

# Assignment of Judges to Active Duty in the Trial Courts

The state is divided into nine administrative judicial regions, in each of which a presiding judge is designated by the governor and confirmed by the senate. These presiding judges are authorized by Sections 74.054 and 74.056, Government Code, to assign judges of their respective regions for service on courts other than those to which they were elected. Judges who may be assigned are regular, retired (“senior”), and former district judges, and regular, retired, and former statutory county court judges.

The presiding judge of one administrative judicial region may request that the presiding judge of another region furnish judges for assignment in the region of the requesting judge. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court also is authorized by Section 74.057, Government Code, to assign judges of one administrative judicial region for service in another. The Chief Justice may also assign active and retired appellate judges to the trial bench.



During the year ended August 31, 2002, a total of 8,932 assignments were made to the trial courts of the state, and 28,321 days were served by the judges on assignment. Assuming 250 working days per year, this service was equivalent to an additional 113 full-time judges serving in the trial courts of the state.

Retired and former judges who served during the year totaled 275. These judges received 8,268 assignments and served 27,581 days—the equivalent of adding 110 full-time judges to active service during the year.

Active judges serving a regular court were assigned to courts in other areas 664 times. These judges served 740 days, adding the equivalent of 3 full-time judges to service.

The highest number of assignments was made within or to the First Administrative Judicial Region with 1,915 assignments and 8,051 days of service and the Second Administrative Judicial Region with 1,894 assignments and 5,713 days of service.

The presiding judges of the nine administrative judicial regions made a total of 574 assignments of their resident judges for service in other regions: First (16), Second (101), Third (223), Fourth (37), Fifth (4), Sixth (12), Seventh (83), Eighth (76), and Ninth (22).

# Assignment of Judges to Trial Courts

For Year Ended August 31, 2002

By the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	<u>1st</u> <u>Region</u>	<u>2nd</u> <u>Region</u>	<u>3rd</u> <u>Region</u>	<u>4th</u> <u>Region</u>	<u>5th</u> <u>Region</u>	<u>6th</u> <u>Region</u>	<u>7th</u> <u>Region</u>	<u>8th</u> <u>Region</u>	<u>9th</u> <u>Region</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assignments to the Administrative Regions:</b>										
Number of Assignments:										
Active District Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Senior Appellate Judges	27	25	15	0	0	1	0	5	0	73
Former Appellate Judges	0	17	7	0	0	3	0	0	0	27
Senior District Judges	5	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	3	18
Former District Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
<b>TOTAL Assignments</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>127</b>
Days Served:										
Active District Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Senior Appellate Judges	42	131	40	0	0	0	0	8	0	221
Former Appellate Judges	0	24	10	0	0	34	0	0	0	68
Senior District Judges	20	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	3	38
Former District Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
<b>TOTAL Days Served</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>By Presiding Judges of Administrative Regions</b>										
<b>Assignments within the Administrative Regions:</b>										
Number of Assignments:										
Active Appellate Judges	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Active District Judges	75	106	5	20	36	18	17	115	111	503
Senior Appellate Judges	240	128	201	68	0	12	0	345	128	1,122
Former Appellate Judges	5	16	59	35	0	0	3	24	0	142
Senior District Judges	1,162	925	872	231	257	79	236	871	173	4,806
Former District Judges	324	465	43	67	38	98	0	6	0	1,041
Active Statutory County Court Judges	4	27	0	1	30	1	8	7	4	82
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	69	61	41	0	0	60	9	49	74	363
<b>TOTAL Assignments</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>8,063</b>
Days Served:										
Active Appellate Judges	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Active District Judges	222	35	0	36	17	21	21	129	110	591
Senior Appellate Judges	795	626	484	255	0	338	0	695	192	3,385
Former Appellate Judges	5	37	125	154	0	0	3	66	0	390
Senior District Judges	4,696	3,175	1,479	1,043	923	830	783	2,145	391	15,465
Former District Judges	1,925	1,088	118	257	278	581	0	10	0	4,257
Active Statutory County Court Judges	7	2	0	1	7	8	2	7	4	38
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	315	155	63	0	0	658	27	97	212	1,527
<b>TOTAL Days Served</b>	<b>7,989</b>	<b>5,118</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>2,436</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>25,677</b>
<b>Assignments from Other Administrative Regions:</b>										
Number of Assignments:										
Active District Judges	0	4	3	0	6	2	2	1	5	23
Senior Appellate Judges	0	0	0	1	3	10	0	0	0	14
Former Appellate Judges	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Senior District Judges	0	78	113	35	48	19	12	146	33	484
Former District Judges	0	12	16	1	31	1	3	2	3	69
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0	1	33	68	0	0	0	0	0	102
<b>TOTAL Assignments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>704</b>
Days Served:										
Active District Judges	0	5	0	0	10	1	2	5	3	26
Senior Appellate Judges	0	0	0	5	15	43	0	0	0	63
Former Appellate Judges	0	0	0	0	11	18	0	0	0	29
Senior District Judges	0	364	178	197	289	120	5	201	81	1,435
Former District Judges	0	32	29	6	253	26	12	5	9	372
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0	1	43	284	0	0	0	0	0	328
<b>TOTAL Days Served</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2,253</b>
<b>By the Supreme Court*</b>										
Number of Assignments:										
Active District Judges	0	23	3	6	1	0	0	5	0	38
Days Served:										
Active District Judges	0	38	2	9	0	0	0	9	0	58
<b>Total ---Trial Court Assignments</b>										
<b>Number of Assignments</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>8,932</b>
<b>Days Served</b>	<b>8,051</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>2,693</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>3,377</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>28,321</b>
<b>Assignments to Other Administrative Regions</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>574</b>

Assignment authorized by Government Code, sections 74.056 and 75.002. Information provided by the Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions.

\* Disciplinary Proceedings (Rule 3.02, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure).