

Virginia Judicial System Court Self-Help

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Circuit Court

About

There is a circuit court in each city and county in Virginia. The circuit court is the trial court with the broadest powers in Virginia. The circuit court handles all civil cases with claims of more than \$25,000. It shares authority with the general district court to hear matters involving claims between \$4,500 and \$25,000. The circuit court has the authority to hear serious criminal cases called felonies.

The circuit court also handles family matters, including divorce. In addition, the circuit court hears cases appealed from the general district court and from the juvenile and domestic relations district court.

- [Circuit Courts Informational Pamphlet](#)

Contact Information

- [All Circuit Courts](#)
- [Individual Circuit Court Homepages](#)
- [Map of Virginia's Judicial Circuits and Districts](#)

Case Status and Information

- [Circuit Court Case Information](#)

Online access to the case management system for selected Circuit Courts. Cases may be searched using name, case number, or hearing date.

- Fees
 - [Circuit Court Civil Filing Fee Calculation](#)
 - [Deed Calculation](#)
- [Circuit Court Records Information](#)
Online access to court records such as deeds, marriage licenses, judgments, and wills for selected courts.

Forms

Manuals

- [Court-Appointed Counsel Procedures & Guidelines Manual](#)
 - [Court-Appointed Counsel Eligibility](#)
 - [Circuit Court Clerks' Duties List](#)
 - [Circuit Court Clerk's Manual - Civil](#)
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Resources and Reference Materials

- [Circuit Courts Informational Pamphlet](#)
- [Commissioners of Accounts](#)
- [Guardians and Conservators of Incapacitated Adults](#)
 - [Instructions to Conservators of Incapacitated Adults](#)
 - [Guardianship and Conservatorship Proceedings Regarding Incapacitated Adults](#)
- [Jury Service](#)
 - [The Answer Book for Jury Service](#)
 - [Handbook For Virginia Grand Jurors](#)
- [Probate and Estate Administration](#)
 - [A Guide to the Administration of Decedent's Estates in Virginia, Virginia Bar Association](#)
 - [Probate in Virginia](#)
- [Records Management and Retention, Library of Virginia](#)
- [Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia](#)

- [Unclaimed Property Division, Virginia Department of the Treasury](#)
 - [Virginia Courthouse Facility Guidelines](#)
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