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Find Your Court

How do I find the right court?

Step 1. What kind of case do you have?

- Custody, support, domestic violence, paternity determination, juvenile traffic infraction, as well as other family and juvenile matters, are heard in the [Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court](#).
- Adult traffic infractions, landlord - tenant matters, non-family abuse protective orders, misdemeanors and money cases up to \$25,000 are heard in the [General District Court](#).
- Divorce, probate, guardianship and conservatorship, felonies and other matters, are heard in the [Circuit Court](#).

Step 2. Which court has jurisdiction?

For example, the power to decide the case because one of the parties lives there; a traffic stop occurred there; an apartment was rented there, etc.

- If you are unsure of the name of the city or county where the court is located, but know generally where it is, see the [Map of Virginia's Judicial Circuits and Districts](#) showing how Virginia's cities and counties are divided.

Step 3. Select your specific court.

- [Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court](#)
- [General District Court](#)
- [Circuit Court](#)

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