

# Prayer Chart for Judicial Branch of the USA Government

"Here then is my charge:

*First, supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings should be made on behalf of all men: for kings and rulers in positions of responsibility, so that our common life may be lived in peace and quiet, with proper sense of God and of our responsibility to him for what we do with our lives."*

*In the sight of God our savior this is undoubtedly the right way to pray..."*

**1 Timothy 2:1-3 New Testament by J. B. Phillips**

## 1 Supreme Court (made up of 9 Judges)

This is the only court established by the Constitution (first convened in 1790)

-the number of Justices are determined by Congress

For judges to be appointed, the President first nominates them to fill a vacancy

-then the Senate must confirm them by a majority vote

-appointments are for life, (unless impeached & convicted)

**John Roberts** (Chief Justice)

-born 1955, nominated by George W. Bush, took his seat in 2005

-the Chief Justice determines which cases to hear

-the Chief Justice (not the President) appoints FISA judges

-labeled "Moderate" based on his decisions

This fits the pattern of Levi and his 8 grandsons (Numbers 3:14-20) who tended the Tabernacle. Later, priests from Levi judged in cities of refuge.

**Clarence Thomas**

-born 1948

-nominated by G. H. W. Bush

-took his seat in 1991

-Conservative

**Samuel Alito**

-born 1950

-nominated by G. W. Bush

-took his seat in 2006

-Conservative

**Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

-born 1933

-nominated by Bill Clinton

-took her seat in 1993

-Liberal

**Stephen Breyer**

-born 1938

-nominated by Bill Clinton

-took his seat in 1994

-Liberal

**Neil Gorsuch**

-born 1967

-nominated by D. Trump

-took his seat in 2017

-Conservative

**Brett Kavanaugh**

-born 1965

-nominated by D. Trump

-took his seat in 2018

-Conservative

**Sonia Sotomayor**

-born 1954

-nominated by B. Obama

-took her seat in 2009

-Liberal

**Elena Kagan**

-born 1960

-nominated by B. Obama

-took her seat in 2010

-Liberal



## 13 Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal (made up of 179 Judges)

Sometimes referred to as the "Appellate Courts"

-the nation is sectioned into 11 areas, with each area having a Circuit Court to represent the District Courts of that area,

plus there is a Circuit Court for DC + another for the entire nation for those special cases that classify

-the Appellate Courts are the intermediate appeals courts between the District Courts and the Supreme Court

-they must hear the cases that are appealed to them from their Districts

(however, the cases appealed from their decisions do not have to be received by the Supreme Court)



## 94 District Courts (made up of 677 Judges)

There is a minimum of 1 District Court per State,

with larger states having two to four District Courts, (based on population more than geographic area)

There are 89 District Courts in the 50 States,

plus in the District of Columbia, and in Puerto Rico.

plus there are three territories of the United States that each have a District Court

—(the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands)

There are also some specialized Federal Courts such as:

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA)

International Trade Court (total of 9 judges)

Federal Claims Court (total of 16 judges)

...and several others

Note the pattern of the 13 Appellate Courts with:  
-the 13 Tribes of Israel to represent their people  
-there is not space to present the other patterns!