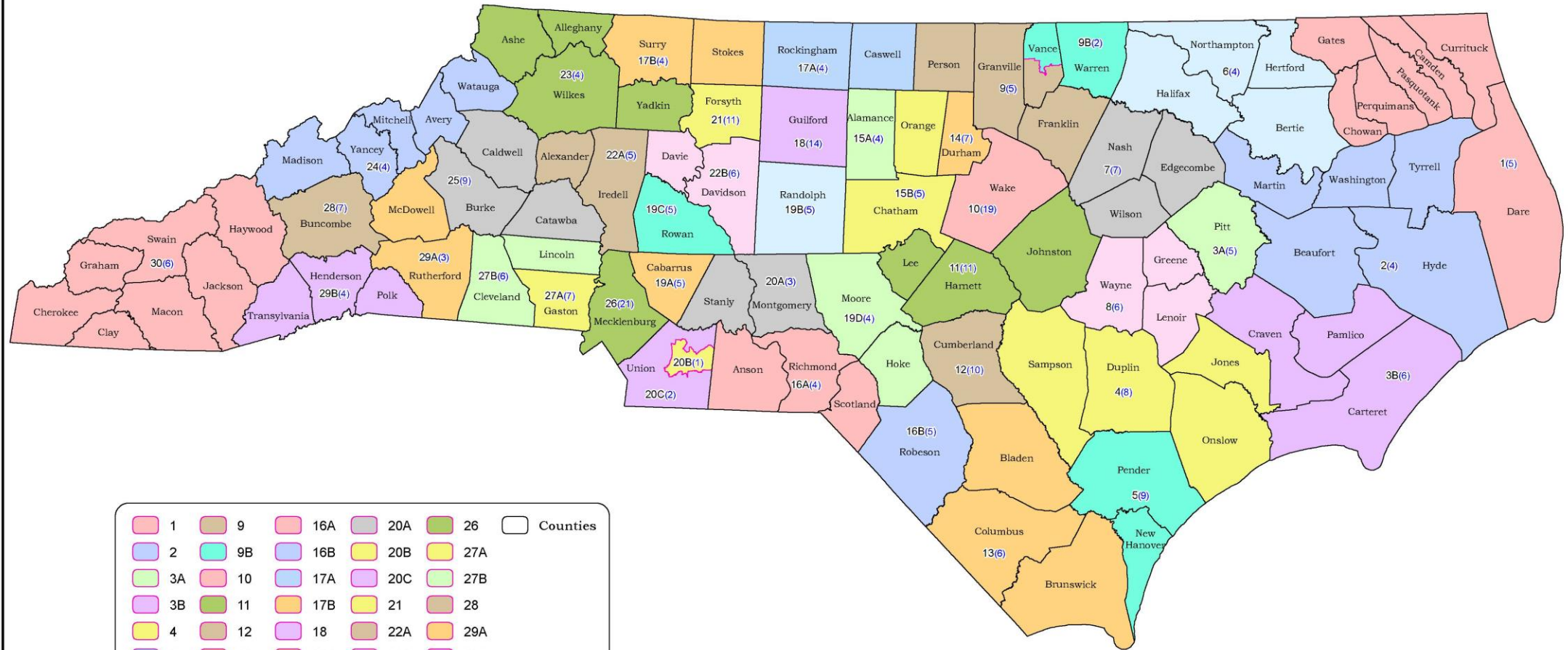
Criminal cases

- Determine probable cause for arrest and issue warrants
- Accept guilty pleas to minor infractions/crimes
- Set conditions of pretrial release in most cases

Civil cases

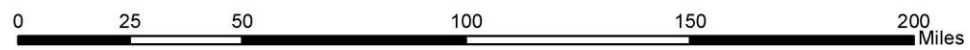
- Serve as child support hearing officers
- Perform marriage ceremonies
- Hear small claims cases

North Carolina District Court Districts



1	9	16A	20A	26	Counties
2	9B	16B	20B	27A	
3A	10	17A	20C	27B	
3B	11	17B	21	28	
4	12	18	22A	29A	
5	13	19A	22B	29B	
6	14	19B	23	30	
7	15A	19C	24		
8	15B	19D	25		

Number of Judges is shown in parentheses



What type of judicial official could you appear before if you got a traffic ticket?

Magistrate

0%

District Court Judge

0%

A and B

0%

None of the above

0%

What type of judge presides over homicide trials?

District Court Judge

0%

Superior Court Judge

0%

Supreme Court Justice

0%

A and B

0%

Which court could you report to if you were called for jury duty?

District Court

0%

Superior Court

0%

Court of Appeals

0%

A and B

0%