



# Judicial Selection in the States

## *Appellate and General Jurisdiction Courts*

### “Initial Selection: Intermediate Appellate Courts”

<b>Merit Selection (17)</b>	<b>Partisan Election (7)</b>	<b>Non-Partisan Election (11)</b>	<b>Gubernatorial Appointment (2)</b>	<b>Legislative Appointment (2)</b>
Alaska	Alabama	Arkansas	California	South Carolina
Arizona	Illinois	Georgia	New Jersey <sup>3</sup>	Virginia
Colorado	Louisiana	Idaho		
Connecticut	New Mexico	Kentucky		
Florida	Ohio <sup>1</sup>	Michigan		
Hawaii	Pennsylvania	Minnesota		
Indiana	Texas	Mississippi		
Iowa		North Carolina		
Kansas		Oregon		
Maryland <sup>2</sup>		Washington		
Massachusetts <sup>2</sup>		Wisconsin		
Missouri				
Nebraska				
New York <sup>2</sup>				
Oklahoma				
Tennessee				
Utah				

1. Candidates appear on the general election ballot without party affiliation but are nominated in partisan primary elections.  
 2. Merit selection is established by executive order.  
 3. The chief justice of the supreme court assigns superior court judges to serve on the appellate division of the superior court.