Rhode Island Court Structure

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF STATE COURTS

State Court Administrator • Finance and Budget • Employee Relations
State Law Library • Judicial Technology Center • Facilities and Operations/Security
Judicial Records Center • Domestic Violence Training and Monitoring Unit
Mandatory Continuing Legal Education • Community Outreach and Public Relations
Law Clerk Department • Judicial Planning • General Counsel and Alternative Dispute Resolution
Disciplinary Counsel • Supreme Court Clerk's Office • Appellate Screening
Administrative Assistant to Chief Justice • Interpreters' Office

SUPREME COURT*

1 Chief Justice
4 Justices

Including Administrative Office of State Courts and courtwide support

Appeals

SUPERIOR COURT**

1 Presiding Justice
21 Associate Justices
5 Magistrates

Criminal - All felonies;
Civil - Over $5,000

Appeals

Writ of Certiorari

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Appeals

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT

1 Chief Judge
9 Associate Judges
Appellate Division

All controversies about workers' compensation claims

DISTRICT COURT

1 Chief Judge
13 Associate Judges
2 Magistrates

Criminal; Civil - Under $5,000
($5,000 - $10,000 concurrent with Superior Court)

Appeals

FAMILY COURT

1 Chief Judge
11 Associate Justices
9 Magistrates

Domestic Relations; Juvenile; Domestic Violence

TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL

1 Chief Magistrate
2 Associate Judges
5 Magistrates
Appellate Division

All non-criminal matters about traffic cases

* Court of last resort
** Court of general jurisdiction
All other courts have limited jurisdiction