SOUTH DAKOTA COURT STRUCTURE, 2004

SUPREME COURT

5 justices sit en banc

CSP case types:
- Mandatory jurisdiction in appeals of civil, capital criminal, criminal, administrative agency, juvenile, disciplinary, original proceeding cases.
- Discretionary jurisdiction in advisory opinions for the state executive, interlocutory decision, original proceeding cases.

Court of last resort

CIRCUIT COURT (7 circuits) **A**

38 judges

CSP case types:
- Tort, contract, real property ($10,000/no maximum); small claims jurisdiction ($8,000).
- Exclusive domestic relations jurisdiction.
- Criminal jurisdiction (including criminal appeals from Magistrate Court).
- Exclusive traffic/other violation jurisdiction (except for uncontested parking, which is handled administratively).
- Exclusive juvenile jurisdiction.

Jury trials except in small claims.

Court of general jurisdiction

MAGISTRATE COURT (7 circuits) **A**

11 full-time and 3 part-time magistrates

CSP case types:
- Tort, contract, real property (0/$10,000); small claims jurisdiction ($8,000).
- Misdemeanor
- Preliminary hearings.

No jury trials.

Court of limited jurisdiction